



# OMAHA EQUESTRIAN FOUNDATION

Media Contact: Jennifer Wood | [Jump Media | jwood@jumpmediallc.com](mailto:jwood@jumpmediallc.com)

[Live Stream](#)

[Results](#)

[Website](#)



## #RidetoOmaha

Friday, April 7

### DRESSAGE FREESTYLE

#### Jessica von Bredow-Werndl Nails Sensational Back-To-Back FEI World Cup™ Final Titles With More Than 90%

In a class that thrilled to the very last, Germany's Jessica von Bredow-Werndl hoisted aloft the winner's trophy at the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final presented by [Havensafe Farm](#) for the second consecutive year. She set a score of 90.482% on the 16-year-old Easy Game daughter TSF Dalera BB, going third from last in the field of 13 starters, which proved impossible to emulate. The combined FEI World Cup™ Finals 2023 of Dressage, Jumping, and Vaulting — which run through April 8 — are taking place at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, NE.

It was last-to-go, Denmark's Nanna Skodborg Merrald, who got closest to von Bredow-Werndl with a career-high score of 87.146% with Blue Hors Zepter. The six-time German Olympian and five-time FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final champion Isabell Werth brought an exceptionally high degree of difficulty in her test on Madeleine Winter-Schulze and Victoria Max-Theurer's DSP Quantaz. Their 85.761% earned them third place in Werth's 24th FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final appearance.



Jessica von Bredow-Werndl and TSF Dalera BB  
Photo by [Alison Hartwell Photography](#)

Von Bredow-Werndl and TSF Dalera BB, who was bred by Silke Druckenmüller, produced a spellbinding performance in the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final - Grand Prix Freestyle to Music presented by Havensafe Farm. Their test was rewarded with a jaw-dropping 55 individual marks of 10. Her Edith Piaf French music score belied her focus on the 2024 Paris Olympics, and all seven judges gave it a 10. The 37-year-old von Bredow-Werndl put on a masterclass of power and harmony, showing uphill, balanced piaffe on the spot, easy gear changes and small, uphill pirouettes — all seemingly without the rider moving a muscle.

"Right from the start when I lifted my hand, I knew she was 100% there with me," said an elated von Bredow-Werndl, who admitted to getting goosebumps on the centerline. "She was excited but still she trusts me, and I felt that from the very first step. I'm so grateful to be allowed to ride such an incredible mare. She is something very special — it's not normal — because she always throws her heart in the arena for me and really wants to give 200%, and she did it again today. I could not be more proud."



Isabell Werth, Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, and Nanna Skodborg Merrald in their awards presentation with Lisa Roskens, Omaha Equestrian Foundation Board Chair, Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen, Betsy Juliano, owner of Havensafe Farm, Janet Foy, President of the Ground Jury, and Ingmar de Vos, President of the FEI.  
Photo by [Alison Hartwell Photography](#)

The pair are now Olympic, European, and World Cup™ champions, with just the World Champion title eluding them, because von Bredow-Werndl was busy having a baby during the 2022 Herring World Championships.

Von Bredow-Werndl runs Aubenhausen in Ostermünchen, Germany, with her brother Benjamin Werndl. She has been riding Dalera for owner Béatrice Buerchler-Keller for 23 years, and over that time they have forged a steadfast bond. They have now logged 23 victories in a row. Things were not always such plain sailing though.

"It was not from the very first second that I got this bond, but the more time we spent together, the closer it got. It took us one-and-a-half years to get the tempi changes, but I already felt her huge talent for piaffe and passage," she said. "I enjoyed every minute here in Omaha to have so much time with her — that's why I didn't do sightseeing. I was more spending time with her because this is something she really appreciates.

"It sounds a bit strange, but it feels like we're soulmates. It's a very special partnership, and I'm so grateful every time I'm allowed to compete her, but I enjoy just cantering through the forest as much as doing piaffe with her," added von Bredow-Werndl, who somehow also found time to become a published author — of a book called Heaven on Horseback: Learning Life's Lessons From My Wonderful Horses — over the pandemic. "It's really like a dream I'm living with Dalera. She's just such a special creature."

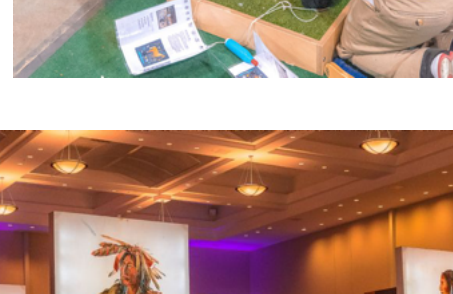
[READ MORE](#)

[FULL RESULTS](#)

Text by [Alice Collins](#)

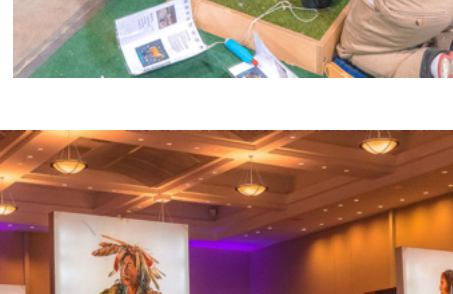
### PHOTO GALLERY

Photos by [Alison Hartwell Photography](#)



### AROUND THE SHOW

Photos by [Tom Jodis Photography](#)



### IN THE NEWS

There's a lot going on at the world-class FEI World Cup™ Finals Omaha 2023 event. From venue happenings to media coverage, here's the latest straight from the horse's mouth.

[Watch Jessica von Bredow-Werndl's and TSF Dalera BB's beautiful winning test.](#)

[Athletes center in the convention, signing posters, photos, and MORE!](#)

[Get pumped for the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final Omaha 2023 tomorrow.](#)

**Omaha Equestrian Foundation**

History repeats itself in the best possible way! 🏆👏

Dancing queens and TSF Dalera BB have once again been crowned Champions, this time at the World Cup™ Final presented by in Omaha! 🏆

... See More

**Omaha Equestrian Foundation**

Never washing these shirts! 👕👏

Fédération Equestre Internationale FEI Dressage USSET Foundation Inc. US Equestrian USA Dressage Anna Buffini Isabell Werth Kollektion FEI World Cup Finals

... See More

**Omaha Equestrian Foundation**

Game faces ON! 😊

Our riders mean business and that business is winning! 🏆

... See More

Follow Omaha Equestrian Foundation to stay updated on all things FEI World Cup™ Finals.



### MAKE YOUR PLANS

**JUMPING**

Saturday, April 8, 6 p.m.: Final

[SEE FULL SCHEDULE](#)

**VAULTING**

Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m.: Final Round

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

For further activity and dining recommendations, as well as event details, be sure to download the FEI WC Finals 2023 Omaha app.

[DOWNLOAD THE FEI WC FINALS OMAHA 2023 APP](#)

#### About the Omaha Equestrian Foundation

The Omaha Equestrian Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that strives to bring equestrian sport into the mainstream by changing the way it is presented and to develop Omaha into a hub of the sport horse industry, attracting and developing championship competitions as both educational and economic development opportunities for the community.

