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CSI Basel again with the world's best riders

Countdown for the World Championship season

When the world's best riders meet for the first time in the new year, then it's time for the Longines CSI Basel. Also, the 9th issue of the five star tournament from Thursday to Sunday in the St. Jakobshalle is the start in to the new year. And in the season with the World Championship in September in Tyron in the United States.

17 classes are in the program, ten of them for the international riders and seven for the amateurs. Besides points for the world ranking list there is a total price winning money of 730'000 Swiss Francs. Alone in the Longines Grand Prix on Sunday, which no Swiss riders has been able to win up to now, has a price winning amount of 330'000 Swiss Francs. Last year the Belgian rider Niels Bruynseels aboard Gancia de Muze was the winner. Martin Fuchs from Wängi was the best Swiss with Clooney as fifth. It's no surprise that, with the exception of the best riders from the United States, that are competing at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Florida, the international top riders are competing in Basel.

The complete Swiss elite

The Swiss elite riders have a challenge in Basel. The didn't really convinced at the CSI Geneva and want to be better during this event. He shouldn't be only one Swiss victory like up to now in a main class. Last year Pius Schwizer aboard Balou Rubin won the prize of the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois on Saturday evening. Also in the Championat of Basel there has never been a Swiss in the first rankings. Last year it was the Swede Rolf-Göran Bengtsson with Casall, who has retired from sport. Best Swiss was a year ago Niklaus Rutschi from the canton Lucerne with Wlndsord, who has also said good-bye from the sport.