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WindReach International Para-Dressage CPEDI3\*  
&  
WindReach EC Gold Para-Dressage Competition  
(Presented by FEI National)  
May 28-30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Ashburn, Ontario, Canada  
The FEI Event is an official qualifier for the 2010 World Equestrian Games



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## The United States Para-Dressage Riders Earn Honors at WindReach International Para-Dre CPEDI3\*

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Thousand Oaks, CA-June 2, 2010-This year is the most exciting call the United States Para-Equestrian Team in history. It will be the first that the Para-Dressage team will compete with all of the equestrian the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ (WEG) in Lexington hopeful WEG riders first stop this summer was May 28-30, 2010, in Ontario, Canada. While in Canada riders earned top scores for their including the Silver Medal for the United States. Riders used this as last big qualifier for the 2010 World Equestrian Games Selection Trials for June 24-27, 2010 held at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in W

The Para-Equestrian's journey to Ashburn, Ontario, Canada was to WindReach International Para-Dressage CPEDI3\* and WindReach E Para-Dressage Competition. This FEI event was an official qualifier

The WindReach International Para-Dressage CPEDI3 show took place at WindReach Farm. The farm was designed by Paralympian rider Alex J. Mitchell. The entire facility was designed to meet the needs of riders with different abilities and is equipped with wheelchair accessible pathways. WindReach Farm is also a member centre for the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA), and the Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association. The United States Para-Equestrians felt honored to compete at such a facility alongside many other international Para-Dressage riders.

This competition was the largest Para-Equestrian competition in North America. There were riders from all over the world including United States, Canada, Bermuda, Japan, and Australia. Mary Jordan, a Grade IV Para-Dressage rider, used this competition as a practice before the selection trials at the Lamplight Equestrian Center. Jordan rides Paxton Abbey who is a horse she has bred, raised, and trained. Paxton Abbey is an international dressage horse.

Jordan commented, "After a long winter of training I wanted the opportunity to compete in front of international judges and competitors to be tested in the best possible way on an international stage. That was my goal. I already had

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hand so I wanted to be tested. The motivation for me was to come international atmosphere and really step up my game and be as co possible.

After a short break, riders will make their way to Lamplight Equest Wayne, IL, for the WEG selection trials. Currently, 15 United States Para-Dressage riders have scores that will allow them to compete a trials. Out of those 15, ten of the riders will be selected for WEG. C riders, four will make the team, and six will ride as individuals.

For Jordan, this journey has been incredible on two levels. She not other equestrian out there you dream to one day ride for your cour are no guarantees in the process you just have to work really hard seek to improve. Second, it is always a journey as a Para-Equestria diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis eight years ago. I thought I wouli in a wheelchair but with advancements in medicine and my own sti had the opportunity to compete as a Para-Dressage rider. I only ho step further to earn one of the spots on the United States Para-Dre the World Equestrian Games.”

Once the selection trials occur, the Para-Dressage riders will take a train and rest before traveling to Lexington, Kentucky for the 2010 World Equestrian Games™. The Para-Dressage competitions will ta Covered Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park starting on October 5, 2 ending October 8, 2010. Starting on October 5, 2010, the Individu: are scheduled, and riders will compete with their horses for four da with Individual Freestyle Tests on October 5, 2010.

About the United States Para-Equestrian Association:

The USPEA includes every equestrian discipline that is practiced by physical disabilities. Each rider or driver competes under the eight Para-Equestrian disciplines of the National Organization. This year, Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, the Para-Dressage discipline v history competing under the eighth discipline of the USEF. The USE Performance Para- Dressage team will compete as an FEI sport for at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games held in Lexington,

The USPEA provides programs, clinics, and competition opportuniti with physical disabilities. Riders compete under the USEF rules dur competitions and many of the athletes compete at the highest leve

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Results:

NAME, HORSE, GRADE, FEI Para Equestrian Team, FEI Para Equest  
FEI Para Equestrian Freestyle  
Erin Alberda, Collo 5, III, 1st Place, 1st Place, 1st Place

Kim Decker, Dashers Destiny, Ia, 3rd Place, 3rd Place, 3rd Place  
Laura Goldman, Carlingfurd JD, Ia, 1st Place, 1st Place, 1st Place  
Rebecca Hart, Kazan, II, 2nd Place, 2nd Place, 2nd Place  
Kim Jones , Fascination, II, 7th  
ELizabeth Pigott, Mr Darcy, II, 0, 0, 0  
Caitlin Burns, Silent Partner, II, 0, 0, 0  
Jennifer Baker, Duel, IV, 3rd Place, 0, 2nd Place  
Mary Jordan, Paxton Abbey, IV, 0, 4th Place, 6th Place  
Laurietta Oakleaf, Quimerico KF, Ib, 6th Place, 3rd Place, 6th Place  
Laurietta Oakleaf, Niekele fan Busenitz, Ib, 5th Place, 5th Place, 4th

\*\*\*\*\*Grades:

FEI Para Equestrian Grades Ia and Ib equivalent to USDF Intro Level  
FEI Para Equestrian Grade II equivalent to USEF Training level  
FEI Para Equestrian Grade III equivalent to USEF First Level  
FEI Para Equestrian Grade IV equivalent to USEF Third Level

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