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France in the lead in front of Netherlands and Germany

During this second day dedicated to the dressage test, 47 teams gave their best to convince the judges positioned around the arena. The French team is in the lead with 17.85 points ahead of the Netherlands while Germany scores 104.82 points.

At the end of these two days, the best score goes to Marion Vignaud (FRA) with her faithful First Quality, judged at 39,32 points (75.4%). In second place, the Canadian individual rider Kelly Houtappels Bruder with Flip, who obtained the 41,59 points (74%). On the third step of this very provisional podium, the French Fabrice Martin and Lanzaro IFCE, with 43,78 points (72,6%). Thanks to its two teammates placed in the top three, France is in the lead with a comfortable advantage of 17.85 points. Following the ranking, the reigning world champion, the Dutch Saskia Siebers with Axel (43.85 points - 72.6%), which allows her country to occupy the 2nd place in the provisional ranking, while the Belgian Laure Philippot and Galen V take the 5th place (44.85 points). The Luxemburgish Marie Schiltz and Frodo, who won the CAI3* at the Haras National du Pin, finish in 6th position (49,98 points), in front of the German Marie Tischer and Fortino (50,31 points), member of the Manshatft now in provisional bronze.

Quotes

Marion Vignaud (FRA)

"I am very happy with the test, I was a little stressed because First Quality was a little lower in energy than usual, but in the end he was very attentive, I took a lot of pleasure. Concerning the marathon: "The course managers enjoyed themselves by offering us a very technical, long and physical course because of the difference in altitude in phase A, and eight obstacles in phase B, whereas during the season we no longer have phase A and rarely eight obstacles. Tomorrow there will really be something to do, the course is physical and technical. The series of curves are tight, and in the passages on perfect trajectories there is always a small disturbing element positioned on purpose. Moreover, no less than 120 drop-offs (balls positioned at the top of the obstacle posts) have been positioned, so that we will have to avoid touching anything, because the slightest ball on the ground represents a penalty of two points. First Quality is ready, it's up to me to drive him properly and avoid mistakes".

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Kelly Houtappels Bruder (CAN)

"I was thrilled with my test, it was probably the best one he's ever done. I have had him for six years, he is fourteen years old. This is the third time I come to the Haras du Pin, but it is my first world championship. The marathon is beautifully built, with a concern for the welfare of the horses, but it is still very technical."

Fabrice Martin (FRA) responsible for the technical and educational sector in one horse driving, for the Haras National du Pin, Haras national de Rosières aux Salines, and Haras National d'Uzès. "I am very satisfied with what the horse has given me. We have been a couple for four years, and this world championship was our major objective. He was great. »

Saskia Siebers (NED), reigning World Champion

"I am happy with my test with Axel, who I have had since he was four years old and who is now seventeen, there were no faults, and I was delighted to come back to compete at the Haras du Pin, where I have already had the opportunity to compete several times. The ground of the arena was excellent. »

Marie Schiltz (LUX) winner of the CAI3* at Haras du Pin in 2021 with Frodo

"I am very happy with our dressage test even if we made some small mistakes. I already know the marathon, some obstacles have been modified. The course is quite technical, some passages are tighter than others, but I think it is still feasible. Frodo is fourteen years old, I've had him since he was four, he's my father's old horse, he's excellent in all three tests and he has a lion's heart, he does everything for me."

Marie Tischer (GER)

"I am delighted with my test, I had a lot of fun, even if I made a mistake or two, the arena is very impressive. We bought Fortino in 2017 in Germany. He started his career as a driving horse, then he became a dressage horse. This is my first competition at Haras du Pin, and my first world championship. The marathon is not my strong point, but it seems very interesting and technical because of the rather delicate turns, but I hope that we will go to the end without difficulty."

Quentin Simonet (National Technical Advisor)

"Overall, these two days of dressage went very well. It's not an end in itself, but just a step towards the final result."

Tomorrow, the day will be dedicated to the marathon, drawn by Dutch course designer Johan Jacobs. Quentin Simonet (conseiller technique national)