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# CSI AACHEN 2016 EGYPT'S ABDEL SAID IS THE CHAMPION OF THE CSI2\* YOUNGSTERS' CLASS

The first edition of the new international show jumping event in the Deutsche Bank Stadium on the CHIO show grounds, CHI Aachen 2016, has proven to be very successful; With 380 horses from 29 nations in the traditional stables of the Aachen Soers fighting for more than 40.000€ prize money in 15 competitions.

In the youngsters' CSI2\* class, Egypt's Abdel Said & Excellent B were able to maintain the first place for three consecutive days, Germany's Christopher Kläsener & Cartina B got second place, Ukraine's Ferenc Szentirmai & Casual Z was in third, Germany's Tobias Thoenes & Cornet MM in fourth and Germany's Sebastian Adams & Vioguete dla Moine were left in fifth place.

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Jan Tops, Longines Global Champions Tour Founder and President: "We started with a show here three years ago, and every year it gets better and better. The riders know that, and have the same feeling, even if it's a long way [from Europe]. The horses travelled amazingly, the footing and facilities are as good as any in Europe, and I'm very proud of what the Chinese are doing. The Government and Juss Events are great partners, and that reflects the sport. Today we saw how well the horses jumped - we had five in the jump-off and it was a great [Grand Prix]."

Abdullah AI Sharbatly, Gold Medallist: "I would like to thank all the organisers, especially Jan Tops, and the sponsor Longines for this great Global Champions Tour. I'm really happy to be in this great event with a great crowd - the atmosphere is unbelievable. I'm happy today to win - last year I had the last fence down in the Grand Prix and was unlucky, but this year was a great win. I would also like to thank my colleagues in second, third and fourth place - they were all amazing, and did a very good job. Tobalio is my best horse - he is amazing."

Photo: LGCT / Stefano Grasso

## SHARBATLY SEIZES GRAND PRIX WIN AS NEW MULTI-YEAR DEAL FOR SHANGHAI LGCT ANNOUNCED

#### Via: LGCT

A breathtaking Shanghai Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix jump off had fans on the edge of their seats as Abdullah AI Sharbatly (KSA) and Tobalio emerged victorious ahead of Marco Kutscher (GER) and Van Gogh, and Marc Houtzager (NED) with Sterrehof's Calimero.

After the showcase competition it was revealed that Longines Global Champions Tour and partner Juss Event have signed a long-term agreement for the future of the event in Shanghai, which has become a dynamic fixture on the circuit's international calendar. The unique 5\* event in China was part of a strategic expansion by the Tour into Asia and has quickly become a hot favourite with spectators who queued early today to ensure their seats for the Grand Prix. The announcement of the new agreement marks a definitive commitment to the progress of the sport in Asia in future years.

The result of the \$485,000 Grand Prix dramatically extended Christian Ahlmann's ranking lead to 129 points, with Emanuele Gaudiano (ITA) leaping up to second in 96 points, and John Whitaker (GBR) in third on 85 points.













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# EGYPT'S MOHAMED MEDHAT SADEK

CLINCH THE TITLE OF CSI2\* GRAND PRIX OF SAHL HASHISH, HURGHADA

Egypt's Mohamed Medhat Sadek was the winner of the CSI2\* Grand Prix of Hurghada. The runner up spot went to Louis Antonio Rodrigues, third place was Amina Ammar, who left Mohamed Taher Zeyada and Camille Artigaud in fourth and fifth places.

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# **PENELOPE LEPREVOST**

## AND AN ASTONISHING WIN



Penelope Leprevost with her chestnut mare Flora de Mariposa stole the show and took the win of the Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Antwerp. World number 1, Simon Delestre, got the silver medal and Rolf-Göran Bengtsson got the bronze medal.

Penelope Leprevost: "My mare is very fast. For Flora it was the first big show since Geneva, I'm happy with my plan as she had a three star show before. She was just amazing today."

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# FEI NATIONS CUP<sup>TM</sup> EVENTING BRITAIN TRIUMPHS AT BALLINDENISK



Great Britain team clinches their third win in a row at Ballindenisk (IRL), the second leg of the FEI Nations Cup<sup>™</sup> Eventing 2016. Ireland was second and the French team was in third place. ⓐ

FEI Nations Cup<sup>™</sup> Eventing standings (after 2 out of 9 events):

- 1- Ireland 170
- 1- France 170
- 3- Great Britain 155
- 4- Germany 100
- 5- Australia 70

6- Sweden – 60
7- Italy – 50
8- Netherlands – 45
9- Belgium – 40

Photo by Tony Parkes

# FRANCE IS ON THE TOP IN LGCT MEXICO CITY GRAND PRIX

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Roger-Yves Bost (FRA) claimed the Grand Prix at the debut Longines Global Champions Tour in the vibrant Mexico City. In a very challenging competition, Jos Verlooy (BEL) was able to clinch the runner-up spot and left Bertram Allen (IRL) in third place.

Roger-Yves Bost (FRA), gold medallist: "I've won two Global Grands Prix with the father of this horse, one in the final of Abu Dhabi, so to win with the son is a very good feeling. The show is so good - my horse felt very good in the class. When I jumped yesterday I felt I had a good chance to win - today is my day! For the first time to jump here, this place is amazing."

Jos Verlooy (BEL), silver medallist: "Every show [my horse] is going better and better. I built him up in the winter, we're going up together and he's going faster than I thought. I am very pleased with how he went this weekend. Miami was also super and gave me a good feeling for this week."

Bertram Allen (IRL), bronze medallist: "Bosty had a really good round, he was fast. I knew it was going to be difficult for me to beat that - my horse has only done three 5\* Grands Prix so I gave it a bit of a go, and had a bit of an unlucky fence down, but I'm delighted to be sitting here."

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