ABDEL SAÏD WINS €500,000

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ABDEL SAÏD GOT HIMSELF ANOTHER SPECTACULAR VICTORY IN THE €500,000 LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR GRAND PRIX OF CANNES, STEERING WATHNAN ZASOU VOM CLAASHOF THROUGH A BREATHLESS, FAST, DOUBLE-CLEAR JUMP-OFF IN 39.44 SECONDS. SET AGAINST THE GLAMOUR OF A SOLD-OUT RIVIERA CROWD, THE BELGIAN RIDER OUTPACED RUNNER-UP MICHAEL PENDER ON HHS CYPRUS AND THIRD-PLACED JANNE FRIEDERIKE MEYER-ZIMMERMANN ON CELLAGON CASCAIS.

Uliano Vezzani's demanding 1.60m course caught out many pre-competition favourites, leaving just four riders to battle it out against the clock. Pender set an early target of 41.35 seconds, which Meyer-Zimmermann couldn't quite catch, before Saïd took daring inside turns to shave nearly two seconds off the leading time. Last to go, Andreas Schou risked it all for a win but picked up four faults at the fifth fence, handing Saïd the coveted title.

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