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Aino Nations Cup Finland **Italy wins the FEI Nations Cup™ in Järvenpää**

Team Italy took the first place in the FEI Nations Cup™ in Järvenpää, Finland. All four riders, Eugenio Grimaldi with Minerva G.I.H. Z, Riccardo Martinengo Marquet and Floyd, Aurora Bortolazzi and Clintissima Van Spalbeek Z and Roberto Prandi with Maximo Del Castegno cleared the 160 cm course without faults at the fences. They all had only time faults that summed up to four after the first round. That result turned out to be the winning one, as a massive thunder storm turned the arena into a pond. The organizer worked hard to drain the arena but another storm forced the judges to cancel the second round.

The Italian team consisted of three newcomers at Nations Cups. It was easy to see the joy of winning and the team spirit in the group that travelled a long way to Finland.

-We decided already in January to come to Finland. We came for the Nations Cup. It was worth the trip, Eugenio Grimaldi said.

The Danish team took the second place with a total of 14 faults. The time allowed was extremely tight on the Nations Cup course. Aino Grand Prix winner Maria Hjorth Frederiksen with Duple was one of only two riders who managed to jump the course without time faults, and that one fault was enough to keep Denmark ahead of Norway (15 faults) and Finland (15).

Norway secured the first place in the Group D in the Division 2 with the third place finish in Järvenpää. Finland was left last in the Nations Cup with a little slower total time in the first round.

The first ever CDIO4* and CSIO2* joint competition in Aino Equestrian Center was a success by many means. The Finnish audience found their way to Järvenpää, and the atmosphere was enthusiastic. The riders enjoyed the show with close and high-quality facilities and friendly atmosphere, and all the teams promised to come next summer.

Results 7.7.

CSIO2* Järvenpää, Finland

Prix de Veikkaus, Nations Cup 160 cm

1) Italy 4 vp

(Eugenio Grimaldi - Minerva G.I.H. Z (2), Riccardo Martinengo Marquet - Floyd 1, Aurora Bortolazzi - Clintissima Van Spalbeek Z 2, Roberto Prandi - Maximo Del Castegno 1)

2) Denmark 14 vp

(Maria Hjorth Frederiksen - Duple 4, Stine Cassøe - Conchillo (5), Gitte Dahl - Conan 5, Martin Knudsen - Volstrups Cash 5)

3) Norway 15 vp

(Fredrik B. Seim - Javko du Flory 5, Margrethe Hartmann - Fighter Dhh 5, Karina Hovland - Everest D (18), Cecilie Hatteland - Alex 5)

4) Finland 15 vp (Jasmin Ranta-Aho - Dixon 5, Sanna Backlund - Zorro H (16), John Antell - Iscara Del Maset 5, Ville Kulkas - Nepton 5)

140 cm, one jump off. Prix de AVIS. 18 starts and 12 placings.

1) Fredrik B. Seim – Quevara van de Vlierbeek Z, NOR 0-0/39.85, 2) Susanna Granroth – Leopoldo, FIN 0-0/41.81, 3) Roberto Prandi – Ratia Del Castegno, ITA 0-0/42.74, 4) Andrea Venturini – Abou Sim Bel, ITA 0-0/43.53, 5) Sanna Backlund – Escada, FIN 0-0/43.76, 6) Henriikki Pajulahti – Clara de Bergerac, FIN 0-4/52.69, 7) Ville Kulkas – Concept, FIN 0-8/45.34, 8) Eleonora Salvatori – Lola Rennt, ITA 4/73.61, 9) Guido Grimaldi – Gerardo-E, ITA 4/73.78, 10) Madis Morna – Graal, EST 4/74.72, 11) Antti Linna – Spendrup L, FIN



4/80.75, 12) Antti Linna – Voltano, FIN 4/82.58,...

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