TOPS-ALEXANDER MAKES IT A BACK-TO-BACK

For the second consecutive year she out-paced all her rivals to head the line-up at the Casas Novas Equestrian Centre where the packed stadium of spectators enjoyed a thrilling 10-horse jump-off that held them on the edges of their seats to the very end.

What made that success more spectacular was the fact that she was partnering a nine-year-old stallion called Vinchester who was jumping the biggest track of his entire career.

Despite her horse's inexperience she set off like a rocket to produce a cracking round that demonstrated the extraordinary courage and ability of her young mount, shaving almost a full two seconds off the target time when clearing the line in 42.26 seconds.

Tops-Alexander, who also collected points at the opening leg in Oslo (NOR), to fifth spot and who, with 35 points.

Results:

1. Vinchester (Edwina Tops-Alexander) AUS 0/0 42.26
2. Chalou (Emanuele Gaudiano) ITA 0/0 43.01
3. Cool Feeling (Ludger Beerbaum) GER 0/0 43.26
Dressage Queen Isabell Werth can be found three times in the top four of the ranking list, as she holds the third place with Bella Rose 2 (2690 points) and the fourth place with Emilio 107 (2658 points).

Patrik Kittel with Delaunay Old (SWE) moved from the 97th to the 11th place (2280 points), whilst Daniel Bachmann Andersen and Blue Hors Zepter (DEN) jumped from the 175th to the 33rd place (2030 points).

Claudio Castilla Ruiz and Alcaide (ESP) also made an enormous leap from the 118th to the 43rd place (1923 points).
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The horse day after day
GERMAN MARCUS EHNING HAS WON THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX WITH A SENSATIONALLY FAST TIME.

He won the Grand prix of Aachen this summer, also with Prêt à Tout, this is his second win in the series of the Rolex Grand Slam, which provided him a bonus for two Major victories within one Grand Slam cycle.

Extremely fast winning time of the German were Steve Guerdat on his brilliant Albfuehren’s Bianca (barely half a second behind) and the Irishman Darragh Kenny (one second behind).

He achieved another great milestone at the tournament in Geneva.

“It’s a great feeling, and I’m very happy! And it’s also a bit of a victory for Switzerland, as the owner of Prêt à Tout is Swiss”, he says.

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The pair’s performance wasn’t perfect, with a few glitches along the way, but the best bits weren’t just good they were breathtaking. And with only three riders from each nation allowed into the Final, Werndl is putting intense pressure on his German counterparts for one of those slots after moving to the top of the leaderboard alongside compatriot Dorothee Schneider.

“This horse is a gift…I’m having an unbelievable trip with him, he’s developed so much over the last few months and I can’t find the right words to describe how much it means to me!” he said.

“He had a break of two years before he came to us a couple of years ago, so he still feels a bit like a young horse building up experience, and I really wasn’t expecting him to be so cool in this arena today - he’s just the perfect gentleman!” Werndl added.

Result:
1. Daily Mirror (Benjamin Werndl) GER 80.790.
2. Delatio (Patrik Kittel) SWE 80.010.
3. Faustus (Dorothee Schneider) GER 79.730.
Germany’s Frederic Wandres (31) and the aptly-named gelding, Duke of Britain, created a major sensation when reigning supreme in the sixth leg of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ 2018/2019 Western European League at the London International Horse Show in Olympia (GBR).

Not just because the man who rides for the world-famous Hof Kasselmann produced a spectacular personal-best score of 80.030 on his way to victory, but also because he matched the result posted by British Charlotte Dujardin riding Hawtins Delicato and pinned her into runner-up spot when achieving higher artistic marks.

“To reach the magical 80 percent is a real WOW for me!” said Wandres. “That's his big plus - I can always trust him, he's completely chilled and not at all spooky, and if I don't make a mistake then he won't either!” the German rider said.

When Dujardin was asked if she’d ever been beaten by another rider who posted exactly the same score, the three-time Olympic gold medallist replied tonight “no never - that’s the first time! It was extremely close and I feel like a joint-winner really!”

Wandres, who also specialises in producing young horses, has been riding Duke of Britain for three years.

Result:

1. Duke of Britain (Frederic Wandres) GER 80.030
2. Hawtins Delicato (Charlotte Dujardin) GBR 80.030
3. Glock's Dream Boy NOP (Hans Peter Minderhoud) NED 77.990
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