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BEAT MÄNDLI AND QOACHELLA GO UNDER THE LIGHTS

Win \$215,000 Horseware Ireland CSI4* Grand Prix

There was a clear-round drought that lasted 20 rounds before Mändli, an Olympic team silver medalist from the 2000 Games in Sydney, cracked the code on Ken Krome's (USA) track and guaranteed a jump-off. Four more would follow, setting the stage for a six-horse tiebreaker and a trio of Olympians on the podium.

Only two double-clear rounds topped the leader board—the first coming, once again, from Mändli. He and Belgian-bred mare Qoachella (Mosito van het Hellehof x Ferro) set the standard at 38:16 seconds. Last to return, Canadian Olympian Mario Deslauriers posted the only other clear in 38:71 seconds with 10-year-old Selle Français stallion Genial de b'Neville, sired by Kapitol d'Argonne and owned by Luja, LLC.

The fastest four-fault round came from 10-year-old Quadrado (Comme Il Faut 5 x Diamant De Semilly) with Spain's Sergio Alvarez Moya in the irons for owner Inversiones Mexim S.L. The time on the clock—36:01 seconds—was the fastest of the night, but a rail on the floor settled them into third.

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When asked about Qoachella's win, the first international grand prix victory on her record, Mändli raved about the mare, saying, "That was only her second night class, and she went in and rose to the crowd. She's an amazing horse."

Qoachella is a ride borrowed from Mändli's student of 12 years, Katie Dinan. "Grant Road Partners bought the horse as a 7-year-old in France, and she had done some nice youngster classes there. Katie rode her during her 7- and 8-year-old years, and then I was a bit short on horses, so she gave her to me to ride. To come out with the victory tonight for the team is obviously amazing.

"She is very clever; she knows exactly where the poles are and is very careful. She knows what she's doing, but she's also very laid back," continued Mändli of the mare's character.

Although Mändli has enjoyed a storied career that is still writing its own history, a WEF grand prix win under the lights is one accolade that has alluded him until now. "Saturday night is a highlight for everyone here. The atmosphere is super with good sport, and the first one is not so easy, but I'm thrilled to get it for the horse and the whole team."



JJ TORANO BACK ON TOP

in BrainJuice Under 25 Series Final, Campbell Brown Leads Wire-to-Wire for Overall Title

BrainJuice Under 25 Series came to a thrilling close by featuring some of the top young show jumpers in the world on the start list for the \$50,000 BrainJuice U25 Grand Prix Series Final. Ultimately, JJ Torano (USA) took the top call in the class, and Campbell Brown (USA) led the season wire-to-wire to take the overall BrainJuice U25 Grand Prix Series title.

After a fall that sidelined Torano earlier in the season, keeping him from several weeks of competition during his debut U25 year, Torano, 15, rallied to end on a high note by winning the BrainJuice U25. Torano trains under the direction of John Brennan and Missy Clark at North Run with support from his parents, Jimmy and Danielle. Torano and Lyon 50, a 12-year-old Hanoverian stallion by Lord Argentinus stopped the clock in an 11-horse jump-off at 33.24 seconds, just under two clicks ahead of runner-up Ariana Marnell (USA) riding Jikke-

Cara (35.17 seconds). “I hadn’t watched Ariana jump, but I asked her in the school area what stride she had done and kept that in the back of my mind. She has a bigger-strided horse than I do, but I tried to do the same as best as I could,” said Torano, who was mounted on a horse owned by Kadley Farms and North Run. “My horse is quick, he was amazing today, and I was happy with the way I rode.” Of his comeback to the competition ring, Torano noted, “When I got hurt, I was lying in a hospital bed telling

my dad that my WEF season was ruined. To break my collarbone, be back in three and a half weeks, and have the second half of the season I’ve been having is a great feeling. My horses and I are right where we were going before I got injured.

“This is the sport that we do—there’s obviously risk involved with every class,” continued Torano. “The best in the world makes mistakes, horses make mistakes, and what happened to me was a fluke accident. There’s a bit of fearlessness in everybody to do this sport. For the most part, when I walk in the ring for a class like this, I’m thinking, ‘let’s go fast and let’s win.’ I try my best not to think about anything else.”

Marnell, 20, and her 12-year-old Dutch-bred mare (Denzel v’t Meulenhof), owned by Allison Firestone, finished in second after a season of balancing competition with studying Psychology and Sports Coaching at Auburn



University. Marnell, who trains in the program of Kent Farrington, also won the BrainJuice U25 Welcome on the derby field during WEF 6.

Alexandra Ryden, 21, (USA) rode Irandole Du Flot, a 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare by Vivaldi du Seigneur, to third in 35.38 seconds for owner Precision Equine, LLC. Ryden trains with Michael Hughes at Shane Sweetnam’s Sweet Oak Farm

while studying electrical engineering at North Carolina State University.

On her way to winning the overall title, Brown, 18, opened the season with a grand prix victory on the grass derby field and contributed to the team victory in the stadium at Equestrian Village.

“The first time I did this series was last year, and I barely scraped into the final. So, it’s nice to be coming in on top of the series this year,” said Brown, whose time fault kept her and Colina Z out of the jump-off for the final, but left her still at the top of the leaderboard. “To lead for over 10 weeks and end up still on top at the end was very exciting. This series, where you have the standings over so many weeks, puts a little extra pressure, so I learned how to deal with that.”

For her title, Brown was awarded the coveted series final prize: a branded 2025 Honda “Dax 125” Scooter,

highlighting BrainJuice’s inspired dedication to the U25 Series as a whole.

Eva Fisherman (USA) was second overall, and Cassidy Rein (CAN) rounded out the BrainJuice U25 Grand Prix Series podium for 2026.

Lisa Ellis, CEO and CMO of BrainJuice, reflected on another spectacular season of U25 jumping at Wellington International, saying, “One of the reasons we’re involved in this sport is because we love the mental focus and the mental ability that you need to execute any sport—any athlete needs it. These athletes are on the cusp of going to the next level—and that’s what we like to represent: taking people into their best selves. The quality of the horses is also spectacular. This series is growing and getting better every season thanks to these riders. It has become a highlight of the Winter Equestrian Festival.”





DAILY HARVEST EAT FOR BETTER SLEEP:

How Nutrition Can Improve Rest and Recovery

Unwinding at the end of a long and competitive day is essential for recovery. But beyond white noise or shutting down your screens, there's another factor that plays a role in how well you bounce back: nutrition. What you eat—and when you eat it—can influence how deeply you sleep and how effectively your body recovers overnight.

Sleep is when your body performs its most important recovery work. This is when it releases hormones to support muscle repair, tissue rebuilding, and replenishing glycogen stores. It's also a time when your brain consolidates memory and motor skills. So, the coordination, reaction time, and technical skills you practiced during the day are strengthened while you rest.

When you don't get enough quality sleep, you feel it the next day. Your reflexes may be slower, it's harder to focus, and riding can feel more challenging than usual. Poor sleep also affects the hormones that regulate your appetite, which may increase cravings for quick sources of energy the following day. Over time, consistent poor

sleep can make it harder to recover from training, hinder performance, and even weaken your immune system.

The good news?

Your evening nutrition habits can support better sleep quality. Here are practical, evidence-based strategies to consider:

- Don't skip dinner: Going to bed hungry can make it harder to stay asleep, especially after a physically demanding day when your energy stores are depleted. Aim for a balanced dinner that includes protein, healthy fats, and fiber-rich carbohydrate sources such as fruit, quinoa, sweet potatoes, beans, or whole grains.
- Finish eating 2–3 hours before bed: Eating immediately before lying down increases the risk of reflux and heartburn. Try to finish your last meal or snack at least 2–3 hours before bedtime to give your body time to digest. This can help reduce nighttime discomfort and help you get uninterrupted sleep.



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- Avoid large, heavy, high-fat meals late at night: Large or high-fat meals take longer to digest and can leave you feeling overly full at bedtime, making it harder to fall and stay asleep. Fried foods, creamy dishes, or heavy takeout are more likely to disrupt rest.
- Be mindful of caffeine timing: Caffeine blocks adenosine, the compound that builds throughout the day to promote sleepiness. Because caffeine can remain in your system for several hours, having it too late in the day may make it harder to fall asleep or

reduce the quality of your deep sleep. Try keeping caffeinated beverages to the morning or early afternoon.

- Eat foods that naturally support sleep hormones: Some foods, such as tart cherries, pistachios, and walnuts, naturally contain small amounts of melatonin, the hormone that helps regulate your sleep-wake cycle. Others, including yogurt, eggs, tofu, pumpkin seeds, and quinoa, provide tryptophan, an amino acid your body uses to produce serotonin and melatonin. While these foods aren't a



substitute for good sleep habits, incorporating them into a balanced evening meal or snack may offer modest support for sleep quality.

Key Takeaway:

The foods you choose in the evening can influence how deeply you rest, how effectively your body recovers, and how energized you feel the next day. Simple habits—like eating balanced meals with more fruits and vegetables, being mindful of caffeine timing, and choosing foods that naturally support sleep hormones—can help create the conditions for more restorative sleep.

And when you sleep well, you bring sharper focus, steadier coordination, and greater resilience into the saddle. Looking for nourishing, quick-to-prepare breakfast options that fit your lifestyle, visit dailyharvest.com. And learn more about Carolina's approach to nutrition at hungryforplants.com.

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MADISON MYRO AND TITANESS P VD DONKHOEVE

Top \$25,000 Lövsta Future Challenge Young Jumper Final



The future of show jumping was shining bright during WEF 10 with Young Jumper Finals for horses aged 5- to 7-years-old taking to the International Arena. In the featured \$25,000 Lövsta Future Challenge 1.35m Young Jumper Final for 7-year-olds, Madison Myro (USA) and Titaness P vd Donkhoeve, a Belgian Warmblood mare owned by LMW Sporthorses, LLC, took top call after an uncatchable jump-off.

Myro and her mare (Pegase

Van't Ruytershof x Malito De Reve) bred by Prinsenveld de Donk stopped the clock at 31.464 seconds to bump 2025 final winner Michael Hughes (USA) to second in 32.427 seconds, this time aboard White Cloud, a Swedish-bred mare by Hip Hop x Drosselklang II) owned by Sweet Oak Farm. Diego Perez Bilbao (ESP) partnered with Diaron's Pitscher RP by Diaron only two days earlier and pulled off a podium finish in a time of 32.943 seconds for owner Thaisa Erwin.

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"My goal was to be double clear—I wanted to be top ten, and when I made the top ten, I thought I would go for it, and it just happened to work out," said Myro, who rides in the stable of Mary Manfredi and Peter Lutz, and partnered with Titaness P vd Donkhoeve at the start of the mare's 6-year-old year.

"We've really gotten to know each other very well, and she's been amazing—we stepped up to the 1.30m at the end of last year, and she's special in every way. In the barn, she's sweet and to ride, she's brave. She's everything," continued Myro, 26. "This was the goal for the season, and this program gives young horses a chance to really develop nicely, and a chance to work towards something."

Antonia Ax:son Johnson, owner of Lövsta Stuteri and founder of the Future Challenge, was thrilled with the turnout and performance of the Young Jumper Final.



This is the 15th year Lövsta is providing opportunities for young horses in Wellington, and every year the interest grows.

"I remember the first year, I kept wondering, 'Is this going to fly or is it not going to fly?' It takes time, but that's part of our philosophy," she said. "In the US, we are committed 100% to the young horses."

What we're seeing now is really, beautiful. We also have a very deep commitment to horsemanship—the riding I've seen today has been unbelievable and teaching the horses so much. Wellington has taken on this challenge that we set up several years ago, and seeing this riding today makes it a guiding star."

Pavarotti van de Schutskooi Two-For-Two in \$15,000 North Star 1.25m Young Jumper Final

Ireland's Cormac Hanley won the 2025 5-Year-Old Young Jumper Final with Pavarotti van de Schutskooi at WEF and returned a year later to do the same in the North Star 1.25m Young Jumper Final for 6-year-olds.

He and the stallion (Amadeo van't Vossenhof Z x SIEC Vigar) owned by Heathman Farm posted a jump-off time of 35.307 seconds over Canada's Sabrina Lefebvre riding her own Selle Français

Untouchable mare Karmeliet The One (37.023 seconds). Diego Perez Bilbao (ESP) rounded out the top three in 37.128 seconds with the Balou du Reventon sired mare Urania JW van de Moerhoeve, owned by Chansonette Farm.

"He's just unbelievable," said Hanley of Pavarotti van de Schutskooi, an approved Zangersheide stallion, which was purchased off a video from breeder Luc Tilleman in Belgium as a three-year-old with talent abounding. "He won the qualifier on Wednesday and then came back again on Friday and did it again."

Hanley recalls the day he viewed that sale video and said, "He was such a great type, had a great canter, and even as a three-year-old, he was super balanced with great technique and quick reflexes. Even if he wasn't

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going to be an amazing show jumper, there were going to be a lot of different routes that he could have taken to develop—hunter, equitation horse, anything. So, there wasn't much risk in buying him, but thankfully, he has turned into a top-class jumper and keeps getting better.”

After the second year in a row winning during young jumper finals week at WEF, Hanley said, “This gives my sponsors, owners and team something to look forward to and work back from as a goal. Without that, you're a bit lost developing young horses. With the prize money available, it makes it even more worthwhile to bring a

younger horse over a bit earlier.”

Filip de Wandel Finds a Star in \$10,000 1.15m Young Jumper Final Victory

Filip De Wandel (BEL) piloted Troubadour van het Bellehof Z to the only double-clear to win the \$10,000 1.15m Young Jumper Final for 5-year-olds on Friday of WEF 10. The Zangersheide gelding's jump-off time of 37.006 seconds guaranteed the win for owners Five Way Farm.

Ireland's Senan Hayes was second with four jump-off faults riding Gotham Enterprizes homebred mare Swing Street (Tulara Colmine), and Alex Granato (USA) finished on a tally of eight

with U.S.-bred gelding Diadem (Diarado) for owner Bridge Brook Arms.

“My brother-in-law bred the horse [at Het Bellehof BV],” said De Wandel of the Tangelo vd Zuuthoeve gelding. “I always ride a few young horses when I go over, and when I sat on this one, I had to have him. “He does a lead change like a 10-year-old with unbelievable balance. You always have a distance on the horse.

“For me, riding a horse like this in the 5-year-olds is just like riding a grand prix,” continued De Wandel. “Every grand prix horse starts somewhere, and it's important that we put the time into the young horses.

Good horses do their job well on the important days, and today he felt that we needed to do well.”



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Triumphs in First-Ever \$20,000 Don Little “Masters Mania” Classic

Masters jumper riders took to the International Arena and went under the lights for the

\$20,000 Don Little “Masters Mania” Classic. Molly Athey of Enid, Okla., aboard her own Kebea KS rode to the

win after fault-free jumping over two days and four rounds.

Faults from Wednesday’s opening rounds were carried forward to Thursday evening, and 16 combinations returned for a final jump-off after remaining fault-free throughout the two days of competition.

Championed by Don Little Masters riders themselves, the evening was rich with camaraderie, competitive support and show jumping thrills under the lights of Wellington International. The Don Little Masters is a mainstay at WEF, designed for competitors aged 50 and older competing at 1.15m.

“This was so exciting,” said

Athey of her debut under the lights at WEF, and her first year in the Masters division. “This is my first year, so I’m super excited to be 50. I was excited to be able to show in the International Arena, let alone under the lights.

“I’m so grateful for the group of fellow Masters riders who helped put this together,” continued Athey, who trains with Danny Arendt at Irish Olympian Shane Sweetnam’s Sweet Oak Farm based in Wellington, Fla. “This is a special group of people who are always so supportive.”

Athey rode her 10-year-old Dutch-bred mare by Carambole to a winning time of 37.428 seconds, just under a second faster than the closest challenger.

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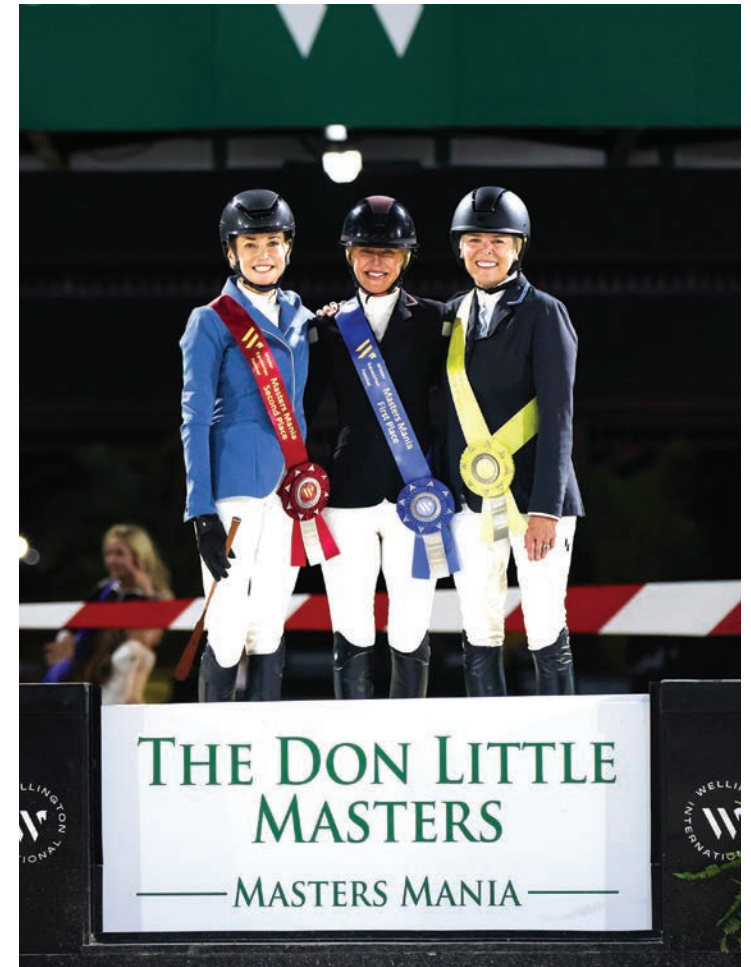


Blythe Masters of Wellington, Fla., rode Palermo Van Paal Z to the second spot on the podium in 38.143 seconds, and Jean McLaren of Evanston, Ill. finished third aboard Brassante in 38.508 seconds.

After a daring slice across the middle of the ring to the fifth fence in the final round, Athey noted of her mare,

“She is always looking for the next jump—she takes the wheel when she should, and she listens to me when she sometimes she probably shouldn’t sometimes. She’s just fearless.”

Partnered together for a year, Kebea KS and Athey were joined in the prizegiving by groom Luis Landeta.



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CHAMPIONS GALLERY



Thistle carried Penelope Earle to champion of the CWD Large Children's Pony Hunter division.



Alana Klein rode Tia Maria to division champion honors for owner Regan Capone in the Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunters.



In Private, owned Zara Humayun, was named champion of the USHJA 2'9" Hunters with Sarah Duhon in the irons.



Gabriela Caicedo rode Tully Lark to the top tricolor in the Itty Bitty Jumpers for owner Malin Delia Beckman.



Blue Pursuit topped the Low Children's Hunter division with Jacqueline Mellows aboard for owner First Blue, LLC.



Leo Bulger rode Premonition, owned by Joey Wolffer, to champion the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Younger Crossrail Hunters.



CHAMPIONS GALLERY



Seraphina Capano and her own Double Fantasy were champions of the Children's Hunter 14 & Under division.



After topping the \$10,000 1.15m Young Jumper Final for 5-year-olds with Filip de Wandel, Troubadour van het Bellehof Z was presented with the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award by Laura Fetterman for WEF 10.



After a blue ribbon in the TR Capital 3'6" Large Junior Hunter 15 & Under division, Capaldi, ridden by Emi Richard, earned the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award presented by Laura Fetterman during WEF 10.



Amanda Mändli doubled as her husband's groom on Saturday night and brought a lifetime of experience to the job that includes caring for the iconic Milton, ridden by John Whitaker. Amanda was presented with the Double H Farm Grooms Award and a \$500 cash prize for her care and preparation of Qoachella.

SEASON STANDINGS

LEADING LADY RIDER AWARD STANDINGS

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1	ERYNN BALLARD CAN	475 PTS
2	NINA MALLEVAEY FRA	468 PTS
3	LILLIE KEENAN USA	451 PTS
4	NATALIE DEAN USA	436 PTS
5	MARILYN LITTLE USA	430 PTS



After finishing fifth in the Horseware Ireland CSI4* Grand Prix, Sarah Segal (USA) was awarded the Martha Jolicoeur, Douglas Elliman Leading Lady Rider Award.

HERMÈS 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER SERIES

1	MARK BLUMAN COL	212 PTS
2	NAYEL NASSAR EGY	195 PTS
3	MCLAIN WARD USA	174 PTS
4	ERYNN BALLARD CAN	168 PTS
5	CIAN O'CONNOR IRL	149 PTS

\$25,000 LEADING INTERNATIONAL RIDER BONUS STANDINGS

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2	DARRAGH KENNY IRL	\$258,024
3	RICHARD VOGEL GER	\$228,616
4	MARK BLUMAN COL	\$214,682
5	MCLAIN WARD USA	\$198,095

DON LITTLE MASTERS STANDINGS

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1	CAMILLE PACHECO CESARSKI & FLINT T.S. ET	121
2	MOLLY ATHEY & KEBEA KS	116
3	REZA SHABANI & DAKOTA Z	110
4	BLYTHE MASTERS & PALERMO VAN PAAL Z	103
5	CAROLYN ANDERSON & WESTBROOK	89

BRAINJUICE UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES

1	CAMPBELL BROWN USA	242 PTS
2	EVA FISHERMAN USA	222 PTS
3	CASSIDY REIN CAN	205.5 PTS
4	ELISE STEPHENS USA	198 PTS
5	MARY ROSE CANTERBURY USA	191.5 PTS

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2	PARKER PEACOCK	540 PTS
3	IRENE NEUWIRTH	523 PTS
4	JOHN INGRAM	389 PTS
5	EMI RICHARD	353 PTS

OVERALL HUNTER PROFESSIONAL RIDER

PRESENTED BY YETI

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2	SCOTT STEWART	1582 PTS
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SHAUNA MURRAY'S

Winning Feeling Comes to Fruition for Darragh Kenny and Eddy Blue

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Saturday Night Lights for the \$500,000 Bainbridge Companies CSI5* Grand Prix brought a special degree of tension for Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Eddy Blue's groom Shauna Murray as they waited their turn. Fourteen horse and rider combinations had tackled the Alan Wade course without a clear.

"I was watching at the stables because I wasn't going until the end of the class, and I was like, 'What's

going on here? Is it that difficult?'" said Murray.

Murray's foray into horses began when her family moved to the "Thoroughbred County" of Kildare, Ireland. Surrounded by an array of stunning stock, Murray, 32, traded her passion for dogs for horses. Riding lessons and Pony Club followed before she dabbled in eventing by repurposing an off-the-track Thoroughbred that she trained herself.

Visits to the Dublin Horse Show launched a fascination with the show jumping world.

"Watching the big classes, the height of the fences—it was amazing," she said. "With eventing, it's all a little bit more about scores; if you have a good dressage [test], that kind of determines your week. Whereas show jumping is more of a fair sport, because it's whether you're clear and you're fast."

Murray acquired a position at Kenny's Oakland Stables but patiently waited to be Kenny's main groom. "I waited for a year, and I almost gave up for a second, but I thought this is what I really want. I always

admired Darragh as a rider. For me, he's the best in the world. I don't think anyone really compares to him." Fate stepped in, and Murray became Kenny's head groom four years ago.

As in any sport, show jumping comes with highs and lows. But for six months, Kenny faced a major blow brought by a provisional suspension issued on October 13 following a positive drug test during the FEI European Championships. Forced to watch from the sidelines, Kenny relied on Murray to

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make sure the horses were prepared for Kenny's good friend Bertram Allen to show them, and be ready for when the Irishman returned to competition.

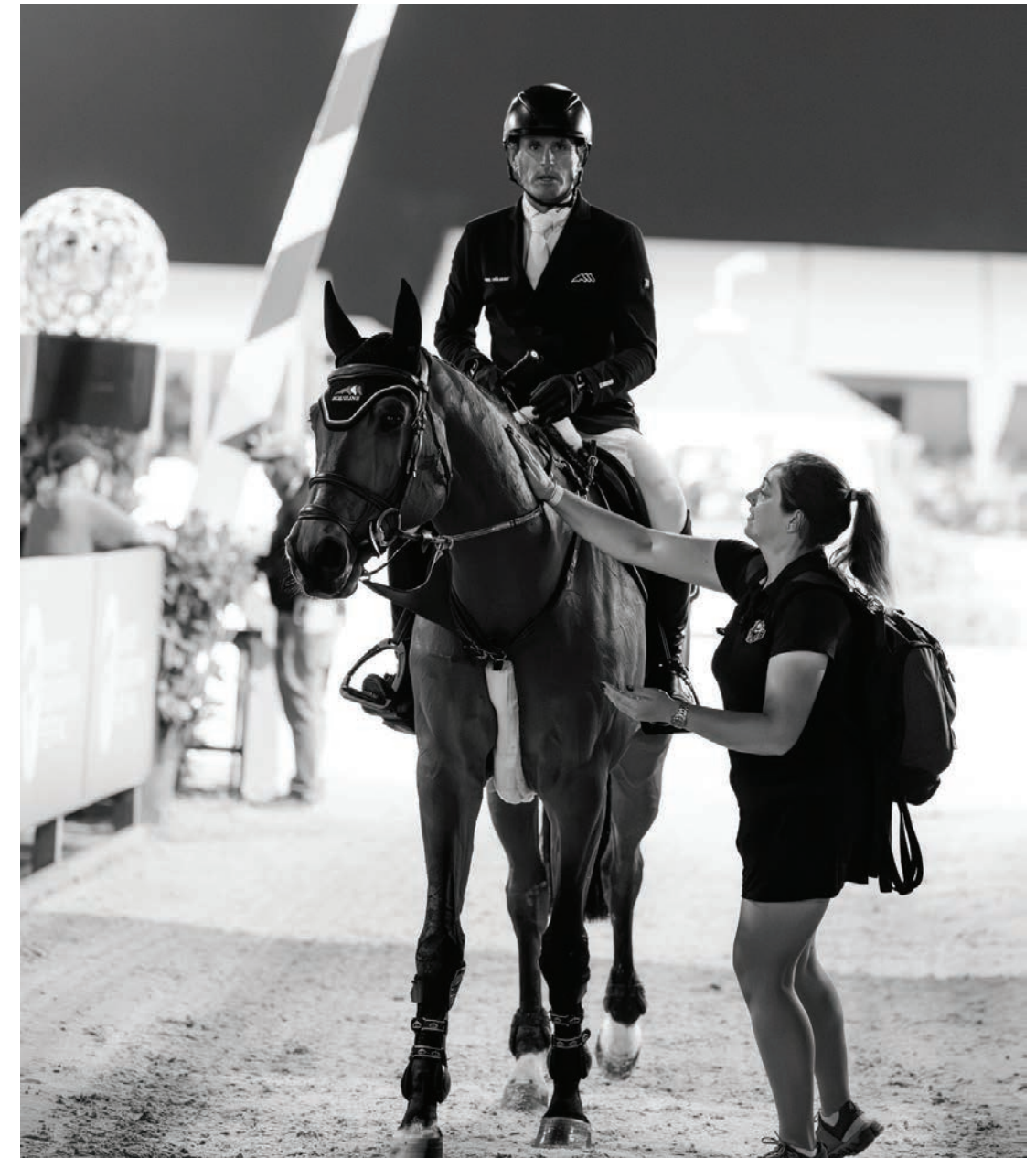
Caring for the horses is what Murray likes best. "My biggest thing is keeping the horses happy," she said. "I do spoil them." But even treats are not sufficient sometimes to make Eddy Blue content.

"Blue is such an amazing horse. Anyone who knows him on the show circuit knows he's a character," said Murray. "He's not just a horse—he's part human, part dog, part horse. If he has a fence down, he'll be annoyed and can be a monster when walking back to the stables."

Saturday night was the opposite. "For sure he knew he had won," she said. "It was very emotional."

Murray had a good omen before the competition even started, saying, "It's funny because I had a weird feeling the whole day that we were going to win.

"It was a really special night with Darragh back," she said. "The win was also a long time coming. Eddy Blue's been second, he's been third. He won the FEI World Cup in London, but he's never won one of the five-star Grands Prix before. He's always been so close. To win one was just such a relief."



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