

PRESS RELEASE

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Sanna steals the show at DJWTS

Making the most of her opportunity to impress the selectors ahead of this year's World Equestrian Games, Rachael Sanna of Glossodia, NSW, won the Grand Prix (CDI-W) and the Grand Prix Freestyle on *Jaybee Alabaster* at the PSI Dressage and Jumping with the Stars (DJWTS) event at Werribee (Vic) last weekend.

With a score of 68.255% Sanna and *Jaybee Alabaster* were ranked first by all 5 judges in the Grand Prix and again in the Grand Prix Freestyle where they scored an impressive 73.000%.

"I was so happy with *Alabaster* tonight, he settled into the test very well and I couldn't expect more from him," commented Sanna after the Freestyle. Delighted owner Beverley Edwards, who bred *Alabaster*, said after the test "They nailed it! This is his second freestyle since becoming a gelding and the few mistakes he made at the Dressage Festival weren't there tonight. I am thrilled!"

Rozzie Ryan and *Jive Magic* were a close 2nd in the Grand Prix with 67.319% and were again runners-up in the Freestyle. "I am really excited about the way he is coming along; the horse is having a blast! Maybe enjoying himself and the music a little too much," said Ryan about the exuberant stallion.

Following the Freestyle visiting FEI 5-star judge Dr. Dieter Schüle from Germany, commented that he "was impressed with the quality" and that in particular *Alabaster* and *Jive Magic* "showed a lot of highlights and some high degrees of difficulty."

Australia's elite Dressage competitors have just one opportunity remaining in Australia to qualify for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, to be held in Kentucky 25 September to 05 October. The final domestic qualifying event will be the *Sydney CDI* 29 April-1 May.

In the Young horse classes at DJWTS, the Young Dressage Horse Champion of Champions was awarded to 6-year-old *San Jose (Sandro Hit)* owned and ridden by Matthew Dowsley. *Master Cognac (Warlord II)* ridden by owner Melissa Froesch became the Young Jumping Horse Champion of Champions.

For full results please see DJWTS website: www.equestrianvictoriaevents.com.au/DJWTS

For more information on the upcoming Sydney CDI please see: www.cdi.com

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