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Richard Vogel Storms to Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix Victory to Cap 2023 WEF Season



Bertram Allen in the irons of Pacino Amiro, an 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding (Pacino x NC Amiro).

“My plan was not to risk too much in the jump-off, but also to put the pressure on the ones coming after me so they had to risk a bit more to be faster and I was lucky it all worked out,” said Vogel, who has earned four international wins during the 2023 season at WEF. “This horse did a great job and deserves a break, so he’s got a couple of weeks off.”

Cepano Baloubet just found a new home in Vogel’s stable after Veronica and Molly Tracy purchased the gelding for him to compete. “I first rode this horse when he was six, and not too long after the horse came to our stable with the same owner and we were able to produce him. In January, they purchased the horse for me to keep it in the stable, so I’m lucky to have such good owners and so much trust in those people.

“Wellington has been very good to us; we’ve had a great season,” concluded Vogel. “Our horses jumped very well and gained a lot of experience also so yeah it was a super season.”

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The exclamation point on a spectacular season for Richard Vogel was victory in the \$500,000 Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix during the final ‘Saturday Night Lights’ of the WEF season. Vogel (GER) expertly guided the nine-year-old Deutsches Sportpferd gelding Cepano Baloubet to the horse’s debut victory at the CSI5* level.

“I’m overwhelmed,” exclaimed 26-year-old Vogel. “Two weeks

ago, I wasn’t sure I even wanted to do this horse in this big a grand prix. But he felt really good and then we thought, ‘we’re here and he’s in very good shape so let’s give it a try,’ and he was amazing.”

Olympic course designer Guilherme Jorge (BRA) set a challenging track for 40 contenders during the Rolex-sponsored finale week of WEF. Vogel set an early pace as the second to attack

the course, and a total of seven jumped clean, representing five unique nations.

Vogel set the time to chase from the pole position in the tie-breaking jump-off. His time of 40.53 seconds was nine seconds faster than the runner-up, Roberto Teran Tafur (COL) riding Dez’ Ooktoff, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion (Colandro x Lys Rouge). Third place went to Irish Olympian

Pavlova Delights in the Equine Tack & Nutritionals Green Hunter 3'6"

California's Nick Hanes and Pavlova rose to the occasion during WEF 12 to steal the champion spot in the Equine Tack & Nutritionals Green Hunter 3'6" division in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Arena.

Winning two of the three classes over fences, Hanes and Pavlova, an eight-year-old Oldenburg mare by Diatendro, posted a high score of 90 in the stake for owners John and Stephanie Ingram. The pair also received scores of 88 and 87 the previous day, combined with a second-place finish under saddle to earn the top tricolor.

The stunning mare only recently came into Hanes' string, but he has been immediately pleased with her abilities.

"I rode Pavlova for the first time last week but she's an amazing



horse to ride," said Hanes, who has made a return to WEF for the final week of competition after spending time commuting between California and Florida to show this season. "She won both rounds yesterday and we were up for champion today, so I wanted

to put in some good rounds. In the incentive class, she scored a 90 and was beautiful throughout the course. She's a pretty mare, a good mover and when she's into it, she can really jump her best."

Pavlova was produced by Havens Schatt who gave her a

solid foundation and helped her gain a lot of valuable mileage, according to Hanes, "[Pavlova's] reliable, she wants to win and it's been an honor to be able to ride her."

On a normal given day in California, Hanes can be seen competing anywhere from forty to sixty rounds a day, though when he's showing in Wellington for a few clients the schedule tends to be on the lighter side in comparison. "Showing at WEF has been a little easier on my riding schedule," he said. "It's been a treat to have such quality horses to ride and show. Expression and kindness are the first and foremost qualities I look for in a hunter. Besides their natural beauty, I look at athleticism with a good gallop and a great jump. She has all that."

Richard Vogel Claims Victory with Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix

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TOP FIVE RESULTS

\$500,000 Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix

- 1. Richard Vogel (GER) & Cepano Baloubet:**
2014 Deutsches Sportpferd gelding (Chaman x Stakkato's Highlight)
Owner: Veronica Tracy
- 2. Roberto Teran Tafur (COL) & Dez' Ooktoff:**
2008 Dutch Warmblood stallion (Colandro x Lys Rouge)
Owner: Maria Camilla Gonzalez, Lola Teran, Roberto Teran Tafur
- 3. Bertram Allen (IRL) & Pacino Amiro:**
2012 Irish Sport Horse gelding (Pacino x NC Amiro)
Owner: Aiden McGrory
- 4. Karl Cook (USA) & Kalinka Van't Zorgvliet:**
2010 Belgian Warmblood mare (Thunder vd Zuuthoeve x Flipper d'Elle)
Owner: Signe Ostby
- 5. Alessandra Volpi (USA) & Berlinda:**
2008 ZfDP mare (Berlin x Gento)
Owner: Alessandra Volpi



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Olympic Gold Medalists Meet at Winter Equestrian Festival

The Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) has a long history of being the base for the world's best in equestrian sport. Ahead of the 2023 \$500,000 Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix, the eight Olympic gold medalists who spent their evening onsite at Wellington International or competing themselves were honoured in a ceremony as a prelude to 'Saturday Night Lights'.



(Pictured from left to right:) RODRIGO PESSOA: 2004 Olympic Champion from Athens, who rode the legendary Baloubet du Rouet, Brazilian, Olympic, World and three-time FEI World Cup Champion; MCLAIN WARD: Two-time Olympic team gold medalist for the U.S. and 2018 FEI World Cup Champion; BEN MAHER: Reigning Olympic champion from Tokyo, who also rode the ever-impressive Explosion to team gold in London for Great Britain; ULLRICH KIRCHHOFF: The only living rider to win team and individual gold at the same games with Jus d'Pomme at Atlanta in 1996 for Germany; NICK SKELTON: 2016 Olympic Champion from Rio de Janeiro and team gold on home turf in London with Big Star; LESLIE BURR-HOWARD: Los Angeles Olympic team gold medalist and 1986 FEI World Cup Champion; LAURA KRAUT: 2008 team gold in Beijing with the fabulous Cedric and member of the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games gold medal team for the U.S.; BEEZIE MADDEN: Double team gold medalist in 2004 in Athens and 2008 in Hong Kong from her four appearances in the Olympics for Team USA.

During the 2023 season, WEF has also seen Will Simpson, Chris Kappler, Joe Fargis and Jeroen Dubbeldam, totalling 18 Olympic gold medals represented in Wellington.



Congratulations to the 2023 WEF CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS



JUMPERS

WELLINGTON EQUESTRIAN REALTY

1.45M JUMPER
CHANDON BLUE
OWNER: LAURA & MARY CHAPOT
RIDER: LAURA CHAPOT

BAINBRIDGE COMPANIES 1.40M JUMPER

CALAFORNIA
OWNER: LAURA & MARY CHAPOT
RIDER: LAURA CHAPOT

1.35M JUMPER

GIDEON
OWNER: LAURA & MARY CHAPOT
RIDER: LAURA CHAPOT

SOUTHERN ARCHES 1.30M JUMPER

ARIZONA ODF
OWNER: ALEX JAYNE
RIDER: ANDREW BARONE

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL 5 YEAR OLD DEVELOPING JUMPER

NARLEY GIRL KF
OWNER: ALLYSON BLAIS-LANDA
RIDER: KIM FARLINGER

NORTH STAR 6 YEAR OLD DEVELOPING JUMPER

TYSON FURY
OWNER: LAURA & MARY CHAPOT
RIDER: LAURA CHAPOT

LÖVSTA FUTURE CHALLENGE 7 YEAR OLD DEVELOPING JUMPER

QUARALIA EVS
OWNER: RIFFLE HITCH LLC
RIDER: TY SIMPSON



LUGANO DIAMONDS HIGH AMATEUR JUMPER
CHATO LOU
OWNER/RIDER: HILARY McNERNEY

HORSEWARE IRELAND MEDIUM AMATEUR JUMPER

GABBIE BH
OWNER: SMG SPORT HORSE LLC
RIDER: SOPHIE GOCHMAN

WÖLFER ESTATE VINEYARD LOW AMATEUR JUMPER

DIVA Z
OWNER: ESPERANZA IMPORTS LLC/
RIDER: SOPHIA AHEARN

KINGSLAND ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 18-35

DARTANI
OWNER / RIDER: KIMBERLY COYLE

RUSHY MARSH FARM ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 36 & OVER

GOOD LUX LUCY
OWNER/RIDER: ALISSA KINSEY

BARNWALKERS DON LITTLE ADULT MASTERS

NUTOU
OWNER: LJB EQUINE LLC
RIDER: LAUREN BRODY

FARMVET ADULT AMATEUR MODIFIED JUMPER

UHURA ODF
OWNER/RIDER: MARGARET DEREMER

KARLSWOOD HIGH JUNIOR JUMPER

HDB QUALITY
OWNER: SWEET OAK FARM & SPY COAST FARM
RIDER: OLIVIA SWEETNAM

GRIFFIS RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM JUNIOR JUMPER

ELERTINA
OWNER: POSTAGE STAMP FARM
RIDER: STEPHANIE GARRETT

PIN OAK FARM PERPETUAL TROPHY

(HIGH SCORE JR JUMPER RIDER):
CARLEE McCUTCHEON

RÖWER & RÜB LOW JUNIOR JUMPER

CHABADA D'YSIEUX Z
OWNER/RIDER: ALLISON ORTH

SLEEPY P RANCH CHILDREN'S JUMPER 14 & UNDER

RF CASABLANCA
OWNER: BAY WINDS EQUESTRIAN
RIDER: GABRIEL FONSECA

PRESTIGE ITALIA CHILDREN'S JUMPER 15-17

COLOMBIA DE BEAUFOUR
OWNER: ACK DADDY LLC
RIDER: AVA OBERTING

CMJ SPORHORSE CHILDREN'S MODIFIED JUMPER

KENNER VDL
OWNER: WINDARA FARMS LLC
RIDER: KAIT MEGGENHOFEN

BRAINJUICE LOW ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 18-35

BAHIA MOUCHE
OWNER/RIDER: CAROLINE FENKEL

JTWG, INC. LOW ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 36 & OVER

PATRON
OWNER: ANNA KLEE
RIDER: NICOLE TERRY



TRM LOW CHILDREN'S JUMPER (CALI)

ZINDORA V/D KAPEL
OWNER: DANIEL KERINS
RIDER: KHLOE KERINS
ROYALTY
OWNER: RODRIQUEZ EQUESTRIAN
RIDER: NATALIA

TAKE2 THOROUGHBRED JUMPER

GOLD LABEL
OWNER: JOHN BEEBE
RIDER: MEREDITH GALLAGHER

VITAFLEX LOW CHILD/ADULT AMATEUR TRAINING JUMPER .90M 39 & UNDER

HECTOR AAD
OWNER/RIDER: PALOMA TELLO

VITAFLEX LOW ADULT AMATEUR TRAINING JUMPER .90M 40 & OVER

CURRAGHGRAIGUE QUALITY ZEL
OWNER/RIDER: LINDSAY PENFOLD

LOW CHILD/ADULT AMATEUR TRAINING JUMPER .80M

SUGAR RUSH
OWNER: ALEXIA HONEGGER
RIDER: ELINA LIEBERT



KARLSWOOD ITTY BITTY JUMPER (CALI)

CILLBHRID PIPPA
OWNER: HOPE LISITZ
RIDER: OLIVER ROLFE
CHEWY
OWNER: WILLIAM SLATER
RIDER: CLEMENTINE JORDAN

HUNTERS

ANTARES SELLIER FRANCE HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER

REIGN
OWNER: PROVENCE LLC
RIDER: CHRISTOPHER PAYNE

REIN FAMILY PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'6"

QUEEN CELESTE
OWNER: GLADE RUN FARM LLC
RIDER: NICK HANESS

FARMVET PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'3" (CALI)

HEARTLAND
OWNER: STERLING EQUINE LLC
RIDER: CLAIRE CARPENTER

SEBASTIAN

OWNER: BRAD WOLF
RIDER: JARED DEPERMENTIER

PLATINUM PERFORMANCE GREEN HUNTER 3'

FORSINI
OWNER: HANNAH TOOHEY
RIDER: HAVENS SCHATT

ARI GREEN HUNTER 3'3"

FROSTED
OWNER: RINDY DOMINGUEZ
RIDER: JENNIFER HANNAN

EQUINE TACK & NUTRITIONALS GREEN HUNTER 3'6"

PAVLOVA
OWNER: JOHN & STEPHANIE INGRAM LLC
RIDER: NICK HANESS

EQUINE TACK & NUTRITIONALS GREEN HUNTER 3'9"

SPOKEN
OWNER: KELLY SIMS
RIDERS: MICHAEL BRITT-LEON & GEOFFREY HESSLINK

PRE GREEN HUNTER 3 & 4 YEAR OLD

RIVER BLISS
OWNER: MELISSA HIR
RIDER: NICHOLAS PONGRACZ

GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER

DELANCEY
OWNER: PRIVET FARM, LLC
RIDER: HOLLY ORLANDO

WELLINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER

ONLY ALWAYS
OWNER: JOHN & STEPHANIE INGRAM, LLC
RIDER: NICK HANESS



WEATHER OR NOT EQUESTRIAN AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6" 18-35

CASANOVA ROYAL
OWNER/RIDER: STEPHANIE DANHAKL

HUNT LTD AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6" 36 & OVER

SPENCER
OWNER/RIDER: JOHN YOZELL

ADEQUAN AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'3" 18-35

AUSTEN
OWNER/RIDER: STEPHANIE DANHAKL

NETJETS AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'3" 36 & OVER

CATCH ME
OWNER: GOCHMAN SPORT HORSES LLC
RIDER: BECKY GOCHMAN

ACTIVOMED ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER YOUNGER SEC. A

DIVINE ROMANCE
OWNER: HALLOWELL LANE FARM LLC
RIDER: CALLIE SEAMAN

HORSEWARE IRELAND ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER YOUNGER SEC. B

DINNER AT 8
OWNER: JOHN & STEPHANIE INGRAM LLC
RIDER: ASHTON ALEXANDER

KARINA BREZ JEWELRY ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER MIDDLE SEC. A

COMTESS
OWNER: HEINEKING SHOW STABLES LLC
RIDER: JENNIFER SPEISMAN

VOGEL ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER MIDDLE SEC. B

LATOYA
OWNER: THE RIDGE FARM, LLC
RIDER: JULIE HOGAN



IDA DEVELOPMENT ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER OLDER SEC. A

IMAGINE
OWNER/RIDER: JULIE HOLZBERGER

MARSHALL & STERLING/GREAT AMERICAN ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER OLDER SEC. B

FREEDOM
OWNER/RIDER: JEANINE CASH

KENYA PERPETUAL TROPHY (HIGH SCORE ADULT HUNTER 51+)

FREEDOM

KASK SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER

ACCLAIM
OWNER/RIDER: PARKER PEACOCK

SMALL JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17

BABYLON
OWNER: MARNELL SPORT HORSES LLC
RIDER: ARIANA MARNELL

T&R DEVELOPMENT LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 15 & UNDER

ARABESQUE
OWNER: AQUITAINE EQUINE
RIDER: CLARA PROPP

VOLTAIRE DESIGN LARGE JUNIOR HUNTER 16-17

PAISLEY PARK
OWNER: LITTLE BROOK LLC
RIDER: LAUREN LITTLE

SKAKS 5TH AVENUE JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3" 15 & UNDER

KENSI
OWNER: FINALLY FARM LLC
RIDER: ELLE BOYD

JUNIOR HUNTER 3'3" 16-17

RARE CASK
OWNER: NORTHERN RIDGE STABLES, LLC
RIDER: SADIE BERKHOUT

CHILDREN'S HUNTER YOUNGER (CALI)

DONAGRANDE
OWNER/RIDER: ISA JOHNSON
BECOMING
OWNER/RIDER: WYATT ROFFE

LOLIWARE CHILDREN'S HUNTER OLDER

BECKHAM
OWNER: VICTORIA WATTERS
RIDERS: SASHA KASSEL



SMALL/MEDIUM CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER (CALI)

SWINGTOWN
OWNER: ARTEMIS EQUESTRIAN FARM LLC
RIDER: DYLAN CLARK

WAIT FOR ME
OWNER: HINTON LLC
RIDER: ANNIE COOPER

CWD LARGE CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER PARTY FAVOR

OWNER: SOPHIA DONALD
RIDER: RAFFAELLA SANANDAJI

MARS EQUESTRIAN SMALL PONY HUNTER (CALI)

CLOVERMEADE POP SECRET
OWNER/RIDER: KATHERINE MERCER

SO ENCHANTED
OWNER: SPRUCEDALE INC
RIDER: CURRIE COOPER

TURNHAM GREEN MEDIUM PONY HUNTER (CALI)

GOLDHILLS AS YOU LIKE IT
OWNER: VIVIAN GOLDEN
RIDER: KATHERINE MERCER

VALENTIUN
OWNER: CHARLOTTE ROSSETTER & PAMELA WRIGHT
RIDER: EMI RICHARD

JAMES "JIM" BRUNDAGE MEMORIAL TROPHY (HIGH SCORE GREEN PONY)

CALL OF DUTY

CUMBERLAND ACRES LARGE PONY HUNTER

ROYALIST
OWNER: DR. BETSEE PARKER
RIDER: OLIVIA GOLDEN

SMALL GREEN PONY HUNTER

CALL OF DUTY
OWNER: CASTLEWOOD FARM LLC
RIDER: CARSYN KOROTKIN

MEDIUM GREEN PONY HUNTER

LADY DESMOND
OWNER: DR. BETSEE PARKER
RIDER: VIVIAN GOLDEN

LARGE GREEN PONY HUNTER

WALK ME HOME
OWNER: RIVERS EDGE
RIDER: VIVIAN GOLDEN

ESP OPEN HUNTER 3'3"

PARADUXX
OWNER: ALICE GOODWIN
RIDER: SAMANTHA KRAUS

USHJA HUNTER 2'

HANMERE SYNTHENEY
OWNER: BARBARA CHAPPELL
RIDER: EMI RICHARD

USHJA HUNTER 2' FIRST YEAR SHOWN

BOCA'S RAIN BEAU
OWNER: PONIES & PALMS
SHOW STABLES, LLC
RIDER: MARIELLE GOLDEN

USHJA HUNTER 2'3"

ESCONDIDO
OWNER: SOPHIA SHAHRIARI
RIDER: STEVEN GREGORIO

USHJA HUNTER 2'3" FIRST YEAR SHOWN

BENTLEY
OWNER: DIANE CARPENTER
RIDER: RYAN SASSMANNSHAUSEN

RNDC USHJA HUNTER 2'6" (CALI)

ZEPHYR
OWNER: SARA HOGAN
RIDER: GEOFFREY HESSLINK

SAMBA
OWNER: SARAH TYNDALL
RIDER: HUNTER KAY

USHJA HUNTER 2'6" FIRST YEAR SHOWN

DATE NIGHT
OWNER: LAKEVIEW INC
RIDER: WINN ALDEN

USHJA HUNTER 2'9" FIRST YEAR SHOWN

NIJINSKY
OWNER: MAGGIE BERCH
RIDER: STEVEN GREGORIO



PERFECT PRODUCTS USHJA HUNTER 3' (CALI)

ILLUSTRIOUS
OWNER: BRENDAN WILLIAMS & SHADOWFAX EQUESTRIAN LLC
RIDER: GEOFFREY HESSLINK
FRIEDEN
OWNER: CRISSY WHETSTONE
RIDER: PENNY LOMBARDO

TAKE2 THOROUGHBRED HUNTER

TAP THE PISTOL
OWNER: JULIA STRAWBRIDGE
RIDER: CHRIS EWANOUSKI

5 YEAR OLD YOUNG HUNTER

STYLISH
OWNER: EYE CANDY JUMPERS
RIDER: NICHOLAS PONGRACZ

SHOP HSH 6 YEAR OLD YOUNG HUNTER

CHOPARD
OWNER: DANIELLE BARAN
RIDER: BRADY MITCHELL

ACUTEPLUS 7 YEAR OLD YOUNG HUNTER

CORINO
OWNER: BILL SCHAUB & ASTER HILL
RIDER: STEVEN GREGORIO

LOW ADULT HUNTER 2'6" SEC. A

TRIP TO PARIS
OWNER: PRIVET FARM, LLC
RIDER: MIMI MOULTON

ALWAYS FAITHFUL EQUESTRIAN LOW ADULT HUNTER 2'6" SEC. B (CALI)

ICING
OWNER: MONICA WAGNER
RIDER: CANDICE WAGNER

FOLKLORE

OWNER: WAYNE MCLELLAN & STEPHEN DIXON
RIDER: STEPHEN DIXON

WEF 2'9" ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

ROWAN
OWNER: JONATHA GORIN
RIDER: STEVEN GREGORIO

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER 2'6" (CALI)

QUINCY
OWNER: ARTEMIS EQUESTRIAN FARM LLC
RIDER: DYLAN CLARK

NEVERS

OWNER: JOE CURRAIS
RIDER: CASSIDY HISLER

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (CALI)

JUSTAMERE'S LA-DI-DA
OWNER: OLIVIA GOLDEN
RIDER: AVA VENTORINO

TED E. BEAR

OWNER/RIDER: ALLIE PARK

CROSS RAIL HUNTER YOUNGER (CALI)

EMPIRE'S PARIS
OWNER: ARTEMIS EQUESTRIAN FARM LLC
RIDER: HARPER CLARK

PAL O MINE

OWNER: MADISON RAUSCHENBACH
RIDER: SABRINA HAMMERSCHLAG

CROSS RAIL HUNTER OLDER

IN FAVOR
OWNER/RIDER: KAREN LUCIAN

PLEASURE PONY UNDER SADDLE

LITTLE DASH ABOUT
OWNER: CECILIA CHAMPAINE
RIDER: CHASE WHITE



PLEASURE HORSE UNDER SADDLE

ABSTRACT
OWNER/RIDER: MOLLY BEN-MENACHEM

EQUITATION

11 & UNDER EQUITATION

KENZIE SMITH

12-14 EQUITATION

FAITH SHUTTEMEYER

15-17 EQUITATION (CALI SPLIT)

TESSA DOWNEY

AMIRA KETTANEH

FLAGLER INSURANCE ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION

RYAN KENNY

MORE CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS



Champion Equine Insurance Overall Jumper Style Award, Pacino Amiro, ridden by Bertram Allen and owned by Aiden McGrory



Champion Equine Insurance Overall Hunter Style Award was awarded to Paradigm, owned by Meredith Lipke and ridden by John French



The inaugural Jeff Wirthman Perpetual Trophy was presented by Debbie Stephens to John French and Kim Davidson



Honey Bunches of Oats and rider Mattelyn Morrissey, Walk/Trot Circuit Champion



Lugano Diamonds Overall Jumper Owner, Laura and Mary Chapot



Cody Rego, recipient of the Christy Conard Perpetual Trophy for Equestrian Excellence



Turnham Green Medium Pony Hunter Valentijn with owner Charlotte Rossetter



Antares Overall Jumper Rider, Laura Chapot

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Moments from the WEF Photography Collective



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RIDER SPOTLIGHT: Richard Vogel

To close out the series, we caught up with German rider and 2023 Rolex Grand Prix champion, Richard Vogel. This was only Vogel's second season at Wellington International and he quickly made a name for himself.

You've acquired an incredible string of horses that you have showing at WEF this season. What are the most important qualities in your horses?

A major part of our business is to educate young horses. We get a lot of young horses from owners and buy some ourselves to produce them with the goal of developing them to the top level. When I try horses and when I am working with the young ones, I look for horses with a strong, smart mind. What makes a great horse is their brain and what is in the interior. Thinking back a few years, it was more about the physicality of the horse. We had a lot of very large, heavy, scopey

horses. Nowadays we are going towards smaller, more intelligent horses that have the brain power to support their physical abilities. We want horses that want to do the sport and that want to work with us. We all have different types of bodies with similar capabilities, but what sets us apart is our mental capability.

You've had an incredibly successful season at WEF so far. What have been some of your favorite moments this season?

Saturday night classes are always something special here. The atmosphere it produces is something I've only experienced here in Wellington. I've enjoyed them all season and I'm looking forward to the final few. However, what has made this season so special are the people around me. I'm very honored and proud to have such great horse owners that are willing to trust me with



such great partners here and in Europe. It's been quite the journey and none of it would be possible without the support, including my grooms who ensure the horses are in the best of care and are there for me at all times. My job is on the back of a horse, practicing well enough to go into the ring and perform to the best of our ability, but besides that the rest of the credit goes to my team. They are what allow us to come to places like Wellington and keep the horses in good health while doing so.

Actually, the main reason why we're here is Veronica Tracy. She's been training with us for three years; last year was our first season in Wellington. It was Veronica's idea to come here and luckily, we also made that happen. Wellington was very good to us sport-wise, but also business-wise.

What is a piece of advice you have for those wanting to rise to your level?

The most important factor is to be hard working. See where you want to get in life, in this case where you want to be in the sport, and make a plan for it, see what you need to do to get there. In terms of working with horses, the most important quality is patience. If you give a horse the time it needs, that time will pay off. Sometimes the process will take double the amount of time you expected, especially when preparing a horse for the bigger classes, but they will always perform better that way instead of throwing them into something you're not ready for. It's difficult balancing between wanting success and the willingness to put in the work it takes to get there. You cannot force your goals to happen in this sport.



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SPECIAL AWARDS



The Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award was presented to Small Friendship, owned by James Hagman and ridden by Erica Quinn.



Florida N, owned and ridden by Mia Bagnato, earned the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award after winning the \$10,000 Griffis Residential Medium Junior Jumper Classic.



Winning groom and Cepano Baloubet's caretaker Felicia Wallen was honored with the \$500 Grooms Award, presented by Double H Farm's Quentin Judge and Cayce Harrison after the \$500,000 Rolex CSI5* Grand Prix.



AJ Holmes was presented with The Ramblewood Perpetual Trophy for superior exhibitor/management relations by Wellington International COO David Burton.



Richard Vogel, Roberto Teran Tafur and Bertram Allen with Kyle Youngmans, Sports Marketing Manager, Rolex Watch USA; Anne Pradal-Carrega, Communication & Image - Sponsoring Rolex SA; Wellington International President Michael Stone and Marsha Dammerman presenting the Dennis Dammerman Perpetual Trophy; with Cepano Baloubet owner Veronica Tracy.



Both The Harrison Cup Trophy, presented by Cayce Harrison, and The Simba Run Perpetual Trophy, presented by Geoff Sutton, went to Beechwood Stables.

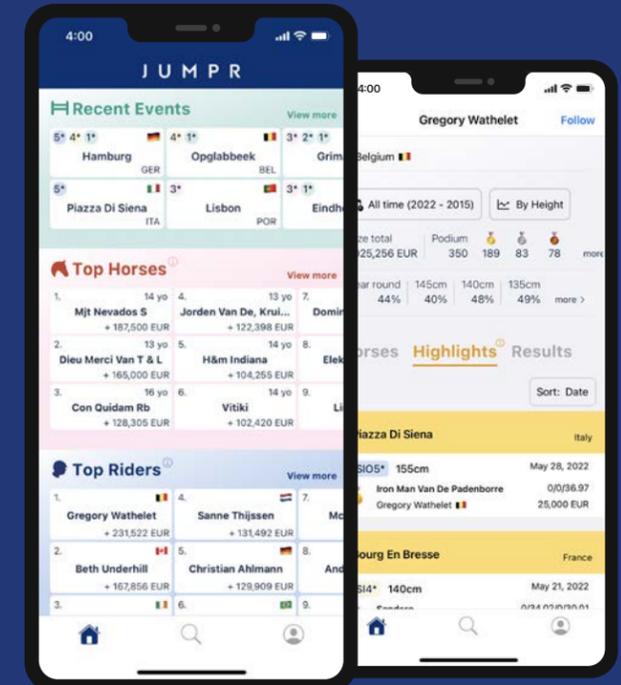


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