



# FINALES COUPE DU MONDE FEI JUMPING ET DRESSAGE 2018

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## FEI WORLD CUP DRESSAGE FINAL THE GERMAN RIDER ISABELL WERTH GIVES “PROBABLY” HER BEST *FREESTYLE PERFORMANCE TO WIN HER FOURTH TITLE*

Having finished second in yesterday's Grand Prix, Germany's Isabell Werth avenged her defeat to the American Laura Graves by winning her fourth FEI Dressage World Cup Final on Saturday 14 April at the AccorHotels Arena in Paris, in front of a particularly enthusiastic crowd. The “queen” of equestrian sport keeps rewriting history.

The large crowd at the AccorHotels Arena in Paris expected a real battle for the title and they were not disappointed. After her second place in yesterday's Grand Prix for the FEI World Cup Dressage Final, Isabell Werth promised she would fight to retain her world dressage crown, and was determined to do her utmost to defend her title against yesterday's winner, the American rider Laura Graves. With an average of 90.657, the German rider rode what she considered to be one of her best freestyle performances, which enabled her to win her fourth FEI World Cup Dressage Final.

As in 2017, the American rider Laura Graves finished second, but shattered her personal best in a Freestyle to Music class with a score of 89.082. Having arrived on the international circuit just four years ago, Laura Graves has certainly been the revelation of the last twelve months.

Third place went to German rider Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, who seemed particularly emotional after her performance. Indeed, at the age of seventeen years old, her horse Unee BB - the horse she has ridden at four FEI World Cup Dressage Finals (they finished third in 2016 and 2017) - was competing in her last final in Paris.

Tomorrow - Sunday 15 April - the weekend of the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping and FEI World Cup Dressage Finals in Paris will round off with the show-jumping. See you at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

What they said:

### Isabell Werth (GER), on Weihegold OLD

“Weihegold was fantastic today: she was in great form and very responsive. We were more focused than yesterday, during the Grand Prix, and it was certainly the best Freestyle to Music class that we have performed. Obviously, there was a lot of pressure, but that is what drives us: competing against the best riders is really motivating. This FEI World Cup dressage Final was amazing, with a big, enthusiastic crowd. The atmosphere was amazing.”





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## Laura Graves (USA), riding Verdades

“How did I reach this level in international competition so quickly, in just four years? That's a good question. Let's just say that I studied and observed other riders a lot, Isabell Werth in particular. But without Verdades, without his constant desire to do well and improve, without his talent, none of this would have been possible. The Freestyle to Music routine we presented was quite new; we have been performing it since December, but it has made us really competitive. We finished second but I'm very happy! We shattered our personal record, and for a while I imagined that with an average like that anything could have happened; I thought for a moment we might even win.”

## Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (GER), on Unee BB

“I had a lot of pressure starting last. But it was also a great source of motivation: trying to ride as well as possible to beat the Swedish rider Patrik Kittel who had a good average and was in third place in the provisional ranking. I am very proud of my horse, and I am very happy to finish third in the FEI World Cup Dressage Final.”

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## TICKETING FOR THE LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP SHOW-JUMPING AND FEI WORLD CUP DRESSAGE FINALS

The ticketing is now open, offering packages that cater for every budget. Prices range from €10 for the warm-up events to €175 for the best seats on the days of the Finals, with a special rate for French Equestrian Federation license holders.  
[www.feiworldcupfinals-paris.com](http://www.feiworldcupfinals-paris.com) and [www.accorhotelsarena.com](http://www.accorhotelsarena.com)

. Wednesday 11 April: OPENING CLASS  
Cat. 2, €10; cat.1, €15; cat. Or (*Gold*), €20\*

. Thursday 12 April: LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ JUMPING FINAL I  
Cat. 2, €20; cat.1, €40; cat. Or (*Gold*), €60\*

. Friday 13 April: FEI WORLD CUP™ DRESSAGE FINAL GRAND PRIX & LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ JUMPING FINAL II  
Cat. 2, €40; cat.1, €60; cat. Or (*Gold*), €90\*

. Saturday 14 April: FEI WORLD CUP™ DRESSAGE FINAL GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE & GRAND PRIX CSI  
Cat. 2, €40; cat.1, €80; cat. Or (*Gold*), €120\*

. Sunday 15 April: LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP™ JUMPING FINAL III  
Cat. 2, €80; cat.1, €120; cat. Or (*Gold*), €175\*

\* *Subject to availability.*

## ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGES

. From Wednesday 11 to Sunday 15 April.  
Cat. 2, €150; cat.1, €250; cat. Or (*Gold*), €370\*

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