

Return of international division ups the ante at California Dreaming Productions' March competition in Del Mar.

This year's Dressage Affaire CDI marked the successful return of the international portion of the show after a two-year absence, and also provided an additional opportunity for USEF Dressage Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe Robert Dover to observe talented prospects in California.



“There is a wealth of great riding out here on the West Coast,” said Dover during an on-air interview with CDP Live commentator Axel Steiner. “There have been so many super riders here for years that have not only achieved greatness themselves but have mentored other great up-and-coming riders, so I was happy to be able to be here.”

Steffen Peters & Legolas 92

As the distinctive opening bass line of Under Pressure rang out in the covered arena at the Del Mar Horse Park with the voiceover “Hi, I’m Legolas, let’s go!,” there was no doubt that Legolas 92 was back in top form as he and Steffen Peters posted the second-highest Grand Prix Freestyle score of their career. The veteran U.S. Dressage Team pair’s winning score of 82% was also the best of any other American team contender in the current Olympic selection year,

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second only to their own career best score of 84.050% earned at the LA Winter Dressage CDI in Burbank in January.

“One of the judges spoke with me during the awards and said it was the best she’d ever seen Legolas look,” said Peters of Four Winds Farm’s Westfalen gelding (Laomedon x Fuerstin by Florestan II). “We had two clean, confident tests this weekend and I’m just thrilled with him. He feels great and hopefully we can keep him this relaxed for the rest of the season so he can continue to show at his best.”



Anna Buffini & Wilton 11

After sweeping the Under-25 division at the Mid-Winter Dressage CDI in Burbank in February, Anna Buffini and her KWPN gelding Wilton 11 (Jazz x Olympia-W by Contango) continue to be unbeatable at this level as they dominated the CDI Under-25 Intermediaire II class with 71.096%

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