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Longines CCI5*-L: Laura Collett (GBR) and London 52 in the lead after cross-country

Mike Etherington-Smith's cross-country course was no 'walk in the park', demanding precision and concentration all the way around. The task in the stadium was particularly influential for the classification.



After a beautiful round on Hester early on (35.1 / rank 5), Laura Collett (GBR) and London 52 made light work of all the questions, stayed inside the time, and held onto their lead (25.4): "I'm absolutely ecstatic. Both of my horses have given me brilliant performances. They're two very different horses to ride but they both love their job

and it's an honour to be sat on them. With London, now I just want to enjoy the moment. He owes me absolutely nothing. He's been phenomenal all through his career – the places he's taken me, the things he's done. He's so so special. Whatever happens tomorrow, he's my horse of a lifetime."



Yesterday they waltzed, today Ros Canter's Izilot DHI switched on cross-country mode and the pair made the course look like a style class, adding only 2.8 points to their dressage score (28.8): "I'm absolutely delighted. Izilot was so grown up out there. He was pretty spooky this morning, so I was a little

nervous and he ducked and dived going in and out of the arena but when he was on his line to the fence he was 100 percent. He's really good on lines and skinnies but sometimes worries about the people, sometimes the decorations around the fence catch him out. Today he was fantastic. The course was a real challenge and I



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think some people underestimated it. It walked intense and it walked fast and it rode that way as well."



Samantha Lissington (NZL) and Ricker Ridge Sooty also mastered the challenging five-star course with flying colours adding just 0.4 points to their dressage result (29.3): "I'm so happy. He's such a champion. He's small and compact. I'm really proud of him. It was amazing. It's so incredible to be at Luhmühlen.

He's loving it here. He really opened up today and found that top-notch speed. I watched the arena this morning and it rode really well. Then I continued watching it for the next hour which did nothing for my confidence. I kept wondering what to do and I knew I had to ride off the seats of my pants and ride off feel – and that's what I did."

Malin Hansen-Hotopp and Carlitos Quidditsch K broke a MIM system at the entrance to the Meßmer Teich, adding a total of 12.6 points to their dressage score (41.5): "It was so much fun! He was full of running right until the end. It's a pity about the broken MIM, that's never happened to us before. I'll have a look at the video later to analyse it, but perhaps I could have made him a bit rounder there. In the end, he was so confident and rideable everywhere. He's just incredible."



Arne Bergendahl, the other German competitor was also very happy with his round (46.7 / rank 16): "I am overjoyed. It was so much fun. I kept wondering how to tackle the Irish Bank beforehand. But it was super smooth to ride."



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NDR Broadcast Times

Saturday, June 14 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, June 15 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM

Live Stream

Both phases on all competition days: Horse and Country+ (behind the paywall).

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About the event

Luhmühlen has been organising major eventing competitions for over 60 years - including six European Championships in 1975, 1979, 1987, 1999, 2011 and 2019 and the World Equestrian Games in 1982.

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