

Weber Rocks Riesenbeck

Riesenbeck, Germany- U.S. Four-in-Hand Driving Champion, Chester Weber rocked the driving world last week when he won at the 50th Anniversary of the Fahrderby (German Derby) held at Riesenbeck. Weber blew away the opposition with a score of 553.84 almost 29 points lower than the second place team from Sweden.

The Fahrderby format calls for five tests with two additional tests for pairs only. The first pair is driven in a dressage test and the second pair is driven in a show ring class. Tucker Johnson's team could not touch Weber, but came in third with a score of 586.96.

"We swept the three dressage classes and broke an international record with the lowest score ever recorded in Test 8 with the Four-in-Hand on Friday," Weber said. "This allowed me to drive a smooth careful marathon and still hold on to the lead I had created with my dressage."

Careful to keep his edge, Weber used two different horses in the team he drove at Riesenbeck. The famous Senate and Jamaica were given the weekend off after being instrumental in Weber's third placement at CHIO Aachen four weeks ago. Weber is fortunate to have such a spectacular group of horses that are all peaking at the right time... and he knows it.

"We were able to finish up this last outing before the World Championship in Beesd with all my horses sound and fit for the games ahead," Weber confirmed.

"I rotated two of my horses out of the Riesenbeck competition so I could have the freshest team possible for the first week in September. I intend to take a combination of these two teams to the World Championships in The Netherlands. This will insure us of driving the best and most fit team for this world class competition."

Arriving from an undefeated year in the United States, Weber and his Team have maintained a confident schedule in Europe this summer. At the World Equestrian Festival held the first week in Germany, Weber won the Time Shuttle prize for dressage at the CHIO Aachen. Their third-place overall in the Four-In-Hand Combined Driving competition, was less than a point behind the second-place finisher.

He has gone on to compete and win handily in the CAI-A Riesenbeck, which sets Weber up perfectly for the World Championship Teams competition in Beesd, The Netherlands, September 3rd – 5th. The fact that Weber consistently scores well in the dressage phase of competition and that he will be driving a combination of very fit and sound horses should prove to be an edge-of-the-seat performance for the spectators fortunate enough to attend.

Weber has not lost any competitions on U.S. soil since 2006. He is also the reigning Four-in-Hand Driving National Champion, a title he has won six consecutive times. He remains confident the United States will be successful at the World Championships in September. "Our convincing win at Riesenbeck helps our entire team, horses and people, feel the plans we made are on track for the upcoming championship," Weber asserts enthusiastically.

With the CAI-A Riesenbeck success to augment their efforts, Team Weber now prepares for the World Championship in Beesd, The Netherlands. For more information about Chester Weber's European show schedule and upcoming events in the fall visit his website at: www.chesterweber.com.

Photo: Team Weber dons the black victory coolers and apron after leaving the opposition behind at the CAI-A Riesenbeck. Photo courtesy of My Elisabeth Weber



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