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Day One of USEF Para-Dressage Selection Trials 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ C

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Wayne, IL-June 26, 2010- Sunshine covered the splendid Lampligh Center on Friday as the USEF Para-Dressage Selection Trials for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ commenced. The day began at 12:30 PM with Para-Equestrians competing for the ten spots on the USEF Para-Dressage Selection Trials. This was the first of three days that the qualified riders were able to showcase their top skills, great horses, and a chance to be in front of international judges. The three judges were Chris Porterfield (GBR), Lillian Iannone (ARG), and Carlos Lopes (POR). Over the three days of competition each day will count towards their total score to qualify for the World Equestrian Games.

In today's short course team test, Rebecca Hart earned both the first and second place ribbons. Hart rode her trusty gelding Norteassa to the top with a 69.048 % overall. Hart also earned the second place ribbon with a 68.889% overall.

Hart commented, "Today went really well with both Norteassa and I had a great feeling; I went in there and both horse felt great and were happy."

Hart has been riding Norteassa for about eight years and had great success during the 2008 Paralympics in Hong Kong and she is looking forward to this weekend's competition.

"Norteassa has been my long term partner and we have had Kazan for three months," noted Hart. "Our last big competition was the Wind International Para-Dressage CPEDI3* and I am still figuring out Kazan's partnership."

Hart's coach and trainer is the Chef d'Equipe of the Para-Dressage 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, Missy Ransehausen. "I'm very happy with Missy," smiled Hart. "She is really great at working with not only a new horse and trying to figure out the different cues that the horse has to. Sometimes the able-bodied cues do not work and Missy is great at working with the new horse."

Hart added, "I am very excited to be here this weekend in front of

international judges and to gain more experience on an international level. I am also excited for the United States Para-Equestrians because this is for us."

In today's Large course team test, Robin Brueckmann earned the top score of 65% and took home the blue ribbon with Raison D'Étre. The pair successfully completed their dressage test finishing with the top score in the large class.

Saturday's competition continues with the USEF Para Equestrian Individual tests in both long and short. Sunday, June 27, 2010, is the last day of the competition and will consist of the USEF Para Equestrian Freestyle tests.

June 25, 2010 Results:

CLASS: 300L-USEF PARA-EQUESTRIAN TEAM TEST (LARGE)
PLACING ENTRY RIDER HORSE JUDGE H(%) JUDGE C(%) JUDGE E(%)
1 704 Robin Brueckmann Raison D'Étre 64.06 65.30 65.938 65
2 726 Susan Treabess Money Penny 64.375 64.688 65 64.688
3 691 Jennifer J Baker Duel 62.813 62.188 66.25 63.75
4 692 Holly Bergay Grand Ballerina 62.188 61.563 66.563 63.438
5 701 Mary R. Jordan Paxton Abbey 60 62.5 62.5 61.667
6 705 Robin Brueckmann Radetzky 61.875 59.688 63.125 61.563
699 Kathryn Groves Friespruch 60.625 56.563 63.125 60.104
700 Mary R. Jordan Brigadier 52.5 58.438 60.625 57.188

CLASS: 300S-USEF PARA EQUESTRIAN TEAM TEST (SHORT)
PLACING ENTRY RIDER HORSE JUDGE H(%) JUDGE C(%) JUDGE E(%)
1 698 Rebecca T Hart Nortessa 70 67.143 70 69.048
2 697 Rebecca T Hart Kazan 71.905 64.762 70 68.889
3 703 Laura Goldman Carlingford JD 64.118 61.765 72.353 66.078
4 688 Jonathon Wentz NTEC Richter Scale 64.762 57.619 67.143 66.078
5 690 Wendy L Fryke Lateran 61.111 63.333 63.704 62.716
6 725 Kim Decker Dashers Destiny 65.294 60 60.588 61.961
695 Erin Alberda Delectari 58.519 59.63 62.593 60.247
689 Barbara Grassmyer Mibis 58.519 56.667 64.444 59.877
687 Jonathon Wentz Contigo 60.476 56.667 55.714 57.619
686 Elizabeth Pigott Mr. Darcy 57.619 59.048 54.286 56.984
702 Kim J Jones Fascination 57.143 53.333 60 56.825
693 Wendy Shugol Statesmans Larissa 54.118 49.412 55.882 53.118
694 Wendy Shugol Statesmans Audacious 0 0 0

FAST FACTS: USEF Para-Dressage Selection Trials for the 2010 Alltech Equestrian Games™

WHAT: The United States Equestrian Federation Para-Dressage Selection Trials for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™. Fifteen Para-Equestrians have scores that will allow them to compete at the Selection Trials. Of the 15, ten of the riders will be selected for WEG. Out of the ten riders, six will ride for the team, and six will ride as individuals.

WHERE: Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL

WHEN: June 24-27, 2010

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Riders qualified for the 2010 WEG Selection Trials Ride Times:

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 eighth The Para-Equestrian discipline, of the United States Equestrian Fed year, at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, the Para-Eq discipline will make history. The USEF High Performance Para-Eque Dressage team will compete as an FEI sport for the first time at the FEI World Equestrian Games held in Lexington, KY.

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

For more information about the USPEA or for donation opportunities contact Hope Hand, President of the USPEA, email Wheeler966@ac phone: (610)356-6481.

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