



Twomey verhinderte erneuten Liebherr-GP-Sieg

The Irish rider Billy Twomey on Je t'aime Flamenco prevented a new triumph of Christina Liebherr with No Mercy in the Longines-GP during the CSIO in St. Gallen.

Billy Twomey, who was second in the GP behind his landsman Robert Splaine in 2003, was the only rider within the 48 competitors which had two clear rounds. With this success he won 75'000 Swiss Francs price money. Christina Liebherr also had a clear round, but the 1.21 seconds over the cheer her up.

Christina Liebherr is carrying on with her successes in the Grand Prix in St. Gallen. After her victory last year und the second place in 2007, where the resigned Markus Fuchs won, she was again on the "podest" in the Gruendenmoos, that was visited by 22'000 spectators.

Besides Christina Liebherr no other Swiss managed to make it to the second round. The German Markus Ehning, one of the top favourites, had to give notice that he would not start: his Kuechengirls nose was bleeding.

In contrary to the Nations Cup on Friday, for the first time with 300'000 Swiss Francs price money, the Longines Grand Prix with 14 fences and 17 jumps was very challenging. Only three couples managed the delicate course from course builder Rolf Luedi without a mistake. Especially the double combination with a wooden plank selected.