



SUCCESS FOR OLIVER TOWNEND IN GERMANY

AT A SUBDUED Luhmühlen, following the death of Germany's Benjamin Winter after a fall on the cross country course, New Zealand's Tim Price secured the first CCI4* win of his career. Tim and his Dutch-bred son of Karandasj, Wesko, were the only combination to finish on their dressage score. He dedicated his win to Benjamin.

For once, Germany's maestro Michael Jung was thwarted; a show jump down dropped the World, Olympic and European champion down to the runner-up spot. Boyd Martin slotted into third place on his new ride Shamwari 4, with Oliver Townend riding Karyn Shuter's Black Tie II just 0.2 of a penalty behind, and awarded the prize for the best cross country round.

Luhmühlen was Black Tie II's first run at CCI4* level and Oliver was patently delighted. Not only did this result make Oliver the highest-placed British rider at a CCI4* twice this year, but it moved him up into second place in the FEI Classics™. It also proved to be a performance that earned the pair a place on the British Squad for the World Equestrian Games.



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