



JUMPING INTERNATIONAL OFFICIEL DE FRANCE
CSIO*** SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE - FEI**
LA BAULE, DU 4 AU 7 MAI 2006

Press Release N°13, 5 May 2006

**GERMAN TEAM VICTORY, THIRD PLACE FOR FRANCE IN THE
SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE DE FRANCE FEI**

Until the last rider, the French team have tried to do better than the German team, with 9 penalty points, but the last course of the French Hervé Godignon with 3 faults has relegated the "blue team" to the third placing, just behind the United States, while the German team was going straight to the victory, without the need of the last course of Marcus Ehning.

«The very good ground of La Baule, the quality of its paddock associated with the exceptional climate and with the good course design of Frédéric Cottier, have resulted in an excellent competition» said Ludger Beerbaum on behalf of his co-team members, during the preamble *« we are pleased that the two 'old' horses Cento and Montender were in good shape (they both are 17 years old) we are even more pleased about the behaviour of our 'youngsters' L'Espoir and Kuchengirl (Ehning) who is only 9 years old. The time allowed has also been a major actor during this winding course built by Frédéric Cottier».*

Marcus Ehning, World N°1, is riding his new recruit horse since December 2005 after having been ridden by his brother for more than two years.

« Cento is 17 years old, I did not know how he would come back this season, but I realise that he is still jumping his courses easily. He has very well performed during the two legs, and his jumps were even better during the second leg than during the first" said Otto Becker.

« Montender has had a long break for breeding. This is its 2nd competition since the beginning of the season. I have changed his bit and I got a very good feeling with him» has added Marco Kutscher, *« I think that if everything continue like this, there is every chance to be in the team for the WEG of Aachen. »*

« My mare, is not enough experienced at this level, but I had a very good sensation. » said Marcus Ehning the World Cup winner fully satisfied. *«I am going to ride her in the Grand Prix on Sunday ».*



Chronométrage et traitement des données par Longines



Jean-Maurice Bonneau has appreciated Frédéric Cottier course: « well balanced, allowing practising specific technical basics, we will need during the entire season. On the results side, for a moment we were on an equal footing with the German and finally they have closed the debate. This means something. This is not a bad result even if there is some frustration. Florian Angot has played its role: 1 fault during the first leg, rectified during the second one. The horse was sick once back from Sheffield and he was stuck 15 days, losing his muscle mass, which means that we can still progress.

We can enjoy Michel Robert courses. During the first leg he has ridden at 150% and we can say that this was a rider course. During the second leg, the horse gave him more; he had well 'digested' its 1st leg course, this is very positive.

Christian Hermon horse is sick. He had bad feelings in the paddock, especially before the 2nd leg. I fear an inguinal hernia or colic; I hope that his stallion goes well. This horse never makes 4 faults in a course. Concerning Obélix and Hervé Godignon, we must solve the recurrent issue related to the river. During the second leg, I believe there was a technical error from the rider just before the triple. There is still a lot of work to do.

All the horses, without Ephèbe perhaps, will run the Grand Prix on Sunday after a day of rest; this will allow us to watch how they behave in similar conditions as the WEG ones, especially on the physical side. In other aspects, we have seen good things with other riders, such as Eric Levallois with Diamant de Sémilly and Laurent Goffinet with Flipper d'Elle*HN. The game is not finished."

La Baule's press office
Nathalie Fey



Chronométrage et traitement des données par Longines