

Timo Beck wins the Final of the Middle Tour at CSIO in Lipica

Lipica. He rolled back the field: The last starter in the jump-off, Timo Beck from Kehl in Baden-Wuerttemberg (Germany) and his gelding Azkaban won the final of the Middle tour at CSIO 4 * Lipica in Slovenia (0/39.90). Second place went to the Italian Emanuele Gaudiano with Lucky, who won as much as three competitions in Lipica. He was also without faults in the jump-off, however, a blow slower than Timo Beck (0/40.27). The third was also a rider from Italy: Gianluca Apolloni with Quinten (4/44.89).

On the fourth place there was Alexander Schill (Germany) on Libertino with 4 points in 49.66 seconds. Slovenia's successful Amazons Hana Travner came on the fifth place with Classic Cayano (4/41.45). With eight points from the jump-off Alexa Lowe (USA) with Credit Cruise (sixth place with 8/41.45) and the german rider Carina Hindelang with Concord (seventh place with 8/46.75) rode in the ranking.

The 30-year-old Timo Beck was really happy about his first international victory with his only eight-years-old gelding Azkaban, which he trained himself to the top. "He is a very comfortable horse, nothing brings him from the rest so quickly ", said the profi, who has got his own stable of 20 sporthorses. Beck, who was twice the hall champion in the "Schleyerhalle" of Stuttgart, liked it best on his first visit to the Mecca of Lipizzaners. "The first two competitions were not that hard, but the final was really challenging and technically difficult," said the winner.

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The winner of the Middle tour in Lipica: Timo Beck with Azkaban. Bogomir Vnucec, President of the Slovenian equestrian federation, and Matjaz Pust, Director of the Lipica stud farm congratulate Beck

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