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## Austria in the lead, an encouraging start for France !

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This morning at 9 o'clock, a first group of 34 drivers was called to perform their dressage test on the castle's arena.

Out of the 34 carriages competing on this first day, the Austrian Alexander Bösch stands in the lead with a score of 51.71 points. He is followed by the French Claire Lefort, who signed a magnificent test with Darwin de Féline, evaluated at 52.84 by the judges, a result likely to satisfy the federal staff, since Claire was the first teammate of the French team. While the German champion Anne Unzeitig takes the 3rd provisional place, Jean Michel Olive, who participates as an individual in this championship, gets a nice 6th provisional place with 58.43 points, Anne Violaine Brisou obtains the score of 62.10, which earns her the 12th place, while Magalie Aillaud is currently in 15th position with a score of 63.76, and Edouard Morichon stands in 17th position with 66.09 points.

Tomorrow (Friday 16th), the two other members of the team, Fabrice Martin with Lanzaro IFCE and Marion Vignaud with First Quality will defend the French colors at 11:25 and 17:40 respectively. The Dutch Saskia Siebers, title holder, will be in the arena at 3 pm.

### Focus Claire Lefort

Claire Lefort, 38 years old, an optician by profession, lives near Montauban. She also runs her own facilities where she gives driving lessons and works on her horses thanks to the advice of the national trainer, Félix Marie Brasseur, during federal training sessions, but also of Benjamin Aillaud and Muriel Léonardi.

"Sometimes the days of twenty four hours are too short" smiles Claire. During this world championship, Claire is associated with Darwin de Féline, the last homebred product of the mare Féline, her partner in eventing.

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"I educated and trained him from A to Z, mounted then harnessed, he did some eventing competitions when he was young, which gave him a good foundation, and today we are in the French team at the World Championship. I have a very special bond with him. I am happy with my dressage. We made a warm up in adequacy with the ground which is a little heavy for Darwin, who is still young. He responded very well, I made a small mistake at the beginning of the test, but then he reacted very well to everything. I am very happy with him. Dressage is not his strongest point, but he keeps progressing, and this is his first world championship." Claire is not at her first event at this level, since she has already participated in five pony world championships, and one one-horse world championship in 2018.

Tomorrow's program, Friday September 16th

9am-5pm: Dressage (Carrière du Château)

3pm: Round Table World Horse Library (Lounge tent)

7pm: Dressage prize-giving ceremony (Terrace of the catering tent)

8:30 pm: Concert by The Rocking Five (Tente Lounge)

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