

Chester Weber To Prepare for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games on Home Turf

Ocala, FL (May 3, 2010) –Reigning US National Champion Four In Hand driver, Chester Weber announced today that he will train and compete in North America this summer in preparation for the 2010 Alltech World Equestrian Games to be held this fall in Lexington, Kentucky. “It’s was a tough decision”, said Weber, the nations number 1 ranking driver, “I love competing in Europe, but I feel that training and competing here is the smart decision”. Weber, whose last competition season in Europe culminated with him winning the individual silver medal at the World Championships in Beesd, Netherlands,



said he will miss the excitement of Europe but is glad he had the opportunity to show successfully under several European judges this year. “This summer we will plan to fine tune the horses at Garden State (CAI Allentown), CAI Bromont (Canada) and Iron Horse CDE in Illinois. The competition will keep the team sharp and give us a chance to compete without the stress of traveling back and forth to Europe before the World Equestrian Games,” said Weber.

US Driving Chef d’Equipe, Ed Young agrees one hundred percent with Weber’s decision, “I believe that there is no reason for Chester to take his team to Europe. He came out very strong this spring and he has proven himself to be a solid competitor. There is simply no sense in stressing his horses with the extra wear and tear of traveling to Europe,” said Young.

Michael Freund, former World Champion and US Team Coach also applauded Weber’s decision. “Chester’s team has demonstrated that they are prepared to compete on an international stage. In February and March of this year they showed under European judges and proved again that they are up to European standards. They have a long competition season in the US and it is important to keep the horses fresh and at the top of their game”. Freund shared that he only competed his top team of horses 3 or 4 times a year and compared combined driving horses to 3-day event horses that need to be fresh to excel in all 3 phases of the sport. “Chester’s top team is experienced and he is wise not to over compete them. It is my clear recommendation that this seasoned team of horses needs to stay fresh so they can peak in October at the World Equestrian Games,” said Freund. Freund, who has trained Weber previously, will have an opportunity to coach him again at the World Equestrian Games. “The objective is to be at the top of our game for the World Equestrian Games and I am confident that Chester Weber and his team are well prepared,” added Freund.

Many of Europe’s top drivers would undoubtedly like the opportunity to see where their horses stack up against Weber’s team before the World Equestrian Games. Weber’s team is revered internationally for their dominating dressage scores, but unless European competitors want to come to North America

and compete this summer, they will just have to wait for the World Equestrian Games for an opportunity to pit their teams against Weber's. This fact may make the World Equestrian Games combined driving competition even more exciting for spectators.

For more information on Weber and Team Weber's 2010 competition schedule visit www.chesterweber.com.

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