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Longines CCI5-L: Hallie Coon (USA) and Kapriccio take the overnight lead

Following the first day of dressage, American rider Hallie Coon and her Holsteiner gelding Kapriccio hold the overnight lead on a score of 27.8 penalties. New Zealand's Tim Price and Happy Boy currently sit in second place

(31.7), while Great Britain's Stephen Heal and Hagonda are third (33.6).



Coon and Kapriccio delivered a harmonious and expressive test, earning the highest score of the day. The American rider was delighted with her horse's performance: "He's just the best horse I could possibly have

underneath me. He's the type of horse that if you hold his hand and make sure he's comfortable, he'll give you his heart on a plate. It's a really lovely feeling and I wouldn't want to be on any other horse." Looking ahead to cross-country day, she added: "I haven't seen the whole course yet as I was so focused on this first phase, but it looks like a big, bold, galloping track. The conditions are perfect, the ground is lovely, so Luhmühlen has done a very, very good job preparing. I'm excited to get on with the rest of it. The general consensus is that there is a lot to do out there. It's not going to be a dressage show. It's not one thing in particular, but cumulatively there is a lot to do, and I think it's going to make for a really good competition."



Tim Price and Happy Boy are currently in second place: "He tried really hard. We had two mistakes in the medium trot, which was a real surprise because he normally has a very good trot. I don't know, he was almost over-concentrating. He's a real trier and always wants to do the right thing, and I was really pleased with everything else."

Price expects a challenging cross-country test ahead: "It's a tough cross-country course and he can be a bit naughty sometimes, but hopefully I've got a good plan and we can do a good job."

Britain's Stephen Heal and Hagonda currently sit third. For the mare, this marks only her second CCI5*-L appearance.

"I'm very pleased with her. This is only her second five-star event and she has never competed in an arena with this kind of atmosphere before. I was delighted with how focused she stayed and how rideable she was throughout the test. I'm really looking forward to the cross-country. I think the course should suit her well and we'll do our best."



Germany's Katharina Meyer was quite emotional after her test: "Just being able to ride here in front of this crowd was an honour. I was there when Aspen was born and spent the entire night with him in his stable. To come here and complete this test together is incredibly emotional." Looking ahead to Saturday's cross-country, Meyer remains optimistic:

"Of course, it's a five-star competition. The course is long and demanding, with one question following the next. You have to stay focused all the way to the finish, but I believe the track suits him."



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