Germany, Great Britain Para-Riders Harvest Freestyle Gold

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Lexington, KY – October 8, 2010 - First, an apology and a correction to Denmark, whose 16-year-old Stinna Tange Kaastrup helped the team to secure bronze and also took the individual bronze in spite of a tie with Norway’s Jens Lasse Kaastrup.

In Day One of the ParaDressage championships, here are the provisional scores in Grades III and Ia.

Hannelore Brenner (GER) added Freestyle gold to her team and individual gold medals. Again partnering with Women of the World, the 15-year-old chestnut Hanoverian mare by Walt Disney, Brenner earned 79.200 to take top honors. The silver will go home with Annika Lykke Dalskov (DEN), already sporting team bronze and individual silver, who danced with Preussen Wind to the tune of 75.400. Sharon Jarvis (AUS) who earned individual bronze now has a pair, thanks to good walk-work aboard Applewood Odorado and 74.550 from the panel of five judges.

Two Americans performed freestyle routines. Wendy Fryke and Lateran scored 65.100 for eighth place. Erin Alberda and Delectari followed in ninth on 64.350.

In the Grade Ia, Freestyle competition again proved fierce especially with the presence of all three of the British riders involved in the individual medal sweep. As expected, they rose to the occasion. This time Emma Sheardown and Purdy’s Dream scored the gold standard with 78.550 – a nice addition to her individual silver. Yesterday’s individual champion Sophie Christiensen and Rivaldo of Berkeley earned 77.450 for the silver. For the longest time, it looked as if Italy’s Sara Morganti might take the podium on a score of 74.150, but the last rider Anne Dunhan (GBR) and Teddy, edged into the medals and onto the podium with 74.800.

The two American riders did well. Kim Decker and Dasher’s Destiny on 64.300 for eighth place. Erin Alberda and Delectari followed in ninth on 64.300 and put in a much better test with more active walk work that Decker was pleased with their routine and stated that she intended hard so that she could compete with the Europeans.
Laura Goldman entered the ring on Carlingford JD at a rising trot – freestyle trotting is optional – and all went well until she lost her irons. This did count against her, mark-wise, as she finished the test without irons pressure from Goldman’s legs and a few moments of instability in made her mount quicken a bit, but she persevered and rose to the routine. Had Goldman not lost her irons, she would have scored 63.550 and 12th. She received lots of cheers and will undoubtedly work in future freestyles.

Sunday concludes the ParaDressage Freestyle Championships for Grades Ib, II, and IV at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Kentucky.

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