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BELGIUM AND GERMANY WIN THE FINALS FOR SEVEN AND EIGHT-YEAR-OLD HORSES

In order to give the most experienced riders – those entered in the CSI 5* competition – an opportunity to let their young horses gain experience, the Printemps des Sports Équestres organises events for seven- and eight-year-old horses. This morning, the CSIYH 1* Finals took place, with Belgium's Nathan Budd winning in the seven-year-old class with H'Aubigny de Talma, and Germany's Kendra Claricia Brinkop, winning in the eight-year-old class with Lot Sport.

What they said:

Nathan Budd (BEL)

"I'm really happy to have won this event! I must say I'm particularly pleased to win here, because the Printemps des Sports Équestres is a competition that I've been really attached to since it was first launched, and I feel honoured by the trust Sylvie Robert (President of GL events Equestrian Sport and organiser of the Printemps des Sports Équestres [editor's note]) has placed in me. I'm delighted with my horse H'Aubigny de Talma, who never ceases to amaze me at each competition. He just keeps putting in great performances. That's quite encouraging for the future. We bought him when he was three years old and my rider and I took the time to get him gradually into the groove. I got him back at the start of this season to try and get to know him better. And he just keeps improving. So, the plan is to continue developing him, because I think he has a lot of potential. He's very fast, as we saw today, but he's also got a lot of physical attributes and he's very obedient; he really is a horse for the future. The great thing about this horse is that he has fun and enjoys doing well. For me, that's one of the best qualities you can find in a horse."

Kendra Claricia Brinkop (GER)

"I'm just very, very happy! Both of my horses entered in this event – Lot Sport and Quercus van den Oude Eik – jumped really well; I won the Final with my first horse and finished sixth with my second one (smile). With Quercus, I finished second yesterday and we did a clear round on the first day. Since the start of the competition, I feel that my horses have been in great form. So, I



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knew I could afford to take a few risks in this Final and go for the win. I'm delighted; the competition is really amazing and I'm having a great time. Lot Sport hasn't been in my group of horses for very long; in fact, this is just our second competition together, after Spain at the start of the year, where he performed perfectly over 1.45m. Between the two competitions, I gave him a bit of a breather. And I think he showed today that the break had been beneficial (smile). He's only eight years old, so there's plenty of room for improvement and I hope to see him in the CSI 5 classes here next year (smile)."*

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