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THE PAIR OF THE LONGINES PRESS AWARD FOR ELEGANCE

They are both ginger, not very tall, with nice blue eyes. But this is not on these criteria that the German Marcus Ehning and the American Lauren Hough have been chosen, elected unanimously, to win the first stage of the Longines Press Award for Elegance Challenge, that is taking place on 7 rounds among the 8 ones of the Super League.

This is based on their human, sporting qualities, elegance and the quality of their attitude towards their horses, that they have been selected by sport and equestrian journalists together in La Baule.

Lauren Hough is not yet 30 (she was born in 1977). Stemming from a rider family – Her father even participated to the Helsinki O.G. in 1952 in Eventing -, she rides horses since she was 4. Settled for now 10 years in Wellington (Florida), she owns a small stable with 15 horses dedicated to high level competition. Selected in the show jumper American team for the Sydney O.G. in 2000, she had a golden medal of the Pan-American games in 2003. Already in the American team winner of the Samsung Super League – FEI in 2005, she had not participated to the Officiel de France in La Baule, but she is no delighted to discover it with her lead horse Casadora. Her Coach, Conrad Homfeld, gold medal of the 1984 Los Angeles O.G., has really enjoyed coming with her to the seaside resort.

Marcus Ehning, world N°1, recently winner of the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, has imposed his style on the international stage. Purist, stylist, he has got very long and delicate hands, « *Pianist hands* » as it was observed by a jury member. Also born in a rider family based in Westfalia in 1974, Marcus Ehning has always been a rider... and a champion. Even before starting his senior career he had already won six gold medals at the Pony and the Young Riders Europeans.

Member of the Olympic team champion in Sydney, of the European team champion last summer in Rimini, he still looks after his family business with his parents and his brother Johannes. This is Johannes who has trained the young Noltes Kûchengirl; whose he won the 1st round of the Samsung Super League – FEI in La Baule.

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