

The decision in the dressage has been made - now it's time for the cross-country !

The dressage competitions continued today at equissima®. In the team and individual rankings of the Eventing European Cup, Germany remains at the top. And in the 2* eventing, the Swiss rider Beat Sax has taken the lead in the provisional ranking.

In the Eventing European Cup, which is being held as part of equissima® in Lausanne, the riders competing only in the individual had to complete their dressage test today. The 20-year-old German Nicholas Goldbeck on his 10-year-old gelding *Chintano* 7 won the competition ahead of his compatriot Brandon Schäfer-Gehrau, yesterday's overnight leader. Goldbeck, who won the silver medal at the last German Young Riders Championships, demonstrated precision in his performance. He has been riding his horse for six years. On the Swiss side, Kerstin Häusermann with *Isselhook's Iroko* was good for a pleasant surprise. She finished in tenth place and is thus the best Swiss representative ahead of Christine Lang.

The team competition in the form of a quadrille, the speciality of the Eventing European Cup, was in the hands of the defending champions Germany, who literally dominated the competition. Belgium moved up from sixth to second place with a very good quadrille and is now ahead of Austria. The Swiss team, which finished fourth in the quadrille, was able to maintain its fifth place.

In the 2*-L competition, the experienced Beat Sax won the dressage test with *Secret IV*. The sixtyyear-old Swiss rider from Bubendorf (BL) convinced everyone with his performance and experience. He relegated the German Linus Weiss/*Quantum 22* and the French rider Justine Bonnet/*Casting Boisdore* to the places.

Tomorrow, Saturday, 3 September, it's the cross-country, the supreme discipline of eventing. The first start is at 9 a.m. on a course of over 3.5 km.

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