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ISABELL WERTH

DOUBLE VICTORY AT NEUMÜNSTER



Germany's Isabell Werth and her mare, Weihegold OLD, got their second successive victory together at the penultimate leg of the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage 2015/2016 Western European League on home ground in Neumünster (GER).

Germany's Jessica von Bredow-Werndl with Unee BB was in the runner-up spot, and Netherlands' Adelinde Cornelissen and Jerich Parzival settled for third place.

Quotes:

Isabell Werth GER (1st): when asked which horse she intends taking to the Reem Acra 2016 Final - "the plan is Don Johnson; he was great in the Europeans and deserves to go to Gothenburg."

Jessica von Bredow-Werndl GER (2nd): Talking about her performance with Unee BB: "Although this wasn't as convincing as our performance in Amsterdam it was still very good, and I love this Freestyle!" 🏆

Source of quotes: FEI

Photo by Stefan Lafrentz

TEAM USA REIGNS SUPREME IN FURUSIYYA LEG AT OCALA

Via: FEI

Team USA won the second leg of the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2016 series on home ground at Ocala, Florida (USA), but had to rely on anchor rider, Beezie Madden, to clinch it with a last-to-go effort with Breitling LS. On a day of very mixed fortunes, and with many inexperienced horses and riders facing the biggest challenge of their careers so far, this opening round of the three-leg North and Central American and Caribbean League produced a fascinating contest.

The top-drawer American side of McLain Ward, Lauren Hough, Todd Minikus and Madden always looked strong favourites, but had to see off a determined effort from Team Mexico who lined up second, while Colombia put up a tremendous battle to clinch third spot ahead of Australia in fourth place.

Quotes:

John Madden (FEI 1st Vice-President): “The FEI Nations Cup is such an important competition – it highlights the majesty and all the values of our sport that we cherish so much. This is what makes it better than any other sport – it’s because of the horse. We are in fantastic horse country here in Ocala. The FEI understands and sees the developments happening here in equestrian sport in the Americas. We thank Furusiyya, Longines, Ocala and all the folks at HITS.”

Todd Minikus USA: “My horse jumped fantastic although she was a bit flat in the second round. She is going to make on hell of a comeback in the Grand Prix!”

Lauren Hough USA: “This is the first time I jumped this horse in a Nations Cup. The horse is extremely competitive and he held himself on the triple a bit. I knew I had to ride him strong and was actually lucky to get out of that one with two down! We have a really strong team and with these guys you have to fight for every jump. I had a long way to go to make it home and the horse brought its game so that’s great - luckily I also had three fantastic riders to help out!”

McLain Ward USA: Alan (Wade, course designer) did a great job again. I thought the course was a bit big to begin with, but it turned out to be relatively straightforward. I thought it may ride a bit easy, but there were no double clears due to the time.” 🏆



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OFF TO A GREAT START, THE FRENCH TRIUMPH



AT THE OPENING LEG OF 2016 FURUSIYYA SEASON IN AL AIN

Team France started off a fiery opening at the new leg of the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2016 series at Al Ain (UAE), when they cruised to victory ahead of Qatar, and left Switzerland in third place.

Ukraine slotted in fourth place ahead of Italy in fifth, while Team Ireland lined up sixth. The Egyptian team put up a courageous and impressive effort to fill seventh place ahead of Saudi Arabia that had to settle for eighth place. 🇫🇷

Photos by Richard Juilliart



MAX SEBRECHTS

WINS CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIP ON HOME GROUND IN BELGIUM



Via: FEI

In a thrilling finale to the FEI Children's International Classics Final 2015 at Opglabbeek in Belgium, the host nation's Max Sebrechts clinched individual gold ahead of Colombia's Isabela Lemos Campo in silver while Waled Alghamdi from Saudi Arabia clinched the bronze.

These Championships, which are designed to encourage and develop young talent, were well supported throughout the 34-leg qualifying series that visited venues all across the globe once again this season. Starting out at McLeans Island in Canterbury, New Zealand last February the series concluded at the Club Hipico Uruguayo in Solymar, Uruguay in October 2015.

Competitions are divided into gold, silver and bronze tours, with only gold tour riders eligible to compete at the world Final where the visitors complete on borrowed horses over courses up to 1.30m in height. A total of 28 competitors from 14 countries - Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Russia, Saudi Arabia and South Africa - lined out for what turned into a highly competitive event from start to finish.

Newly-crowned gold medallist Max Sebrechts said: "I'd like to thank the show organisers for giving us such an amazing week. We've had great sport, and we've had fantastic fun!" 

Photo by Peter Van den Bulck

EGYPT'S NAYEL NASSAR AND LORDAN WIN THERMAL

LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ JUMPING NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE



Egypt's Nayel Nassar performed two very captivating rounds with his 12-year-old, Hanoverian gelding, Lordan, to win the \$100,000 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Thermal CSI3*-W.; in the seventh and final event on the West Coast.

Competing over a challenging course designed by Germany's Martin Otto, the riders tested their skills and their horses' scope against the demanding double and triple combinations, short distances, wide oxers, and problematic shadows. From walking the course, competitors noted that the course has many difficulties, which ultimately proved true when only three pairs finished the first round without faults. 

Results

1. Lordan (Nayel Nassar), (EGY).
2. Luebbo (Jamie Barge), (USA).
3. Catypso (Eric Navet), (FRA).
4. Flexible (Rich Fellers), (USA).
5. Tembla (Karl Cook), (USA).
6. Chacna (Enrique Gonzalez), (MEX).
7. NKH Quanto (Christian Heineking), (GER).
8. Cat Balou (Tamie Phillips), (CAN).

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