USA'S GUENTER SEIDEL AND EQUIRELLE WIN PAIR'S FIRST GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE



Guenter Seidel and Equirelle won their first freestyle performance together at AGDF 3.

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Week three of the 2021 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) concluded on Sunday, January 31, with victory for the USA's Guenter Seidel and Equirelle in the Grand Prix Freestyle CDI4*, presented by U.S. P.R.E. Association.

In their first freestyle performance together, Seidel and Leatherdale Farms and Louise Leatherdale's 2009 KWPN mare by Florett AS earned a 75.830% from judges to top the class.

"It was our first freestyle," he began, "so I was a little conservative and kept everything fairly easy. Our floor plan was fairly easy. She's a very hot horse and has had her issues in the ring, so I wanted to use this test to give her some confidence out there. The more it went along the more secure she seemed to get, and she was really fun to ride. Most of the test was very pleasing. I know there's quality in there, but sometimes that's hard to show because she can get tight or scared, but it was nice to see that she is learning how to hold it together. It was not easy for her with the wind, but I was very happy with her."

Seidel rode the mare to a freestyle he used with a previous horse but noted his method for getting Equirelle more experience before they dive into creating a freestyle of their own. "The music is from a horse I've ridden before," he explained. "I figured I'd get her feet wet in the freestyle before I created an entirely new one. I really like the music so it works well with her for now."

The partnership is only a few years old, and Seidel explained that his current plan with the mare is to help her gain experience throughout the remainder of the AGDF circuit. "I've had her for a couple of years," he said, "and she is a very generous horse. She doesn't want to make mistakes, but she gets hot. I think it takes time to get into a successful partnership with a horse like that at this level, but I feel like she will be a very good horse in a few years. I am going to use the shows here to get her seasoned and get her more confident in the ring. If it backfires and she starts to get nervous I will back off, but if she keeps going like this, we will keep competing.'

Judge at C, Anne Prain (FRA), praised Seidel's plan with his mount and was impressed with the pair's freestyle execution. She commented, "It was the first time I've had the pleasure of judging Guenter, and I like the way he speaks about his plan for the horse.

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PARA DRESSAGE RIDERS SHINE AT CPEDI3*AT AGDF 3



Sydney Collier, Roxanne Trunnell, Kate Shoemaker, and Rebecca Hart posted the top score as the winning USA team at the CPEDI3* at AGDF 3. © SusanJStickle.com

CPEDI3* competition presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® began on Thursday, January 28, at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, with an impressive win for Team USA, and an 80.000% for 2021 Whitney Stone Cup award winner Roxanne Trunnell (USA) in the FEI Para Team Test Grade I CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®.

Trunnell and the 2012 Hanoverian Dolton (by Danone I) took a fierce lead of over 10 points in the class, starting their first day of para dressage competition on a high note. "Dalton felt really good today," said Trunnell. "When I ride him, he doesn't care about anything about anyting in that arena other than me. He was a good boy in there today. I'm very happy with how it went."

Trunnell has been partnered with the gelding, owned by Karin Flint, for two years, and the pair has flourished together, currently sitting atop the FEI Para Dressage World Individual Ranking list, as well as the FEI Para Dressage World Individual Ranking-Grade I, and the FEI Para Dressage Paralympic Individual Ranking list.

The blue ribbon in the FEI Para Team Test Grade II CPEDI3* presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®, went to Beatrice De Lavalette (USA) and Clarc, a 2007 KWPN gelding by Dreamcatcher, with 73.288%.

First place in the FEI Para Team Test Grade III CPEDI3* presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®, went to Charlotte Merle-Smith (USA) and her own Guta, a 2011 KWPN mare by Vivaldi, with a 72.255%.

Kate Shoemaker was the winner of the FEI Para Team Test Grade IV CPEDI3* presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®. Shoemaker piloted Solitaer 40, a 2007 Hanoverian stallion (Sandro Hit) owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker, to a score of 72.833%. Shoemaker also earned the win in the FEI Para Novice Test A Grade IV CPEDI1* with Barneby 29, a 2011 Hanoverian gelding by Benetton Dream FRH, owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker.

In the FEI Para Team Test Grade V CPEDI3* presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®, Katie Jackson (USA) was the victor, earning a win aboard Scrabble, her own 2006 Hanoverian gelding by Sandro Hit, with a 63.643%.

FRIDAY

CPEDI3* competition presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® continued at AGDF on Friday January 29, with steady wins for Beatrice De Lavalette (USA) and Clarc in the

FEI Para Individual Championship Grade II CPEDI3*, and Rebecca Hart

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PETERS AND SUPPENKASPER LEAD WITH A WINNING STREAK AT AGDF 3

Compeition for AGDF started out on Thursday with a red, white, and blue victory for Steffen Peters (USA) and Suppenkasper, Akiko Yamazaki and Four Wind Farm's 2008 KWPN gelding by Spielberg. They have notched 21 wins in a row now, concluding their Grand Prix CDI4*, presented by Havensafe Farm performance with a 76.761%.

Also on Thursday, Cesar Parra (USA) took the victory in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI3* aboard Equiventure LLC, and John and Karen Blank's 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding, Mr Bumblebee (by Sting), earning a 71.00% from judges.

In the FEI Grand Prix CDI3* presented by ProElite, the USA's Benjamin Ebeling earned first place with a 71.804%, riding Illuster Van de Kampert, the 2008 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Spielberg, owned by Amy Roberts Ebeling and Nuvolari Holdings, LLC.

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Christoph Koschel (GER) took the day's lead in the FEI Grand Prix CDI4* for freestyle, presented by U.S. P.R.E. Association piloting Eaton Unitechno. Koschel and Eaton Unitechno, a 2009 KWPN gelding by Wynton owned by Unitechno, Inc., rode to a score of 70.065%, the only combination in the day's class to earn above a 70%.

Earlier in the day, Jodie Kelly-Baxley (USA) and her own 2011 KWPN gelding Grayton Beach (by Negro) rose to the occasion in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI1*, presented by Adequan*, earning a 73.676%.

In the FEI Intermediare-I CDI3* presented by Adequan®, Cesar Parra (USA) and Mr. Bumblebee, a 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding by Sting owned by Equiventure LLC., and John and Karen Blank, earned their second victory of the week with a 71.441%



Steffen Peters and Suppenkasper extended their winning streak by winning the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Special CDI4*, presented by Havensafe Farm.
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The FEI Grand Prix CDI3* for Freestyle, presented by Horseware Ireland welcomed the win for Frederic Wandres (GER) and Rebroff 6, Hof Kasselmann's 2009 Rhinelander gelding by Robespierrot. The pair won the class with a 69.761%.

SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

AGDF continued on Saturday, January 30, with a consecutive win for the USA's Steffen Peters and Suppenkasper in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI4*, presented by Havensafe Farm. Peters and Akiko Yamazaki and Four Winds Farm's 2008 KWPN gelding by Spielberg topped the class of 11 entries, earning a final score of 75.766%.



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Nick Wagman (USA) and Elizabeth Keadle's 2010 KWPN gelding by Scandic, Ferano, bested the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by ProElite with a 71.638%.

In the FEI Intermediare A CDI3*, presented by Adequan®, Allison Kavey (USA) and Citha's Utopia, Andrea Woodner's 2007 KWPN mare by Dayano, claimed the top spot with a score of 60.500%.

SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Jodie Kelly-Baxley (USA) rode her own Grayton Beach to their second victory of the week, this time in the FEI Intermediate-I CDI1*. Baxley and the 2011 KWPN gelding by Negro earned a 72.471% for their efforts.

In the FEI Intermediate-II CDI3*, Canada's Mathilde Blais Tetreault claimed first with Fedor, a 2009 KWPN gelding by Jazz, with a 66.647%.

Cesar Parra (USA) and Mr. Bumblebee achieved another win this week in the FEI Intermediate-I Freestyle CDI3*. Parra and the 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding by Sting owned by Equiventure LLC and John and Karen Blank concluded with a 75.600% from judges.

The FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Horseware Ireland awarded top honors to Jan Ebeling (USA) and Indeed, Vantage Equestrian Group LI, LLC's 2008 Danish Warmblood mare by Gorklintgards Indeera, with a 72.550%.

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PBIEC UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WEEK 5 AND MORE

PBIEC EDUCATIONAL SERIES, PRESENTED BY ADEQUAN®

The PBIEC Educational Series, presented by Adequan®, is hosted weekly during the annual Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). The series provides an educational platform for horse enthusiasts to expand their knowledge on a variety of equine-and rider-related topics including management and maintenance, horsemanship and care, emerging technologies and treatment methods available in the equine veterinary industry, and more. Admission is free, and pre-registration is required. Participants will automatically be entered to win a luxury item from Karina Brez Jewelry as the grand prize giveaway. The fifth session, hosted on Zoom, will be Thursday, February 11, from 6-7 p.m. EST. The topic of "Mastering Nutrition: A Genuinely Unique Approach to Equine Nutrition, Bone Density, and Tendinitis," with Martin Connell, National Territory Manager, is sponsored by HyGain USA.

WEF 5 LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The first five-star of the season at the 2021 WEF, sponsored by Douglas Elliman Real Estate, is on February 10-14 and will run in the International Arena on the main grounds of PBIEC. A concurrent CSI2* will run as well, sponsored by Restylane. The week opens on Wednesday, February 10, with the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Classic CSI5*, followed by Thursday's \$73,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 5. On Friday is the \$37,000 Bainbridge 1.45m Classic along with the \$37,000 Restylane 1.45m Qualifier CSI2*.

The \$401,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate Grand Prix CSI5* will be the "Saturday Night Lights" event on Saturday, February 13. Closing out the week on Sunday is the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic and the \$50,000 Restylane Grand Prix CSI2*. Visit PBIEC.com, click on the "Video Streaming" tab on the left, and then click on "Live Stream-Featured Classes" to view.

ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL 5 CDI-W

AGDF 5 runs February 10-14 with CDI-W and national competition, including Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage; Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by CabanaCoast; Small Tour CDI3*; and Small Tour CDI1*. CDI judges for the week include Christof Umbach (LUX), Stephen Clarke (GBR), Henning Lehrman (GER), Claudia Thaler (AUT), Gabriela Valerianova (CZE), and Maarten van der Heijden (NED).

WEF 6 – JUMPERS BACK AT EQUESTRIAN VILLAGE, HUNTERS TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT

FEI jumpers and the Hermès Under 25 Series return to Equestrian Village and will compete on turf once again during the sixth week of competition on February 17-21. Hunters will take the spotlight in the International Arena on the main grounds of PBIEC in their World Champion Hunter Rider week competition, featuring Saturday night's USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular.



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It's good to hear him explain that he kept his freestyle on the simple side to prepare his horse, and it's what we judges expect. We don't always expect the most complicated freestyle, because the horses can become overridden, so I think it's much better for the horse to have something simple, but with a nice flow. To get 75% is not so easy, and his horse has a good quality about her."

Janne Rumbough from U.S. P.R.E. Association commented on the week saying, "We usually have a big week with the U.S. P.R.E. horses here. We showcase a lot of horses and show their ability and talent, and unfortunately because of COVID we couldn't do that showcase this year. However, we were happy to be able to still show off a couple of the horses and were happy to see some of them competing here this week. We are thrilled to sponsor AGDF again this year, and we will look forward to continuing with that and hopefully we can showcase the U.S. P.R.E. in years to come."

Canada's Lindsay Kellock rode to second place with Sebastien, Kellock and Enterprise Farm Equestrian LLC's 2006 Rhinelander gelding by Sandro Hit, earning 74.575%, while Michael Klimke (GER) claimed third place on Harmony's Diablo, Harmony Sporthorses' 2010 Hanoverian gelding by Desparados, with 73.850%.

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FUTURE CHALLENGE SERIES WINNERS

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In the Future Challenge/Young Horse Prix St. Georges Series, Michael Klimke (GER) piloted Uwe Kappel's 2012 Westphalian mare by Den Haag 12, Domino 957, to victory, earning a 75.367%. Second place honors went to Christoph Koschel (GER) on Imposant, a 2013 KWPN gelding by Krack C, owned by Holga Finken, with 73.749%. The top two in the FEI Prix St. Georges Future Challenge Series classes qualify and are invited to the Final during AGDF 12.



In the Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix Series, Christoph Koschel and Delmonte 7, a 2011 Oldenburg stallion by Destano owned by Koschel Dressage GmbH, dominated with a 75.367%. The award was presented by Antonia Ax:son Johnson of Lövsta.







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AGDF 3 SPONSOR AWARDS

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(USA) and Fortune 500 in the FEI Individual Championship Grade III CPEDI3*, both presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®.

It was De Lavalette and the 2007 KWPN gelding by Dreamcatcher's second day on top of the Grade II leaderboard, and the 23-year-old was pleased with her horse's performance and score of 72.549%. She said, "He was more in front of the leg today, and I was trying to go in there and wake him up after the extended walk, because yesterday that wasn't a strength. I was happy with it overall though!"

The pair have only been together for two-and-a-half months, but De Lavalette and the gelding are already meshing well. "My goal for the rest of the season is to score over 70%. Tokyo is also a big goal, but at the end of the day, we will trust the selection committee with making the right decision for the Team."

Hart, who finished second in yesterday's Team Test, came into the day's ride with a new game plan. She said, "We read all of the judge's comments from yesterday and really took those to heart. We worked on the connection, the outline, and the harmony in the test, and we were able to deliver, so it was nice to get that feedback and deliver."

First place in the FEI Para Individual Championship Grade I CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® went to Roxanne Trunnell (USA) and Karen Flint's Dolton, a 2012 Hanoverian gelding by Danone I, with a 79.345%.

Kate Shoemaker was once again the winner of Grade IV, this time in the FEI Para Individual Championship Grade IV CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®. Shoemaker piloted Solitaer 40, a 2007 Hanoverian stallion (Sandro Hit) owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker, to a score of 73.252%. Shoemaker also earned another win in the FEI Para Novice Test B Grade IV CPEDI1* with Barneby 29, a 2011 Hanoverian gelding by Benetton Dream FRH, owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker, earning a 72.857%.

The FEI Para Individual Championship Grade V CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® welcomed Cayla Van Der Walt (RSA) as the winner, earning a blue riding Daturo II, a 2006 gelding by Mirlito XI owned by Van Der Walt and Christine Heathman, with a 68.611%.

SATURDAY

CPEDI3* competition presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® concluded at AGDF on Saturday, January 30, welcoming three nations worth of competitors to the arena at Equestrian Village to perform their para dressage freestyles. The week also hosted CPEDI3* Team competition, and the United States came out on top, with a team average of 74.50%.

The FEI Para Freestyle Grade V CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® saw a win for the Republic of South Africa's Cayla Van Der Walt, who piloted Daturo II, a 2006 gelding by Mirlito XI owned by Van Der Walt and Christine Heathman, to a 73.150%.

"This whole week we've been working on getting him relaxed because he's been tense, so the goal of this show was to get him to feel more confident," explained Van Der Walt. "I've also been working on my own habits, and the scores show that the hard work is paying off!"

The freestyle score of 73.150% was the pair's highest to date, and Van Der Walt is eager to see what the future holds. She continued, "We are trying to qualify for Tokyo to represent South Africa. They pick two individuals, so we are really vying for that spot."

In the FEI Para Freestyle Grade I CPEDI3,* presented by Adequan® and Nutrena®, Roxanne Trunnell (USA) took the lead with an 83.656% aboard Dalton, Karen Flint's 2012 Hanoverian gelding by Danone I. The pair were also named the high point combination of the show.

The FEI Para Freestyle Grade II CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® welcomed another win for Beatrice De Lavalette (USA) and Clarc, a 2007 KWPN gelding by Dreamcatcher, earning 72.745%.

Lauren Barwick (CAN) rode Lee Garrod's Sandrino, a 2012 Westfalian gelding by Spirit of Westfalia, to the top of the leaderboard in the FEI Para Freestyle Grade III CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® with a

The FEI Para Freestyle Grade IV CPEDI3*, presented by Adequan® and Nutrena® was topped by Kate Shoemaker (USA) and Solitaer 40, a 2007 Hanoverian stallion (Sandro Hit) owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker. The pair wrapped up their consistent weekend with a score of 75.867%. Kate was also the reserve high point rider of the CPEDI 3* with Solitaer 40.



AGDF 3 Gallery

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A RINGSIDE CHAT WITH NICK WAGMAN

This season AGDF has welcomed an influx of talented riders from the West Coast to contest the 10-week winter circuit. Nick Wagman of San Diego, CA, is no exception, successfully competing for the second year in a row at the venue. Wagman, who just won the Grand Prix Special CDI3* during week three with Elizabeth Keadle's 2010 KWPN gelding Ferano (by Scandic), sat down with us to discuss his goals, and his current plans with one of his top horses, Don John, a 2008 KWPN gelding by Johnson TN, owned by Beverly Gepfer.



Nick Wagman and Don John. © KTB Creative Group

"I know Tokyo is still up in the air due to COVID-19, but that's my immediate goal with Don John, to see where we stand, do our best, and see if we can make the short list for the USA team and go from there," Wagman explained. "I also have my other up-and-coming Grand Prix horse, Ferano, who just won the CDI3*. He's really holding his own, and it's fun having two talented horses in the game right now."

Wagman has been competing Don John internationally since 2015, and the duo has developed a connection in the arena that is unwavering. "Don John is a very sensitive horse and a very cautious horse," Wagman continued. "Very gentle and sweet, and he definitely needs his people. He likes that familiarity and I've never ridden a horse quite as hot and powerful as he is, and so that, when coupled with nervousness, can be a lot, but through the years he's really proven himself to be a trustworthy, solid competitor. You just have to show him through trust that everything's okay. He's a fast learner so the training is easier, but it's more of the psychology that's the challenge with him. He's funny - I really feel in the show ring he's all business. Somehow, he knows when we go down centerline that it's show time."

Wagman and his mounts have marked down many notable accomplishments over the years, and he elaborated on some of his recent memorable opportunities. "Creating such a successful Grand Prix horse like Don John is amazing, and we've been lucky enough to have done a lot together already," said Wagman. "We went to Europe; we did two Nations Cups there. That was my first real taste of being a part of a team for the United States, and riding internationally at this level.

"For me it's all still new and exciting, and to do it with him - it's all been really wonderful," he continued. "Don John also won the USEF Grand Prix National Championship, and I won the USEF Developing Horse Grand Prix National Championship with Ferano. Those things are definitely some of my proudest accomplishments However, for me, the biggest accomplishment is just training my own horses. I really enjoy the process of taking younger horses that show potential and ability, and helping to bring that out in them through years of hard work, eventually ending up in the Grand Prix ring with them. That, for me as a trainer, is my proudest accomplishment."

Wagman concluded, "We had a setback last year when Don John injured himself, so to have this opportunity to try again for Tokyo is really a blessing. I will continue to work hard and look at every day as an adventure with my horses, and we'll see what the future brings!"





2021 AGDF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

February 10-14: AGDF 5

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by CabanaCoast Small Tour CDI3*

Small Tour CDI1*

Schedule includes National Show

February 19-21: AGDF 6 - National Show

February 24-28: AGDF 7

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI5*, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Premier Equestrian

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Hygain Feeds Small Tour CDI3*, presented by Donato Farms Small Tour CDI1*

Schedule includes National Show

March 3-7: AGDF 8 - Palm Beach Dressage Derby

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3^* , presented by The Dutta Corp. Small Tour CDI 3^*

Small Tour CDI 1*

2021 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, supported by Sarah Davis Kessler, Terri Kane, USEF Dressage Owners Task Force, Hampton Green Farm, and Dressage4Kids

Schedule includes National Show

March 12-14: AGDF 9 - National Show

March 16-21: AGDF 10 - Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO3* Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Wellington Regional Medical Center

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Iron Spring Farm Small Tour CDI3*, presented by Horseware Ireland

Small Tour CDI1*

CDIO U25, presented by Diamante Farms Schedule includes National Show

March 26-28: AGDF 11 - National Show

March 31-April 4: AGDF 12

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI4*, presented by Douglas Elliman Real Estate

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI4*, presented by Adequan® Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3*, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI3*, presented by Peacock Ridge Small Tour CDI 3* $\,$

Small Tour CDI 1*

Schedule includes National Show

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