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Success in Austria: Top European Finishes for Caroline Roffman and Her Highness O

Fritzens, Austria (July 11, 2014) – The American dressage riders competing at the Schindlhof CDI4* in Fritzens, Austria during the first week of July proved that they are bringing the heat during their European campaigns. Following the US Festival of Champions in June, 8 horse and rider combinations are now campaigning to secure their spot for the US Dressage Team at the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Newly confirmed Grand Prix mare and her owner and trainer, Caroline Roffman, were one of the combinations to finish well against the seasoned European competitors, and further strengthen their bid for the World Equestrian Games.

In her third ever Grand Prix Special, the 11-year-old Hanoverian mare scored a 72.18 for second place, and finished in the top eleven out of a field of 30 horses in the Grand Prix. Known for her electric piaffe/passage tours, exceptional extended trot, and correct, neat pirouettes, Her Highness O (Hohenstein x Weltmeyer) has been building her way towards a successful summer season in Europe. Roffman and Hannah, as the mare is known around the barn, will now compete for the United States at the CHIO Aachen in July, all the more impressive as this is their first season ever showing the Grand Prix.

“There is nothing I ask of Hannah that she doesn’t give me,” said Roffman following their Austrian performance. “Despite being new to the Grand Prix she is steady and has been scoring consistently over 70%. She truly loves to show and gives her best effort everytime. I can’t wait to see how she matures going into Aachen and am just thrilled to be in the running for the World Equestrian Games!”

Roffman, who runs Lionshare Dressage, a training and sales business in Wellington, Florida, competed last year with Hannah in the small tour with reserve finishes in France, and was in the top 7 finishers in the Prix St. Georges

at the CDIO Aachen. Their impressive performances at Fritzens marks their successful return to European soil, and hopefully sets the tone for the rest of their European tour.

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