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# Jean-Luc Mourier takes top honours in Megève's Grand Prix

A remarkable ending to the 14th Jumping International of Megève with victory going to local rider Jean-Luc Mourier and Dyonisos d'Aiguilly in Sunday's 1.50m Grand Prix. Over a technically challenging course designed by Gregory Bodo, the Frenchman clinched the win with mastery against the other top riders in the CSI3\*. This grand finale concluded a week of great sport and festivities in the heart of the alpine village, where the unique and warm atmosphere continues to make Megève an exceptionnal rendezvous on the summer calendar.



Jean-Luc Mourier & Dyonisos d'Aiguilly ©Daniel Durand

## Jean-Luc Mourier and Dyonisos d'Aiguilly call the tune with a touch of Flower Power.

With the Alps as a backdrop, the 56 qualified riders gathered this Sunday for the final showdown of the 14th edition: the 1.50m Megève Grand Prix, a class counting for Longines World Ranking points and carrying a total of €56,800 in prize money. After two highly competitive qualifiers, with the Prix Range Rover won on Thursday by Lalie Saclier/J'adore and the Prix du Haras de Bossy taken on Friday by Italy's Elia Simonetti/Li La BO, the class was expected to be particularly exciting. Among the favourites were the 2024 winner Léona Mermillod Baron on First to Cash Out, automatically qualified, but also champions such as Olivier Philippaerts (BEL), Barbara Schnieper (SUI) and French riders Olivier Perreau, Olivier Robert, Inès Joly and Fanny Guerdat Skalli.

The international course designer, also in charge of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Gregory Bodo, created a course worthy of this line-up: "The Megève Grand Prix was designed based on the two preliminary classes, in order to adjust the technical level to the actual performances of competitors on this demanding ground. We've opted to remain with a progressive course with a wide range of related distances – from 4 to 9 strides – and a real focus on the lines, fence profiles and rhythm. The unique terrain of the Megève ring requires specific course-setting choices, in particular placing the combinations downhill to keep the horses engaged and balanced throughout the course. I sought to create a fair course for everyone, favouring the lines taken and the quality of the gallop in order to respect the time allowed." This meticulously planned course, punctuated by a treble as number 9 and a final uphill line – with tricky planks as number 11 followed six strides later by an oxer – caused the downfall of a number of competitors who were up to then clear. A Grand Prix living up to all its promises as only seven overcame its subtleties and qualified for the jump-off.

It was the local favourite Jean-Luc Mourier, a regular contender in Megève, who came out on top today. Already a winner of the CSI2\* in 2021, he adds another victory to his list of achievements, this time with Dyonisos d'Aiguilly. In a tactical jump-off, the rider from Haute-Savoie took every risk and finished almost two seconds ahead of the only other pair to jump a double clear: Olivier Philippaerts and Just Him. Titouan Schumacher and Corsini VD Keihill Z are third. "There are a lot of slopes in Megève, but I know this ring like the back of my hand. I chose to straighten my horse at the planks and added a stride to be on the safe side. Dyonisos responded perfectly, he was in great form today and gave a lot. In the jump-off, I had to make a choice: go for a clear round or go for speed and risk being the first of those on four faults. I opted for the fast option, and it paid off. Winning here is a real delight. The atmosphere is unique, combining sport and pleasure, and once again I enjoyed a great week with my family," commented the winner after the prize-giving ceremony

### Victory for Camille Seys in the Grand Prix Boan Immobilier - CS1\*

A long-standing partner of the Jumping International of Megève, Boan Immobilier once again sponsored the CSI1\* Grand Prix, the final class of the weekend contested over a 1.35m track. Twenty-nine riders were at the start, ready to take on the 12-obstacle course. Closely modelled in the same spirit as the 3\* Grand Prix, it notably featured a double (no. 3) along the stands; fence no. 7 was the 'Flower Power' treble coming out of a turn, followed by an oxer at no. 8 and then a vertical (no. 9) placed close to the public. Already victorious in Thursday's opening CSI1\* Gold Tour – Boan Immobilier class, and 7th in the 1.35m speed class on Saturday, Camille Seys confirmed her consistency by taking the Grand Prix with Carrisma, to loud applause from the crowd that had stayed on in great numbers. The pair produced one of only three double clears of the day. The 100% French and all-female podium was completed by Kiara Montgourdin riding Défi de Cantraie in second place, with third going to Fanny Rivon on Grisbi d'Anchat

## A word from Pascaline Freiher-Scharapan, chairperson of the Jumping International of Megève

"This 14th edition has once again demonstrated the uniqueness of the Jumping of Megève, with an exceptional line-up, record attendance and a unique atmosphere. The Flower Power theme and its collective energy contributed greatly to making this week a colourful celebration true to the event's DNA: top-level sport in an accessible and welcoming setting.

Since its creation, our goal has been to showcase equestrian excellence without ever misrepresenting it, thanks to a programme that combines competition, entertainment, shows and excitement. Once again this year, the Six Bar and Jump & Drive classes, the Megève Summer Auction by Extra Horses and the concerts strengthened the bond between show-jumping enthusiasts and the general public, all united around a single star: the horse. The breathtaking victory of Jean-Luc Mourier and Dyonisos d'Aiguilly in the Megève Grand Prix brought the week to a close with a flourish. This victory was made possible thanks to the commitment of our team of loyal volunteers, our partners and, of course, the riders and spectators. We can only hope that 2026 will be just as wonderful.."





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