



## CCI4\*-S Meßmer Trophy: Julia Krajewski and Uelzener's Nickel in the lead (25.3) after the dressage phase

With an expressive and harmonious dressage test, the pair took the lead before cross-country day. Julia Krajewski was obviously very happy with her horse's performance:



"Nickel is great, I can completely rely on him now. When he comes into the arena, he knows what to do and is absolutely focused. I just love how confident he is, always trying his best. Now I'm looking forward to tomorrow's cross-country. It is more demanding than in recent years, I would say it's upper level four-star, an

absolutely worthy setting for a German Championship. There are many combinations placed on three strides, meaning we have to make wise decisions and react quickly. The time is also very tight. My prediction is that not many riders will manage make the time - maybe two. But all the questions are fair and inviting. It will definitely be an exciting cross-country day."



Clarke Johnstone (NZL) and Rocket Man are currently in second place (30.5): "He's quite a young horse at ten years old and it's probably the biggest event he's come to so far. So I'm very pleased, he really tried his best for me today, was very focused and relaxed.

I'm delighted to be in second place at such a prestigious event after the dressage phase. He's a beautiful moving horse, and even though he's not 100 percent established at this level, the judges like him and he tries hard for me. It's all come

together quite well today. I think the cross country looks great. It's in the opposite direction, the water jump comes up very early. It'll be interesting to see what that's like. The Irish Bank is also an interesting challenge. I've only jumped anything like that a handful of times in my career, so I'm hoping, I'll have a smooth trip over that. My horse – even though he's not very experienced – has jumped clear three times at this level so I'm hoping to continue this trend."

**Andrew Cooper (AUS):** "It's definitely tough enough but I feel really happy about how it looks. I've got to make sure I keep my lines. Overall, you want to keep your horse confident. I think it'll jump really nicely. I've never ridden an Irish bank before but he's a brave and good cross-country horse so I think it'll be fine."

**Shane Rose (AUS):** "It's nice. Hopefully it should flow quite nicely. There are lots of questions but there's nothing outstanding that's super tough. If you do a good job it should go well. With the Meßmer water you need a little balance for the first fence and after that it should ride really well."

#### **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+ (fee applies).

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### **About the event**

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