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### GEORGINA BLOOMBERG, DETERMINED ELEGANCE

The young rider of the American team, victorious in the Nations' Cup SSL at La Baule, receives the Longines Prize for Elegance.

Georgina Bloomberg has a beautiful imposing presence, on foot and in the saddle. Now, at the age of 22, this young brunette, from New York (her father is the mayor of the city), has been passionate about horsemanship since she was a little girl. A good pupil, riding and at school, she followed the circuit of traditional equestrian training in the United States: pony, hunter, amateur, until plunging in at the deep end last year following a brilliant career spent in Young Riders – age 21 or less – (individual gold and team silver, then team gold last year).

At the first attempt, she made the grade with 16 placings in CSIO and CSI-W in 2004, of which victory in the Drammen Derby (Norway) with Nadia, and first place in the Nations' Cup at the CSIO Ypaja (Finland) with the same mare, gilded the occasion of her first European circuit.

Here, five months after 2005 began, and Georgina has already gorged herself with a great prize list: 32<sup>nd</sup> place in the overall classification of the World Cup final in Las Vegas, for which she succeeded in qualifying, 6<sup>th</sup> in the Saturday Grand Prix and, of course, victory with her team in the Nations' Cup of the Super League where she contributed a decisively faultless first round. In eight classes run in La Baule, she has been placed five times!

She shares these victories with her Irish trainer Jimmy Doyle, who has been her coach for three years (he took over from Jeffrey Wells) and says of her : "*she is determined, calm, with nerves of steel*"... which do not come from her mother, Susan, who made the trip from the United States to support her daughter in La Baule and convince her not to do the La Baule Derby : "*much larger than Drammen!*" "*No question*" the young lady answered politely before getting astride Nadia and throwing herself into the fray. (She finished 13<sup>th</sup>.)

In real life, Georgina continues to major in art and photography at the University of New York. On a horse, it's sure, she's already a great artist!

La Baule's press office  
Nathalie Fey



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