

Steve Guerdat wins the Grand Prix CSI 3* at the Normandie Horse Show in Saint-Lô-France



The final round of the Normandie Horse Show international competition was held this afternoon in bright sunshine and in front of a capacity crowd. Fifty riders took part in the Grand Prix Département de la Manche CSI 3* at 1m50, counting towards the Longines Ranking.

Mathieu Billot (FRA) with Quel Filou 13, Victor Bettendorf (LUX) and Big Star des Forêts, Steve Guerdat (SUI) on Is-Minka and Pénélope Leprévost (FRA) with Djagger Semilly were the only ones to find a solution to the course proposed in the first round by Yann Royant. Note that the brazilian Pedro Veniss, with no faults on the bars, was awarded 1 point for exceeding the time limit with Boeckmanns Lord Pezi Junior.

First to go in the jump-off, Mathieu Billot and Quel Filou 13 knocked down the pole at obstacle number 2 and clocked 50.21 seconds.

The same score was achieved by Victor Bettendorf and Big Star des Forêts, who were at fault on the entrance to the double but clocked 46.21 seconds.

The pair Steve Guerdat-Is Minka, winners of yesterday's Longines Ranking class, completed a course without penalty in a time of 46.55 seconds.

Lastly, French rider Pénélope Leprévost, accompanied by Djagger Semilly, finished her jump-off with 8 penalty points in a time of 48.02 seconds.

So it was Steve Guerdat and Is-Minka, the only double clear rider in the event, who won the Grand Prix of the CSI 3* at the Normandie Horse Show. Victor Bettendorf-Big Star des Forêts and Mathieu Billot-Quel Filou 13 completed the podium.

- 4- Pénélope Leprevost (FRA) - Djagger Semilly
- 5- Pedro Veniss (BRA) - Boeckmanns Lord Pezi Junior
- 6- Robin Muhr (ISR) - Stawita PS
- 7- Hannah France-Smith (GBR) - Vera de la Roque
- 8- Edward Levy (FRA) - Elfy du Pic

Julien Epailard dominates the day's two other classes

Forty-seven riders took part in the 1m45 Grand Prix of the CSI 2*, with a prize fund of €26,200 and eight of them achieved a clear round to qualify for the jump-off.

Julien Epailard and Alibi de la Roque took the lead with a time of 39.40 seconds. British rider Scott Brash on Folie de Nantuel, in 40.37 seconds, finished second. French rider Alexa Ferrer and the leaping Caetlin VD Heffinck Z, in 44.23 seconds, were third.

- 4- Adelaide Lautie (FRA) - Undercover Z
- 5- Steve Guerdat (SUI) - Albfuehren's lashin Sitte
- 6- Regis Bouguennec (FRA) - Firefox Gem
- 7- Harry Allen (IRL) - Italy HDH
- 8- Nicolas Layec (FRA) - Fee de Caryan

The day began with a 100% French podium this morning with Julien Epailard and Cancun Torel Z winning the Prix Novelty at 1m40 in the CSI 3*. Mathieu Billot with Defi de Boissy and Marie Hecart with Vahinée completed the podium.

- 4- Gaëtan Poidvin (FRA) - Athena d'Elle
- 5- Alexis Gautier (FRA) - Franquelin du Bosq
- 6- William Funnel (FRA) - Equine America Billy Marmite
- 7- Andrzej Oplatek (POL) - Nordsturm 15
- 8- Bernard Briand Chevalier (FRA) - Fiesta de Rance