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## Julia Krajewski stays in the lead after cross-country day in the CCI4\*-S Meßmer Trophy

**The two leading ladies, Julia Krajewski (GER) with Samourai du Thot and Ingrid Klimke (GER) with SAP Asha P are staying at one and two after today's cross-country phase. Michael Jung (GER) with Highlighter moved into third after a faultless round.**

Due to the bad weather conditions early in the morning, today's cross-country scheduling had to be adapted in order to get rid of some of the water which flooded the show ground in the early hours of today. The CCI4\*-S Meßmer Trophy got moved to lunchtime and was held before the Longines CCI5\*-L. Luckily, the ground in Luhmühlen can take a lot of water and the course was excellently prepared, so horses and riders felt reassured from the start. Julia Krajewski rode a super fast and very clean round with Sam and held on to her lead: "I know Sam really well and vice versa, which always helps. At first he glanced at all the umbrellas but quickly focused back on me and the job at hand. He was superb and gave me a fabulous feeling all the way. Luckily he rides so well, which saves a lot of time at the fences."

Ingrid Klimke also managed to finish today's cross-country on her dressage score and was over the moon with Asha P's performance today: "I was thrilled the mare rode so positively all the way round. She thoroughly enjoyed our round and so did I. The spectators are brilliant and they really carried us round the course. Asha is a super fast horse and she rode just as I thought she would."

Currently third is Michael Jung with his horse Highlighter. They too stayed within the optimum time and stayed on their dressage score. "I am super pleased with this young horse. He's still a little green and I've brought him on slowly but today I was able to





ride him a little faster to stay within the time and he presented himself beautifully in this difficult course.”

Felix Etzel (GER) and Bandit are currently in fourth: “I am so happy we stayed without any jumping penalties in this technical course. Unfortunately, we didn’t quite make the optimum time. Bandit seemed a little taken aback by the atmosphere at first, but his concentration improved throughout the course.

Dirk Schrade (GER) and Unteam de la Cense also stayed without any jumping faults and only received 1.2 time penalties. “The ground was surprisingly good after all that rain we had this morning. But the quality of the grounds in Luhmühlen has always been very excellent. My horse was fantastic to ride but for me it was important to finish this course safe and sound.”

Equally happy with his horse’s performance is Yoshiaki Oiwa (JPN) with Bart L JRA. He is in sixth place after today’s cross-country. “So far my horse has only competed at smaller events last season and we haven’t been a team for long. Today he rode amazingly and I could not be more pleased. This horse is quite shy and I thought he might find the atmosphere a little troublesome but he was great!”

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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 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

