

Longines Royal International Horseshow Hickstead, UK July 2005

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The Swiss watchmaker was an official title sponsor, timekeeper and data handling operator of The Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead, which started on July 27th and ended on July 31st, 2005.



Longines' active presence at the Longines Royal International Horse Show is now a well-established tradition. Longines of

Switzerland served as an official title sponsor, timekeeper and data-handling operator at the event for the second year running. In its capacity as title sponsor, the watchmaker has presented the Longines Prize for Elegance to the competition's most elegant horsewoman and horseman, selected by the votes of a distinguished jury. Bestowed annually since 2004, the Longines Prize for Elegance comes with over 60,000 Swiss francs in prize money. At this year's Horseshow, the jury voted to elect the contest's most elegant horsewoman and horseman. All contestants entered in the Nations Cup competitions in which Longines is involved are automatically eligible for the Longines Prize for Elegance. Along with the nations qualified for the Super League events Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Switzerland, the Italian team has been granted a wild card for the CSIO Piazza di Siena and the Spanish team the same privilege for the CSIO Barcelona.

Thomas Mühlbauer, 34 years of age, who performed exceptionally, and put a truly memorable performance, finds himself contributing to the German team's Nations Cup victory a double victory, too, having also won the Longines Prize for Elegance for his accomplished performance at the Longines Royal International Horseshow,



propelling himself to the top of the intermediate rankings of this annual distinction, endowed with over 60,000 Swiss francs (26,000 pounds) in prize money.

Beezie Madden, an experienced rider, 43 years of age, ranked 16th in the world, was one of the mainstays of the American team. It was her performance that earned her team its second place in the Longines Royal International Horse Show's Nations Cup competition. Beezie Madden also rode off with the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Spruce Meadows, Alberta, Canada, before recrossing the Atlantic for Super League competitions with her national team.



In the Nation's Team cup, Germany won the fifth leg of the 2005 Samsung Super League. The series produced plenty of exciting moments as, just had been expected, the Americans and Germans battled it out for pole Position with Germany coming out on top and taking over at the head of the league table.

The King George V Gold Cup, which is one of the Royal International Horseshow's most celebrated classes in the International Arena and a key event on the international show jumping circuit was awarded to the winner of the fence down and was beaten by the American, Jeffrey Wells, riding Armani, who had the sole double clear round. The Americans also won the Bunn Leisure Queen Elizabeth II Cup. Laura Kraut rode Anthem to complete the only clear round, beating her compatriot Kimberly Prince with Couletto K James who had one fence down in the jump off. Nicky Boulter and Norolient Je finished highest of the British contenders in third with two fences down in the jump off. Nick Skelton, riding his grey horse Russel, finished on a high note, coming second in the Hickstead's prestigious finale to the show jumping. He put in a sparkling performance to

complete the second round quickest out of the six who were involved in the jump-off. ■



Thomas Mühlbauer & Beezie Madden

Results of the Longines Prize for Elegance:

Most elegant horsewoman

1. **Laura Kraut** *Miss Independent* USA 79
2. **Beezie Madden** *Authentic* USA 78
3. **Ellen Whitaker** *AK Locarno 62* UK 71

Most elegant horseman

1. **Thomas Mühlbauer** *Asti Spumante* Germany 61
2. **Hervé Godignon** *Obélix* France 50
3. **Markus Fuchs** *La Toya* Switzerland 44

Results of The Longines FEI Samsung Super League Nations Cup of Great Britain:

1. GERMANY - 27 faults: Diamonds Daylight (Alois Pollmann-Schweckhorst) 1+5 - Asti Spumante (Thomas Mühlbauer) 4+4 - Carino (Ulrich Kirchhoff) 16+12 - Quel Homme (Rene Tebbel) 12+1.

2. USA - 28 faults: Miss Independent (Laura Kraut) 12+4 - Marlou (Kimberley Prince) 4+4 - Sapphire (McLain Ward) Elim+DNS - Authentic (Beezie Madden) 4+0.

3. THE NETHERLANDS - 39 faults: Oliver (Harrie Smolders) 2+4 - Miss Montana (Emile Tacken) 17+9 - Broere VDL Atlantic (Wout-Jan van der Schans) 24+8 - VDL Groep Kwidanta (Mathijs Van Asten) 0+8.

4. IRELAND - 45 faults: Waterford Crystal (Cian O'Connor) 0+9 - World Cruise (Shane Breen) 8+4 - Ashdale Futuro (David Quigley) 21+5 - Domingo. (Denis Lynch) 20+8.

5. GREAT BRITAIN - 48 faults: Exploit du Roulard (John Whitaker) 13+0, Nicolette (Robert Whitaker) 13+12, Thesaura (Mark Armstrong) 9+5, Russel (Nick Skelton) 25+8.



Germany, winner of FEI Samsung Super League Nations Cup

6. BELGIUM - 51 faults: Osta Rugs Quintus (Jean-Claude Van Geenberghe) 9+0 - Le Coup C (Maurice Van Roosbroeck) 20+17 - Tiquila (Dirk Demeersman) 9+29 - Karioka del Follee (Philippe Le Jeune) 8+8.

7. SWITZERLAND - 52 faults: Unique (Pius Schwizer) 12+0 - Cantus (Niklaus Schurtenberger) 9+9 - Hansueli Sprunger (Rubens du Ry D'Asse) 34+DNS - Principal (Beat Mandli) 9+13.

8. FRANCE - Retired: Senna Van Paemel (Philippe Rozier) Elim - Kapital Girl (Nathalie Paillot) 27 - Cyrenaike FRA (Philippe Leoni) DNS - First de Launay (Florian Angot) DNS.



Medhat Attia & Nick Skelton



Jeremy Wells & Medhat Attia, sole agent of Longines in Egypt

Results of The Longines King George V Gold Cup:

1	Jeremy Welles (USA)	Armani	0	0	58.6
2	Nick Skelton (GBR)	Russel	0	4	50.39
3	David McPherson (GBR)	Bob's Diamond	4	0	53.83
4	Beat Mandli (SUI)	Principal	0	4	54.73
5	Tim Gredley (GBR)	Fabriana	0	4	58.93
6	Robert Whitaker (GBR)	Nicolette II	4	4	51.67



Walter Von Kaenel, President of Longines