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Stewart And Catch Me Top Memorable \$100,000 WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular

The preeminent hunter rider gets his first victory in the class with a horse that nearly died last year.

BY CATIE STASZAK

Terence Prunty stood off to the side, quietly smiling, as Scott Stewart took the microphone for the press conference following his victory in the \$100,000 WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular with David Gochman's Catch Me on Feb. 20 in Wellington, Fla.

Prunty, the Gochman family's private trainer, is used to handing the spotlight over to Stewart, who had just added his first victory in the Hunter Spectacular

to his long list of hunter championships and riding accolades. But this time Stewart did not let Prunty's contributions go unnoticed.

"Terence got the horse ready, and he really deserves most of the credit," Stewart said. "I just got on."

"I look to Terence all the time and just say, 'That's your horse,'" said Becky Gochman, David's wife and an amateur hunter rider herself. "He cares about that horse more than anything. That's his baby."

Catch Me, a 9-year-old gray Holsteiner gelding of unrecorded breeding, took home championship honors in the second year green division before jumping to scores of 91.33 and 93.83 to win the Hunter Spectacular under the lights. Kelley Farmer and Like I Said finished second, and Christopher Payne and Truman were third.

To understand the victory, one must understand Prunty, and, more importantly, what he found when he entered the barn on a Tuesday morning last May.

\$100,000 USHJA/WCHR PETER WETHERILL PALM BEACH HUNTER SPECTACULAR Wellington, Fla.—Feb. 20

Judges: Panel 1: Jim Clapperton, Tammy Provost; Panel 2: Scott Williamson, Rachel Kennedy;
Panel 3: Mary Lisa Leffler, Karen Healey

HORSE/RIDER	1ST ROUND			2ND ROUND			TOTAL	PURSE
	PANEL 1	PANEL 2	PANEL 3	PANEL 1	PANEL 2	PANEL 3		
1. Catch Me/Scott Stewart	91.00	94.00	89.00	95.50	93.00	93.00	185.16	\$30,000
2. Like I Said/Kelley Farmer	84.00	93.00	91.00	95.00	90.00	91.50	181.49	22,000
3. Truman/Christopher Payne	92.00	92.50	92.00	89.50	89.50	86.50	180.66	13,000
4. Cassanto/Brady Mitchell	87.50	91.00	90.50	90.00	86.50	88.00	177.82	8,000
5. Carrico/Brady Mitchell	86.00	92.00	86.00	92.00	86.00	91.00	177.66	6,000
6. It's Me/Kelley Farmer	89.00	90.00	85.50	91.00	87.00	90.00	177.49	5,000
7. Lucador/Scott Stewart	88.00	86.00	87.00	89.00	88.00	87.00	175.00	4,000
8. Avon/Victoria Colvin	83.50	88.00	83.50	88.00	89.00	92.00	174.66	3,000
9. Set To Music/Havens Schatt	90.00	87.00	90.00	78.00	85.50	84.00	171.50	3,000
10. O'Ryan/Liza Boyd	85.00	85.00	84.00	87.00	85.00	86.00	170.66	2,000
11. Golden Rule/Stephanie Danhaki	87.00	86.50	85.00	84.00	84.00	82.00	169.49	2,000
12. Outlook/Giavanna Rinaldi	83.00	85.50	83.00	85.00	83.00	83.00	167.49	2,000

29 horses competed.



The Botulism Scare

"Thank God it was a Tuesday and not a Monday, because I wouldn't have been there," said Prunty, who found "Snoopy" in a bad way. "He was chewing and chewing, but everything was just falling out of his mouth because the side of his mouth was paralyzed. So he was chewing food, but he couldn't pass it back."

The veterinarian's response when she saw Snoopy? *Get this horse to the clinic right away.*

Snoopy was diagnosed with botulism, a potentially fatal illness caused by a toxin that causes paralysis. Damage done by the disease is irreversible, so it's essential to catch it early.

"His mouth was becoming paralyzed, and he only drooled for about a month," Becky said. "If Terence hadn't noticed that, Snoopy would not be alive right now."

Upon arriving at the Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center in Ringoes, N.J., Snoopy received two doses of an anti-

toxin. He remained at the clinic for two months.

"It was like going to the hospital and watching someone who was very sick," Prunty said. "He was so weak, and I didn't even think he was going to come out of [the clinic]."

"I couldn't go and look at him, because I was so scared to see him," Becky said. "Driving home from Devon [Pa.], I just happened to see the clinic, and I went in. I called Terence [after I saw Snoopy], and I said, 'I

Last summer David Gochman's *Catch Me* was fighting for his life after contracting botulism, but he's since made a full recovery and helped Scott Stewart earn his first \$100,000 WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular win.

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Spanish show jumper Sergio Alvarez Moya made a wise decision when he elected to send his 11-year-old Selle Français stallion Red Star D'Argent to Wellington, Fla., for Darragh Kenny to sell.

In their first grand prix outing together, Kenny and Red Star D'Argent (Quick Star—Divina de Frely, Jalisco B) won the \$130,000 WEF 6 Grand Prix under the lights on Feb. 19 at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center's Stadium, topping a field of 42 competitors.

"My relationship with [Red Star D'Argent] is very new," Kenny said. "Sergio and I had talked about the horse coming this winter for me to ride a little bit, and he came about five or six weeks ago. I've just been really getting to know him the last few weeks."

Although the experienced horse had previously competed at the 1.60-meter level with Alvarez Moya, Kenny kept Red Star D'Argent in 1.45-meter and 1.50-meter classes until he felt he really had a connection with the horse. That patience paid off when the duo stepped up to the next level.

"I jumped [the WEF Challenge Cup] and some 1.50-meter classes, but I didn't feel 100 percent comfortable that I knew him and that I had the right bridle on him and everything like that," Kenny explained. "Then this week he jumped fantastic."

Only three combinations produced clear first-round efforts over Richard Jeffery's course. The jump-off was far from a cakewalk either, as Sayre Happy and Ludwig's Joker B had a refusal at the second element and elected to retire. That left just Kenny and Laura Chapot to battle it out for the top prize. Chapot jumped cleanly in 39.48 seconds with ISHD Dual Star, but Kenny bested her by two-tenths of a second with his inside turns.

"This horse is very easy to turn, and he jumps even better when you turn him back at the jumps," Kenny said. "He really tries, he's very careful, and he has good technique. It's easy to turn really short with him."

"I just played it a little too safe in the jump-off," Chapot said. "I probably should have made at least one of the

Darragh Kenny hasn't had the ride on sale horse Red Star D'Argent for more than a few weeks, but he's making good use of his time by riding to the top of the \$130,000 WEF 6 Grand Prix.

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inside turns, but with only three in the jump-off and the first [rider] being out, I think I wanted to put pressure on [Kenny] and not make a mistake."

Kenny, who rides for Ireland but has a U.S. base for his Oakland Ventures LLC in Wellington, had WCHR Week as a goal for Red Star D'Argent. It provided the opportunity to jump a course in smaller arena. Grand prix classes in Wellington typically take place in the International Ring on the main grounds of the PBIEC, but with hunters temporarily taking center stage there for the week, the show jumpers were transplanted across the street.

"I think this venue suited him," Kenny said. "He's good, he's agile, and he's good in a small ring. I knew it would be a careful course, and he's very careful."

"In this ring, the jumps come up very fast, so it ends up riding much more difficult," he added. "I think it suited a smaller, blooded horse. There were a lot of questions here and there about the number [of strides], but in the end, I think [Jeffery] did a super job on the course."

Kenny, 28, can't look too far in the future with the stallion.

"The idea is to sell the horse," he said. "That's why he came here, for him to ride and show and probably get sold, unfortunately. I've had a lot of horses come and go, and some have

gotten sold, and some have gone to other people. It doesn't really bother me because I'm trying to produce new horses all the time so that they can get sold, or I can have horses to ride at the top level. But to get this win is really great. It's fantastic."

**\$130,000
WEF 6 GRAND PRIX
Wellington, Fla.—Feb. 19**

HORSE/RIDER	FAULTS	TIME	PURSE
1. Red Star D'Argent/ Darragh Kenny	0-0	39.27	\$42,900
2. ISHD Dual Star/Laura Chapot	0-0	39.48	26,000
3. Ludwig's Joker B/Sayre Happy	0-VW	—	19,500

Also competed: 4. For Freedom Z/K. White, 1; 5. Coup De Foudre V/V. Sokolova, 2; 6. Paloma/P. Wyld, 4; 7. Alex/A. Coulter, 4; 8. Lucifer V/H. Towell, 4; 9. Homer De Reve/L. De Luca, 4; 10. Aron S/K. Farrington, 4; 11. Bokai/H. Smolders, 4; 12. Perle Du Marais/J. Matte, 5; 13. Lady Maria BH/A. Derbyshire, 5; 14. Quabelle/B. Marano, 5; 15. Mighty Mouse/R. Spooner, 8; 16. Cobolt/S. Sweetnam, 8; 17. Untouched/N. Skelton, 8; 18. Catalina/E. Menezes, 8; 19. Whin Whin/R. Lambre, 8; 20. Beezie/H. Barnhill, 8; 21. Acapulco Z/D. Zetterman, 8; 22. Be Gentle/L. Keenan, 9; 23. Arica Du Caillou/M. Ribeiro Jr., 9; 24. Veyron/B. Asselin, 9; 25. Callas III/D. Torano, 9; 26. Tamara 296/B. Walker, 11; 27. Hera Van De Kouterhoeve/E. Ballard, 13; 28. Pernod/G. Moylan, 13; 29. U/E. Andrade, 16; 30. Dirkie Z/N. Novak, 17; 31. Leoville 2/M. Nusz, 17; 32. Wayfarer/P. Leone, 17; 33. Retiro/P. Lutz, 18; 34. Triskel De Kerliven/J. Chawke, 22; 35. TNT Explosive/C. Reid, 25; 36. Doremi/C. Surbey, 29; Capall Zidane/R. McGuigan, E. Bugatti/J. Rodriguez, VW; Bugatti/W. Genn, VW; Q-7/S. Riley, VW; Dillinger/C. Swail, VW; Enriques Of The Lowlands/C. O'Connor, VW.

think we should put the horse to sleep. I can't believe what rough shape he's in.' And he said, 'No, he's so much better than he was.'"

Snoopy's condition improved slowly, and the smallest accomplishments were seen as major victories. "The vet would call and say, 'He swallowed water today,'" Prunty recalled. "Great! Then, 'He swallowed grass.' Then it was quick, and he was ready."

"Terence just went there every day," Becky said. "Part of the reason he got better was that [Terence] visited him and spent time with him. The horse knew his people were there and helping him."

Once out of the clinic, Snoopy progressed quickly and returned to the show ring in August. He took home championship honors at the CP National Horse Show (Ky.) and Capital Challenge (Md.), where he won every class he contested, except one. Stewart also rode Catch Me to victory in the WCHR Professional Challenge at that show. Despite the time off, he was named the 2015 WCHR Hunter of the Year, and he received the Peter Wetherill Cup the same evening of his Hunter Spectacular victory.

"He's just stepped up every single time we've taken him out of the barn, and every time he wants to win," Prunty said. "He always seems to know when it really matters. We took him to Capital Challenge, and it was the same thing in the night class there. He walked down the ramp, and he knew he had to win and he did, and it was just incredible."

"He's Ready"

"If you had asked me last week whom I would ride in this [class], it would not have been this horse," Stewart admitted. "He is a great horse, but he is really careful, and I thought he would be too spooky."

What—or who—convinced him? Prunty, of course.

"Scott wasn't sure, but I knew he was ready," Prunty said. "And he was ready."

Indeed he was. Snoopy sat in second place after the first round, but the gelding laid down an awe-worthy handy round, punctuated—with an emphatic series of exclamation marks—with a fully extended, bold, out-of-stride hand gallop to the final fence.

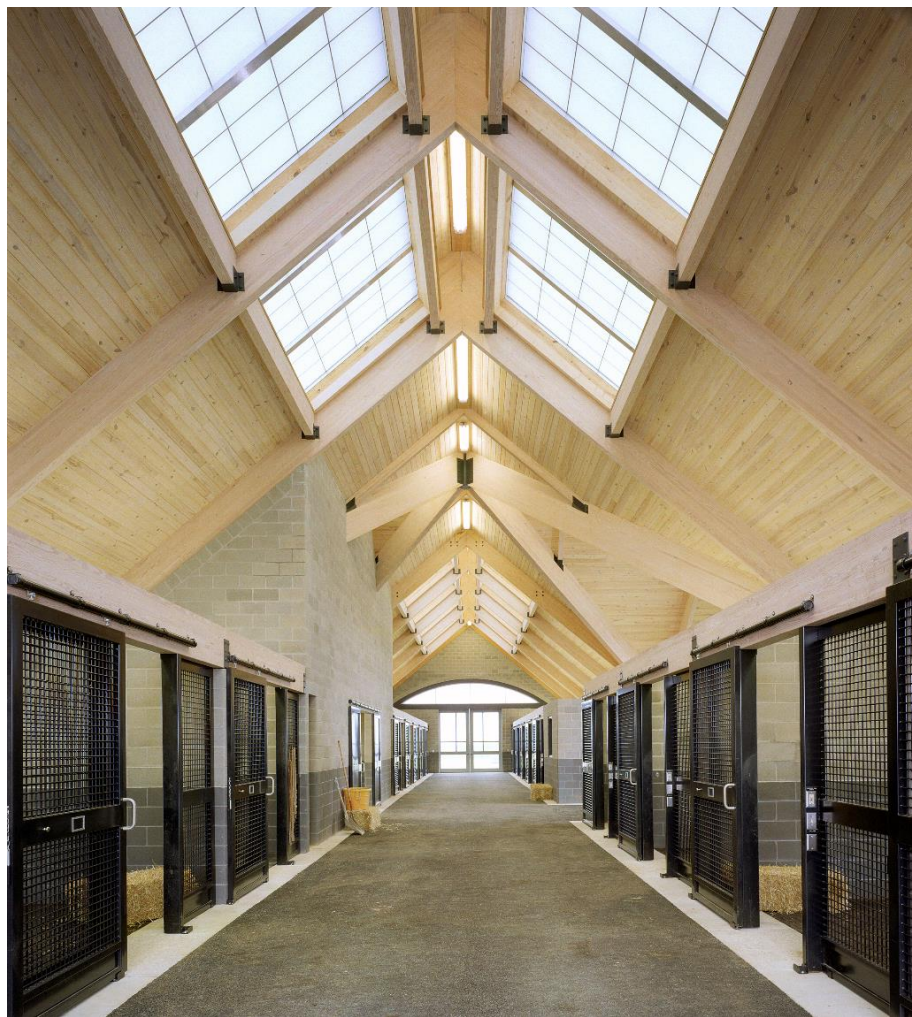
"I was a little nervous going to the last jump that maybe I was going too much, but he came up with it," said Stewart, who's in Wellington for the season and spends the rest of the year in Flemington, N.J., at his Rivers Edge Farm.

"He's a really fun horse to ride, and he's probably the most careful horse I've ridden, jumping wise," he added. "Sometimes he over-jumps, but he was

actually even better under the lights than during the day."

The win was also particularly special for Stewart, as it was his first in the 20-year history of the class.

"I have shown in this class a lot, and I have been second a lot, and lower, so I am thrilled," he said. "He is an amazing horse. After what he went through last year, it is just amazing that he is back and doing it."



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► **KATIE DINAN** had the \$50,000 WEF 6 Grand Prix on her calendar for several weeks, as she knew riding in the open spaces of the derby field at the Stadium would suit her 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding **DOUGIE DOUGLAS** (ARD VDL Douglas—Neills Girl, High Roller). The liver chestnut proved her right when he jumped to victory in the class.

“He’s had a lot of experience on big grass fields, so it was always my plan to jump him in [this class],” she said. “I couldn’t have hoped for it to have gone better. He loved being out there.”

It was the duo’s first grand prix victory together. Dinan purchased the gelding from English rider Holly Gillott at the Goresbridge Supreme Sale of Show Jumpers auction (Ireland) in November and has only been showing the horse since January.

“So far, he’s been great,” Dinan said. “I’m just going to keep learning about him. I feel lucky to have a horse like that who wants to do the job and really wants to please the rider and seems to enjoy doing it. Of course, I haven’t had him for that long, and as we keep jumping—hopefully bigger classes—we’ll have a lot of things to keep figuring out.”

The class, formerly a derby, still included natural elements, including a brush oxer, a white fence plank

element, and a tall hedge that caught many horses off-guard. Only the top three jumped a clear first round, and Dinan won the class with a clear jump-off in 39.59 seconds.

“It seemed like a good moment to try to be competitive,” Dinan said. “It was my first time trying to go fast with my horse, and he got really excited and really into it. We had a lot of fun out there, and it was a really nice feeling.”

► Top riders typically reserve high praise, so when Irish show jumper **CONOR SWAIL** said he thinks **DILLINGER** (Contender—Capitala, Capitol I) has the potential to be a “championship horse” following his win in the \$30,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup, he wasn’t just being nice.

Susan and Ariel Grange’s 9-year-old Belgian Warmblood displayed raw talent by easily clearing a challenging Richard Jeffery-designed track to top a field of 71 competitors.

“He does have a lot of quality and a lot of scope, so doing this [height] is comfortable for him,” Swail said. “At times, he can over-try, and I don’t want him over-trying where he gets scared. I don’t mind him over-trying when it’s comfortable, so it’s up to me to feel the difference and make sure he’s always confident and going in the right direction.

“For me, he is a championship-type horse in that he



**\$50,000
WEF 6 GRAND PRIX
Wellington, Fla.—Feb. 21**

HORSE/RIDER	FAULTS	TIME	PURSE
1. Dougie Douglas/ Katherine Dinan	0-0	39.59	\$15,000
2. Aiyetoro/ Harrie Smolders	0-0	41.77	11,000
3. Patriot/Wilton Porter	0-4	40.09	6,500

Also competed: 4. Vasco/A. Prudent, 4; 5. Primo De Revel/P. O'Shea, 4; 7. Whin Whin/R. Lambre, 4; 8. Esprit/S. Coles, 4; 9. Antares/P. Barrios, 4; 10. Galous/D. Wilson, 8; 11. A-Frieda-O/S. Dalman, 8; 12. Si Bella/A. Prudent, 12; 13. A S D Farfala/D. Vaskovic, 12; 14. Fananka A/E. Andrade, 12; 15. Adventure E/C. Syquia, 16; 16. Cesar VDB Z/A. Lagoubie, 20; Lacarolus/K. McCahill, E; Faroukh/S. Wayda, E; HH Memphis/Q. Judge, VW; Chello Z/J. Nor-Lantzman, VW.

Katie Dinan decided to test her new partnership with Dougie Douglas in the \$50,000 WEF 6 Grand Prix, and her speedy jump-off time was fast enough for the win in the former derby class at the Winter Equestrian Festival. CATIE STASZAK PHOTO

has all the quality and the scope," he continued. "He's very careful. We just have to work on a little rideability, as he is still a little green. I think we just need to keep showing away, and he'll let us know when he's ready to do bigger things. We're delighted with him, and we do think highly of him, so I'm looking forward to the future with him."

► **LUDWIG'S JOKER B**, the 11-year-old Oldenburg gelding regularly ridden by **SAYRE HAPPY**, had a pair of wardrobe malfunctions during WCHR week, as he lost a shoe—the same shoe—in both the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 and the \$130,000 WEF 6 Grand Prix. But that didn't stop the gelding from earning top ribbons. Happy and Ludwig's Joker B were fourth in the WEF Challenge Cup and third in the grand prix.

► The entries throughout the week suggested the hunter divisions are alive and well. A total of 139 horse-and-rider combinations contested the \$1,450 Performance Hunter 3'6" Stake in the International Ring; the class was won by **BRADY MITCHELL** and Callie Seaman's 13-year-old Holsteiner stallion **CARRICO** (Catoki — Kapitale, Capitol II). Carrico is the sire of Like I Said, who finished second in the \$100,000 WCHR Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular with Kelley Farmer. Carrico finished fifth in that class.

► Irish show jumpers **SHANE SWEETNAM** and **CIAN O'CONNOR** made quite the road trip. They rode in the \$112,900 Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup Friday afternoon in Ocala, where Team Ireland finished fifth, before driving four hours south to compete in the \$130,000 WEF Grand Prix under the lights in Wellington.

► **MADISON GOETZMANN** became eligible for the U25 Grand Prix series just this year, and it didn't take her long to notch her first victory in the division. The 15-year-old Skaneateles, N.Y., native won the \$25,000 Artisan Farms U25 Grand Prix on the derby field at the PBIEC Stadium with her 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare **WRIGLEY** (Padinus — Roxanne B, Burggraaf). Goetzmann also received the Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award.

► **ASHLEY HARTMAN** catch rode Georgia Saad's 8-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare **VOGUE** to victory in the \$5,000 WCHR Jr. 3'3" Hunter Classic in the International Ring for trainer Leslie Emerson. Hartman, 18, of Doylestown, Pa., picked up the mount when Vogue's regular rider, Madison Arani, went out of town for a school field trip, and she capitalized on the opportunity, riding to scores of 83 and 82. Vogue and Hartman were the only pair to receive scores above 80 in each of the classic's two rounds.

Vogue, known as "Daphne," is a sale horse at Marigot Bay Farm, run by Emerson and Kaitlin Campbell.

"She has a big stride and is very brave," Emerson said. "All Ashley had to do was give her confidence and be committed to her decisions, and Daphne was there for her. This was a great class to prepare her to step up to the 3'6". We could not be more proud of both of them."

A Short But Sweet Partnership

Neither a picture-perfect handy round from Farmer and Like I Said nor a stunning first round from Payne and Truman, each worthy of a 92.16 score, could top Catch Me in the Hunter Spectacular, a class in which riders qualify by earning championship honors throughout WCHR Week or winning classes during the rest of the year in the WCHR National Awards program, but both riders had reasons to be happy with their results.

Farmer's night was bittersweet. She rode Like I Said, an 8-year-old Mecklenburg mare by Carrico, to a second-placed finish in just their third show together. A promising future awaits the bay, but with a different rider, as she was recently sold.

"She's just been great every time she walks in the ring," Farmer said. "She gives you 110 percent. She's really brave. We actually just sold her to Pony Lane Farm, so I got to briefly ride her, but she'll be moving on. She's an unbelievable mare."

U.S. show jumper Kent Farrington first purchased Like I Said from Europe as a potential jumper.

"She's quiet," Farmer said. "She can jump enough and she's careful, but I think [Farrington] maybe thought she was a little too quiet for him. Kent likes them a little bold. She's not quite that bold!"

For Payne, who led after the first round with Debbie Bass and Maypine Farm's 9-year-old Westphalian gelding Truman, a third-placed finish was personally satisfying. Payne is in remission from non-Hodgkin lymphoma and did not ride for much of last summer while undergoing cancer treatments, including chemotherapy. Based in Cincinnati, Payne has been back in the saddle for five months. Between the first and second rounds, he received the Mark Gregory Perpetual Trophy and the Charlie Weaver Perpetual Award for having the best-conditioned horse and the highest scoring conformation horse of the first round.

"It's absolutely amazing," Payne said. "After everything I went through, I went into this thinking, 'I'm the luckiest person. I'm just going to go out



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and have fun.' Debbie Bass has been an amazing owner and allowed me to take my time with Truman and piece my way through everything and come back. I'm so thankful to be here and to do this on such a wonderful horse and have the support I have."

A Successful Quest

Stephanie Danhagl and her 9-year-old warmblood gelding Quest (Verdi—Udina) completed a clean sweep of the low amateur-owner division. After earning the division tricolor, the duo returned to win the \$5,000 WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic in the International Ring.

Danhagl purchased Quest two years ago from Scott Stewart, with whom she trains, but the gelding spent nearly a year of that time on the sidelines. He developed a rare hoof disorder that required him to regrow both front feet.

"He would be fine some days, and then other days he would be a little bit sore on his feet, and we weren't really sure what was going on," Danhagl recalled. "We sent him to Dr. Haynes Stevens, and he really made a miracle happen. For over a year, he worked with him and did stem cell treatments to his feet. Quest had to regrow almost his entire hoof. The veins had sort of shriveled up, and there wasn't a lot of blood flow.

"I didn't realize it was as bad as it was until he was better," she continued. "I think they were trying not to scare me at first. But at one point, the insurance

companies said that he should be put down and it wasn't worth spending the money to rehabilitate him. Haynes really believed in him and believed in the program, and we went through with the whole treatment anyway, and he made a full recovery. He regrew both of his front hooves, and the blood flow is totally normal now."

Quest returned to showing last summer, and the gelding continues to be monitored carefully. "He's on a very specific diet and exercise regimen so that he stays healthy," Danhagl said.

During WCHR Week, Danhagl posted the highest score of any amateur competitor when she and Quest earned a 91 in the handy round. Their score of 90 in the first round of the classic put them in the lead by a commanding 6.5 points. Only a big mistake would cost Danhagl a victory, but that didn't ease her nerves.

"When I'm already there and it's so close in my grasp, I get a little nervous, so I think I rode a little bit more defensively in the second round," she said.

But the duo still earned an 84 in Round 2. Although it was the fourth-best score of the round, it was still enough to win the class.

"I was just really happy with how he went all week," Danhagl said. "I'm so happy to have him back and to be able to show him again."

Last year, Danhagl missed out on competing Quest at the indoor show circuit due to his condition, but this year

she hopes to qualify for those shows.

"He's really brave and unfazed by anything," she said. "I think he'll be a great indoors horse."

Danhagl, 29, is also choosing which school to attend for her Ph.D. Currently a research assistant in the "Art of the Americas" department at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Danhagl applied for Ph.D. programs after receiving her master's degree in art history from the University of Pennsylvania last spring. She ultimately hopes to be a curator at a major museum.

"One of the downsides is that I don't have as much time to practice, but I really love being able to work during the week and then come to Florida on the weekends and get to be with my horses," she said. "Luckily I have a great team at Rivers Edge to care for my horses when I'm not there."

Giving In To Temptation

Hunter Kay had two eligible mounts for the \$5,000 Peggy Cone Memorial Adult Hunter Classic, and when he had to choose, he didn't select Temptation, Jill Knowles' 16-year-old Euro Sport Warmblood mare—at least, not at first.

But for once, second-guessing paid off. The 22-year-old Charlotte, N.C., native and Temptation (Calvados—Holiday) stole the show in the classic, jumping from fourth to first with a second-round score of 87.

"I had a pretty good week with her, but I kept having little mistakes that kept me out of the top," Kay said. "Coming in, we weren't going to use her, but then I thought she might give me the best chance to win, so we decided last minute to switch. It really paid off."

Kay has been riding with Ron Danta and Danny Robertshaw of Beaver River Farm in Camden, S.C., for about three years; he connected with the trainers while attending the University of South Carolina, where he received a degree in management and real estate in May of 2014. He met Temptation, or "Lil," when he first arrived at the barn.

"A younger girl showed her in the juniors a little bit, but then she had an injury," Kay said. "I did a lot of the rehabbing with her, and when she came back [from injury], the girl who rode her before was no longer riding with Danny



Stephanie Danhagl and Quest added the \$5,000 WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Classic to their low amateur-owner tricolor during Week 6 of the Winter Equestrian Festival. SPORTFOT PHOTO

and Ron. It kind of worked out that she didn't have much of a job, and I was lucky enough that they started letting me show her.

"I've been riding her for three years," he continued. "She's older, so we don't show her a lot, but we bring her out for special occasions like WCHR Week. We haven't shown her since last year, but I know her pretty well, so we don't need to do a whole lot with her."

Kay said coming in as an underdog in the second round played to his advantage.

"I just went in there trying to have a good time," he said. "I wanted to hopefully make the top 12, and coming back, I was almost a little thankful I wasn't on top. I just rode to win, and it paid off."

After graduating, Kay took some time off to ride and is based in Wellington for the winter circuit for the first time after commuting back and forth while in college. The former Gamecock will continue riding, but he also plans to return to school in pursuit of a master's degree in finance. 🍀



A last-minute decision paid off for Hunter Kay in the \$5,000 Peggy Cone Memorial Adult Hunter Classic, when he chose to ride Temptation and won during Week 6 of the Winter Equestrian Festival. CATIE STASZAK PHOTO



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