

QUOTES – DRESSAGE LEADERS

Adeline Cornelissen (NED) – Leader after the first day with Parzival. “I am thrilled – and pretty satisfied that I broke my own record – it is the first time that I scored over 80%. Of course there were a few little mistakes but his work is always reliable and his piaffe and passage always great – what I have to do is concentrate that he doesn’t get distracted. Yesterday he thought the arena was pretty spooky – I didn’t get any further than the entrance the first time – but after I rode him in there today he decided it was alright.”

Imke Schellekens-Bartels (NED) – second place with Hunter Douglas Sunrise. “My test went really well and she felt in good shape and that was a good score for a team competition. I was surprised at the mistake in the one-time changes as she had felt really safe but otherwise she was relaxed and secure.”

“The warm-up arenas are perfect and the main arena is good and we are both happy with the surroundings. My horse felt good in the warm-up which gives you a secure feeling – I felt good because she felt good. We won our first team gold medal two years ago and we have a strong chance that we can win again this year.”

Carl Hester (GBR) – third place with Liebling II after the first day. “I had a terrible few days last week but Richard (Davison, chef d’equipe) calmed me down and we gave the horse three days off. He came here fresh and fighting for this test. We didn’t come to be brilliant in all three phases – we came to get a good score in the Grand Prix. I wasn’t nervous – I’m fine when I’m out there. I really wanted to do well especially on home soil and in front of my mates – this was my one chance and I needed to do that.” PTO

Maria Eilberg (GBR) – first senior team championship. “It’s difficult to just pull a test out of the bag we just dug in there and if you have done the preparation it all comes together. For me it is just another arena where you are doing a test. I am concentrating so much that I am not aware of the surroundings but the arena despite being huge feels nice and relaxed for the horses. I am however all buzzed up now and the support was fantastic.”