

The 18th Samsung Nations Cup for this season

\Lambda s usual, at <u>Hickstead (All</u> England Jumping Course), and at the main south arena, Hickstead hosted a crowd of 12 thousand to watch one of the most important shows of the year "The Nations Cup".

With 6 teams competing (France, England, Germany, Holland, Ireland and Brazil) the French team had their 4th win this season in the Nations cup to stand with a total of 6 pts to be ready for the Samsung Nations Cup World Finals in Germany during September.

The French team included: Roger-Yves Bost riding his beautiful gray stallion Airborne Montecillo, Xavier Caumont with his famous mare Baladine Du Mesnil, Fabrice Dumartin with Allegreto and the famous Thierry Pomel riding his beautiful bay mare Thor Des Chaines having a double clear rounds which put the French team to this victory.

Following was the German team starting with their first rider Peter Weinberg, Markus Beerbaum, EvaOlympic gold medalist Ludger Beerbaum with his unbeatable brilliant mare Ratina I having also a double clear rounds.

Finally, in 3rd position was the Dutch team lead by their champion Jos Lansink riding Nissan Carthago Z

The final Standings after 2 rounds were as follows:

1-France 4 and 1/4 faults 2-Germany 3-Holland

8 faults 16 and 1/4 faults 20 and 1/4 faults

4-Ireland 5-Great Britain 6-Brazil

24 faults 41 faults

Jos Lansink and Nissan Carthago Z

Having a double clear round



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mongst Jordan's many equestrian activities. endurance has been the jewel of victory this past year. Continuing the quest of this challenging sport, and under the patronage of HRH Princess Alya Bint El-Hussein, Jordan's endurance team camped at their coach's ranch in France, owned by Jordan's coach Denise Latertar. The team consists of (4) riders: Ghiaslaine Abu El-Ragheb, Mohammed Ibrahim, Abdel Fattah Salem, and Ghassan Kassar.

During their training camp that was held from June 26 till July 26, the team competed in the International 160km World Cup Qualifier Marathon, organized by the F.E.I. Despite the rainy, muddy, and mountainous 16 hour ride, the team was placed 11th, with only one elimination due to the horse's stiffness. The team, thus, qualified for the World Cup Marathon held next December in Dubai.

Apart from the vast experience the team gained, their sense of accomplishment in the name of all the Arabs, gives them more of an incentive to fully prepare for the great challenge coming up at the end of the year in the Emirates.



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