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## ENI Speed competition in #piazzadisiena Rome

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Switzerland's Steve Guerdat raced home with the fiery mare Hannah to top the ENI Speed competition, the final class on the opening day of CSIO Rome Piazza di Siena 2018 this evening. Over a tough track that stopped riders in their tracks, the 2012 individual Olympic champion and the horse with which he claimed the Grand Prix title at Falsterbo, Sweden last summer produced a strong, smoother tour of Uliano Vezzani's

12-fence course to post the winning time of 62.72 seconds.

In a star-studded final line-up it was Simon Delestre and Filou Carlo Zimequest who finished second for France ahead of early target-setters Luciana Diniz and the wonderful Fit for Fun from Portugal in third. Dutchman Leopold van Asten was fourth with VDL Groep Beauty, Britain's Scott Brash and Hello Shelby - who is just a nine-year-old - slotted into fifth and sixth place went to Italy's Lorenzo de Luca and Limestone Grey.

There were quite a few unfortunate stories as the double at fence five, an oxer to a vertical which consisted of all-white poles and which followed another double of verticals, seemed to take a number of horses by surprise.

There were refusals and eliminations there, but Guerdat's super-charged bay lady didn't hesitate. Beatable

Italy's Emilio Bicocchi showed that a faster time was possible when breaking the beam in 61.77 seconds, but that was at the expense of a pole on the ground which left him well down the leaderboard, in 18th place with Call Me.

Now he is looking forward to tomorrow's Intesa Sanpaolo Nations Cup in which nine countries will battle it out for the prestigious Rome title.

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