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# Weekly Wire

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## Summer Hill & Augusta Iwasaki are Leading Ladies in Hermès Under 25 Series Final

Rising talent soaked up the spotlight on the Sunday afternoon, the final day of Horseware Ireland sponsored WEF 10. Eighteen-year-old Augusta Iwasaki (USA) and Fresca topped the field in the \$50,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Final, while Summer Hill (USA) rode away with the series title on La Belle SCF.

The series standings experienced a shake-up as series leader Ashley Vogel (USA) had a miscommunication in the triple combination and ultimately chose to retire from the competition. Hill who has held second place in the series rankings leading up to the day, earned herself the last slot in the jump-off with her long-time partner La Belle SCF

In a nail-biting jump-off, Iwasaki, a Southern Methodist University (SMU) freshman managed to

produce one of only two clear courses across both phases with Iwasaki & Reilly's 13-year-old KWPN mare (Carambole x BMC Nassau). Iwasaki is decidedly new to the Under 25 series making her debut in this 2023 season as she balances competition and attending school as part of the SMU Equestrian Team.

"It's been a really crazy time," Iwasaki explained as she gathered her things to head to the airport after the win. "I honestly don't know how everything just fell into place so perfectly, but she's an incredible horse and we trust each other. I am on spring break this week so my dad drove her down from Ocala and has been taking care of her for me; I can't thank him enough."

The match is a relatively new partnership but one that has been

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## Kent Farrington Finds New Star in Toulayna

**U.S.** Olympic team silver medalist Kent Farrington has found yet another leading lady in Toulayna with a win in the \$226,000 Horseware Ireland CSI4\* Grand Prix under the glow of 'Saturday Night Lights'. Befitting of St. Patrick's Day week, the event highlighted Week 10 of WEF.

Stepping up to the biggest test of her career to date, the nine-year-old Zangersheide mare could not be caught over the Andy Christiansen Jr. (USA) designed jump-off track and ticked the box for her first grand prix win. Nine horses advanced to the tie-breaking short course where the lead changed five times.

"This is definitely the biggest track she's jumped," said Farrington of the mare that was also third in the NetJets CSI4\* Grand Prix during WEF 3. "I have high hopes for this horse. She's fast, careful and everything I like in a show jumper."

Farrington's Tokyo teammate

Jessica Springsteen set the pace as the first clear round aboard her Olympic mount Don Juan van de Donkhoeve for owner Stone Hill Farm. Their time of 39.58 seconds was soon eclipsed by fellow U.S. rider Lillie Keenan on Chansonette Farm's Agana van het Gerendal Z in 39.10 seconds.

Ireland's sole representative in the Horseware Ireland Grand Prix was Darragh Kenny in the irons of Amsterdam 27. They stole the lead from Keenan and stopped the clock at 38.94 seconds before Nicole Shahinian-Simpson took it back for the U.S. in 37.94 seconds. Farrington did just enough to seal the deal by stopping the timers at 37.38 seconds.

"I'm very confident on this horse and that's the way I like to do it; get them when they are young and produce them myself so I know them quite well," said Farrington, who has been with

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# CaptiveOne Advisors & 2023 Winter Equestrian Festival: A Celebration of Sport

CaptiveOne Advisors celebrates the elevation of equestrian sports in the United States. Its sponsorship of the Winter Equestrian Festival seamlessly fits with its sponsorships of other premier level sporting events including the Adequan Global Dressage Festival. Throughout the event's long-standing tenure, it has showcased the talents of World Champions. As long-time fans of equestrian sports, CaptiveOne is proud to support such a world-renowned event.

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With offices in Wellington, Florida, CaptiveOne quickly recognized the importance of the equestrian industry in bringing tourists and business owners to its hometown, making its emergence to the sport of show jumping an obvious and welcomed endeavor. CEO and horse owner, Wayne Jenkins, had this to say about CaptiveOne's continued partnership with the Winter Equestrian Festival:

"It was a no-brainer for CaptiveOne to return to the Winter Equestrian Festival after a wonderful start to our partnership. This festival is one of the most recognized in the world, both for MARCH 22–26, 2023



the level of the sport and as a destination tournament in the winter months, and we are happy to be part of it. I am thrilled to support my community as a sponsor of this iconic, signature event," said Jenkins. "The Winter Equestrian Festival, hosted in our hometown, secures Wellington's place on the world stage."

When not working on insurance business strategy at the office, Jenkins and his sons (both who work for CaptiveOne) enjoy traveling, fishing, boating together, fishing tournaments, and rooting for the "Canes" at the University of Miami games. In an homage to Jenkins' other passion of deep-sea fishing, astute horsemen and women will recognize CaptiveOne's famous swordfish jumps at the Winter Equestrian Festival.

"My family has seen and experienced this town's growth first-hand, with its beautiful parks, exceptional schools, programs, and businesses," said Jenkins, who raised his family in Wellington.

It is more important than ever to

recognize the unwavering support of the equestrian community. Many people, companies, and organizations have come together

to make events like the Winter Equestrian Festival possible.

CaptiveOne Advisors is proud to continue its partnership with the Winter Equestrian Festival team to help present this premier sporting event. CaptiveOne knows first-hand that Winter Equestrian Festival delivers the excellent consistency and expert knowledge that is so vital to a successful collaboration.

We wish the best of luck to all the competitors at this year!

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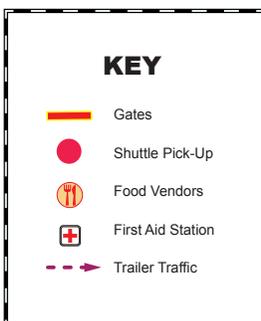
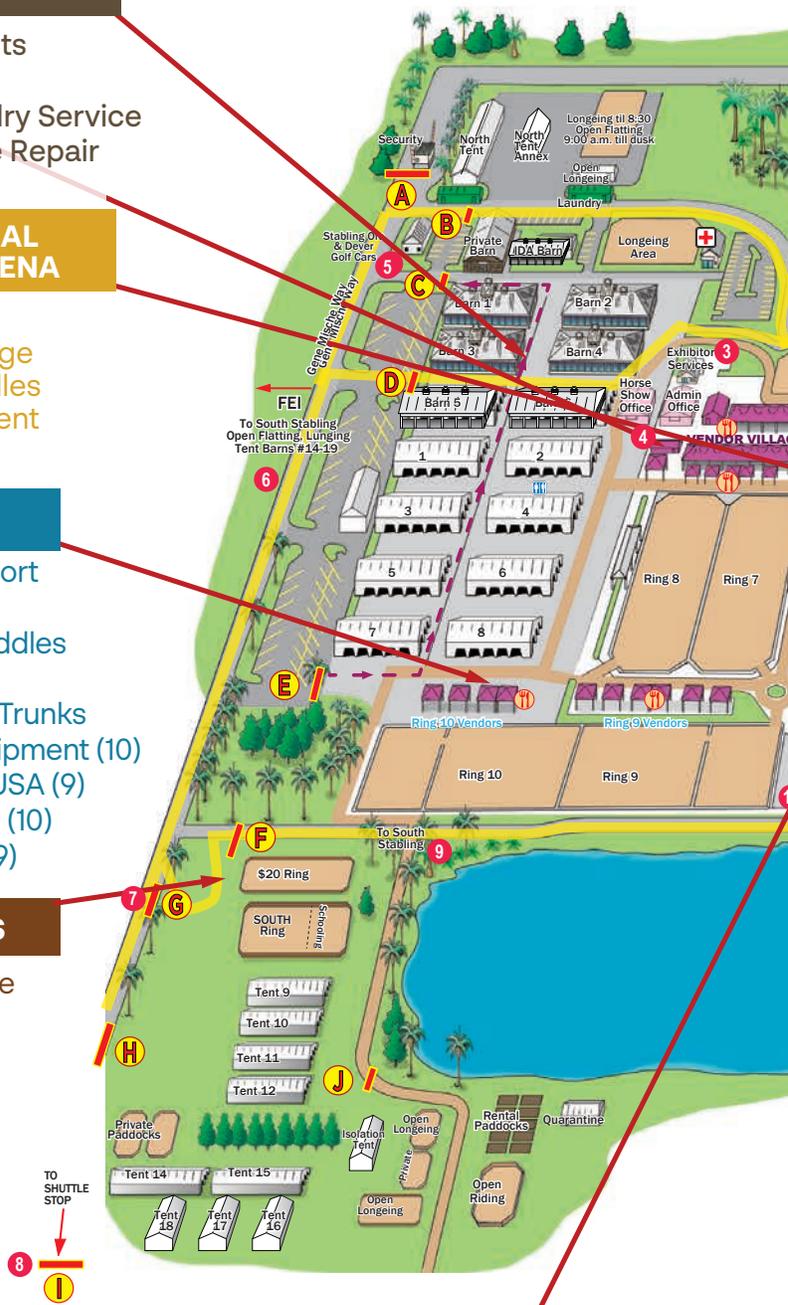
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Valcor ODF, ridden by Andrew Barone and owned by Alex Jayne, earned the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award after winning the \$10,000 Wellington International Five-Year-Old Young Jumper Final.



< Congratulations to Chesterfield, LTD of Hinckley, OH, on winning the Vita Flex Tack Room award. Pictured (left to right): Heli Vasquez Gordillo, dog Beckham, owner Tyler Petrie, and dog Baker.

> Winning groom and Toulayna's caretaker Denise Moriarty was honored with the \$500 Grooms Award, presented by Double H Farm's Quentin Judge and Cayce Harrison, after the \$226,000 Horseware Ireland CSI4\* Grand Prix.



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Heartdancer H, ridden by Sophia Masnikoff, took home a champion ribbon in the Loliware Older Children's Hunter division.



Taylor Cally piloted Harvest Moon to a championship in the Younger Cross Rails.



Sasha Kassel and Performance EP were the champions in the Older Children's Hunter, sponsored by Prestige Italia.



Haley Honeggar and Gelunia Baraka brought home the tricolor in the Modified Children's Jumpers, sponsored by CMJ Sporthorse.



Sarah Hersh aboard Uniek took the top spot on the leaderboard in the TRM Low Children's Jumper division.

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Mattelyn Morrissey and the cutest Honey Bunches of Oats claimed the tricolor in the Walk Trot.



Aly Muir & Kid Safari DH Took the top of the leaderboard in the Adult Equitation, sponsored by Flagler Insurance.

## RIDER SPOTLIGHT: Joey Wölffer

*Joey Wölffer, an equestrian, businesswoman and mother has proven that one can be competitive in the ring while juggling priorities outside of the barn.*

*Wölffer grew up riding on her family's farm and has transformed into an amateur rider currently competing at the two-star level. Outside of the ring, Wölffer helps run 'Wölffer Wine,' a company started by her father, that has become one of the most distinct rosé brands in the nation.*

### How did you get into riding?

When I was six years old my dad bought a one-hundred-acre potato farm in the Hamptons. My mom had ridden horses so that piqued my interest. I think I fell off every day as a kid, riding ponies in the field as they would reach down for a bite of grass after a jump. We slowly developed a backyard farm on our property, but I grew up with tough European parents who didn't believe in me

getting my own horse or pony. I ended up getting my own pony and training more seriously in the sport, but it wasn't until about 10 years ago when my father passed away that I got my own horse.

### What has it been like to work in an industry that has historically been dominated by men?

My father started the business and when he passed away in 2008 it was handed over to my brother and me. Since then, my husband has taken the title of CEO and I have been in charge of brand strategy. Our approach had no expectations but big goals. Fast forward to today, I think Wölffer Wine has become its own brand and more than just a wine company. As a woman in the industry, I felt like the underdog, but that's what gave me the drive to grow the business to all we had dreamed of.

### How have you been able to maintain your personal goals as a rider while juggling the rest of life?

I'm a person who likes to work off a schedule and have a routine, and with the lifestyle I've created, I have no choice but to stay organized. I know I am here to compete, so having that unvarying mental state and staying consistent in my riding helps me stay focused. When you're in the ring, you have to remind yourself to be calm, which is so important for me because outside of the show ring things often move at a very fast pace.

From a mental standpoint, I have had to learn to accept that I can't be everywhere at once and I must make adequate time for everything, including myself. Saying no to certain things is okay if that means I can have more time with my kids or time to rest. Proper balance happens when you can stay focused.

### What do you think is the importance of growing up alongside these animals?

There is so much to be said about what this sport and what the



relationship with a horse can teach you. We are so privileged to be able to do this sport and be around these animals on a daily basis, which is something I want my kids to understand. There is nothing like the bond that is formed with a horse. My older daughter is naturally anxious and seeing her put her worries aside to go into a show ring will teach her so much in life. This sport and these animals teach you to be resilient, and I believe if you have resilience, you can do anything.



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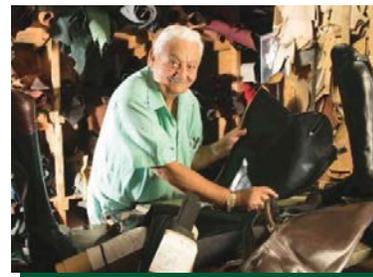


## Wellington International Remembers JOSE A DER, SR.

Jose A Der, Sr., founder of Der Dau, passed away on March 11 at the age of 95. He was a perfect example of the American dream.

Jose was born, son of Jose Der (of Lebanon) and Maria Dau (of Syria) who escaped to Cuba with their children after political conflicts in the region when he was a teenager. Jose ambitiously came to the United States without his family. He met and married his beautiful wife Maria Der. With Jose's years of experience in custom footwear, and Maria's ambitious drive, they started Der Dau, a small custom boot store on Flatbush Avenue, New York. Today, the Der Dau factory is located in the Gravesend area of Brooklyn. Jose and Maria traveled about 300 days of the year to "A-rated" equestrian competitions shaking hands with the best of the best in the equestrian world.

Jose Der, Sr. learned his craft in Cuba before moving to New York where the business thrives today under the leadership of his son, Joseph, the current CEO and Designer, known for his creative



designs. Today, Der Dau is one of the most respected names in equestrian sports for their manufacturing of custom boots, shoes and accessories for more than half a century. Der-Dau also specializes in luxury footwear for fashion-savvy celebrities and CEOs.

Jose Der was a large supporter of equestrian sports. He loved his business and building relationships with his customers. Every rider would feel privileged to sit on his custom throne to be fitted by Mr. Der for a pair of his custom boots that last forever. He was an expected fixture, centered at every major horse show in North America. He was a strong man who has devoted his entire life to his trade. He will be missed. There will never be another Jose Der.

WEF has become "home" to thousands of horses and riders from all over the globe. The circuit offers the best of the best, from impeccable courses to the most competitive atmosphere one could hope for where Olympic athletes can be spotted around every corner. Every equestrian knows that behind every great horse and rider comes a groom, and to acknowledge these dedicated individuals, there was a \$4,000 groom's class offered on Friday of WEF 10.

The Double H Farm Grooms' Class had a solid turnout, including entries from both hunter and jumper divisions. For the class, grooms were asked to bring a 'show-ring ready,' fully tacked and booted horse to the ring. Grooms and their horses were judged on overall cleanliness, appropriate use and fit of tack, tack cleanliness, application of boots/wraps, neatness of clipping, braiding job, overall presentation and their grooming box.

## Grooms Celebrated During WEF 10



Hector Garcia, no stranger to this award after winning during Week 5, also won the Hunter section this week showcasing a horse named Hoopla, a 2009 Danish Warmblood gelding, owned by Louisa Attenborough and trained by Jennifer Hannan. Hannan, a top placing Hunter rider with wins throughout the circuit, had only wonderful things to say about Garcia. "The class means the world



to the guys, they all compete for it. They started to prepare the week before last, polishing up and getting ready. It does mean so much to them, I think it really gives them a place to shine and have their spotlight."

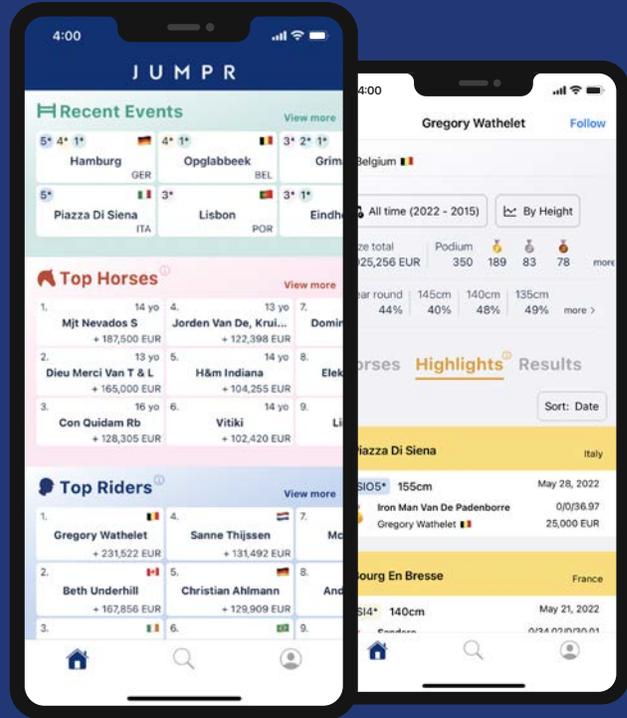


The winner of the jumper section went to Veronica Moreno who showcased, Eclat du Cerisier, a 2014 Selle Français stallion ridden by Rodrigo Pessoa, and owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC. Moreno was proud to receive this award, saying, "It means a lot because it's like a reward for all the hard work we do every day; the maintenance and the feed and everything that we do for our horses. I'm really excited to win it."



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