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FEI WORLD CUP™ VAULTING FINAL 2017:

ITALY AND GERMANY TAKE HOME MALE, FEMALE AND PAS-DE-DEUX

VIA FEI

Audiences were treated to an epic FEI World Cup™ Vaulting in Dortmund last weekend.

The stars of this thrilling series were under pressure to peak when it mattered for this Final, and they did just that in front of fascinated crowds.

Italy's Anna Cavallaro fended off tough competition from Germany's Kristina Boe to take the women's title, and the hotly contested pas-de-deux was won by Italy's Silvia Stopazzini & Lorenzo Lupacchini - a first for Italy - who put on a show-stopping display of their 'The Little Prince' routine.

In the men's category, vaulters had a tense wait until Sunday morning to find out who would be crowned champion, and after just missing out on the title last year Germany's Jannis Drewell returned to top form. He performed both rounds with stunning conviction to lift the trophy in front of his home crowd.

Drewell (GER) hit unbelievable form at this year's Final, leaving the crowd in awe as he performed his Sherlock Holmes routine.

"Vaulting has come so far since becoming part of the FEI World Cup series," said FEI Director of Vaulting Bettina de Rham. "Vaulting is now much closer to our other World Cup disciplines – Jumping, Dressage and Driving. Every vaulter competing at the World Cup is of the highest standard, and it is extremely difficult to qualify for the Final, let alone win. We're really proud of the World Cup and all the athletes competing in this exciting series." 

FEI World Cup™ Vaulting Final 2017 - Results:

Female Individual: 1. Anna Cavallaro (ITA) 8,654; 2. Kristina Boe (GER) 8,534; 3. Silvia Stopazzini (ITA) 8,242; 4. Nadja Buttiker (SUI) 7,986; 5. Janika Derks (GER) 7,580; 6. Pascale Wagner (SUI) 7,288.

Male Individual: 1. Jannis Drewell (GER) 8,720; 2. Lukas Heppler (SUI) 8,554; 3. Jannik Heiland (GER) 8,406; 4. Daniel Kaiser (GER) 8,302; 5. Balazs Bence (HUN) 7,678; 6. Francesco Bortoletto (ITA) 7,423.

Pas de Deux: 1. Silvia Stopazzini & Lorenzo Lupacchini (ITA) 8,698; 2. Torben Jacobs & Theresa Sophie Bresch (GER) 8,439; 3. Jolina Ossenbergs-Engels & Timo Gerdes ; 4. Zoe Marcuccio & Syra Schmid (SUI) 7,247



CHI ALSHAQAB 2017

SCOTT BRASH

PREVAILS AT THE CSI5* GRAND PRIX



The British ShowJumper, Scott Brash, proved to be undefeatable after clinching the CHI AL SHAQAB 2017 CSI5* Grand Prix title with his mare Ursulla XII and set a challenging time of 45.21 seconds.

In second place was the Turkish rider, Omer Karaevli with Roso Au Crosnier, who went in very fast and determined but was less than a second behind Scott Brash (45.98 sec.). The fastest rider, Pillar Cordon and Galine La Cour Zichelhof, set the record for the best time but was unlucky and dropped one fence to finish with 4 penalty points and 44.46 seconds.

DRESSAGE CHAMPION ISABEL WERTH WINS THE GOLD

It was another masterful performance by World Number one dressage rider Isabel Werth in the Grand Prix Freestyle at CHI AL SHAQAB. Riding Don Johnson Frh, Werth scored a number of 8s and 9s in her test to finish on a score of 81.275%. Good marks came throughout the performance and for her collectives but her canter work was marked as outstanding by all five judges.

Catherine Dufour gave Werth a run for her money on her great horse Atterupgaards Cassidy to score 80.775%. The Danish rider scored a number of 9's throughout her test from all five judges.

Anna Kasprzak took third spot for the second time with Donperignon. She scored a number of 8s throughout her test for a final percentage of 78.700% but was let down by her walk which scored several 6s. 

BOYD EXELL

WINS HIS SEVENTH FEI WORLD CUP™ DRIVING TITLE

The Guttenberg Horse show in Sweden witnessed an amazing win for Boyd Exell (AUS) in the FEI World Cup™ Driving Final. Coming in second place after a very interesting competition, Jérôme Voutaz (SUI) _who was the winner the day before_ won the silver medal. As for the third place, Koos de Ronde (NED) took home the bronze. 



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ISABELL WERTH

WINS IN GOTHENBURG

VIA FEI

He was once so frightened and unmanageable that no one could get on him as a young horse. But in the hands of one of the most celebrated equestrian athletes of all time, the 11-year-old gelding Emilio gave Germany's Isabell Werth her fifth victory in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage 2017 Western European League qualifier at Gothenburg in Sweden today. Her score of 84.200 put her well ahead of Swedish runners-up Patrik Kittel and Delaunay (80.910) while, mirroring the results of yesterday's Grand Prix, Germany's Jessica von Bredow-Werndl and Unee BB (80.845) slotted into third.

Her preferred ride for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final in Omaha, Nebraska (USA) next month is her Olympic mare Weihegold, but she now considers Emilio a strong reserve. Werth's perseverance with this horse is really paying off - *"he has great potential, already his piaffe and passage are fantastic!"* she said. 🐾



VON ECKERMANN

SNATCHES VICTORY AT THE WORLD CUP'S
JUMPING FINAL ON HOME GROUND IN SWEDEN

On Sunday February 26th Henrik von Eckermann won the Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping 2017 Western European League with an outstanding performance by his 11 year old mare, Mary Lou. Following in Second place was Dutchmen Maikel van der Vleuten who also guaranteed a place at the Longines Final in Omaha, Nebraska (USA) in four weeks' time, in addition to the third place winner Leopold Van Asten who also got qualified.

When Henrik was asked about his chances of taking the Longines FEI World Cup™ title in Omaha next month - "No I don't think it will be this year, my horse is still very inexperienced. With this horse the first time I jumped her clear and then I rode to win and it all went wrong. So I slowed down again and took time to give her experience, for once in my life I am using my head!" 

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