



FINAL REPORT

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FEI International Cup Officials Team Jumping Competition, FEI CSIO4* , Lipica , 26th - 29th June 2008

Sabine Seeburger-Schranz won the Grand Prix of Slovenia

A Lady from Austria won the Grand Prix of Slovenia at the first CSIO4* in Lipica on the last weekend of June. Sabine Seeburger-Schranz galloped without penalty points in only 40.40 seconds with her eight-years-old gelding Quartz Van De Nieuwmolen through the jump-off. One second slower than the 31-year-old woman the Italian Filippo Moyersoen placed on rank second with Loro Piana Eclypso (0/41.50). On the third place with four penalty points came the German Günter Treiber with Concordia (4/41.10).

Quarz Van De Nieuwmolen, the horse with the difficult name, flew as high as he could over the obstacles. Seeburger-Schranz rides the gelding since two years. He even won the Grand Prix of Linz in this year, but celebrated his best international result here in Lipica.

The team from the U.S. had already won the Nations Cup on Friday. Second place went to the team from Austria, while the team from Italy came to the bronze rank. Fourth was the equipe from Germany.

Michael Morrisey with Crelido, James Benedetto with Kannan S Gigi Z, Tracy Magness with Tarco Van Ter Moude and Alexa Lowe with Nadyleen had ten penalty points after the second round. There were 13 penalty points for the Austrians with Wolfgang Oetschmaier with Royal King of Darkness, Jürgen Krackow with Looping, Christian Fries with Lanco and Sabine Seeburger Schranz with Quartz-van de Nieuwmolen. Just behind the Austrians were the Italians with 14 penalty points. Emanuele Gaudiano with Uppercut, Filippo Moyersoen with Loro Piana Zenzero Di Santa Ma, Giovanni Lucchetti with Boston and Gianni Govoni Love Affair with Zamar rode for Italy.

For the Americans their victory rounded off their four-week tour of Europe. "None of our riders was each in a Nations Cup before our departure from the United States. I'm so proud of them all! ", laughed a happy chef d'équipe Melanie Smith Taylor. The Lady from Memphis

herself belonged to the American Olympic team of 1984 and was now for the first time at a horse show in the home of the Lipizzaners. "We love Lipica and we will come back," promised the coach after the victory of her team. Already on Thursday, the 22-year-old Jeanne Hobbs won the first qualification for the Grand Tour with her horse from Oldenburg, Night and Day. At the end every five American riders have been successful in the Slovenian horses Mecca.

Saturday was the day of Timo Beck from Kehl in Baden-Württemberg (Germany). With his horse from Holstein, Azkaban, the 30-year-old professional won the final of the Middle Tour. Second place went to the Italian Emanuele Gaudio with Lucky, who has won as much as three competitions in Lipica.

The Slovenian Urh Bauman with Tequila decided the finale of the Small Tour for himself on Sunday morning. The winner of the final of young horses was a lady from Austria: Sabine Seeburger-Schranz with her only six-years-old Dutch horse V.I.P..

A rapid Jump & Drive competition belonged to the exciting afternoon program, always one jumping equestrian rider and a pair driver formed a team. Performed by the enthusiastic spectators and really good music the audience favorites, Luka Zalosnik, Slovenia successful jumping rider, and Mitja Mahorcic, Slovenia best driver, galloped unchallenged to victory. After that the riders of the stud farm gave a taste of their skill. They earned plenty of applause with their classical performance, including the famous "airs above the ground".

Lipica's farm director Matja Pust was extremely satisfied with the CSIO 4 *, in which over one hundred riders from 13 nations went to the start. Till 2010 he wants to improve the infrastructure of the famous stud farm and in three years he likes to have a CHIO with the disciplines dressage, jumping and driving in Lipica.

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