



INTERNATIONAL EVENTING



COMPETITION- CCI**

8, 9, 10 AND 11 APRIL

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CCI** OF COMPIEGNE

Saturday 10 April

JUNG REMAINS IN THE LEAD, MATHIEU LEMOINE GOES UP IN THE PROVISIONAL STANDINGS

The Grand Parc Equestrian Stadium benefitted from a wonderful sunny day for the cross country event. The course, stretching over 4,580 metres and designed by Pierre Michelet, created a few surprises: the first of which being the fall of Michael Jung with Leopin, which was not at all serious. They were the initial rider and horse pair to compete in the test. In total, 13 riders and horses were eliminated, 4 retired and 2 did not compete. Despite the incident which occurred with his first horse, the German rider remains in the lead in the provisional standings. This puts **La Biosthetique Sam FBW back in first position, with a lead of more than 10 points** on Karin Donckers and Gazelle de la Brasserie, which are 3rd.

At the end of this 3rd day of competition, there are **three French competitors among the ten best riders**. Mathieu Lemoine and Onyx de Barbereau (6th- photo opposite), managed to finish the course in the optimum time, ahead of Aurélien Kahn and Princesse Pilot (8th) which resulted in them receiving 2.8 time penalties. And it was the World Champion, Jean Teulère, who joined them in the top ten line-up with Lascar de Kergoet (9th). After two refusals on the mound, Cédric Lyard decided to retire with Cadeau du Roi.

Lastly, the rider from New Zealand, Mark Todd, ended up taking part with only one horse in this CCI** and managed to gain some ground, finishing in 11th place.

Tomorrow morning, the rider and horse pairs will have to pass the veterinary inspection to be authorized to take part in the final event of the competition, the show jumping test.



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THE RIDERS AND HORSES WHICH STOOD OUT ON THE COURSE...

Ellen Kloos and Rovano Rex. The 22 year-old rider from the Netherlands is close on the heels of the top competitors. This is a wonderful performance considering that she is confronting Michael Jung and Karin Donckers. Despite 6 penalty points on the cross country course, she has gone up one place in the provisional standings.

Tim Lips, another young rider from the Netherlands also attracted our attention. The 24 year-old performed a perfect round on the cross country course and went up 12 places in the provisional standings with his leading horse, Van Schijndel's Concrex Owaola, 5th at the CICO*** in Aachen (GER) in 2009.

It was hard to complete the cross country course in the allowed time. But the rider from **Picardy, Benjamin Massié**, competing with his 8-year old horse, Okay Fary, achieved the optimum time. With a perfect performance on the cross country course, he still has the 62.8 points awarded after the dressage test and moves up from the 74th to 26th place!

