

**LORENZO DE LUCA AND DE FLIPPER EARN THEIR FIRST WIN  
IN THE PRIZE JULIUS BAER CSI5\***



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**RAMATUELLE, FRANCE**—As the sun dipped low along Ramatuelle’s Pampelonne Beach, the competition was just heating up in the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show’s Prize Julius Baer CSI5\* on Friday, June 1, 2018.

What proved to be a challenging first round course culminated in an all-star worthy jump-off, with a plethora of top riders debuting promising future partnerships. Among them was the class winner, Lorenzo de Luca of Italy, riding the 10-year-old KWPN gelding De Flipper—a horse de Luca feels demonstrates plenty of potential at the top levels of the sport.



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“This is the first jump-off in a big class for me and Flipper,” de Luca said. “He’s very careful and an amazing horse. He has a lot of confidence and he really wanted to do well for me today.”

Course designer Uliano Vezzani’s 1.50m-track rode with more difficulty than expected, and nearly a quarter of the 49-horse field had gone before Olivier Philippaerts and Extra provided the first clear round of the evening. In the end, 10 horses would return for the shortened track, a list that included multiple partnerships of less than a year. In the top five, those included: de Luca and De Flipper, the Czech Republic’s Anna Kellnerova and Silverstone G, and Italy’s Alberto Zorzi and Ulane de Coquerie.

The jump-off course included two leave-out options for strides in bending lines and multiple rollback turns, providing ample opportunity for excitement among the class spectators. In the end, the competition came down to de Luca, the Netherlands’ Harrie Smolders and Zinius, and France’s Simon Delestre with Chesall Zimequest—already CSI5\* winners this week in the Prize McLaren Monaco.

Smolders, the current world #1, set the bar in typical fashion, finishing on 34.29 seconds. De Luca improved on that time, picking two, near-perfect lines on back-to-back rollback turns and stopping the clock at 33.93. The Italian rider was eclipsed, however, by Delestre, who finished on a time of 33.69 but was disqualified when stewards discovered a spur rub after the class. De Luca moved up to first place, Smolders to second, and Alberto Zorzi into third.

Five-star competition continues on Saturday, June 2, at the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show with the GCL Final of Saint Tropez, beginning at 14.25, and followed by the Longines GCT Grand Prix of Saint Tropez at 18.10.

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From May 31 to June 2, 2018, the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show will feature two different levels of competition for a total of € 617,000 in prize money. The world's best riders / horses will compete in the 6 classes of the CSI5\*, all valid for the Longines world ranking - including the leading event, the Longines Global Champions Grand Prix of Saint-Tropez, with €300,000 in prize money - and the new Global Champions League, where the best riders from the different countries will participate in teams for incredible competition during the championship season.

The 9 classes of the CSI2\* will be reserved for amateur riders who will have the privilege of competing in the same arena as the best riders. A total of one hundred riders and nearly 200 horses are expected in Ramatuelle, representing more than twenty countries.

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