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MICHAEL JUNG

RE-WRITES HISTORY TO BE CROWNED WINNER OF THE ROLEX KENTUCKY THREE-DAY EVENT FOR THE THIRD TIME

Via: Revolution sports

After four thrilling days of world-class equestrian sport, Germany's Michael Jung made history once again, claiming a third consecutive title of the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event Presented by Land Rover, aboard his 12-year-old mare, fischerRocana FST. It was second place for France and Maxime Livio, with Land Rover Ambassador Zara Tindall (GBR) finishing in third place after a flawless clear round aboard High Kingdom.

Jung commented on his achievement, "fischerRocana FST is a top horse, the mare fights so hard for me and our partnership is so strong. She gave me a very good feeling in the warm up ring which made me feel good entering the arena. I did not have enough power in the triple combination so I was little nervous with two jumps to go! I am so grateful for my team and really pleased with the result".

Land Rover Ambassador, Zara Tindall, spoke of her third-place finish, "I am so lucky to be here and I am very thankful to Land Rover and Rolex to have me back here, I wouldn't be here without their support. My horse is fantastic, all through the competition he has been amazing, he owes me nothing and I have loved riding him this weekend. I have really enjoyed being here it as it is an amazing event to be a part of".

Olympic bronze medallist, Phillip Dutton (USA), moved up the leader-board with his Irish Sport Horse gelding, Mr. Medicott, to not only take fourth place but also the USEF Championship Trophy awarded to the highest placed American rider, a prize presented to him for a record fifth year. "It is particularly rewarding to finish as the top US rider," said Dutton, who also celebrated his 40th Rolex Kentucky completion, "It has been a great event and it is the perfect way for Mr. Medicott to finish his four-star career."



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ITALY'S LORENZO DE LUCA

CLAIMS LGCT GRAND PRIX TITLE IN SHANGHAI



After his Grand Prix win at the Shanghai Longines Global Champions Tour, Lorenzo de Luca (ITA) tops the LGCT Rankings. He has a tally of 100 points overall, knocking Martin Fuchs (SUI) from the lead and revving up the Championship fight. In the runner up spot was Maikel van der Vleuten (NED) and in third place Alberto Zorzi (ITA).

Lorenzo de Luca, "It is my first year on the Global and I have a super group of horses at the moment. They are doing very good. I am really happy to do the Global Champions Tour and Global Champions League, they are fantastic shows. My horse is 13 years old and is fantastic, so scopy and so careful and really wants to win when he goes in the ring."

Quote: LGCT

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TEAM GERMANY WINS THRILLING FEI NATIONS CUP™ JUMPING DIVISION 1 OPENER IN LUMMEN

Via: FEI

Andre Thieme snatched victory for Team Germany in a thrilling three-way jump-off at the opening qualifier of the FEI Nations Cup[™] Jumping 2017 Europe Division 1 at Lummen (BEL).

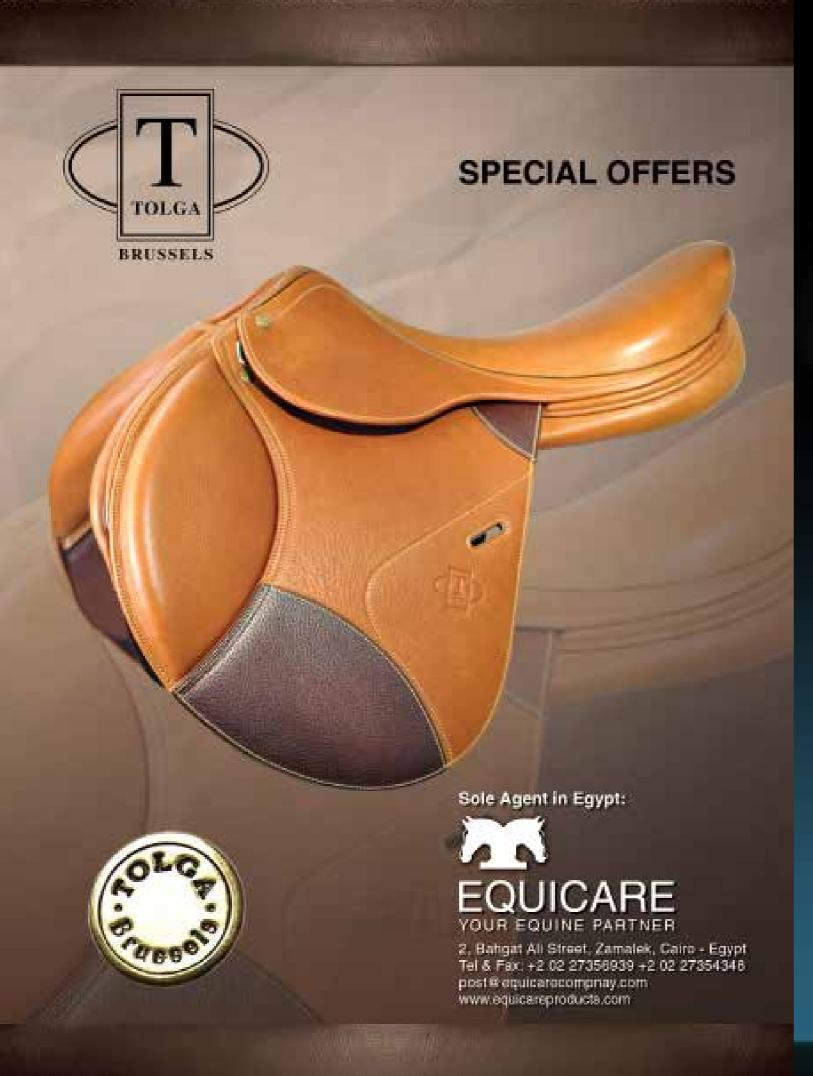
The 2016 FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping champions were level with both France and host nation Belgium on just four faults after the first two rounds, and one rider from each side went into a third-round race against the clock.

"My Conthendrix has done so many Nations Cups for Germany and he is so consistent, such a fighter - I think he likes me and I really love him. We are just a great team together." (a)

Team Result - Lummen:

- 1. Team Germany (0 faults) jump-off round won in 39.75 seconds
- 2. Team France (0 faults) jump-off round won in 40.47 seconds
- 3. Team Belgium (4 faults) jump-off round won in 51.76 seconds

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EMANUELE GAUDIANO

COMPLETES SWEEP OF HORSES & DREAMS CSI4* WITH GRAND PRIX VICTORY

Via: Noelle Floyd

Emanuele Gaudiano proved untouchable on the final day of Horses & Dreams meets Austria CSI4* in Hagen, Germany. The Italian rider won his fourth major competition of the week, and saved the best for last, with victory in the 75,000 Grand Prix der Deutschen Kreditbank AG CSI4*.

On Saturday after his third win in a row at Horses & Dreams, Gaudiano commented that he hoped his luck would hold through the week's finale grand prix, and indeed it did when he tacked up Caspar 232, an 11-year-old OS mare (Berlin x Padarco 2) for the grand prix on Monday, May 1, 2017.

Gaudiano's time of 50.30 seconds couldn't be beat, with Austria's Christian Rhomberg coming in 2nd on the closest time of 50.93 aboard Saphyr Des Lacs. Germany's Markus Beerbaum and Comanche 28 placed 3rd in 51.12 seconds. The top five was a show of nations, with Sweden's Douglas Lindelow placing 4th aboard Zacremento, and Dutch rider Marc Houtzager in 5th with Sterrehof's Baccarat.





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