

# LE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES

LE GRAND PARQUET - FONTAINEBLEAU

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## **CROSS COUNTRY TEST OF THE CCI 3\*-S AT THE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES: NICOLAS TOUZAIN'T INCREASES HIS LEAD**

Having taken the top spot in the rankings after this morning's dressage test, riding his promising Fibonacci de Lessac\*HDC , France's Nicolas Touzaint increased his lead by winning the cross-country test of the CCI 3\*-S at Printemps des Sports Équestres at the Grand Parquet de Fontainebleau. Having also finished third with Gauguin de Busson, the rider from the Angers region now occupies two of the top three places in the provisional rankings ahead of tomorrow's final test. Thomas Carlile and Darmagnac de Béliard took second place.

*"Fibonacci and Gauguin have already competed in CCI 3\*-S competitions. Fibo is already well established at this level, whereas Gauguin isn't quite there yet. He opened the test, so we didn't have any feedback from the course yet. But he's a pretty dependable horse in the cross-country events and I felt he was in good form, so I managed to get the momentum going and keep within the imposed time limit. Fibonacci has one more years' experience; we were in the lead after the dressage and I wanted to try and keep our top spot. He performed very well",* said the rider after the event, which took place in optimum sporting, organisational and weather conditions: *"Everything went according to plan. Just as we thought, the water obstacles were the main difficulties. The time allowed was quite achievable, even though you still had to "move it". The terrain was really good. The weather was perfect; it wasn't hot, so the horses managed to recover very quickly."*

Tomorrow, Touzaint will be the favourite for the final test of this CCI 3\*-S competition, the show jumping. However, he is fully aware of the fact and knows there is no room for error. If Nicolas Touzaint knocks a bar off tomorrow, his two main challengers, the French riders Thomas Carlile and Karim Laghouag (with Dream de Viève), who are currently second and fourth respectively in the provisional rankings, could overtake him, if they ride clear rounds.

*"Fibonacci and Gauguin jump pretty well, but they could knock a bar off, just like anyone else. Like I said, they don't have a great deal of experience. What's more, here at Fontainebleau we're competing in a high-level environment, surrounded by tents and flags, and as we saw in the dressage this morning, that can be a little unsettling for some horses. So, I don't want to get ahead of myself. Obviously, my aim is to do two perfect rounds, and my horses are quite capable of that, but mistakes can always happen. At the same time, I'm not forgetting that both horses are here to learn and to progress, and I'm here to get to know them better."*

**We will know the outcome tomorrow, as of 12.25pm.**



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## Provisional ranking of the CCI 3\*-S after the dressage class

1. Nicolas Touzaint (FRA) & Fibonacci de Lessac\*HDC - 0 / 0.0 - 25.9
2. Thomas Carlile (FRA) & Darmagnac de Beliard - 0 / 0.0 - 26.1
3. Nicolas Touzaint (FRA) & Gauguin du Busson - 0 / 0.0 - 27.7

## The programme for tomorrow, Wednesday 24 April:

*In the morning*

. Para-dressage - CPEDI 3\* - Grand Prix Freestyle  
*From 12.25pm*

. Eventing - CCI 3\*-S - Show jumping

*Non-stop during the day*

. Show jumping - Master Pro / CSI 2\* / CSI YH1\*

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