

# Equestrian Festival, CHIO Aachen 2003

## Aachen, 2003



Ludger Beerbaum on 'Gold Fever 3'.

The tension was incredible: For the second time, a jumping competition at the World Equestrian Festival, CHIO Aachen was decided only in the final second.

After local hero Helena Weinberg had given away her victory in the "Prize of North Rhine Westphalia" because of a fault at the last obstacle, also the Belgian equip had to accept to be only the second-best team in the Mercedes-Benz-Prize - "Nations' Cup", because of a fault at the last obstacle and a time fault. With altogether eleven penalty points, the Irish team with Robert Splaine/CoolCorron Cool Diamond, Peter Charles/Pershing, Billy Twomey/Luidam and Kevin Babington/Carling King succeeded in front of Belgium (13) and the USA and Germany, who had 16 penalty points each. In the German team under the direction of National Coach Kurt Gravemeier were Marcus Ehning/For Pleasure (0/4); Christian Ahlmann/Coester (8/0), Dobel's Cento (4/4), Ludger Beerbaum/Gladdys S (4/4).

"We have never assumed this, because the Germans are so potent", the Irish Team Coach Tommy Wade comments happily his riders' success, which was only decided at the last obstacle and the very last rider. The Belgians with Dirk Demeersman/Clinton (0/8), Stany van Paesschen/O de Pomme (0/13), Jos Lansink/AK Caridor Z (0/0) and Ludo Philippaerts/Parco (gave up/5) had presented three faultless courses in the first round -

Philippaerts had resigned, because his result was not needed any more after the three faultless riders - , but then they had dropped behind. In contrast to that, the Irish, who had got five penalty points in the first round, could make up ground in the second, even though their last rider Kevin Babington got five penalty points and had with that almost given away the victory. Philippaerts had the Belgians' victory in his hand in the second round, but a fault at the final obstacle, the out jump of the three-fold combination, prevented a repetition of the nation's great success of 2001. "It's a pity, we have lately given away a better placement in the last moment so often", regrets Belgium's chef d'équipe Lucien Somers.

In the "Prize of Tuchfabrik Becker Aachen", the winner Rene Tebbel (Emsbüren) with Farina was almost three seconds faster than second-placed Markus Beerbaum on Constantin. After Beerbaum there followed two "youngsters", Steve Guerdat on Isovlas Lataro and Johannes Ehning (Borken) on Gelha's Junior were placed third and fourth in the jumping competition, which was decided on time and penalties and which took place previous to the Nations' Cup.

And once again Nadine Capellmann and Bouton: after the Prix St. Georges on Wednesday, the two-fold World Champion from Aachen won also the Dressage competition Intermédiaire I "Prize of Stübben KG" with her nine year-old Bouton. With 1422 points, she brought a clear distance between herself and Monica Theodorescu (Sassenberg/1395) with Cooper and Ann-Kathrin Linsenhoff (Kronberg/1371) and Sterntaler. In the Intermédiaire II, a Canadian rider triumphed: Christilot Boylen secured her victory in the "Prize of Juwelier Uttermann, Aachen". The Canadian, who is living in Germany, notched up 1347 points with her twelve year-old Hanoverian Lemon Park. Also the other riders on the front places had ridden German-bred horses: Swiss Silvia Ikle was second with her Westphalian Florestan-son Florian with 1338 points, British Fiona Bigwood, who is training in Germany, got 1330 points with her 15 year-old Rhinelander mare Habana. Incidentally, Habana, a Hyllos-daughter, has at that time been sold at the CHIO-Sales ■



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## Results

Placing	Rider	Horse	Country
1	Chris Kappler	Royal Kaliber	USA
2	Gertjan Bruggink	Joel	NED
3	Ludger Beerbaum	Goldfever 3	GER
4	Laura Kraut	Anthem	USA
5	Franke Sloothaak	Joli Coeur	GER
6	Christian Ahlmann	Coester	GER
7	Helena Weinberg	Kasting Horses Gavi	GER
8	Marcus Ehning	For Pleasure	GER
9	Michel Hecart	Quilano de Kalvarie	FRA
10	Reynald Angot	Tlaloc M	FRA