

### Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu and All In Conclude AGDF 5 with Top Honors



Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu and All In posted a new personal best on their way to winning the Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage. © SusanJStickle.com

Week five of the 2021 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) concluded on Sunday, February 14, with a second victory of the week for Canada's Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu and All In, in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage.

Personal best scores for every big tour class winner in the FEI Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3\*, presented by CabanaCoast, and FEI Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage, were recorded this week. Fraser-Beaulieu and Brittany Fraser and Marc-Andre Beaulieu's 2005 KWPN gelding by Tango added to that tally, beating their personal best with a 79.330%, while earning two scores above 80% from judges at both M and B.

"I'm so happy," began Fraser-Beaulieu. "This is like a dream come true, to be back here with a personal best. At the five star and the Nations Cup last year we had great rides, and after such a long break you hope that it's going to be the same, but after 10 months I was a little nervous. You want to keep those scores and keep hitting personal bests, and All In has come out this season and really proven that he knows his job so well. He tries his heart out for me every time we go down centerline, and I just have to hang on for the ride. I'm ecstatic

#### with him."

Fraser-Beaulieu rode to a freestyle created by Joost Peters, with Celine Dion music beginning and concluding the ride. "Joost Peters made new music for me for the Nations Cup last year," she explained, "so this is only the second time I've ridden to this new freestyle. I love Celine Dion. My husband is French, I live in Montreal now, and I love the song, so I asked him to incorporate it into the beginning and the end, and I think he did a great job."

President of the Ground Jury, William Warren (USA), noted the quality of the day's class and of the pair's ride. "For me," he said, "the entire class was a nice quality to iudge. It challenged us judges to up our game and really get it right. Brittany hit a lot of strong technical points, and to really have a good freestyle, it has to be technically solid. Today everything was spot on. That really supports the artistic side of the freestyle, because if the ride has technical issues you have a problem. There was wonderful harmony between horse and rider."

Fraser-Beaulieu's artistic percentages were all in the 80s, and she elaborated on her horse's highlights throughout the ride.

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### Moreira Laliberté Returns to Competition with Top Scores at AGDF 6



Canada's Naima Moreira Laliberté topped the FEI Grand Prix with KML Inc's I Do Kiss at AGDF 6. © SusanJStickle.com

#### National competition was

abuzz at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) last week, welcoming horses and riders to Equestrian Village at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center from Friday, February 19, through Sunday February 21 for national-level competition. On Saturday, Canada's Naima Moreira Laliberté topped the FEI Grand Prix with KML Inc's I Do Kiss.

Moreira Laliberté and the 2006 Swedish Warmblood stallion by French Kiss, topped the class with a score of 74.347%. It was one that the 24-year-old was happy with after a year away from competition, moving into the upcoming five-star week at AGDF.

"This was my first time in the show ring since last year," began Moreira Laliberté. "I was grateful and happy to be back in the ring with 'Kiss' at Grand Prix. I was happily surprised with the score, and I think our ride went super well. He stayed with me the whole way and was very focused and was willing to give his all. He's a big stallion; he's a big horse to move, but when he goes in the ring he tries his heart out and I really appreciate that side of him a lot. He's also got huge changes and is very expressive in them. I think he also is the kind of horse that steps in the arena, and he wants to show off he's got that presence. He's a performer.'

Moreira Laliberté, who was on the gold medal team at the 2019 Pan American Games for Canada with her mount Statesman, confirmed that she is also vying for a spot on the Olympic Team for Tokyo this year alongside her other barn mates who all train under former Canadian Olympian and now U.S. rider and trainer, Ashley Holzer.

"I declared both of the horses," said Moreira Laliberté, "so, we'll see who can qualify for the team. I think they're both horses that could be strong contenders for the team. They're two completely different horses to ride, they're not alike, and it'll be interesting how it pans out."

Moreira Laliberté, who is primarily based in Montreal, has been in Wellington since November, training with Holzer and team. "I owe a huge part of my success to Ashley," continued Moreira Laliberté. "She really took me under her wing and brought me to another level in the sport. She always brings a positive attitude which I really appreciate. It creates a great environment to learn in. I come out of the ring and even if it's a ride that didn't go according to plan, she'll always find a positive piece of it and breaks it down for you in a way that's constructive and incredibly helpful. She is a mentor in so many aspects, how she balances her projects, her family, and her sport, and how she shows up every day, passionate about what she does. It's so inspiring. She cares about her students and horses, and her teaching is just wonderful. It fits so well with myself and my horses, and that's essential."

Friday's FEI Grand Prix Special welcomed a career-high score in a Grand Prix/Grand Prix Special for Sabine Schut-Kery (USA) and Alice Womble's 2006 Hanoverian stallion by San Remo, Sanceo. The pair topped the class with a 76.808% in their first competition since arriving in Florida in January to campaign for a spot on the U.S. Dressage team for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Second place went to Canada's Denielle Gallagher-Legriffon riding Wilson Pickett, Danielle Gallagher and P.J. Rizvi's 2005 Hanoverian gelding by Wolkentanz, earning a score of 66.595%





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WEF 7 brings CSI5\* competition, along with a concurrent CSI2\*, back to the International Arena at PBIEC on February 24-28 sponsored by Lugano Diamonds with weekly highlights including: the \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI5\* on Wednesday, Thursday's \$73,000 Adequan® WEF Challenge Cup Round 7, the \$37,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.45m Classic CSI5\* and \$37,000 Griffis Residential 1.45m Qualifier CSI2\* on Friday, the \$401,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI5\* as part of "Saturday Night Lights," and the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI5\* and \$50,000 Griffis Residential Grand Prix CSI2\* on Sunday. Hunters will be featured on the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Friday, February 26, in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby, with the professional section presented by Restylane and a junior/amateur section.

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### **WEF 8 - NATIONS CUP WEEK**

It's Nations Cup week at WEF during week 8 on March 3-7, with the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO4\*, presented by Premier Equestrian, under the lights on Friday, March 5; the \$37,000 Hermès Under 25 Semi-Final Grand Prix under the lights on Saturday, March 6; and the \$214,000 Grand Prix CSIO4\*, presented by JTWG, Inc. on Sunday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

### AGDF 8

Week 8 of AGDF, the Palm Beach Dressage Derby, will host CDI-W competition on March 3-7 and include the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships for Pony, Children's, Junior, Young Rider, and Under 25 divisions.

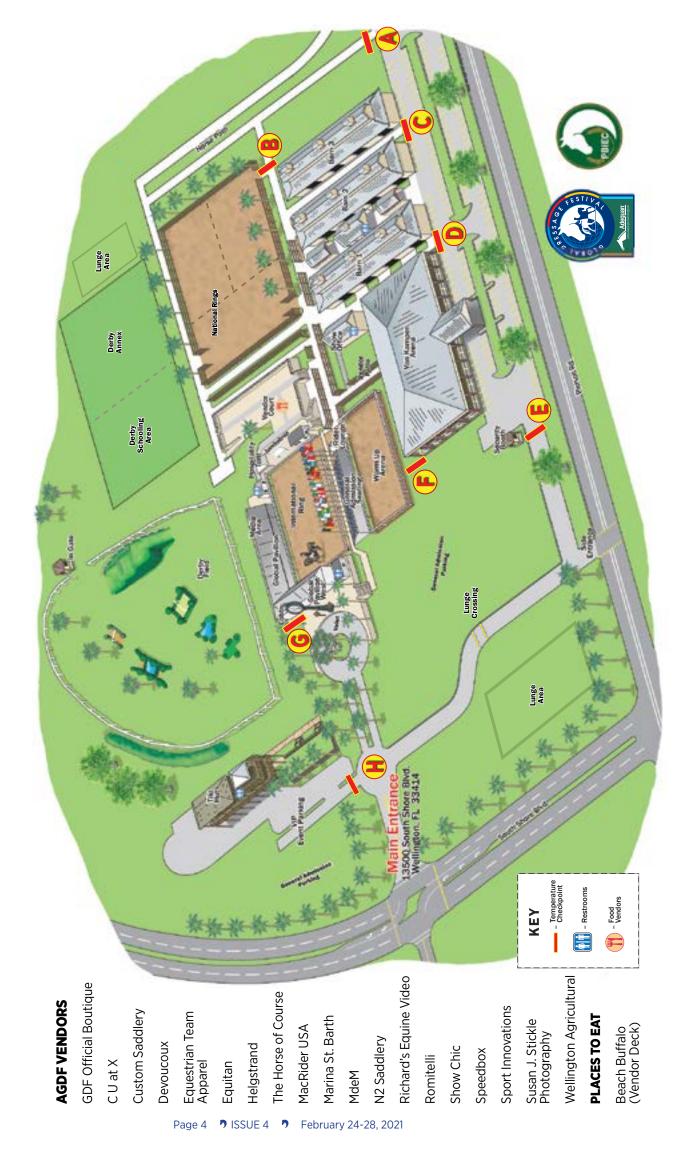
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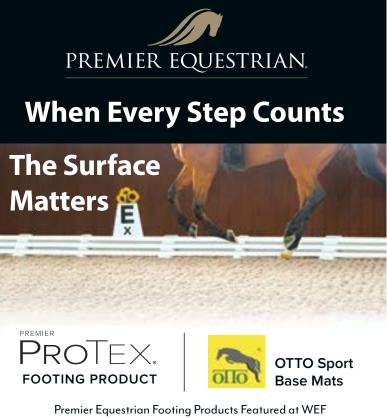


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On Sunday, Alice Tarjan (USA) topped the FEI Intermediaire II Lövsta Future Challenge with her own Harvest, a 2012 KWPN stallion by Connaisseur, to earn their invitation to the \$15,000 Lövsta Future Challenge/Young Horse Grand Prix Series with a 72.573%. Second place honors were awarded to Karen Pavicic (CRO) and her own 2012 Hanoverian gelding by Totilas, Totem, with 69.632%.

In the FEI Prix St. Georges Future Challenge, 22-year-old Katrina Sadis (USA) earned top honors aboard Belloona, her own 2012 Oldenburg mare by Belissimo M, with a 67.352%.





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The Lövsta Future Challenge/Young

mare by Furstenball, Frieda, with a 72.352% presented by Antonia Ax:son

Johnson of Lövsta.

Horse Grand Prix Series welcomed a win

for Canada's Pia Fortmuller and Busch, Lars, and Pia Fortmuller's 2011 Hanoverian

> n the Future Challenge/Young Horse Prix St. Georges Series, Marcus Orlob (USA) topped the leaderboard with Spirit of Joy, a 2014 Westphalian gelding by Sir Calypso, owned by eanette Pinard, with 72.646%. Pablo Gomez Molina (ESP) took second place with Servus Ymas, a 2013 Hanoverian by San Amour I, owned by Cristina Danguillecourt and Yeguada de Ymas, with 69.926%.



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Shown with Kirsten Johnstone was Vita Flex Victory Pass winner Allison Duchant from Colorado, who rode Altitudes Sonegro SP to the win in the FEI Young Horse 5-Year Old Class



The winner of the C U at X Tack X Factor Award was Cindy Screnci (mounted), riding Eragon VF, shown with (L to R): Button Baker (holding Spike), Lia Screnci, Sarah Hoog from C U at X Tack, and U.S. Para Technical Adviser, Michel Assouline.



Trainer Endel Ots presented the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award to Emily Smith on Dublin



The N2 Saddlery Sport Horse of the Week was Sarah Lockman's First Apple with Lee Tubman and Sue Newell from N2 Saddlery presenting.



The Donato Farms Team Achievement Award went to Kathryn Hoog (far right) and Zhivago, shown with (L to R): Endel Ots, Sarah Hoog, Jill Hoog, Bob Hoog, and Jessica Friedrich.

### **GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE** -

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"I thought my extended trots today were nice. My changes and pirouettes, I was very happy with them," she continued. "I felt that the whole freestyle really flowed today. I wanted to go mistake free again today. He was a little nervous in the first piaffe and pirouette, so I had to make it a bit bigger than I would've liked, but we were with our music, the whole test flowed nicely, and sometimes that last extended trot is exuberant, but everything worked really well today. I came out with a 17-minute warmup, and thought maybe I could've done even less. All of these things are learning opportunities. He's 16, and I thought I'd have him all figured out by now, but each show you learn something new!"

Second place in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage went to Ashley Holzer (USA) and Valentine, her own 2010 Hanoverian mare by Sir Donnerhall, who also earned a personal best for Holzer in the mare's first FEI Grand Prix Freestyle, with 78.365%. Third place went to USA's Anna Buffini riding FRH Davini la Douce, her own 2007 Hanoverian mare by Don Frederico, earning 75.505%.

After being a part of impressive performances from Canadian riders all week, the 32-year-old said, "I think Canada is really strong right now, maybe the strongest we've ever been, and we're getting great marks and are all so supportive of each other. If Tokyo happens, I think we will have a very strong team for Canada."







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### **AGDF 5 CDI WRAP-UP REPORT**

#### THURSDAY

AGDF began with a win for the USA's Nick Wagman and Don John in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 3\* for Special, presented by CabanaCoast. Riding to a personal best score of 73.848%, Nick Wagman and Beverly Jean Gepfer's 2008 KWPN gelding by Johnson TN didn't let their nerves hinder their day's performance.

"This is our first real show in a year, so we were both nervous," Wagman began. "Don John was pretty hot in there, but he knows his job, so I think that was his biggest strength, despite the fact that I was nervous. He didn't let me down. I just watched the video [before the awards ceremony], and there are always things that you want to do better. I felt like he was exuberant but he did look fairly controlled when I watched the re-play. I'm glad that I got this one under my belt, so now we can really focus on getting our confidence back."

Germany's Frederic Wandres bested the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 1\* riding Hof Kasselmann's 2012 Hanoverian stallion by Quasar de Charry, Quizmaster 8, with a 74.030%. Victory in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 3\* went to Kevin Kohmann (GER) and Equitas LLC's 2010 KWPN stallion by Amazing Star, Five Star, riding to a 72.853%.

#### FRIDAY

The winning ride in the FEI Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage also went to Fraser-Beaulieu and All In. Coming into the Global International Arena as the final combination of the day, Fraser-Beaulieu and the 2005 KWPN gelding by Tango, owned by Brittany Fraser and Marc-Andre Beaulieu, climbed to the top of the leaderboard with a final percentage of 73.696.

Fraser-Beaulieu's longtime coach, Ashley Holzer (USA), claimed second place with Valentine, her own 2010 Hanoverian mare by Sir Donnerhall, receiving a 71.826%. Canada rounded out third place with a bookend ride from Chris Von Martels and Eclips, Barbara Soederhuizen and Chris Von Martels' 2009 KWPN gelding by Apache, riding to a 70.326%.

In the FEI Intermediare I CDI 3\*, Cesar Parra (USA) and Mr. Bumblebee claimed top honors for the day. Parra and the 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding by Sting, owned by Equiventure LLC and John and Karen Blank, earned a 71.853% for their efforts.

### **SATURDAY**

Canada's Lindsay Kellock and Sebastien notched a victory today in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 3\* Special, presented by CabanaCoast, topping a class of 13 competitive horse-and-rider combinations. Kellock and the 2006 Rheinlander gelding by Sandro Hit, owned by Enterprise Farm Equestrian LLC and Lindsay Kellock, received a 73.319% from the judges, concluding a momentous weekend for the duo.

The pair posted a personal best score in the Grand Prix on Thursday with a 72.326% and came back today to earn yet another. "I can't describe the feeling; it's amazing," Kellock admitted. "I couldn't be happier, and I'm speechless. The horse is an incredible horse, and I'm glad that I'm finally able to bring that out in him."

Luuk Mourtis (NED) and Harmony Sporthorses' 2009 Hanoverian gelding by Don Primus, Harmony's Don't Stop The Feeling, topped the FEI Intermediare I CDI 1\* with a 72.235%. In the FEI Intermediare A CDI 3\*, Mikala Münter (USA) took home the victory with Skyfall, her own 2008 Oldenburg gelding by Zardin Firfod, with 67.235%.

#### **SUNDAY**

In the FEI Intermediaire II CDI 3\* the USA's Mikala Münter earned the win aboard her own Skyfall, a 2008 Oldenburg gelding by Zardin Firfod, with a 66.500%.

In the FEI Intermediare I Freestyle CDI 3\*, Cesar Parra (USA) and Mr. Bumblebee claimed victory. Parra and the 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding by Sting, owned by Equiventure LLC and John and Karen Blank, earned a 78.950%

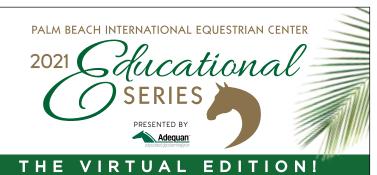


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**Cesar Parra and Mr. Bumblebee** 



Luuk Mortis and Harmony's Don't Stop the Feeling



**Kevin Kohmann and Five Star** 

## AGDF 5 Winners

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Frederic Wandres and Quizmaster 8



**Lindsay Kellock and Sebastian** 



**Nick Wagman and Don John** 



Mikala Munter and Skyfall



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#### March 3-7: AGDF 8 - Palm Beach Dressage Derby Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services

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