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Home victory in the Grand Prix Freestyle of Leudelange

Sascha Schulz was pleased with the successful freestyle - immediately after the final greeting he praised his impressive Lusitano stallion Dragao exuberantly and pulled his cylinder to greet the enthusiastically applauding spectators, who had gathered in large numbers for the fifth tournament day at the CDI**** in Leudelange. The judges were also impressed by the freestyle of the pair from Leudelange who had already won in Máriakálnok/HUN, Ebreichsdorf/AUT and Brünn/CZE and even reached the 80 per cent mark in the mark for artistic value. With a total of 74.68 percent, Sascha Schulz and Dragao beat the competition in the freestyle presented by Gestüt Peterhof. Second place went to Uwe Schwanz/GER with Hermes (74.13 percent), third place to Terhi Stegars/FIN with Thai Pee (72.86). From Luxembourg's point of view, Fie Christine Skarsoe's sixth place with So Dark (66.70) was also gratifying.

Even before the evening freestyle, the host country Luxembourg had reason to be happy: Nicolas Wagner, like Sascha Schulz and Fie Christine Skarsoe, designated European Championship Rotterdam rider, placed third (72.00) in the top-studded Grand Prix qualification for the Special (presented by Dressage Grand Ducal & Ecuries des prés) with his Quater Back Junior on Sunday's final day of the tournament. The first and second places were occupied by US stars Adrienne Lyle and Steffen Peters, with the better end for World Cup seventh Adrienne Lyle. She had saddled her WEG silver medallist Salvino, who was rated 77.15 percent by the judges. Her WEG team mate Steffen Peters came in with his Suppenkasper at 75.08 percent.

Isabell Werth provided a lot of fun. The world number one did not start in Leudelange because her Weihegold OLD still had to work on her "pregnancy pounds" (due to embryo transfers). The rider from Rheinberg/GER had come especially for a bubble soccer match. In an interview with SR editor Stefan Hauch, she announced that she definitely wanted to be part of the CDI**** Leudelange next year: "I've already heard so much good things about the event here and now I have to say from my own experience, yes, this is really all top here." Then things should go just as well as they are now for bubble soccer, a fun football sport with big air-filled body balls. Together with her son Frederik her team Isabell Werth Collection swept the opposing team Power Ranger with 3:0 from the field/arena. She revealed that she had got tips for the tactics from the husband of Lisa Müller, the soccer world champion Thomas Müller. She then left the goal-shooting to Christoph Koschel, who looked after his students in Leudelange and coached his wife Patricia Koschel to victory in the Almased Amateur-Inter II.

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