

Rider of the Month

This month's Eqvalan Rider of the Month is Brett Parbery who won the World Cup Freestyle at the Australian Dressage Championships with Whisper.

Somehow your game plan with Whisper failed in the Grand Prix but really worked in the Freestyle – why the change?

"I went away from the Grand Prix thinking, that was disastrous. I'd come out of the Inter 2 feeling very confident, went into the Grand Prix, over-confident, came away with a kick up the pants, and then really rode in the Freestyle."

"I learnt a lot out of that, you can't take anything too cheap, that's the one thing I did learn. Taking it too cheaply cost me the Grand Prix, on both horses. The two horses that I've got can take the top two places, they both have the quality..."

Where did you get your Freestyle music?

"The music for Whisper is all Circus Soleil. It's made by Mel Widdis at Fortissimo Freestyles. I picked the music and she mixed it. All Circus Soleil, I tried to create a mystical feeling, the black stallion story lines... I tried to choreograph it to suit the horse, he's only a young Grand Prix horse, but to build the mystery at the start and finish – to make a performance of it."

Can you get around Matthew Dowsley and Cinderella at the Pacific League final at DWTS and go to the home of Circus Soleil in Las Vegas?

"Cinderella is so much more established at that Grand Prix level – we'll give it a fair shot, but she will be hard to beat. Especially coming out of four months with Ulla... but I can promise you, we'll be going for it!"

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Brett Parbery