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More Future Dressage Stars at Dressage at Devon Day 2 – Dressage at Devon

Day 2 of Dressage at Devon featured horses from foals four and five-year-olds in the Materiale classes as well as qualifying classes for the Coast Finals. From misbehaving babies to more mature horses who have done this before, it was a great day.

Evaluating Dressage Potential in Foals

Spectators watch foals walk into the arena and just stare in awe at how tiny and cute they are. However, judges have a very different perspective. They look much more closely, evaluating the foals in three areas: the walk, trot, and confirmation. Judge Janet Foy took the time to break down exactly what judges look at when evaluating these foals.

“When looking at confirmation,” Janet Foy said, “we analyze the built of the foal, looking at things like how the neck is put into the shoulders.” The walk is the next phase of the test, and judges examine the rhythm and freedom of the foal’s step. Trotting by guidance of a handler is the final part of the test. There is the repeated importance of rhythm and freedom of limbs in this movement as well as the balance of activity.”

Foals are still young and playful, winning the heart of all spectators in the stands. Judge Janet Foy comments “Foals are expected to play as they are still young. General Impression is only about 10% of what we look for.” Therefore, judges look more towards the movement and rhythm to analyze the potential of each foal and their future in dressage.

Championships

- The Foal Championship was won by Noah ISF (Contango x Cayenne w), a bay, KWPN stallion born in the current year. He is owned by Mary Alice Malone, Iron Spring Farm (Coatesville, PA).
- The Young Horse Championship was won by Summersby II (Sezuan), a 3-year-old Oldenburg mare, owned by owned by Alice Tarjan from Oldwick, NJ.
- The Stallion Championship was won by Bingotti (Hilltop Bugatti/Wolkenfee), an 8-year-old chestnut Hanovarian bred by Kathleen & Don Swalwell of Manchester, MI.
- The Mare Championship was won by Dhanube (Destano/Sp.pr Lhorna Doone), a 5-year-old chestnut Oldenburg, bred by Maurine Swanson of Slatington, PA.
- The Mature Horse Championship was won by Bingotti (see above).

Born in the USA

The Born in the USA Breeders Award was developed by the Dressage at Devon Committee to recognize and reward the achievements of American breeders of Sport Horses. To be eligible, horses must be conceived and foaled in the USA. And everyone is a winner!

Thursday, September 27th will feature the United States Dressage Foundation Championships.

And the weather forecast is great!

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