

Ladies Match Cup 2006

Outsider CASAS Takes Victory

Eberhard MAGG (As Amended By ISAF). Image, Delphine CASAS takes on Gemma FARRELL:© Rosaly MAGG/INTERBOOT Harbour, Friedrichshafen, Germany, Tuesday, October 03, 2006

Delphine CASAS (FRA) was a surprise winner at the ISAF Grade 1 Interboot Ladies Match Cup in Friedrichshafen, Germany, taking victory thanks to her round robin score when the wind dropped out on the final day.



The final day of the Ladies Match Cup began with a good wind and it looked as though the conditions would allow the outstanding races of the intermediate round to be sailed and the competitors for the final decided. Then, unfortunately, the wind dropped and the order for the intermediate round had to be cut short. With ten wins from 14 races, [CASAS](#) and crew Sandrine GRAVIER, Gaelle COMBEAUX and Stacha DUFLO won the Cup and secured the 2,500€ prize money. Gemma [FARREL](#) (GBR) came in second, with Susanne [WARD](#) (DEN) completing the top three.

The favourite Jenny [AXHEDE](#) (SWE), number ten in the [ISAF World Match Race Rankings](#), had to be content with fourth place. At the beginning of the Ladies Match Cup she lost her opening three races. However, she fought back strongly with seven victories to secure herself a place in the top four.

Lorenza [MARIANI](#) (GER) and the only home skipper Ulrike [FIRK](#) (GER) were well in the running for a long time. [FIRK](#) and her crew landed fifth place, closely followed by the [MARIANI](#) in sixth.

During four days of top sailing, with idyllic scenery, spectators at the Friedrichshafen waterfront witnessed some terrific match racing. The underdogs seemed to perform well right from the start, with [CASAS](#) (30 in the World Rankings) and [WARD](#) (45) both off to fast starts. Ultimately the match between these two decided the title, with [CASAS](#)' win knocking [WARD](#) back into a tie with [FARREL](#) which the British team won.

All participants praised the professional race management of the Yacht Club Langenargen. With a total of 56 races, the regatta was a big success despite the lack of wind for the final.

Ladies Match Cup Final Standings

1. Delphine [CASAS](#) (FRA)
2. Gemma [FARREL](#) (GBR)
3. Susanne [WARD](#) (DEN)
4. Jenny [AXHEDE](#) (SWE)
5. Ulrike [FIRK](#) (GER)
6. Lorenza [MARIANI](#) (ITA)
7. Maja [CZARNIAWSKA](#) (POL)
8. Camilla [ULRIKKEHOLM](#) (DEN)

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