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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 Kasselmann 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% — the highest Paralympic team score ever recorded. Rebecca Hart and Floratina (Grade III), Fiona Howard and Diamond Dunes (Grade II), and Roxanne Trunnell and Fan Tastico H (Grade I) each produced top performances scoring 77% or higher in the FEI Grand Prix Test B.

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Owners and Sponsors Make Olympic and Paralympic Dreams Possible



U.S. Olympic jumping gold and silver medalist Laura Kraut with her 2020 and 2024 Olympic mount Baloutinue and his owner Barbara Roux.

Photo courtesy of Barbara Roux



U.S. Paralympic dressage gold and bronze medalist Rebecca Hart and Rowan O'Riley, sponsor of Hart's 2020 and 2024 Paralympic mount Floratina.

Photo courtesy of Rowan O'Riley

Naturally, all sports require a team effort to propel athletes to the world stage, but equestrian sport has one very unique differentiator — the horse owners. The costs associated with producing, caring for, and competing top horses are steep, particularly, as the U.S. does not provide any government funding for our equestrian programs. As a result, it can be challenging for athletes to sustain excellence at the elite level without the partnership of an owner or sponsor.

Thankfully, our sport has a dedicated and passionate group of individuals who share the aspirations of successfully representing the country at the highest international levels. These individuals have graciously offered their support by way of horses to many of our elite athletes and have maintained years-long relationships with them to ensure consistent competitive excellence.

Five longtime owners that had horses competing at the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France, shed light around their ownership journeys and the important role they play in helping our U.S. equestrian teams sustain prominence on the world stage.

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