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# LGCT OF MADRID

## EHNING'S SPANISH SENSATION AS AHLMANN EXTENDS CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD

Via: LGCT

It was standing room only at the stunning Spanish round of the Longines Global Champions Tour as Marcus Ehning (GER) took a sensational win with the 13 year old chestnut gelding Pret a Tout. In front of packed passionate crowds, an eight rider jump off had spectators on the edge of their seats right until the final fence as last combination to go, Marcus and Pret a Tout, galloped the course in a stunning display of skill and speed. KSA's Abdullah Al Sharbatly was the Grand Prix Silver Medallist.

To the delight of the home crowd, who packed the grandstands to watch the action unfold and cheered passionately throughout the competition, local rider Eduardo Alaverz Aznar (ESP) took home the bronze medal.

Marcus Ehning, LGCT Grand Prix of Madrid Gold Medallist: "I'm very happy to win here today. For me it's one of the nicest Globals that we have - it's a fantastic atmosphere with unbelievable conditions here. Two years ago I came very close, but now I'm happy to win here in Madrid, it's a traditional show. I've had my horse just since January - I knew he was a good horse, but I didn't expect him to be that good or that quick. I was very close in Hamburg to win the Global. In the jump off I saw Sharbatly, and I saw that he really put us under pressure, but in the end my horse showed all the experience and all his quality and I'm really happy to win today. For us, [the Global Champions Tour] is one of the biggest improvements in the sport for the last 20 years. It's not only for the Global Tour, but all for worldwide show jumping - for other shows it's a big goal to come close to the Global Tour. I think over the years you could see how the sport improved, and what kind of countries we have now with all the stages. It's amazing what Jan did and I think for the sport it could not be something better."

Abdullah Al Sharbatly, LGCT Grand Prix of Madrid Silver Medallist: "I would like to thank everyone and all the organisers, especially our friend Jan Tops, our sponsor Longines and everyone who arranged this amazing event. It's amazing to have the Global Tour -



it's super for the riders, for the owners and everyone. It's improved the sport. I'm really happy with my horse - he won LGCT Shanghai and was second here. We were first to go in the jump off, which is always a difficult situation when you start at the beginning. But I set a good time without taking a risk before my colleague Marcus did a good round and beat my time - I was really happy for him as he deserved to win today. My horse is 16 now, but really in great health, and I hope he's going to jump a couple more years."

Eduardo Alaverz Aznar, LGCT Grand Prix of Madrid Bronze Medallist: "It's really special to be on the podium in my city and in my club where I have been riding for so many years. I was very pleased with my horse, it was the first time he did three rounds and the first time I really tried in the jump off with him. The result is there - I went close to them but not fast enough!"

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# UKRAINE AND ANOTHER FURUSIYYA VICTORY AT ODENSE

After their win in Celje leg, Team Ukraine had an even more remarkable win in the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2016 at Odense (DEN). The Netherlands got the runner-up spot, Spain finished in third, Belgium and the host nation in fourth place ahead of Finland in sixth and Germany in seventh place. 🏆

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# FEI NATIONS CUP™ DRESSAGE

DENMARK WINS THROUGH IN CLOSE CONTEST AT ODENSE

Via: FEI

Team Denmark pipped their neighbours from Sweden at the second leg of the FEI Nations Cup™ Dressage 2016 series on home ground at the Odense Horse Festival. In a game of cat-and-mouse, the Swedes had a narrow lead after Saturday's Grand Prix but were overtaken by their hosts in Sunday's Grand Prix Special. And in a thrilling finale, the Danes held on tight to come out on top by an overall margin of just 0.317 percent following the Freestyle.

Team Germany finished more than 20 points behind in third place while the three-member Australian side lined up fourth ahead of USA in fifth, Great Britain in sixth and another three-strong side from Finland in seventh spot. 🏆

*Pic Britt Carlsen*





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# THE DUTCH WIN FURUSIYYA LEG AT LA BAULE

The reigning World and European champions from The Netherlands clinched the victory of Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2016 leg at La Baule, France. Team USA lined up second and France was third. 🏆

*Pic Martini Jean Philippe*



# FEI CLASSICS™

## MICHAEL JUNG MAKES HISTORY AT BADMINTON

The crowd was screaming with sensation at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials (GBR), fourth leg of the FEI Classics™ 2015/2016, as they watched Michael Jung (GER) La Biosthetique Sam FBW make history. Michael Jung is the first German to win the 67-year-old event and, in the process, has become the second winner of the Rolex Grand Slam of Eventing.

### *Final results*

1. Michael Jung/La Biosthetique Sam FBW (GER)
2. Andreas Ostholt/So Is Et (GER)
3. Gemma Tattersall/Arctic Soul (GBR)
4. Sir Mark Todd/Leonidas II (NZL)
5. Clarke Johnstone/Balmoral Sensation (NZL)

Pic Sebastian Oakley





## LGCT GRAND PRIX OF HAMBURG

### LUDGER BEERBAUM WOWS THE CROWD IN HOME WIN

Via: LGCT

It was a fairytale ending to a stunning weekend of top sport in Germany, as four-time Olympic Gold medallist Ludger Beerbaum (GER) took a sensational win with his new horse Casello 2 in front of a sell-out crowd at the Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Hamburg. Fresh from the podium, a delighted Ludger said: "It was a little bit like Leicester winning the Premier League!"

Ludger Beerbaum, LGCT Grand Prix of Hamburg Gold Medallist: "I could not be more pleased. It's really nice to achieve this today with this horse - it's not expected. If you saw my jump-off two days ago I was swimming around the track. So it was a little bit like Leicester winning the Premier League in England! You would have had a good call betting for me today! It's amazing that it can happen. Overall, the first round was ok, the horse jumped good - the fact that the time was short made a difference, and I think it was the most harmonious round. The second round; the time was short but I felt for the first time really confident from start to finish. In the jump-off there was no special plan - my colleagues here know their horses much better and I still have to find out which is his favourite turns and strides. But I just went for it and thanks to the quality of the horse, it was possible to win today."

Harrie Smolders, LGCT Grand Prix of Hamburg Silver Medallist: "With eight in the jump-off I think we had a very strong field today of horses and riders. I've not the fastest horse but I tried to put as much pressure on as I could. After my round I was satisfied anyway, as my horse jumped good - he was light, and after his break this is the first time I have really felt his power and lightness back. I think the favourites in the jump-off were Christian [Ahlmann], Simon [Delestre] and Marcus [Ehning]. But as you can see, that's the beauty of our sport, that sometimes the leaderboard changes!"

Daniel Bluman, LGCT Grand Prix of Hamburg Bronze Medallist: "It's been for many years that I've watched the Tour from home on the computer, watching the greatest riders compete. It's the first year that I get to do it, thanks to the Global Champions League, that allowed me to be part of the Monaco Aces. I'm delighted to be jumping three very good rounds with my Olympic hopeful for this year and sitting beside Ludger, who I've been looking up to since I was a little kid, and next to Harrie who is having an amazing time and has come from a second place finish in the World Cup Finals - I'm very happy; it's a great day for sure." 

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