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FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY CRE-ARA: **A COMFORTABLE WIN FOR GERMANY'S FREDERIC WANDRES, AND SOME FINE PERFORMANCES FROM THE FRENCH RIDERS**

There was some great sporting action on show in the arena of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Grand Prix presented by CRE-ARA on Thursday 2 November. After a fabulous competition, the German rider Frederic Wandres took first place with an average score of 77.043, riding his extremely chic Oldenburg Bluetooth OLD.

Frederic Wandres had a distinct advance over the second-placed Nanna Skordborg Merrald from Denmark – currently third in the FEI world rankings – who posted a score of 74.044 with Blue Horse St. Schufro. The Dutch rider Emmelie Scholtens completed the podium with a score of 73.304, riding her bay Indian Rock. "This is the second time I've competed in Lyon, but the first time with Bluetooth OLD. This morning, I felt fantastic in the arena. The feeling I had with my horse was much better than in Riesenbeck (during the European Championships this summer). He was absolutely amazing", said the delighted winner, who now plans to spend the rest of the winter season in Florida in order to prepare for the major events on the calendar in 2024.

As regards the French representatives in the class, the best-placed pairing was Pauline Basquin and Sertorius de Rima Z IFCE, who finished at the foot of the podium. With a score of 73.000, they shared fourth place with Sweden's Patrik Kittel. It must be said that Pauline Basquin, who rides for the Cadre Noir de Saumur, and her sometimes mischievous horse put in a truly fine performance here, despite a fault on the tempi changes. "We made the same mistake on the tempi change once again, but that's undoubtedly my fault and you can tell we perhaps still lack a bit of competitive action. As regards the rest, I was really pleased; the piaffe is much better, the horse is calmer and I can ride him more and more in the arena. But, he still retains that little bit of tenseness that makes him so amazing," explained the rider. The representative from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, Morgan Barbançon, finished sixth in the rankings with Habana Libre A (72.456 points). The pair were penalised by a fault in the tempi change on the diagonal and a slightly awkward pirouette to the right. Alexandre Ayache and Jolene finished in 11th place (69.848 pts), just ahead of Anne-Sophie Serre and Gibraltar de Massa, who got the competition underway this morning (69.783 pts). "I tried to use this class as a training opportunity rather than push for a great

performance. I wanted to use this as an opportunity to give my horse experience of this type of competition," explained Anne-Sophie Serre, whose nine-year-old horse was taking part in his first indoor competition. Her husband, Arnaud Serre, had to deal with the volatile temperament of his horse James Bond de Massa, who gave him a hard time from the start of their routine. Finally, the pair came fourteenth with a score of 68.956.

This fantastic line-up of riders and horses, who thrilled the spectators in Lyon on Thursday morning, will be competing again in the international arena for the CDI-W FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE presented by FFE GENERALI on Friday at 4.10pm.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

. Open from Wednesday November 1 to Friday November 3 from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm*,
Saturday November 4 from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm *
and on Sunday November 5 from 8.30 am to 7 pm *
*Access to the International Ring's stands from 8 am

Exhibition Tickets

- . Free for children under 6-years-old and disabled people ¹³
- . Full price: €23
- . Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) license holders, students and holders of Pass Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, €19 ¹
- . Children from 6 to 12-years-old: €14
- . 5 day-pass: €69
- . Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16-years-old): €60 (only sold onsite)

“Sport and Show Evenings”

- . Friday November 3, at 7.30pm*, show jumping: from €36^{AV}
The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show
- . Saturday November 4, at 8pm*, show jumping: from €36^{AV}
The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show
- . Saturday November 4, at 6.30pm*, reining: from €40²
The NRHA European Derby Final and The Run For A Million Qualifier
- . Sunday November 5, at 3.30 pm*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg: from €36²

*Times likely to be modified

1 Reservations are required for group prices: no group prices will be granted at the entrance of the exhibition. FFE members, students and disabled people must present their card at the entrance of the exhibition.

2 Subject to availability.

3 To facilitate access to the site for disabled people, numbered seats in the stands can be reserved at the following e-mail address btoblive@fnac.com

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