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Europeans: teams of mini "Jung" lead the way

German teams and individuals lead the way. Italian gladiators conquer third position.

photo©Massimo Argenziano. Germany takes the FEI European Eventing Championship for Young Riders and Juniors by storm. The German flag keeps flying high both in the junior and in the young rider championship after today's cross-country phase in Montelibretti.

Three German young riders dominate the individual young rider provisional ranking. Marie Sophie Arnold and Remember Me 74 finished on a clean sheet (42,40) moving one place up the leaderboard to take the lead. Rebecca Juana Gerken and Scipio S jumped from fifth into second place (43,50) while her team mate Hanna Knueppel managed to ride Carismo 22 (47,40) from 13th to 3rd. Fosco Girardi was the best of the Italians with Feldheger. He climbed 11 places from 24th to 13th (54,60).

The German team secured first place with a total of 141,90 points while France is defending its second placing. Italians took third (152,30). The team guided by Alberto Casolari and trained by Andrea Mezzaroba, has bettered its dressage result and is now lying in bronze medal position (168,70).

Germany still in the hunt for the European title

An immaculate performance by Germany's Jerome Robine (Guccimo R, 33,40) and Anais Neumann (Pumuckel E, 38,50) means they both stay on their dressage score securing the lead for their country. Victor Levecque riding Phunambule Des Auges (40,80) substitutes his fellow countryman Romain Sans to take third. Romain Sans falls to 63rd with 60 penalties to add to his dressage score after today's endurance phase. Allegra Bagaini's was the best junior performance for Italy. She rode Athina Quandolyn (52,40) into 22nd place with a clear round inside the time.

The Germans lead the way in the team competition with a total of 113,80. France (131,30) and Great Britain (134,50) hold on to their second and third places. Italy is in eighth (201,90).

Riders' quotes

Jerome Robine

"It went well, but it wasn't our best round. My horse is very young and it's only his second CCI. He was a bit green at times and I had to give him a little bit more time to judge the fences. Therefore I was always a touch behind and had to make up ground, but in the end we did make it with no time faults. I am really proud of Guccimo R".

Anais Neumann

"I am really happy. It all rode exactly the way we discussed it with our trainer although there were places where my horse lost concentration because of the crowds and the scenario and I had to ride him a bit stronger".

Victor Levecque

"I am really happy. My horse really raises to the occasion at big events. It's a pleasure to ride him as it feels like he enjoys going across the country. I only went one long route and just concentrated a bit more after that to make up the time I lost".

Marie Sophie Arnold: "I would like to thank the organizers on this wonderful event. My horse has been fantastic. Throughout my course I was concentrated on staying inside the time."

Rebecca Juana Gerken: "I really hope we will be celebrating four German medals tomorrow."

Hanna Knuppel: "I had great fun today. After the third fence it started to flow though I did feel the pressure of riding on the team. I didn't want to let my team mates down after their superb performances".

(ph. @ Massimo Argenziano)

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