



2010 Alltech World Equestrian Games

UPDATE

Saturday 2nd October 2010

The Eventing Dressage is complete and our riders did exceptionally well. Zorba, Harry and Kardinal and Kings Courier took everything in their stride, no spooking or fainting! But Quantum Leap spooked a bit in his test.

Scores:

Douglas Welsh 65 penalties
 Martyn Swanepoel: 56.3 penalties
 Paul Hart: 61.2 penalties
 Graham Winn 56.3 penalties
 Heidi Wood: 58.3 penalties

All the horses looked fantastic, and it was a goosebump moment when they rode into the arena and the announcer announced their name and their country. Wow. It has been a really long road for them all, and now they are well into the competition. Douglas said he did not care about his dressage mark, he was just so happy to be able to walk into the arena and compete.

Our horses all have the South African flag as a quarter marker - it looks wonderful.

Today is the Cross Country with the first horse departing at 09h00. The horses depart the start every 4 minutes with only 3 horses on the track at the same time. Total completion time is about 12 minutes. The course is tough and all ups and downs with no flat ground. The going is fantastic and the OC has been watering the track each day and night.

The Showjumpers, Para Dressage Riders and Vaulters have nearly all arrived with the last few arriving today. All the riders are getting their horses used to the surroundings with the Showjumpers having a Warm Up class on Sunday. The Horse Park is getting busier and busier - thousands of people everywhere. S A Reiner Shane and Vix Borland leave today for their return to the UK. SES Smart Star only leaves on the 5th.



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