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SUPER START FOR KOOS DE RONDE IN BUDAPEST

Via: FEI

Dutch four-in-hand driver Koos de Ronde experienced a superb start of his FEI World Cup™ Driving season in Budapest. The bronze medalist of the World Championships in Breda set the fastest times in the third leg of this season's series and won the competition with seven seconds advantage to driver József Dobrovitz (HUN) and Belgium's Edouard Simonet.

Koos de Ronde had an advantage of six seconds going into the second round, which took place over the same course. Despite the heavy footing, his experienced team of mixed bay horses went even faster and was eight seconds faster than József Dobrovitz in the end:

“This is the best thing about the sport, Dobrovitz drove a very good round and I had to try to top this. I knew that if I had one knock down, I could lose my advantage, so I really went for it!” 🏆





FEI WORLD CUP™ VAULTING: TAILLEZ, DERKS AND THE CHEVRELS PREVAIL IN PARIS

Via: FEI

The FEI World Cup™ vaulting second qualifier at the Salon du Cheval in Paris (FRA) saw top individual honors go to Germany's Janika Derks and France's Clément Taillez, with the French brother and sister Lucie and Simon Chevrel winning the pas-de-deux.

There was a dramatic start with several vaulters taking unexpected tumbles from their horses in the first competition, making the second vital for securing World Cup points. Janika Derks faced a challenge of competing on a borrowed horse, but this did not deter her. With Quartz d'Obliche and lungeur Fabrice Holzberger she secured the top spot on a final score of 8.164 with her creative clown routine.

Clément Taillez (FRA) also gave two outstanding performances to win the title with Dyronn and lungeur Cedric Cotton on 8.547 points. Lukas Heppler (SUI) with Edmonton, rounded off a successful weekend finishing second on 7.662. As for showman Balázs Bence (HUN), he came in third place with 7.579. 🏆



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FEI WORLD CUP™:

FOR THE SIXTH TIME, EXELL CLAIMS FIRST PLACE IN DRIVING COMPETITION

Boyd Exell (AUS) easily grasps first place in the FEI World Cup™ driving competition in Stockholm. Winning this title for the sixth time, FEI World Cup™ Champion went into the second round with over 19 seconds advantage to József Dobrovitz (HUN) .And finally crossed the finish line with even a larger advantage to his Hungarian fellow competitor. József Dobrovitz jr (HUN), who finished in third place.

Boyd Exell AUS (1st): *“My horses were very excited when they came from the warm up arena into the main arena. I tried to slow them down, but they wouldn’t let me, so I just went very fast. In the second round again, their rhythm was excellent and I decided to go with the team.”* 🏆

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CHARDON BEATS EXELL IN STUTTGART

Via: FEI

After an exciting battle in Schleyer Halle in Stuttgart (GER), reigning World Cup Champion IJsbrand Chardon (NED) beat his rival Boyd Exell (AUS) in the first FEI World Cup™ Driving competition of the season, leaving Wild card driver Georg von Stein (GER) in the third place.

Chardon set the time to beat in the second round, in which the top three drivers started from scratch. Last starter Boyd Exell knocked down two cones and was unable to beat Chardon's time, which resulted in Chardon winning Stuttgart again, for the first time since 2007. 



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FEI WORLD CUP™ DRESSAGE:

GERMANY DOMINATES THE PODIUM WITH ISABELL WERTH'S SUCCESS

Isabell Werth and the astonishing mare Weihegold claimed their second consecutive victory in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage 2016/2017 Western European League at Stuttgart. The third leg included 15 riders from eight different countries but clearly the host country completely dominated the podium where German riders filled the top three places with Werth in first place followed by Broring-Sprehe in second and Fabienne Lutkemeier in third.


Kristina Broring-Sprehe GER (2nd): "This is my first show since Rio and I'm very happy, I had a great feeling today. My horse is 15 years old but still really wants to compete and has plenty of energy. Now he goes for breeding for six weeks. I'm not sure about my plan for him; my main focus is on the European Championships next year. We had a great team in Rio and I think we have a good shot at the European Championships next summer." 🏆

AHLMANN

STEERS TALOUBET TO ANOTHER SWEET SUCCESS IN STUTTGART

Via: FEI

Germany's Christian Ahlmann and the brilliant Taloubet Z cruised to victory in the fifth leg of the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2016/2017 Western European League in Stuttgart. In a 19-horse race it was the gentlemanly 16-year-old stallion and the world no. 1 rider who showed the rest a clean pair of heels to win by more than a two-second margin.

It was Ireland's Cian O'Connor who set the jump-off target in 45.03 seconds when fourth to go with the extravagant Good Luck. Guerdat shaved a fraction off that when putting his foot to the floor over the final two fences to break the beam in 44.95 with his exciting 10-year-old mare, Bianca, but, with six left to go, Ahlmann produced a breath-taking round from the horse with which he won the 2011 World Cup title. 




GIVEN A WILD CARD TO PARTICIPATE,

EGYPT'S ABDEL SAID WINS LONGINES COMPETITION IN VERONA

Determined to make the best out of his wild card opportunity, Abdel Said achieved what was far unexpected by many of the sport's greatest stars, after winning the fourth leg of the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2016/2017 Western European League at Verona, Italy.

Being 142nd in world rankings did not stop the rider from setting an impossible target when third to go in the 13-horse jump-off with his mare Hope van Scherpen Donder, and not even world no. 2, Simon Delestre from France, could catch him.

Abdel Said EGY (1st): *"I was here two years ago and this is one of my favorite shows. I didn't come last year, but I got a wild card from John Roche (FEI Jumping Director), they go to small countries to give them a chance get to shows like this and I'm very grateful. I'd like to thank Uliano because he is my favorite course designer. He built two Grand Prix courses I competed over and I won both of them so I want to take him home with us!"* 

FEI CLASSICS™ FINAL:

ANOTHER POPULAR VICTORY FOR CLIFFORD

The Australian International 3 day Event of the FEI Classics™ in Adelaide witnessed a strong triumph for Hazel Shannon (AUS) and the powerful Clifford. Even if they had knocked down three rails, they would have still won.

“He is not extravagant in any phase - he just does his job and I can’t

ask for more than that. “My aim is to keep getting better,” Said Shannon

With Shannon in First place, the remaining two places in the FEI Classics™ jumping phase stayed the same, Will Enzinger (AUS) holding on to second place despite knocking three rails down. In addition to Andrew Cooper (AUS) who also stayed in third place. 🏆



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