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Grand Prix EQUITHÈME: Germany on the podium!



Daniel Deusser and Cornet – © PSV for GL events

On Saturday evening at the AccorHotels Arena in Paris, the German rider Daniel Deusser and his “pinto grey” Cornet - one of the most beautiful horses on the circuit - won the Grand Prix EQUITHÈME.

The public would undoubtedly have preferred to see victory go to their favourite, the French rider Patrice Delaveau, the silver medallist from the last world championships who has made an amazing comeback on the international stage over recent months, having won in Hong Kong, then reached the jump-off in the Grand Prix Hermès at the Grand Palais and now finishing in second place in this Grand Prix EQUITHÈME; but it was not to be. Still, this was a fantastic class over two rounds involving many of the World Cup finalists, such as the Frenchman Simon Delestre, 4th with Chadino, finishing between the Angot brothers, with Cedric 3rd on Saxo de la Cour and Reynald, 5th on Symphonie des Biches. There were six





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French qualifiers among the twelve riders in the second round, which was already a great performance. However, in the end a German rider won the class. *"It's only Cornet's third competition, since he has not had great results this season. So with that in mind, I'm very satisfied, he jumped very well,"* said Daniel Deusser, who couldn't help but mention his World Cup result: *"I was obviously disappointed with my ranking yesterday, but today is another day with another horse and I can return home on a good note."*

As for Patrice Delaveau, he only focused on the positive aspects: *"I'm really delighted with the performance. At this level, I knew when I saw Daniel enter the arena that it would be difficult, because his horse is faster than mine. I approached this event like a real Grand Prix. Being here in Paris, I really wanted to achieve something and ride well. And my horse jumped really well. He was 3rd on the first day, and 2nd today. But against Daniel tonight, I couldn't do any better."*

This fantastic evening of sport rounded off with a moving farewell to competition for one of the international circuit's great horses, Winningmood, who ended his career earlier in the day with a final clear round. There were tears, a standing ovation, a last round trotting free in the arena and then Luciana Diniz gave Winningmood to his owner Édouard de Rothschild. A second life awaits this great horse at the stud farm and in the meadows of Normandy.

Tomorrow, from 2pm, the end of the winter season will be come to its conclusion with the 29 qualified riders from the two previous days competing for the greatest individual indoor world title. We will soon know the name of the winner of the 40th Longines FEI World Cup Final at the AccorHotels Arena in Paris, which this week rediscovered the magic of the 90s at Bercy.

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