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TRIPLE VICTORY FOR SWISS RIDERS

A Swiss one-two-three in the Coupe de Genève, the convincing success of the young Frenchman Alexis Goulet in the GP Land Rover U25 and in the evening the victory of the Irishman Shane Sweetnam in the Credit Suisse Challenge, who beat world number one Henrik von Eckermann by a blink of an eye, thus depriving him of an unprecedented double – these were the highlights of the penultimate day of competition at the CHI Geneva 2022.

On Saturday afternoon, the programme included the Coupe de Genève, a spectacular and tricky competition with many combinations. The jump-off of this competition, which counts for the world ranking, ended with a triple Swiss triumph. Olympic champion Steve Guerdat, who had already won in 2019 with the same horse (Venard de Cerisy), not only ensured the first success of a Swiss rider at the 2022 edition of the CHI Geneva. He was also followed on the podium by two compatriots: the young and talented Edouard Schmitz, who rode Gamin van't Naastveldhof, took second place, ahead of Niklaus Schurtenberger, who was in the saddle of C-Steffra.

Henrik misses the double

In the evening, the CS Challenge took place, where most of the top stars present in Geneva competed. World number one Henrik von Eckermann had the chance to win both the Top 10 Rolex IJRC Final on Friday and the CS Challenge the next day. The Swede could believe in this double for a long time. With Glamour Girl he put in a fast faultless round, which was beatable, but for that one had to take some risks. His co-competitors had a hard time with it. A mistake here, a few tenths of a second too much there, Henrik held the lead in the intermediate classification for a long time. Until the Irishman Shane Sweetnam managed to outdo his Swedish rival by 18 hundredths of a second. Shane thus also somewhat rehabilitated his compatriot Conor Swail, who held on to Vital Chance de la Roque despite losing the reins, but miraculously did not crash and still finished fourth in the end.

The Grand Prix of the Young Riders

The penultimate day of the CHI Geneva 2022 started with the Land Rover Grand Prix, the expected crowning finale of the competitions for riders under 25. Of the 29 competitors at the start, 13 of them made it to the jump-off.



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Frenchman Alexis Goulet, who started third, immediately set a high tempo and put in a perfect combination in a very good time. Many risked everything to oust him, but they did not succeed. French rider Antoine Ermann, who took second place with Beryl des Prés, joined his compatriot on the podium, where Swiss rider Thibaut Keller jumped on third place with his stallion Arley de Vayrie. After a lap of honour to the sounds of the Marseillaise, Alexis Goulet was overwhelmed and enjoyed his victory: "I am so happy to have won in this incredible arena in front of Calla's owners," he said. "Calla was a bit reserved on the first day, but then she felt comfortable and jumped beautifully."

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