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Twice as Nice: Lionshare Dressage Stars Hone International Luster

Wellington, FL (April 19, 2013) . What's the only thing better than a great ride? Two great rides, of course. Which is exactly what Caroline Roffman of Lionshare Dressage delivered, with a stellar series of performances on equine partners Sagacious HF and Her Highness O as the 2013 Adequan Global Dressage Festival came to its April conclusion in Wellington, Florida.

Roffman and Sagacious HF, the 14 year-old KWPN gelding (Welt Hit II x Judith x Cocktail) she united with last June, were in perfect harmony on Saturday, April 6, winning their first CDI, the Young Rider Grand Prix, with a 70.884%. It was the second score of 70 or better in as many days for the dressage duo, who earned 71.079% in Friday's Intermediare II, but Roffman curbed her enthusiasm until they had a Grand Prix test under their belt as well.

Riding a CDI, in front of five judges, she confessed, *“Was kind of terrifying. I'm realistic enough to know that until you go into the ring and it happens, you can't believe it. This was a good moment... a nice jumping-off point. Hopefully it gets better and better.”*

Sagacious, owned by Hyperion Farm, Inc., first entered the spotlight after Team Gold and Individual Silver medals at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, and continued logging Grand Prix victories from 2009 into 2012 when Roffman, who was named the International Equestrian Federation's 2010 'Rising Star,' took the reins.

“I just started riding and letting him tell us what he wanted. We did a lot of hacking to get to know each other.”

Someone else also noted their potential: five-time Spanish National Dressage Champion and three-time Spanish Olympic Dressage squad member, Juan Matute, who coaches Spain's Young Rider team and Developing Young Horses. *“He really believed the horse could be good enough to do Grand Prix again,”* she said. And he was right.

The elegant equestrienne, age 24, hopes to keep riding high, with an eye on her first competitive tour in Europe and an invitation to compete in the Under-25 Division at the World Equestrian Festival CHIO in Aachen, Germany.

"I've never been to Aachen. I just want to sit at ringside and watch the people I admire. That in itself would be inspirational and beneficial," said Roffman. She could well compete alongside her heroes at Aachen as she brings along her second serious contender, 2012 U.S. Developing Horse Prix St George Champion, Her Highness O.

In March, Roffman's 16.2 hand, nine-year-old black Hanoverian mare scored a 71.211% to win the Intermediare I at the Palm Beach Derby, earning the Judith Guden Memorial Trophy and being named the highest-ranked Intermediare I-1 dressage horse in America.

They haven't looked back since . thrilling audiences and proudly riding for their country in the first-ever Nations Cup for combined Grand Prix and Prix St George teams. Ten teams of international dressage riders met in Florida vying to medal in America's only three-star event of its kind . the Wellington Nations Cup CDIO3* presented by Stillpoint Farm. Seven horse/rider combinations scored 70% or more; three were on Team USA 1 and, you guessed it, among them were Roffman and Her Highness O, the highest-placed (74.050%) American pair, finishing second, in the FEI Intermediare-1 Freestyle CDIO 3* on April 14.

"My horse, two years ago, was a broodmare," said Roffman. "So this was her first experience under lights with a Nations Cup team and only her second freestyle. It's been a pleasure to ride her and be on this team." She added that she had relished the experience of team competition throughout the Wellington Nations Cup CDIO/CDI 3*. "I couldn't be happier. We had mistakes [in our test], but that's where experience pays off. I think in time we can have a cleaner test. But this was a great show and wonderful team atmosphere."

Follow Caroline Roffman, Sagacious HF, and Her Highness O, and learn more about Lionshare Dressage in Wellington, FL, owned and operated with rider and trainer, Endel Ots, by clicking www.lionsharedressage.com.