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### DELESTRE WINS LONGINES FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ PRESENTED BY VOLKSWAGEN

On a dramatic afternoon in Verona, Italy today, **Simon Delestre** and the evergreen 16-year-old Hermes Ryan galloped to victory in the third leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ 2021/2022 Western European League.



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Germany's **Kendra Claricia Brinkop** took the early lead in the 12-horse jump-off with Kastle Memo, throwing down a time of 37.80 seconds that would prove difficult to beat.

But the turn to the innocuous-looking vertical at fence nine, this time the second obstacle on the course, saw Great Britain's Emily Moffitt take a tumble when Winning Good put in a stop, while the competition was held for some time after Colombia's **Carlos Lopez** had a fall from Admara at the same fence.

Admara left the arena at a trot while Lopez was taken to hospital with a suspected shoulder injury, and when the action resumed Brinkop's target time still proved too difficult to get.

That was until, second-last to go, Delestre set off with the trusty little chestnut gelding with which he won individual bronze at the FEI European Championships in Aachen, Germany in 2015. Scorching through the finish in 37.32 they took over the lead, and although Ireland's **Denis Lynch** was clear with GC Chopin's Bushi their time of 38.62 seconds was only good enough for third spot behind Brinkop in second and Delestre at the head of affairs.

Germany's Christian Kukuk and Checker finished fourth, Sweden's Jens Fredricson and Markan Cosmopolit slotted into fifth and America's Jessica Springsteen lined up in sixth with Don Juan van de Donkhoeve.

Today's result moves Jens Fredricson up to second place on the Western European League table which continues to be led by The Netherlands' Kevin Jochems, winner of the opening leg of the series in Oslo, Norway last month.

### FAST SWEDEN'S ANDERSSON WINS KASK ACCUMULATOR

It was all about the ladies in the opening class on the final day at Jumping Verona 2021 this morning when Sweden's **Petronella Andersson** and America's **Jessica Springsteen** finished first and second in the Kask Accumulator and mares filled all of the top four places.



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Partnering the lovely 14-year-old Tiger Lily who was a winner on Friday and completely consistent all weekend, Springsteen scorched into the lead when 33rd to go of the 53 starters. Stopping the clock on 49.35 seconds this pair looked very hard to beat, but three horses later Andersson's 12-year-old Jeunesse van T Paradijs broke the beam 0.12 seconds sooner and that proved as fast as you could get.

Brazil's **Marlon Zanotelli** slotted into third with the nine-year-old mare Chili who has also been impressive over the last three days while Belgium's Gudrun Pateet and the 11-year-old mare Sea Coast Donna vd Windweg Z lined up in fourth place when clocking 49.64.

Last to go, Pateet looked about to upset the leaderboard with a super-fast round from another of her great horses, the always-competitive Sea Coast Pebbles, until a fence down put paid to their chances.

Italy's **Emanuele Gaudio** and Chalou slotted into fifth and Great Britain's **John Whitaker** and Sharid finished sixth.

Riding Unick de Francport, Whitaker is drawn first to go in this afternoon's feature event, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ qualifier which is the third leg of the prestigious 2021/2022 Western European League series, while Zanotelli has the best of the draw, going last with Like a Diamond van het Schaeck.

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