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Julia Krajewski takes the lead in the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy

With the best dressage score of the morning, Julia Krajewski (GER) and Samourai du Thot took the lead in the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy (24.70). Ingrid Klimke (GER) with SAP Asha P (24.8) and Michael Jung with Creevagh Cooley (25.6) currently rank second and third, respectively.

The second day of dressage in the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy showed sport at the highest level in front of the many spectators. Julia Krajewski (GER) and Ingrid Klimke (GER) were able to secure fantastic starting positions for tomorrow's cross-country day with their performances this morning. Julia Krajewski said that "Sam was very relaxed during the last few days, but today he was a bit of a handful. Maybe I should have ridden him a second time yesterday, in order to be able to ride out the highlights even more in the test today. Nevertheless, I'm very satisfied with the result and think it's good that the judges stayed true to their line throughout the entire competition."



Ingrid Klimke also secured an excellent starting position with second place before tomorrow's cross-country day. With her 8-year-old mare SAP Asha P Klimke presented an expressive horse to the ground jury. "It's great how strong the mare's nerves were in this atmospheric dressage arena. She was really eager and highly motivated, while being relaxed at the same time. I was positively surprised, how well Asha managed to cope with the great Luhmühlen atmosphere."

Michael Jung (GER), who was in the lead after the first day of dressage, has moved into third place with his mare Creevagh Cooley (25.6) and thus completes the German podium for the time being, before a demanding cross-country day in the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy tomorrow.

Riders thoughts on the CCI4*-S Meßmer Trophy cross-country course

Sandra Auffarth: "It's a well-structured course with perfect ground. It contains some technical questions, such as the two corners in the stadium and the water complexes, where concentrated riding is required. I'm really looking forward to the cross country and believe that my horse is as fit as can be."

Julia Krajweski: "The course is more demanding than last year, absolutely worthy of a German Championship. Especially 5abc and the water complexes are very technical. I don't think it'll be too easy to stay within the time as there are many questions during the course that require precise riding. Luckily Sam is a very fast horse with a good canter."

Sam Watson: "I think the course is nicely built. It's a very positive course and should be fun to ride. From my point of view the two water complexes and the big tables in front of the last water are the biggest challenges."

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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.

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.

