

Dancing Horse Dressage Riders Victorious at Poplar Place October Dressage Show

Atlanta, GA– Grand Prix dressage rider, Suzanne Dansby-Phelps, could not have been more impressed with the accomplishments of her up and coming students, who dominated the competition at The Poplar Place October Dressage Show. "All three of my students swept their classes with great scores at Poplar Place, Dansby-Phelps glowed. As you can imagine, I am really proud of them!"

Elyssa Eidbo, riding Mentor, a 13 year old Dutch Warmblood, earned the High Score of Show with 71.628% in Second Level Test 3. This was especially impressive because it was Elyssa's first show on Mentor. Not to be outdone, Jesse Mason, rode Lutz for the first time in a show and won all three of her Second Level Tests. Lutz, a 13-year-old Oldenburg gelding, owned by Sarah Bochar, posted scores of 67.38% in Second Level Test 4, 65.4% in Second Level Test 2 and 62.6% in Second Level Test 4. Dansby-Phelps's student Francesca Barbera, secured two qualifying scores on Grand Cru with a first place score of 68.14% Third Level Test 3 and again placed first with a score of 63.488% at Third Level, Test 3. These two scores are qualifiers toward the 2008 USDF Regional Championships.

"Elyssa and Jesse both acquired the Second Level scores needed for their USDF bronze medals. Then Francesca qualified for the 2008 USDF Regionals," Dansby-Phelps said. "Elyssa already has one second-level score under her belt. I could not be happier."

Dansby-Phelps best known for her exemplary skills at FEI Level dressage competitions, was pleased about the scores her Dancing Horse Farm students racked up. "We have an exciting season of hard work ahead of us; consistency is key," she added. Dansby-Phelps, who has been either short or long listed for the United States Team for seven consecutive years, knows what it takes to repeat a performance. "I feel after observing their tests that I am training riders who will go the distance. These remarkable young women have my full support and I shall teach them everything I know about competing at the top levels."

Photo: All Smiles--The Dancing Horse Farm Team celebrate a victorious show with a picnic at the Poplar Place October Dressage Show (left to right: Melody Moore (Elyssa's mother) Elyssa Eidbo, coach, Suzanne Dansby Phelps, Jesse Mason and Francesca Barbera

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