

Saturday was the day of „Sprungers”

The Saturday was the day of the Show Jumping Family Sprunger from the canton Basel at the CSIO St. Gallen. Father Hansueli (59) won the class with a jump off in the morning with his top-horse Kepi de Valse; daughter Janika (24) was third with JI's Komparsen in the Wegelin speed class.

Winner of the pulsating class and the 20 000 Swiss Francs for his victory was Ben Maher from Great Britain with his already 15 year old Oscar. Without any mistake he was over a second faster than Rich Fellers (USA), who was riding in a typical hunting style, leaning forward with a bent back.

Janika Sprunger is only riding her ten year old grey horse Komparsen since half a year. With her result in her first Nations Cup in St. Gallen with Uptwon Boy (5+8 points), she wasn't very satisfied. But in the Wegelin speed class she was the best Swiss, followed by last year winner Steve Guerdat/Urgent, Pius Schwizer/Ulysse, Alain Jufer/Vennoot, Werner Muff/Osiris und Arthur da Silva/Amor. Guerdat and Schwizer were faster than Janika Sprunger, but for faults both had four seconds extra on their time. Guerdat landed in the wall, the first obstacle and Schwizer had a mistake with his Belgium horse at the TV-Oxer, but is still wearing the armband as best rider of the 16. CSI St. Gallen, which has its highlight today with the Longines Grand Prix.