

# Mikala Munter Gundersen Wins Trilogy Saddle “Best Seat” Award at Gold Coast Dressage CDI

West Palm Beach, FL (January 27, 2010) – International dressage trainer and competitor Mikala Munter Gundersen rode away the winner of the Trilogy Dressage Saddle “Best Seat” award at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Thanks to her effective and secure seat, the Danish dressage rider drew the attention of the Trilogy selection committee and was presented with the “Best Seat” award.



“This is a big thing for me to win the Trilogy Best Seat award,” Gundersen said. “I appreciate it very much and I want to say a big ‘Thank You’ to Trilogy.”

In addition to winning the Trilogy award, Gundersen said the GCDCA Opener proved to be a good weekend for her. “I brought some of the young stallions and Leonberg, who hasn’t shown since August,” Gundersen said. “I was a little rusty with Leonberg but we still ended up second. In the freestyle we had a great ride. Leonberg was on the mark, he was flying and he was hot.”

Gundersen was presented with an embroidered quarter sheet from Trilogy President Deborah Witty. “Of all the riders at the show, the Trilogy Best Seat selection committee felt that Mikala stood out from the crowd,” said Witty. “Mikala looks beautiful in the saddle. It is also easy to see that her horses comfortable and happy when she rides.”

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. “It is always exciting to present the ‘Best Seat’ award and it is even more exciting to see how happy and grateful the winning riders are,” Witty said, adding that Trilogy looks forward to continuing to present the “Best Seat” award throughout the winter show circuit.

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. “It is extremely rewarding to have the opportunity to build and provide horses and their riders with a saddle that generates more comfort, makes the rider more effective and enhances the team’s performance,” Witty said. “Over the years I have helped top riders such as Debbie McDonald, Shannon Peters, Courtney King-Dye, George Williams and Guenter Seidel with their saddle needs and it has been a very rewarding experience.”

For more information on Trilogy Saddles visit their website at [www.trilogysaddles.com](http://www.trilogysaddles.com).

*Photo: Mikala Muter Gundersen won the Trilogy Saddle "Best Seat" award at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Trilogy President Debbie Witty (right) and Show Manager Noreen O'Sullivan presented Gundersen with her award. (Photo courtesy of JRPR – no photo credit necessary)*