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THE LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR GRAND PRIX OF RAMATUELLE - SAINT-
TROPEZ - SHE'S THE BOSS!**

An exceptional end to this sixth edition of the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show, the 17th leg of the prestigious Longines Global Champions Tour and the Global Champions League! A stone's throw from the mythical Pampelonne Beach, in front of a thrilled crowd, America's Jessica Springsteen won her first LGCT 5* Grand Prix in an exceptional jump-off. Earlier in the day, the provisional ranking of the Global Champions League, the team circuit, underwent some major changes.

The Global Champions League:

victory of Madrid in Motion,

but "at home" the St. Tropez Pirates go into the lead of the provisional ranking

There have been some major changes to the provisional ranking, after this 17th leg of the Global Champions League in Ramatuelle - Saint-Tropez!

While the Madrid in Motion team (Eric van der Vleuten on Wunschkind 19, and Maikel van der Vleuten on Beauville Z), double clear in this round (six faults overall after two rounds), have just won the thirteenth leg of the Global Champions League, the circuit's provisional ranking has evolved.

The St. Tropez Pirates (Olivier Robert with Tempo de Paban, and Pieter Devos with Claire Z), fifth today (twelve faults after two rounds) are now in the lead. The London Knights (Ben Maher with Concona, and Olivier Philippaerts with H&M Legend of Love, fourteenth in Ramatuelle, with a big score of forty-eight faults after two rounds), go into third place of the provisional ranking. The Shanghai Swans (Peder Fredricson on Sacramento, and Daniel Deusser on Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z, second with the second double clear round in the class, nine faults after two rounds), go into second place of the provisional ranking of the Global Champions League.

The class, in which combinations who were not taking part in the Global Champions League also competed, was won by America's Kent Farrington on Creedance, the fastest of the seventeen clear rounds. As for the French riders, only Pénélope Leprévost and Vancouver de Lanlore jumped clear and finished in eleventh place.

What the riders had to say

Eric van der Vleuten (Madrid in Motion): "My mare Wunschkind 19 is exceptional. I have been riding her for a long time, but I feel like she's still progressing. Ramatuelle - Saint-Tropez is our second victory in the Global Champions League in France, after the one in Cannes."

Maikel van der Vleuten (Madrid in Motion): "It's obviously fantastic to win a second leg with my father. But today, family means more than the victory. We both had to jump clear. Maybe we were luckier than the others, but that's the way it goes."

The Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Ramatuelle - Saint-Tropez:

Jessica Springsteen: girl power!

Fourteen jump-off riders, a single lady rider and an amazing victory for the daughter of the Boss. This evening, as part of the sixth edition of the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show, the 17th leg of the Longines Global Champions Tour, Bruce Springsteen must have been delighted to be the father of the girl who has made a name for herself by winning her first LGCT 5* Grand Prix, a stone's throw from Pampelonne Beach. Helped by her exceptional RMF Zecilie, whose handiness must have made many green with envy today, the lady rider finished ahead of all the other competitors! In particular Belgium's Peter Devos, now the leader of the provisional ranking, who, first to go in the jump-off, jumped double clear and seemed unbeatable. But the daughter of the Boss shaved a second off the time of the rider who she relegated to second place in the class. Even the master Marcus Ehning said to the big winner of the day: "You were f***** amazing!" France's Simon Delestre, also double clear on his bounding Hermès Ryan, preferred to play it safe and finished in third place.

The sixth edition of the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show finished in front of grandstands which were full and buzzing, with an American victory and the compliments of the President and founder of the Longines Global Champions Tour and the Global Champions League, Jan Tops: "The Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show is an example for all the shows: every detail is taken into consideration and it's a pleasure to come here both for the riders and the public." These compliments deeply touched the organiser Denis Monticolo, "proud to belong to the Longines Global Champions Tour and Longines Global Champions League family".

What the riders had to say

Simon Delestre (FRA), third in the class: "Hermès Ryan did a fantastic job, but I couldn't go any faster without taking stupid risks."

Pieter Devos (BEL), second in the class, new leader of the Longines Global Champions Tour provisional ranking: "I knew I had to be in the top 3 today to beat Ben Maher and go into first place. I gave it my all today."

Jessica Springsteen (USA), winner of the Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Ramatuelle - Saint-Tropez: "RMF Zecilie was literally flying today! She jumped exceptionally and I'm delighted, especially for her owners. I was the only woman in the jump-off but that's not what counts: before I went into the ring I just focused on my mare and our combination. Now I can't wait to ride in the next leg of the circuit in New York, where I'll competing at home."

Full results

<https://www.longinestiming.com/equestrian/2019/longines-global-champions-tour-of-st-tropez-st-tropez>

About the Global Champions Tour

In 2018, the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show joined the ranks of the prestigious Longines Global Champions Tour. This international show jumping circuit, created in 2005 by the Olympic team gold medalist Jan Tops, brings together the sport's top show jumpers to compete in 19 legs, renowned for unprecedented prize money. The Championship spans three continents, taking in some of the world's greatest cities—including Paris, London, Madrid, Miami Beach, Shanghai and Rome. Since 2018, the circuit has culminated with the final organised in Prague, the Global Champions Playoffs.

About the Global Champions League

Created in 2016, the Global Champions League is the brainchild of its co-founders, Jan Tops and Frank H. McCourt Junior. It takes place alongside each leg of the Longines Global Champions Tour, and aims to bring together the best riders in the world in a team competition with fences standing 1m60 in height.

The 2019 Global Champions League features sixteen teams of six riders. For each leg, comprising two classes, the team captain chooses two riders to represent the team. A Global Champions League leg boasts two classes. The team ranking is established by adding the faults of the two combinations in all four rounds together plus both riders' times in the second round. The second class in the Global Champions League also acts as a qualifying round for the Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix. The 35 top riders will automatically be qualified for the weekend's leading class, the Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix.

After the 19 legs, the three best teams will be invited to the overall final, during the Prague Playoffs.

About Longines

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