



## **INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:**



**Lucy Walter and Bold Colors**

**Lucy Walter is a Junior at University of Florida where she is majoring in Political Science on the Pre-law track. She is also the Captain of the Eventing Team. Lucy is currently running Novice with her young Thoroughbred, Bold Colors.**

**Lucy was able to share some inside tidbits to UF's Eventing Team. The team currently has roughly ten members. While the school is based in Ocala, it is a very academic rigorous university. Most members are Animal Science majors who plan to go to Vet School. She said the school hasn't received very much attention on their Eventing Team but she and her Co-Captain, Janna Scholtz, would like to change this. They've had several upper-level event riders who rode on the team while in college, including five-star event rider, Zoe Crawford. They want to encourage more upper-level event riders to join the team.**

**Lucy shared, "We're really just trying to build our image and our brand in the Ocala community this year." Ashley Johnson started the team. In the years past the team has welcomed many new Event riders to the team. Lucy said they love these members, but she and Janna are also looking to encourage upper-level competitors to join the team. Their hope is to build on the riders who come to Ocala to event in the Winter and put University of Florida on the map as an upper-level Eventer school.**

**Currently Michelle Mercier coaches most of the team. She is based in Reddick. Lucy says, "I love Michelle. She's the best possible person to have to coach our college team. She's the best role model. She's a beautiful rider and an amazing person. A majority of us train with Michelle."**

**Lucy was then asked her favorite part of the team. She shared, "I really like organizing the team as a whole. I especially enjoy the newer people and seeing the passion they have and watching them grow."**



**Janna Scholtz with Fernhill Locklann**

**University of Florida's team is unique as it is so close to Ocala. Lucy said it is so easy to go to shows. The beginner riders and horses can find a schooling show to go to every weekend without having to travel.**

**If there is one thing that all college event team members can agree on, regardless of their college, is that the eventing team has shaped their college experience for the better. Lucy said that she was originally a Marketing major. While she decided to change her major to pursue a degree in law, she has continued to learn about marketing from the team. She explained that marketing is important for not only in a job context but also as an individual. Lucy shared, "I'm going to carry the UF flag at a polo match in Ocala to promote the team." Lucy also wears her UF**

**gear often. She'll have people come up to talk to her about the team. She explained she can be her own ad just by wearing team spirit gear. She recently created a new logo for the team as well. Lucy said, "I've met so many amazing friends and we all actually work together for a common purpose." Lucy guarantees that University of Florida will be planning to make an appearance at Champs in 2024.**