

Minikus and Lord Calador Soar to Victory- Week Two of The Ridge at Wellington Turf Tour



Wellington, FL (January 17, 2019) 797 was a perfect entry number for Todd Minikus and Melissa Bilodeau's stallion, Lord Calador because, much like the Boeing 797 lauded as air flight's new "perfect airplane," the two-time Pan American Games Bronze medalist dubbed 'show jumping's maverick' soared past 29 challengers to a perfect first-place landing in the \$15,000 1.40M Ridge at Wellington Grand Prix during Week Two of The Ridge at Wellington Turf Tour at Mida Farm.

"Their time of 35.265 in the jump off couldn't be beat," The Ridge organizers posted to @TheRidgeatWellington. Second-place went to Alexanne Thibault on Chaco Prime, and third to Carolina Vilanouva Suarez riding Una Du Keske.

Affectionately known as Bangs around the barn, Lord Calador is a nine year-old, bay German-bred (Lordanos x Chaco Blue) stallion that appears ready to ignite a new string of show jumping victories for Team Minikus after a great 2018 season competing on such series as the ESP, Kentucky, Split Rock, and Winter Equestrian Festival.

"He's always been a real winner," says Minikus about Lord Calador. "I've ridden him since he was a young horse. He knows how to come in a ring and turn on the after burners right off the bat. We were first or second going into the jump-off, and those classes can go all day so you never know who will shift into place. Our strategy was to go as good as it gets and take it from there. Melissa, his 'Mommy,' as we call her, is very proud of him. She's always happy when he wins."

"My super stallion came out today," a proud 'Mommy' Bilodeau said after the win at The Ridge. "I wish I could say I was the rider but of course that honor and thanks goes to Todd, who wins in our first grand prix of 2019! Great training and teamwork by Team Minikus."

Follow Todd and Team Minikus as they hit the road to compete in some of the top horse shows in America this year on Facebook and Instagram @Todd_Minikus or www.ToddMinikusShowJumping.com.

Photo; Lord Calador collects another blue ribbon with Todd Minikus at Week Two of the Ridge at Wellington Turf Tour (Photo Courtesy of Todd Minikus Show Jumping)