

**FEI European Reining Championships 2011:****Giovanni Masi (ITA) claims Gold in Junior Competition, Laura Lorengo (ITA) Silver - Bronze for Laura Spielmann (GER)**

The Junior Riders' individual final of the FEI European Reining Championships in Wiener Neustadt was a final of lots of suspense and many good rides although you could notice that the preceding team competition had taken its toll both on the riders and horses. 21 young reiners from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and the Czech Republic had made it to the final. The winner was Giovanni Masi with his American Quarter Horse stallion Remins Remedy (owner Luka Zeni). Their spectacular performance earned top score 225.5 and the fourth gold medal for Italy at this EC. For Giovanni Masi who is celebrating his 18th birthday in two days, it was another big success in his career after becoming 2009 IRHA Futurity Ltd. and Int. Non Pro Champion as well as NRHA European Futurity Finalist.

Silver also went to Italy: Lara Lorengo and her American Quarter Horse gelding BH Shot O Lon who scored a 216.5. The 18-year-old was Lombardian Rookie Youth Champion and Prefuturity Ltd./Int. Res. Champion Non Pro. Chef d'Equipe Roberto Cuoghi was really happy about their achievements: „We worked hard for it and also were lucky, of course. Filippo Masi is doing such a great job – we are very proud to have him as the trainer of the seniors now as well.“

Bronze was earned by Laura Spielmann (GER) who rode her mare Little Peppy Olena to a score of 212.5. The 18-year-old who trains with Christine Burig and Nico Hormann, was 2009 German Champion and 2010 German Res. Champion. „This was a new milestone for me,“ she said afterwards. „I'm so happy! My horse really gave everything.“

Austrian junior reiner Marina Bottoli and her mare Jac Little Lena missed the bronze medal by only half a point. Scoring a 212, the 2009 Austrian Reining Champion placed fourth. There was a tie on the fifth place between Anna Deredowska (POL) riding Dots Magnum and Alissa Leloux (NED) riding Little Smart Jameen (both 207.5). Morgane Cheveux (FRA) and A Chocolate Chip (206.5) placed seventh, Austrian Julia Gaupmann and Freckles Great Chic eighth (206).