

## European Championship-test for the Swiss show jumping team

Tomorrow afternoon the Swiss show jumping team can compete against the worlds-best teams in the Nation Cup in St. Gallen. For the team of Urs Gruenig it's the only test against the strongest nations of the world prior to the European Championship in Madrid mid September.

As host, Switzerland can only participate with a wild card. Their result will count, but not for the ranking of the Nations Cup, where St. Gallen is the third tournament after La Baule and Rome. Chef d'Equipe Urs Gruenig has nominated its strongest team. The Swiss will compete as follows: as first Steve Guerdat with Jalisca Solier, Werner Muff with Kiamon, Janika Sprunger with Uptown Boy, Pius Schwizer with Carlina. For 24 year old Janika Sprunger it's her debut in St. Gallen with her Dutch gelding Uptwon Boy, who made the best result for the Swiss at the CSIO Linz.

Favorites are the third of the World Championship from Belgium, the second of the World Championship and last years Nation Cup winners France and the Netherland, that won the competition in Rome a week ago. Ireland and also host Switzerland have outsider chances.

Switzerland wants to finish the rehearsal for the European Championship successful. "Finishing within the top five would be satisfying for me. If the result is even better, I would be very happy" states Chef d'Equipe Urs Gruenig.

Last year the Swiss, then still member of the Super League, finished as fifth. France won before Germany and Great Britain.

The starting order is as follows: United States, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Great Britain.