

# CSI PARIS EIFFEL 2022 LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR

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LIKE EVERY YEAR, THE CSI 5\*PARIS EIFFEL JUMPING WAS SOLD OUT, UNDER THE ADMIRING GAZE OF THE PARISIAN PUBLIC, MANY PEOPLE CAME TO ADMIRE THE SHOW AND ENCOURAGE RIDERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO COMPETE AGAINST THE FEET OF THE GREAT IRON LADY.



The unmissable event of equestrian sports, for its 8<sup>th</sup> edition, always organized by the hand of a master by **Virginie Couperie**, was once again a success this year: a very beautiful ground, the particularity of which is its slight slope and its rather square shape which shortens the distances and makes the difficulty of the tests more important. **Gregory Bodo** has nevertheless been able to design stimulating and technical courses, worthy of the highest international level. Moreover, only five riders were able to access the jump-off of the final test of these three days of competition, the **Saint Laurent Eiffel Challenge**, won by the Turkish rider **Ömer Karaevli** and his horse **Avant Toi**, closely followed by the Australian champion **Edwina Tops-Alexander**, then by the French **Edwar Levy** who won this event last year.

We had the pleasure of admiring the technique and the elegance of the riding of the young riders of the rising generation, such as the British rider **Lily Attwood**, who at 20 years old finished second in the **LGCT Grand Prix**, just behind **Marlon Modolo Zanotelli** with **Like A Diamond van het Schaeck**, wowing the audience with his incredible time of 36.07s. The podium is completed by the American **Lillie Keenland**, 25 years old. In the general classification of the circuit, the German **Christian Ahlmann** retains his place as leader after this 9<sup>th</sup> stage. The tour is now heading straight to **Monaco** from June 30 to July 2 for the 10<sup>th</sup> leg of the 2022 season.

The mastery and experience of a certain **John Whitaker**, legend of show jumping, was also required. Always present and competitive at the

highest level, the great rider reminded us that this sport is the only one that can be practiced successfully at any age. He finished with a fault at the **Longines grand prix jump-off** in a very good time. The only French hope of this event, **Olivier Robert** also finished with 4 points which put him off the podium.

During this magnificent event on the **Champs de Mars**, spectators had the joy of attending the performance of the **Cadre Noir de Saumur** and the presence of the **Republican Guard brass band**. Many other activities and the presence of popular personalities also contributed to the beautiful atmosphere. Even the sun was present during this weekend. *See you next year!* 🇫🇷



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