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GERMANY IN THE LEAD

The eventing Test Event that is a preview of the FEI World Championships™ 2022 (September 15-22) started today at Pratoni del Vivaro with the dressage test.

Day one saw 35 riders from nine nations (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland) competing in the CCI04*-NC-S that is the first leg of the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2022.



La tedesca Anna Siemer on FRH Butt's Avondale - ph. Massimo Argenziano

The leader in the individual ranking is Germany's Ingrid Klimke (24.8 riding SAP Hale Bob Old), also putting Germany in the lead in the ranking for nations (78.7) in front of France (82.30) and New Zealand (87.50).

The second day of dressage will start tomorrow morning at 10 am with another 28 horse and rider combinations competing as individuals.

The cross country is scheduled for Saturday at 10.30 am with the jumping test on Sunday (10.30 am).

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INGRID KLIMKE OFF TO A GREAT START

Ingrid Klimke, 54 years old and riding for Germany, is one of the most important competitors in the eventing Test Event being held from today until Sunday at the Praton del Vivaro, a real rehearsal for the FEI World Championships™ 2022 (September 15-22).

Three times on the Olympic podium (team gold in Beijing in 2008 and in London in 2012, team silver in Rio de Janeiro 2016), bronze medal winner at the 2918 World Champions, twice the winner of the individual World Championships, the German rider with her SAP Hale Bob Old immediately made her presence felt today at the Praton during the first day of dressage finishing in the lead (24.8). That was no surprise since at a previous CCI0 4* in 2020, riding the same horse, Ingrid obtained the best score ever in dressage at the Praton (20.8) and also the best score ever in a 3-Day Event (24.4).

"I am delighted as SAP Hale Bob Old performed splendidly. He was fresh and felt very positive and reactive and gave me really a good feeling."



Ingrid Klimke riding SAP Hale Bob OLD - ph. Massimo Argenziano

Ingrid Klimke will be back in the dressage arena tomorrow as she is also competing with a second horse called Equistros Siena Just Do It. On Saturday instead she will be riding over the 3-55 km long cross-country course with its 37 jumps (optimum time 6'14", maximum time 12'28") designed by Giuseppe Della Chiesa.

"I walked the cross-country course yesterday and I think it's fantastic and that the ground is in perfect condition. During the first part one goes up the hill and then comes back down where the jumps on the flat include a series of interesting but demanding and very tight combinations, including the water, to then finish with quite a flowing series of jumps. Among the combinations it is number 7 ("panoramic corners" – editor's note) that is perhaps the most challenging, but so is the last but one, no. 14 ("the swan's lake" – Editor's note), especially if one does not have the correct line. In any case it is a course I know perfectly, and I always love being at Praton where there is everything one needs to do one's best. The organisation too is perfect and Italian hospitality is always special."

Ingrid has riding in her blood. Her father Rainer who won eight Olympic dressage medals (six gold – one individual and 5 with the team and 2 individual bronze ones), and competed in the 1960 Eventing Rome Olympic Games. He also won six World Championships and eight European Championships.

WILLBERRY THE 'WONDER PONY'

There is a 'special guest' for the eventing and driving Test Events and the 2022 FEI World Championships™ (September 15-22). His name is **Willberry**, the 'wonder pony' and he will be present in Italy too so as to support the battle against osteosarcoma and will appear in a special version personalised for these Italian events. The soft toy is in fact embellished with a purple wool scarf and a limited edition pin. For the moment it is on sale at 30€ at the Pratoni del Vivaro, the venue for the two Test Events currently being held and the FEI World Championships™. It will also soon be available online.



Willberry the 'Wonder Pony' at Pratoni del Vivaro

Initially Willberry the "Wonder Pony" was used in the UK to help the Francis family pay for medical treatment needed by Hannah – a young and dedicated rider who sadly lost her battle against this serious disease in August 2016. Thanks to Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony Charity, in addition to other soft toys, support is also given to medical research on bone cancer while also making any equine-based dreams of those seriously affected by osteocarcinoma come true.

All information concerning the Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony are available at www.willberrywonderpony.org.

Donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/hannah-willberrywonderpony.org.

CON CROSS COUNTRY 2 TUTTO IL PERCORSO IN UNA 'APP'

Addetti ai lavori e appassionati del concorso completo sabato potranno contare anche su una preziosa 'app' per scoprire il tracciato dell'attesa prova di cross country del Test Event in svolgimento ai Pratoni del Vivaro.

Cross Country 2, questo il nome della 'app' disponibile su App Store (iPhone) e Google Play (Android) per l'uso su smartphone e sul sito <https://www.crosscountryapp.com/> per l'uso su pc, propone immagini della mappa del percorso predisposto dal course designer Giuseppe della Chiesa e dei singoli ostacoli.

La spettacolare prova di campagna del CCI04*-NC-S è prevista sabato con inizio alle ore 10.30.

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