



# FINALES COUPE DU MONDE FEI JUMPING ET DRESSAGE 2018

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## BEEZIE MADDEN WINS AGAIN

The American rider put in an impressive performance again at the AccorHotels Arena on Friday evening in Paris-Bercy. With her imperial Breitling LS, she dominated the second round of the 40th Longines FEI World Cup Final. Two of the four French finalists were in the jump-off, but not the one who was best placed in the overall rankings.



*Beezie Madden and Breitling LS – © PSV for GL events*

A truly great Grand Prix with an exciting jump-off from start to finish, thanks to the harmonious and finely-designed technical course concocted by the Spanish virtuoso, Santiago Varela. Thirty-six horses were at the start and nine reached the jump-off, which was the ideal proportion for a great show that began with Kevin Staut and Silver Deux de Virton HDC, who rode the first clear round of the night. He repeated the performance in the jump-off with a time that put him in 5<sup>th</sup> place for the class and ensured his qualification for the final.



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Beezie Madden looked amazingly serene on her 12-year-old bay, Breitling LS. She will go into the final class with a small lead over the Swede Henrik von Eckermann and his beautiful Mari Lou. He will carry the expectations of Europe against the Americans who have four riders in the provisional top 10 of the rankings.

Another highlight of the evening was the German riders Marcus Ehning and Daniel Deusser who finished with 12 and 14 penalty points respectively, with their grey horses Cornado and Cornet d'Amour. We will not be seeing Daniel Deusser on Sunday, even though he was second yesterday. On the other hand, the four French riders will be present on the final day. One little time point just enabled Roger-Yves Bost to climb back up the ranking, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> place, three bars behind Beezie Madden and less than two off the podium. Everything is still possible... Simon Delestre is in a similar situation, after his 9<sup>th</sup> place today. Kevin Staut had too much to do (19<sup>th</sup> with 19 points) but for Julien Epailard (two faults on the course) things look a little better, since he is 22<sup>nd</sup> overall, and will one of Sunday's 30 finalists, with a chance of climbing up further in this world hierarchy.

Tomorrow, the spotlight will be on the dressage, when Isabell Werth, the defending champion, will want to show everyone who is the boss after her disappointment today with Weihegold. The dressage Final will be followed by the Grand Prix Equithème which will involve Olympic champion Philippe Rozier and individual world championship silver medallist Patrice Delaveau.

## What they said:

Beezie Madden (USA, 1<sup>st</sup>): "Even though I was ahead, I wanted to increase the lead today and have a bigger margin for the rest of the competition. That's why I didn't hesitate to take risks by taking out strides between the obstacles in the jump-off. In Gothenburg in 2013, I completely messed up my jump-off on the second day. Today my horse was fabulous, I can always count on him. I feel really good with him; he is a stallion that is easy to handle and he has a very good character. Now it's about performing well on Sunday. We're only halfway through the championship because we still have two or even three courses left."

Harrie Smolders (HOL, 2<sup>nd</sup>): "I don't regret choosing to ride Zinius yesterday in the hunter class, because he is naturally fast but Emerald certainly jumped really well tonight. He is in great shape and I really felt that he wanted to give his all, but today Beezie rode with a lot of class and she really was the best. It was great sport with a superb jump-off where you could take a few risks. The short time limit meant there were not so many riders in the jump-off but I think it was necessary because 9 is an ideal number in a jump-off."

Henrik Von Eckermann (SUE, 3<sup>rd</sup>): "I am delighted with my mare who is easy to handle. She was very careful in the jump-off, but maybe I held back too much on the double vertical, which cost us a little time... and a few places."





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Kevin Staut (FRA, 5<sup>th</sup>): "Yesterday it was difficult for me, not only from a sporting point of view but also from a sentimental point of view because Rêveur de Hurtebise HDC showed me that he no longer wanted to give his all. With the owners, we always promised ourselves that we would listen to our horses, so Rêveur will gradually go into retirement. But Silver Deux de Virton HDC's great performance today has shown me that there is still a bright future. He is a good successor and that's reassuring. That's the beauty of our sport: we go from night to day."

## TICKETING FOR THE LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP SHOW-JUMPING AND AND FEI WORLD CUP DRESSAGE FINALS

The ticketing is now open, offering packages that cater for every budget. Prices range from €10 for the warm-up events to €175 for the best seats on the days of the Finals, with a special rate for French Equestrian Federation license holders.

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