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Kevin Babington Takes Second in \$60,000 Idle Dice Classic in Wellington

Wellington, Florida – For the second week in a row, a JustWorld Rider Representative finished runner-up in the Sunday Grand Prix in Wellington, Florida.

Kevin Babington of Ireland placed second in the \$60,000 Idle Dice Classic Grand Prix held Sunday, February 20, during the CSI*** Lincoln Florida Classic in Wellington, FL, exactly one week after young Cayce Harrison, 20, had her best result to date finishing second in the \$50,000 Kilkenny Internationale Cup Grand Prix.

Cheered on by a crowd of over 10,000 supporters in the World Cup Qualifying event, Babington was one of 44 riders to challenge the course set by Guilherme Nogueira Jorge of Brazil. Babington posted a clear round with his Athens Olympic partner, the 14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding Carling King, to advance to the jump-off along with 11 other riders, including fellow JustWorld Rider Representatives Candice King of the United States and Canada's Eric Lamaze. In the jump-off, Babington was the first rider to post a clear round, but Anne Kursinski, who stopped the timers at 43.32 seconds, managed to better his time of 43.88 seconds.

"I was halfway through the group in the jump-off and there was nobody clear when I went in," explained Babington, 36, who enjoyed a top five placing at the 2004 Olympic Games. "The jump-off really didn't suit my horse that well. He's a little difficult off of the right hand turns, and there was a right turn to the second jump, a right turn back to the double and then a right turn back to the wall so I knew it wasn't a class I could go all out in. I had to give him a little time on those right turns, so I was very pleased with the way it worked out. I knew when I came out of the ring that somebody was definitely going to beat me, but I was confident of a top three finish."

For his second place performance, Babington was rewarded with \$13,200 in prize money, a portion of which he donates to JustWorld International with the support of Carling King's owner, Saly Glassman and Kindle Hill Farm. JustWorld International is a not-for-profit, humanitarian organization founded to prepare and empower students to become visionary leaders and work for social justice by assisting orphans and underprivileged children.

JustWorld International Rider Representatives include Angela Covert of Canada, Kevin Babington of Ireland, Christophe Barbeau of Switzerland, Marcus Fuchs of Switzerland, Herve Godignon of France, Imke Hofschroer of Germany, Eric Lamaze of Canada, Rutherford Latham of Spain, Olivier Guillon of France, Candice King of the United States, Titi Mills of Honduras, Eric Navet of France, Ludo Philippaerts of Belgium, Ray Texel of the United States and Gregory Wathélet of Belgium. Through various initiatives, including donating a portion of their prize money or giving clinics to benefit JustWorld International, riders are able to support the organization's projects and programs.

Founded in 2002, JustWorld International offers fellowship programs for students from around the globe to learn leadership skills and acquire the tools necessary to make a positive difference in the world. With three project sites located in Cambodia, Honduras and Senegal, students are working for change in a wide variety of environments on behalf of JustWorld International. For more information on JustWorld International, please visit www.justworldinternational.org