



63rd CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL DE GENÈVE

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PRESS RELEASE

MARTIN FUCHS – HE WINS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

Geneva, 14 December 2024 – The UBS Challenge Prize, a Table A against the clock over 1.55m, closed the CHI Geneva on Saturday. A total of 37 riders were at the start. To win, they had to prove their speed and rideability on a difficult course with 13 obstacles of 16 fences and three doubles. And this in front of a full house.

Swiss rider Martin Fuchs, on Commissar Pezi, was - again - the best with a time of 59.46 minutes. No-one else managed to break 60 seconds. Neither the French rider Simon Delestre with his speedy Dexter Fontenis Z (60.43), nor his compatriots Edouard Schmitz with Quno (61.43) and Bryan Balsiger with PSG Starlight (61.90), nor the British rider Ben Maher with his elegant Enjeu de Grisien (61.69), nor any of the other riders, all of whom were very good, managed to do so. The course, prepared by Gérard Lachat and Grégory Bodo, was technically very demanding. But it seems that Martin can master any course at this 63rd edition of the CHI Geneva, having won every evening since the start of the tournament. The stars seem to be particularly favourable to him at the moment. It is amazing how one rider alone - or almost alone - can hog all the limelight. Ahead of tomorrow's Rolex Grand Prix, Martin Fuchs is once again beaming with happiness and confidence. Well done - Chapeau, Martin!

Steve Guerdat wins the Coupe de Genève for the fourth time!

Steve Guerdat has once again won the prestigious Coupe de Genève, one of the many CHI Geneva competitions to which he is particularly attached. After his debut on Ferrari in 2008, this is the fourth time the Jura rider has won, and the third time with his formidable partner Venard de Cerisy. The duo had already won the legendary combined event in 2019 and 2022.

In a jump-off with eleven competitors, the Jura rider showed all his skills and came out on top with ease. Steve Guerdat and «Verni» took a big risk to set the fastest time. They finished almost two seconds ahead of second placed Lorenzo De Luca (Curcuma Il Palazzetto), who was also in top form this weekend.

Jules Van Hoydonck on the trail of the elite

In the U25 Grand Prix over 1.45 metres, presented by Land Rover Discovery, the young talents showed in the morning that they can already keep up with the elite at the same high level. Why shouldn't they do the same on a course where their older and more experienced counterparts are constantly proving their mettle? Of the 32 riders competing for the title, 15 qualified for the jump-off. In the end, it was Belgian rider Jules Van Hoydonck who won with the 12-year-old mare Minte VD Bisschop. He was just a few hundredths of a second ahead of the Italian rider Camilla Bosio on Kindeth and the British rider Oliver Fletcher on Bp Pocahontas, the reigning European Champion of Young Riders.

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