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Kazuma Tomoto (JPN) in lead of Longines CCI5*-L after first day of dressage

The Japanese rider Kazuma Tomoto was dominating the dressage of the Longines CCI5*-L on day one of the Longines Luhmühlen Horse Trials with his horse Brookpark Vikenti (25.20). He is currently followed by Tim Price (NZL) with Ascona M (25.80) and Alexander Bragg (GBR) with Zagreb (29.70).



The leading Japanese rider was over the moon after his performance this afternoon. "I can't believe we took the lead today. This morning my horse was slightly tense, so I tried to make her feel as relaxed possible. The horse is naturally a very good mover, so my plan worked out!"

Time Price was equally happy with his mare Ascona M: "I am very glad my horse was performing the way she did today. I didn't want to risk too much and she could have been a little more uphill. But she was concentrating on the job so I am very pleased."



Thoughts on the Longines CCI5*-L Cross Country

Kazuma Tomoto: "I think it's a typical CCI5*-L course. There are many technical questions and a lot of turns along the course which require well ridden horses. However, the fences



are not too big and I am looking forward to riding my naturally fast horse round this beautiful course.”

Andreas Ostholt: “The cross-country course is not what you would call ‘old school’ with plenty of big and wide jumps. There are a number of technical questions, which require concentration from riders and horses. Especially the water complexes are demanding a lot of foresight and concentrated riding. However, all fences have been built with clear questions, which makes this a very fair course.”

Tim Price: “It’s a technical course with plenty of questions and variety. The grounds have been beautifully prepared, providing the best possible basis for this exciting course. Staying within the optimum time however, might be challenging.”

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About the event

Luhmühlen has been organising major eventing competitions for over 60 years - including five European Championships in 1975, 1979, 1987, 1999 and 2011 and one World Equestrian Games in 1982. Luhmühlen was again chosen by the World Equestrian Federation (FEI) to host the European Eventing Championships in 2019. This is the sixth time that Luhmühlen is hosting a European Championship and has thus become one of the most frequently used championship locations.



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The Longines FEI Eventing European Championships will be the second event in 2019, as the traditional international event will be held under a new name in June. The Longines Luhmühlen Horse Trials will take place from 13th to 16th June and include, also under a new name, the Longines CCI5*-L and the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy with German Championships.

Luhmühlen has been one of the world's largest six eventing competitions since 2005 and welcomes top international riders and numerous visitors (June approx. 25,000 / European Championships approx. 40,000) every year.

