

## CANADIAN DRESSAGE RIDERS WIN GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AT THE 2010 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ottawa, ON— The British Columbia Junior Dressage Team won the gold medal in the FEI Junior Team Competition on July 28 at the 2010 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships, which is being held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY July 28 – August 1st, 2010.

The Gold Medal Team, comprised of Esmee Ingham of West Vancouver, BC, Sylvie Fraser of Armstrong, BC, and Monica Houweling of Delta, BC, scored a decisive win with a Team total score of 201.297, 3.5 points ahead of the silver medal team.

The USA Region 7 Team took silver with a score of 197.783 and USA Region 3/4 earned bronze, scoring 193.676. The Ontario Junior Dressage Team, comprised of Anneka Sutton of Drumbo, ON, Noémie Gagnon-Bergeron of Kanata, ON, Sarah Pfaff of Harrow, ON and Sarah Loewen of Winnipeg, MB, finished in fourth place, missing the bronze medal by just 0.486 points.

In the Young Rider division, Team Ontario won the Team silver medal. Amy Jager of Waterloo, ON, Jaimie Holland of Caledon, ON, Maura O'Sullivan of Toronto, ON and Megan Lane of Collingwood, ON finished with a team score of 198.421, having been edged out of the top spot by the USA Region 5/6 Team who had a gold medal combined score of 199.842. The bronze medal was won by USA Region 4/8 with 196.421. Canadian East/West Team of Erika Urff of Langley, BC, Santana Rooyakkers of Glendale, NS and Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar of Bluffton, AB, finished in fifth place with 191.105.

Individual competition for the Young Riders continued on July 29 with the Individual Test. Lane, 19, riding her nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare, Caravella, earned the Individual silver medal, scoring 68.947%. The Bronze medal went to fellow team member Holland, 21, and her 12-year-old Westphalian mare Fleurina with a score of 68.211%. The Individual Test for the Junior Riders takes place on July 30, and the Freestyle tests for both the Juniors and Young Riders will occur on July 31.



“We are all proud of our Canadian dressage riders and congratulate all of our gold, silver and bronze medalists,” said Ellen Dvorak, Chef d’équipe of the Ontario Junior and Young Rider Teams. “Canadians can be proud of the line-up for the Young Riders Freestyle on Saturday. Six riders of the fifteen moving forward are Canadian.”

Exclusively for Junior riders, aged 14–18, and Young Riders, 16–21, the NAJYRC gives up and coming riders the opportunity to experience representing their country as a team, and prepares them for future international competition. The Championships, presented by Gotham North, are being hosted at the site of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games and feature the disciplines of dressage, eventing, jumping and reining. For more information and complete results for NAJYRC, please visit [www.youngriders.org](http://www.youngriders.org).

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