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LANSER & THOMPSON TO REPRESENT T&T IN BARBADOS AND GRAND CAYMAN

January 27, 2012: Earlier this month, on Saturday January 19th and Sunday January 20th, the T&T Equestrian Association hosted the trials for the Barbados and Cayman Island legs of the CEA (Caribbean Equestrian Association) Junior Jumping Competition. These trials held at the Saddle Valley Stables (formerly Hidden Valley Stables) in Santa Cruz, determined who would be the riders to represent our country in these regional events later this year. The team selected comprises of two riders, one aged 14 years and under, and the other 16 years and under. The trials usually consist of 6 jumping rounds over the two days, the riders being allowed to drop one round, that being their worst score.

The under-14 category was contested by Amber Thompson, and Hadley Rahael; the chosen horses for the competition were "Georgio Armani", and "Zeus". The riders and horses were rotated for each round. Thompson fought her way to the top, turning in a final score of 16 faults over the two days of competition, with two lovely clear rounds included. Thompson started riding when she was just seven years old, and has been keen to represent her home country on the regional stage again. Rahael, unfortunately suffered an elimination, and finished with a total of 29 faults and is the reserve rider for the upcoming overseas competitions. Just 12 years of age, Rahael shows much promise in stepping up to the challenge in future competitions.

In the under-16 category, the mounts chosen "Majestic 7" and "Miramis" were ridden alternately by Adelle Stollmeyer and Mariel Lanser. After the first day of competition, Lanser had already started to distance herself by handing in two clear rounds, against Stollmeyer's two rounds of 8 faults each. Lanser's second day performance with another perfect round, and a final round with just 8 faults cemented her win over Stollmeyer, who unfortunately ended the competition with an elimination. Stollmeyer therefore will be in the reserve team position. Lanser has represented T&T in several overseas competitions, and together with Thompson they together form a very capable and confident T&T team for the upcoming CEA Competitions to be held in



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Barbados and Grand Cayman. They have proven themselves before, as they represented T&T in last year's Grand Cayman competition, coming second to the home team by just 2 points. They have their strengths in the Dressage discipline as well, having been part of the Children's Team for the Mini Dressage Challenge in 2012.

The TTEA's next local competition, the FEI World Dressage Competition, will be held on February 27th and 28th at the Saddle Valley Stables in Santa Cruz.



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