



U.S. Para Dressage Team Strikes Gold at 2024 Paralympics!

The U.S. Paralympic Dressage Team made history by earning the gold medal at the conclusion of team competition at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, France. This marks the first-ever team gold for the U.S. Para Dressage Team at a Paralympic Games and second consecutive Paralympic team medal following its team bronze at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

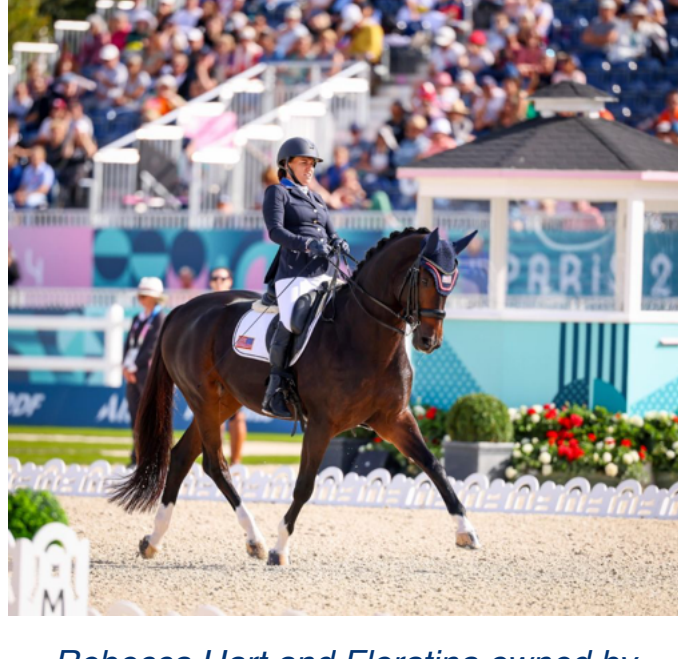
The three team athletes laid down impressive scores to top the silver-medal-winning team from The Netherlands. Roxanne Trunnell and Karin Flint's Fan Tastico H scored a 77.000%, Fiona Howard and Diamond Dunes owned by Dressage Family LLC and Hof Kassellmann scored a stellar personal best of 80.000%, and Rebecca Hart with Rowan O'Riley's Floratina scored a 78.567% for a cumulative score of 235.567% to best 15 other nations.



Fiona Howard, Rebecca Hart, Chef d'Equipe Michel Assouline, and Roxanne Trunnell
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Fiona Howard and Diamond Dunes owned by Dressage Family LLC and Hof Kassellmann
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Rebecca Hart and Floratina owned by Rowan O'Riley
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Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H owned by Karin Flint
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"This is the completion of a long-time, well-planned dream, going back to the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games in Tryon, where we started to actually make changes. Back in Tokyo, when we got the team bronze medal, I had a clear plan and strategy in place to get that medal, and I knew that it had to be gold in Paris for us," said Chef d'Equipe Michel Assouline. "It took an additional three years of very hard work of planning, logistics, and competition strategies, both in Europe and in the U.S., [to ensure we had] the horsepower and the coaching necessary. The whole program had to really be revamped to get to that point. It's a funny thing to think that [this is the result] I expected, but you never want to talk about it openly before it happens. But, it's what I had in mind and here we are. It feels like such an amazing accomplishment for everyone who has been involved with this program over the years."

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The Gold Rush Began in Individual Competition...

On the first day of competition, the U.S. Paralympic Dressage Team captured three individual medals in their respective grades. Rebecca Hart aboard Floratina scored 77.900% in Grade III to earn gold, Fiona Howard with Diamond Dunes scored 76.931% in Grade II to take gold, while Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H scored 78.000% to finish with individual silver in Grade I.

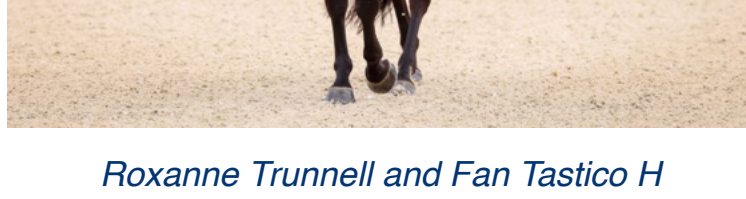
The next day, Paralympian Kate Shoemaker and Vianne owned by NorCordia USA finished fifth out of 15 international combinations in the competitive Grade IV FEI Grand Prix Test A with a score of 72.222%. Shoemaker and Vianne are a new partnership that made their international competition debut in Doha, Qatar, in February 2024.



Fiona Howard, Rebecca Hart, and Roxanne Trunnell
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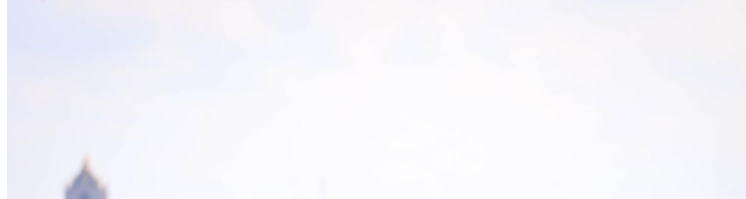
Rebecca Hart and Floratina
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...And Continued in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

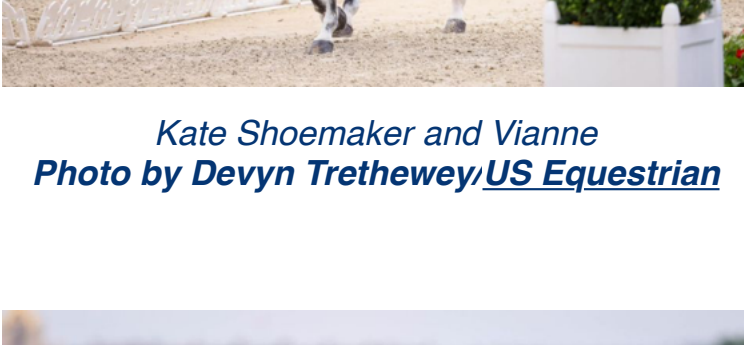
On the final day of competition, the U.S. Paralympic Dressage Team captured three more individual medals in their respective grades in the freestyle competition.

Kate Shoemaker and the Grade IV FEI Grand Prix Freestyle with a personal-best score of 80.170%.

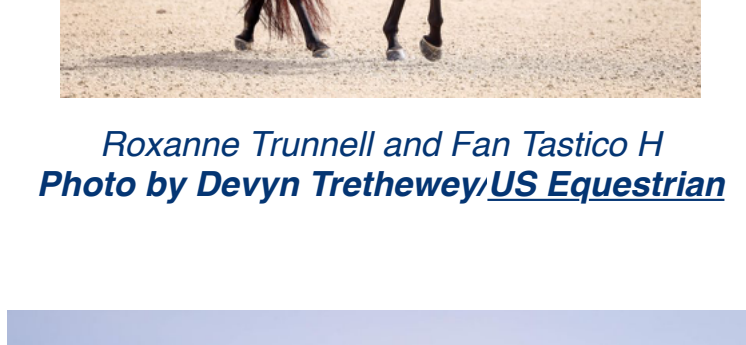
Fiona Howard and Diamond Dunes secured their third consecutive gold medal of the 2024 Paralympic Games in the Grade II FEI Grand Prix Freestyle with a personal-best score of 81.994%

Rebecca Hart and Floratina concluded competition at the 2024 Paralympic Games earning an incredible personal-best score of 83.534% to stand atop the podium in the Grade III FEI Grand Prix Freestyle.

Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H also completed the Grade I FEI Grand Prix Freestyle with a fifth-place finish in a competitive field.



Kate Shoemaker and Vianne
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Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H
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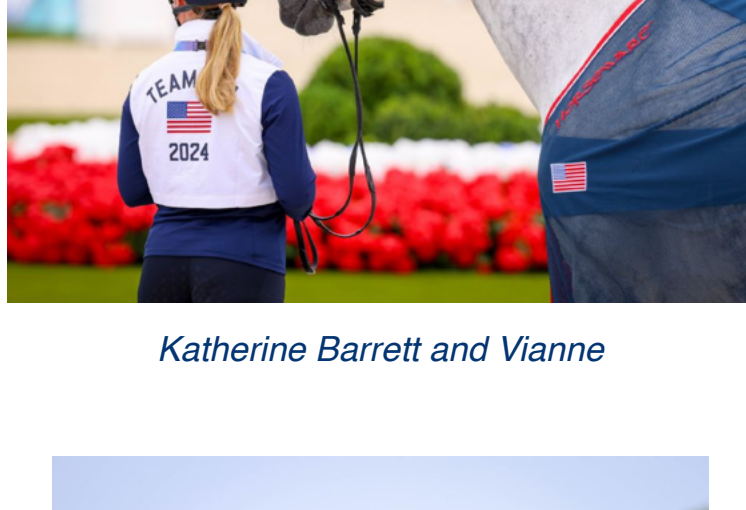


Rebecca Hart
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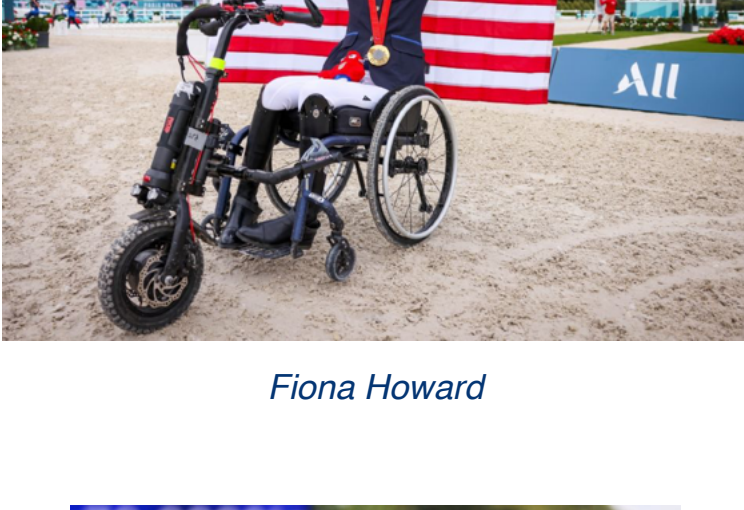
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Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H with Michel Assouline and Andrea Woodard



Katherine Barrett and Vianne



Fiona Howard



Rebecca Hart and Floratina with Kjersten Elliott



Kate Shoemaker and Vianne



Roxanne Trunnell

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