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# **Congratulations to the United States Equestrian Teams on a Successful Olympic** Games

#### Dressage

The last time the U.S. dressage team took home an Olympic team silver medal was at the 1948 Olympic Games in London but that changed as three solid performances in the Grand Prix Special from Sabine Schut-Kery, Steffen Peters, and Adrienne Lyle clinched the coveted podium position. Lyle and Salvino laid the foundation with 76.109 percent while Peters aboard Suppenkasper and Schut-Kery with Sanceo scored personal bests with 77.766 percent and 81.596 percent, respectively.



Adrienne Lyle, Steffen Peters, and Sabine Schut-Kery. Photo by US Equestrian.

"I am just so proud of this team. This is truly the dream team," said Chef d'Equipe Debbie McDonald. "I have to thank all of the amazing coaches, support staff, and owners, as this wouldn't have been possible without their dedication and unwavering commitment to our athletes and their horses."







Adrienne Lyle and Salvino owned by Betsy Juliano LLC. Photo by US Equestrian.



Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Sabine Schut-Kery and Sanceo owned by Alice Womble. Photo by Shannon Brinkman.

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# **Eventing**

The U.S. eventing team finished safe and sound in sixth place at the Olympic Games in Tokyo and all three combinations finished in the top 25 individually. First-time Olympian Doug Payne and Vandiver finished as the highest-placed U.S. combination on a total of 48.20 for 16th place, Boyd Martin and Tsetserleg finished on 52.30 for 20th place, and Phillip Dutton and Z finished with a 52.30 for 21st place.



Boyd Martin and Tsetserleg owned by Christine, Thomas, and Tommie Turner. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Phillip Dutton and Z owned by Evie Dutton, Ann Jones, Suzanne Lacy, Caroline Moran, Simon Roosevelt, and Thomas Tierney. Photo by US Equestrian.



Doug Payne and Vandiver owned by Debi Crowley, Doug Payne, and Jessica Payne. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.

Though the score wasn't enough for a medal, Chef d'Equipe Erik Duvander commented on the improvement and depth of the team as something that will be built on as we look toward the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. "Our team truly showed their mettle on the cross country," said Duvander. "The horses gave their absolute all on the final day in show jumping and tried until the end with everything they had left. I have a great belief in the future of the U.S., as I know we are on the right track."

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## Jumping

The final equestrian competition at the Olympic Games wasn't anything short of exciting as the U.S. went head-to-head with Sweden in a jump off for the gold medal. All three U.S. combinations—Laura Kraut and Baloutinue, Jessica Springsteen and Don Juan van de Donkhoeve, and McLain Ward and Contagious-delivered fast, clear rounds but couldn't quite catch their rivals and ultimately walked away with the team silver medal, the second consecutive team silver for the U.S. jumping team at the Olympic Games.



Laura Kraut, Jessica Springsteen, and McLain Ward. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.

Olympic veteran McLain Ward commented on the tremendous team effort. "This was truly a team of four, plus the army behind us," he said of the support they received from teammate Kent Farrington, who competed in the Individual Qualifier, but sat out for the team competition.





Laura Kraut and Baloutinue owned by St.

McLain Ward and Contagious owned by Beechwood Stables LLC. Photo by US Equestrian.

Bride's Farm. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Jessica Springsteen and Don Juan van de Donkhoeve owned by Stone Hill Farm. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Kent Farrington and Gazelle owned by Robin Parsky. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.

"It's what you dream of," said Chef d'Equipe Robert Ridland. "We came up with a plan a long time ago and the emphasis was always going to be on the team competition."

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## **Up Next: Tokyo Paralympic Games**

The U.S. para dressage team is preparing for its Paralympic performance in Pre-Export Quarantine (PEQ) in Aachen, Germany. The Paralympic equestrian competition will begin August 28. Visit <u>USET.org</u> for team updates, photos, headlines, and more.



Beatrice De Lavalette and Clarc owned by Elizabeth and Nicholas De Lavalette. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Rebecca Hart and El Corona Texel owned by Rowan O'Riley. Photo by US Equestrian.



Kate Shoemaker and Solitaer 40 owned by Kate, Craig, and Deena Shoemaker. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.



Roxanne Trunnell and Dolton owned by Karin Flint, Flintwood Farms LLC. Photo by <u>US Equestrian</u>.

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