



Alisa Porter



Hannah Marland



Colin Schmidt

Daily Diary – Thursday, August 24th

Judy watched Ian Robert's (Eventing) Dressage test this morning. We'll keep you in suspense until tomorrow as to how he did until Canada's other Eventer, Kelli McMullen-Temple completes her ride. Then we'll update you on where they are in the standings going into the Cross Country phase.

Vaulting

We watched both the ladies' and the men's First Round Compulsory Vaults today. It was an education for both of us. These young people are incredible athletes, demonstrating grace, strength and agility. The horses they use are selected specifically for their size and build and are trained for the sport. The scores attained for each Vaulteer are a combination of the human's and the horse's score – so having the right mount is important. Colin Schmidt, Canada's lone male Vaulteer, said, "Other countries were trying to get the very horses that the Canadians are leasing because they are very good. They are Czech horses and we are lucky to have them."

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Tomorrow the Vaulters do their First Round Freestyle. When that's completed, the scores from today's Compulsory Vaulting and the Freestyle are averaged to determine the placings and whether or not the competitors proceed to the second round. Stay tuned!

Tid Bits

On our way out of the show grounds to the shuttle area via the 'back' route, we passed by the Canadian Eventers' stabling area. Their stalls are near the gates and, since we're not allowed in the stabling area, we took pictures through the open gate. The stalls are decked out in Canadianna, of course, and the largest flag looks like it's been signed by a lot of people in the area.

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