

SA VAULTING TEAM ACHIEVES QUALIFYING SCORE FOR WEG.

At a qualifying event held in the Lipizzaner Hall over the third weekend in March the Riba 'A' vaulting team proved that with months of hard work and commitment dreams can be achieved. The team achieved fantastic scores and have qualified to represent South Africa at the World Equestrian games in Kentucky. They needed a score of 6.00 and after one round of compulsories and two rounds of Freestyle they achieved a score of 6.58.

Four members of the team have previously represented South Africa at international events, but this years Alltech World Equestrian Games starting in September promises to be the biggest and best event ever.

Barbie Gertenbach, the owner of Riba, and longeur and manager for the vaulting team, says, "I am so proud of our vaulters. The sportsmanship, tenacity and passion that this team have brought to the sport is fantastic and it has been a privilege for me to have worked with them."

Jasyn Gertenbach (20) has coached the team, - he is a top individual vaulter himself. Competing in Europe in 2006 and 2007. He says, "It is brilliant to see how this team has pulled together. Everybody gets on and works together. It is great to try and develop routines that showcase each vaulter's specialities, whilst bringing our passion for Africa to the theme. ." Three team members — Kayla Gertenbach (18), Chelsey Gertenbach (14) and Zahne Pienaar (15) — have qualified for selection as individual vaulters as well.

Final selection of the mixed team and Individual vaulters will be made and announced by the end of June 2010.

