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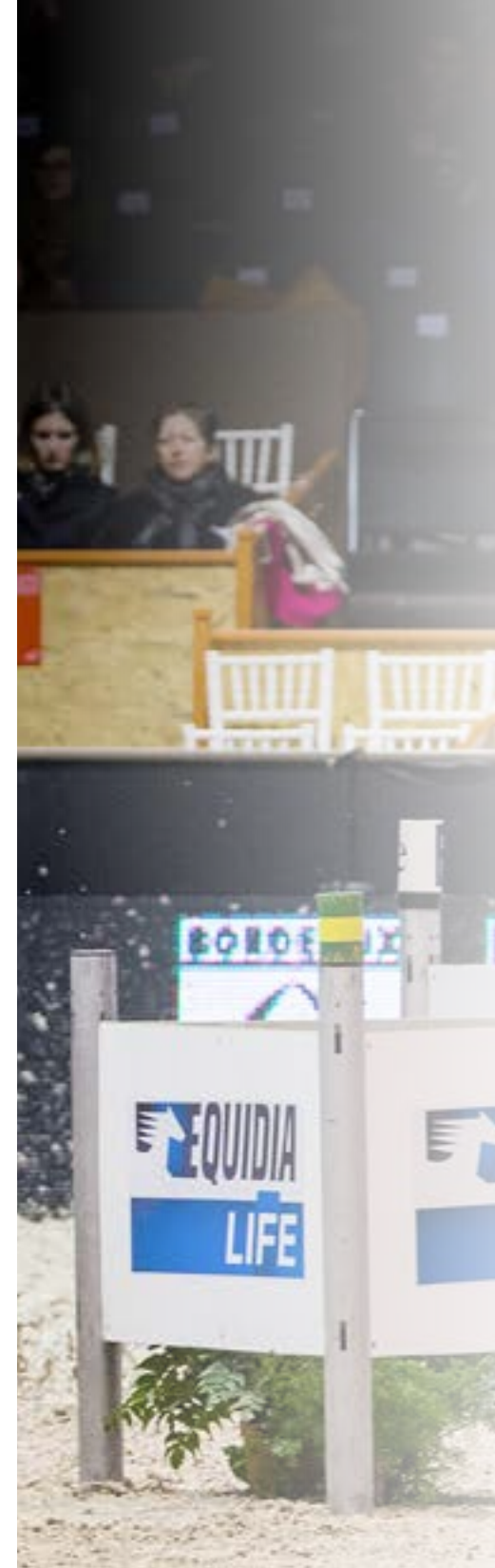
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IJSBRAND CHARDON CLAIMS FEI WORLD CUP™ DRIVING TITLE



Via: FEI

After an amazing battle between the best drivers, IJSbrand Chardon (NED) beat top favourite Boyd Exell (AUS) in the FEI World Cup™ Driving Final 2016 in Bordeaux (FRA) and re-claimed the title for the first time again since 2006. Winner of the first competition, Koos de Ronde (NED) finished third. The Final of the 15th season of the FEI World Cup™ Driving turned into a true thriller where the battle went on until the very last moment.

Chardon made the competition very exciting when his back stepper, his son Bram, lost his balance for a fraction of a second at the last gate and almost fell off, which would have cost the Dutchman his victory. But Bram found his balance in time and stayed on board in the end.

Last starter Exell had to risk everything to beat the very fast and clear round of Chardon. The six-time World Cup winner had an unfortunate knockdown at obstacle 3, after which Exell put the throttle on even more to make up for that. It did look as if he was going to do it, but a second knockdown in the last half of the course prevented him from winning his seventh FEI World Cup title. 🏆

Photo by Eric Knoll

LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ JUMPING NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE:

KENT FARRINGTON EXCELS AT WELLINGTON MASTERS

Among 40 riders Kent Farrington (USA) was the one who claimed first place, riding Uceko at the inaugural Wellington Masters CSI3*-W. The winning pair finished just over two-and-a-half seconds ahead of Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER) and Fibonacci, and left Richard Spooner (USA) and Big Red in third place. 🏆

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DREAM VICTORY FOR STAUT AND REVEUR AT LAST LONGINES LEG IN BORDEAUX

Via: FEI

Kevin Staut pinned French compatriot, Simon Delestre, into runner-up spot at the nail-biting last leg of the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2015/2015 Western European League in Bordeaux (FRA). It was Staut's first major victory for some time, and it was achieved by a brilliant performance from the 35-year-old rider and his 15-year-old gelding Reveur de Hurtebise HDC who brought the packed stadium of spectators to their feet. Edwina Tops-Alexander (AUS) settled for third place. 🏆

Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2015/2016 Western European League leaderboard - after Round 11 at Bordeaux (FRA):

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Christian Ahlmann GER - 86 | 15. Daniel Deusser GER - 36 |
| 2. Simon Delestre FRA - 78 | 16. Romain Duguet SUI - 35 |
| 3. Harrie Smolders NED - 58 | 17. Patrice Delaveau FRA - 35 |
| 4. Penelope Leprevost FRA - 54 | 18. Edwina Tops-Alexander AUS - 34 |
| 5. Kevin Staut FRA - 54 | 19. Maikel van der Vleuten NED - 33 |
| 6. Jos Verlooy BEL - 50 | 20. Niklas Krieg GER - 32 |
| 7. Audrey Coulter USA - 46 | 21. Olivier Philippaerts BEL - 32 |
| 8. Denis Lynch IRL - 46 | 22. Douglas Lindelow SWE - 31 |
| 9. Marcus Ehning GER - 45 | 23. Patrick Stuhlmeyer GER - 31 |
| 10. Nicola Philippaerts BEL - 42 | 24. Steve Guerdat SUI - 30 |
| 11. Marco Kutscher GER - 40 | 25. Michael Whitaker GBR - 29 |
| 12. Henrik von Eckermann SWE - 39 | 26. Emanuele Gaudiano ITA - 28 |
| 13. Laura Renwick GBR - 39 | 27. Hans-Dieter Dreher GER - 28 |
| 14. Max Kuhner AUT - 37 | |

Photo by Eric Knoll



KRISTINA BRÖRING-SPREHE AND DESPERADOS FRH NEW WORLD DRESSAGE NUMBER ONE

Via: FEI

Germany's Kristina Bröring-Sprehe (GER) and Desperados FRH, team silver medalists at the London 2012 Olympic Games, have taken over the world Dressage number one slot, relegating British duo Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro.

Bröring-Sprehe (29) and the 15-year-old Hanoverian stallion Desperados FRH have jumped to the top of the FEI World Dressage Rankings for the first time in their career, breaking the 30-month reign of Dujardin and Valegro.

Bröring-Sprehe, who also secured team gold and individual bronze at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2014 with Desperados FRH, represented Dressage athletes around the world last November when International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach visited the FEI's Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI), the Olympic capital.

Knowing how important gender equality is to the Olympic movement, she told Thomas Bach how proud she was to be a female Olympic athlete.

"Equestrian is the only Olympic sport where men and women compete against each other for medals in all the disciplines," she said at the time. "It's only when you get a bit older that you realise just how special this is, and it's one of the many reasons why equestrian sport is so popular with women of all ages."

Bröring-Sprehe and Desperados FRH now have a 68-point lead over Dujardin and Valegro, with fellow German and four-time team gold Olympic medallist Isabell Werth in third place with Don Johnson FRH on 2,428 points.

About Bröring-Sprehe

Bröring-Sprehe started riding aged three, after being surrounded by horses from an early age. Her family owns and operates Gestut Sprehe Stud near Lönningen in Germany's Lower Saxony region.

Partner's promise & Olympic spirit: Bröring-Sprehe's husband Christian Bröring had to cycle to London to watch her compete at the London 2012 Olympic Games, after promising he would travel there by bike if she qualified. The trip took him six days. 🏆

Photo by Jacques Toffi



PUIS SCHWIZER SNATCHES LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ VICTORY AT ZURICH



Pius Schwizer and PSG Future snatch the win of the penultimate leg of the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2015/2016 Western European League.

Ireland's Denis Lynch claimed runner-up spot with All Star, while Australia's Edwina Alexander lined up third with Caretina de Joter. 🏆

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ISABELL WERTH WINS REEM ACRA SEVENTH LEG AT AMSTERDAM

Germany claimed both first and second place at the seventh leg of the Reem Acra FEI World Cup™ Dressage 2015/2016 Western European League at the RAI Arena in Amsterdam; with Isabell Werth in first place and Jessica von Bredow-Werndl in the runner-up spot.

The Netherlands' Diederik van Silfhout settled for third place, while Olympic, European and defending Reem Acra champion Charlotte Dujardin slotted into fourth place.

Quotes:

Isabell Werth GER - 1st: Talking about her performance with Weihegold: “Yesterday (in the Grand Prix in which they finished 6th) we had three little misunderstandings, but today we really worked it out. This improvement is good for me, first of all to have other options (of horses for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games) and secondly it is great to prepare the horse for my rider (Beatrice Buchwald)”.

Jessica von Bredow-Werndl GER - 2nd - : Talking about her performance with Unee BB: “it’s still not the same inside the arena as it is in the warm-up but he has improved a lot - it was easy work today, it was like dancing it was really cool! I’ve settled on this freestyle now, and I’m thinking about whether I will go to Neumunster or just Goteborg (for the Final), but I won’t decide about that today.” 🇩🇪

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