

Justin Hardin Wins Trilogy Saddle “Best Seat” Award at New England Dressage Fall Festival

Saugerties, NY (September 23, 2010) – Justin Hardin, a trainer at Michael Barisone’s dressage farm in New Jersey, rode away the winner of the Trilogy Saddle “Best Seat” award at the New England Dressage Fall Festival. Hardin and Wyatt Star, a seven-year-old Dutch Warmblood owned by Judy Cardella, captured the attention of the Trilogy selection committee to win the “Best Seat” award and take home a beautiful Trilogy quarter sheet.



“I was really flattered to win the Trilogy Best Seat Award,”

Hardin said. “I work on my seat every time I get in the saddle and it was nice to be recognized for something that every rider works so hard at.”

Hardin, who rode Wyatt Star in a talent search program with Developing Dressage Coach Debbie McDonald this summer, rides in a Trilogy Saddle every day. “I love the nice deep seat as it really lets you sit properly, but you also still have influence over your horse,” he said.

Deborah Witty, President of Trilogy Saddles, congratulated Hardin on winning the Trilogy “Best Seat” Award. “This is Trilogy’s one year anniversary of presenting the ‘Best Seat’ Award and over the past year we have met many riders who work hard, just like Justin does, at developing a great seat,” Witty said. “I was excited to hear that Justin took part in Debbie McDonald’s talent search program. Debbie has been part of my Trilogy Saddle team for many years and she helped me develop The Debbie McDonald Dressage Saddle series.”

The Trilogy “Best Seat” award is presented to the rider that best fits the following three criteria: effective secure seat; well-fitting saddle that enhances performance for horse and rider; and overall appearance on the horse. “I have really enjoyed supporting the dressage community this past year and it has been a great experience meeting riders of all levels,” Witty said. “As we continue to stand behind our dressage riders, Trilogy has signed on as the title sponsor of The 28th Annual Col. Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championship, formerly called the CBLM Championship Finals. We will be the title sponsor for the next three years, beginning with the October 21-24 show at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia.”

Witty, a qualified saddle fitter from the Society of Master Saddlers of England, developed her line of Trilogy Saddles after recognizing that there was a need in the market place for a saddle line that addresses more of the horse and riders needs. Trilogy offers three dressage saddles: The Debbie McDonald, the Amadeo and the Verago. The Debbie McDonald Dressage Saddle series gives riders two choices: The Debbie McDonald features a flatter, more open seat, narrower seat and straighter leg. The Debbie Special is designed specifically for the petite rider. Trilogy also offers The Amadeo Dressage Saddle, the choice of riders who favor a more moderate depth of seat and twist with a generous seat bone position. The Verago Dressage Saddle is for the rider who prefers a deep seat with a narrow twist and a well-supported seat bone area.

For more information on Trilogy Saddles visit their website at www.trilogysaddles.com.

Photo: Justin Hardin, center, won the Trilogy Saddle Best Seat Award while riding Judy Cardella's Wyatt Star at the New England Dressage Fall Festival. Cesar Parra, left, a Trilogy Ambassador, and Debbie Witty, President of Trilogy Saddles, presents Hardin with his Best Seat Award. (Photo courtesy of Trilogy Saddles)