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# GERMAN RIDER JESSICA VON BREDOW-WERNDL, THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE DRESSAGE RIDER, IS ON TOP OF THE WORLD IN LYON

FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ AT THE LONGINES EQUITA LYON. CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

The story just keeps getting richer.... Having won three European and two Olympic titles in 2021, as well as the FEI Dressage World Cup Final in 2022, and then giving birth to her second child this summer, the world's number one Dressage rider made a major statement on her return. This Saturday, Jessica von Bredow-Werndl and her favourite mare TSF Dalera BB marked their return to competition with a win in the FEI Dressage World Cup<sup>TM</sup> - Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE GENERALI in Lyon.

The German rider and her faithful companion put in a great performance, receiving an excellent overall score of 90.140% from the judges. In front of a full house, the world number one and her accomplice performed a smooth yet precise freestyle dressage routine, with a particular musical sensibility.... Indeed, after the birth of her second child (Ella) at the beginning of August, the German rider decided to make her return to the international stage in Lyon and also decided to present a brand-new musical theme. And what a theme! A musical track with French notes, taking the audience back to the classics of Édith Piaf.

One champion followed another in the arena in Lyon, as the world's most successful female Olympic athlete across all disciplines, Germany's Isabell Werth, took second place with the powerful Emilio. The couple presented a great routine to the sound of "dolce vita" and opera, with a final score of 87.945%. So, the German team took the top two places in the FEI Dressage World Cup<sup>TM</sup> - Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE GENERALI. And they were not far from filling all three places on the podium, with Benjamin Werndl, the older brother of Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, finishing in fourth place with a score of 82.775% on Famoso OLD. However, third place went to the Swedish rider Patrik Kittel, a regular participant in Lyon, who was delighted with Touchdown's performance (84.630%).

Of the four French couples that started the class, Morgan Barbançon and Sir Donnerhall II OLD put in the best performance to finish sixth with a score of 77.255%. Pauline Basquin (74.770% with Sertorius de Rima Z IFCE), Alexandre Ayache (73.250% with Jolene) and Guillaume Lundy (72.690% with Tempo IFCE) finished one after the other in ninth, tenth and eleventh places.



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#### WHAT THEY SAID...

### . Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (GER)

I love France. My main sponsors are French. I also love French music, especially Edith Piaf and her song "Je ne regrette rien". I always get shivers when I listen to Edith Piaf's songs. Then, one day, my mother suggested that I use the music for my dressage routines. I have to say that her music perfectly reflects the love affair between Dalera, France and myself. I took advantage of my maternity leave to prepare for this Freestyle to Music routine. There was an initial version, then a second and last Wednesday, when I practised it for the last time, I felt I had found the right formula, and Dalera liked it too. I was extremely demanding and wanted to us to be at our best. I think this routine suits us really well.

#### . Isabell Werth (GER)

I was really pleased with Emilio today. He was much more relaxed and laid back. Yesterday, in the Grand Prix, I made a mistake but I also think that the heat affected him. It was not his fault. Today, I managed to get him to relax better. In fact, just before entering the arena, we went for a walk outside for a few minutes to take a deep breath of fresh air.

## . Morgan Barbançon (FRA)

Lyon is my favourite competition. It also marks the start of the indoor season. Despite a slight drop in form yesterday, my horse behaved really well today and was in great condition. Of course, we still have work to do, but he wants to do his best, and that puts a smile on your face.

. Sylvie Robert, President of GL events Equestrian Sport, organiser of the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International

Well done, and thank you to the riders for sharing this great moment of sport with us. We are delighted to be able to welcome all these athletes. We have rarely seen such a level of competition in Lyon. I would also like to thank the International Equestrian Federation for its confidence and for granting us these four World Cup stages. We are so happy to be able to organise them in Lyon where the audience is so amazing, and is always there in numbers for this FEI Dressage World Cup<sup>TM</sup> Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE GENERALI.

### LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

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Practical information

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- . Open on Wednesday 26 October from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm\*,
- . On Thursday 27 October, from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm\* (access to the international arena's stands from 8 am for the FEI Dressage World CupTM Grand Prix presented by CREARA),
- . On Friday 28 October, from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm\* (access to the international arena's stands from 8 am for the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy CWD Grand Prix),
- . On Saturday 29 October, from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm\* (access to the international arena's stands from 8 am for the FEI Driving World CupTM presented by Laiterie de Montaigu)
- . On Sunday 30 October, from 8.30 am to 7 pm  $^{\star}$  (access to the international arena's stands from 8 am for the CSI 5  $^{\star}$ -W)

#### **EXHIBITION TICKETS**

- . Free for children under 6 years of age and disabled people 1,3
- . Full price: € 22
- . Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) licence holders, students and holders of Pass Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, € 18 1
- . Children from 6 to 12 years of age: € 13
- . 5 day-pass: € 60
- . Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16 years of age): €55 (only sold onsite)

# 'SPORT AND SHOW' EVENING TICKETS

. Friday 28 October, at 7.30 pm\*, show jumping: from €36 <sup>2</sup>

The Grand Prix followed by 'La Maestria' equestrian show

. Saturday 29 October, at 8 pm\*, show jumping: from €36 <sup>2</sup>

The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by 'La Maestria' equestrian show

- . Sunday 30 November, at 2.30pm \*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg: from €36 <sup>2</sup>
- \*Times likely to be modified
- 1 Reservations are required for group prices: no group prices will be granted at the entrance of the exhibition. For FFE members, students and disabled people: please present your card at the entrance of the exhibition.
- 2 Subject to availability.
- 3 To make it easier for disabled people to come to the site, they can reserve numbered seats in the stands at the following e-mail address <u>btoblive@fnac.com</u>

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