

## 66<sup>th</sup> Gordon Bennett Cup Distance Competition Update #10

October 10, 2023, 5:00pm Update: Frontrunner FRA-1 touches down near Savannah, Georgia

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Albuquerque, NM – The 66<sup>th</sup> Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, sponsored by BayoTech, is in its third day of competition. As of 5:00pm MDT update from the Command Center, only two balloons remain in flight Germany 1 (GER-1) and France 2 (FRA-2); both are north of Columbus, Georgia. Near the end of the day, leaders France 1 and United States 1, both landed near Savannah and Dublin, Georgia, respectively.

Team FRA-1's landing near Savannah marks the longest distance traveled in this year's race, so far. However, the remaining teams, Germany 1 (GER-1) and France 2 (FRA-2), have a track that is further north than the leaders which could provide a pathway to the Gordon Bennett Cup title because of the ability to get additional distance by flying into South Carolina. The remaining teams are expected to continue flying through the night.

Competitors of this prestigious long-distance gas balloon race launched on Saturday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup> from the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

### Team Updates (5:00pm MDT 10/10/2023)

Team #	Position	Country	Distance (km)	Distance (miles)	Landed?
FRA-1	1	France	2359.95	1466.40	Landed
USA-1	2	USA	2224.62	1382.31	Landed
GER-1	3	Germany	2010.19	1249.07	
FRA-2	4	France	2000.46	1243.03	
USA-2	4	USA	1947.68	1210.23	Landed
ESP-1	3	Spain	1727.17	1073.21	Landed
GER-2	8	Germany	1648.86	1024.55	Landed
AUT-2	9	Austria	1496.42	929.83	Landed
USA-3	7	USA	1461.6	908.20	Landed
AUT-1	10	Austria	1165.42	724.16	Landed
GBR-1	11	United Kingdom	1091.89	678.47	Landed
POL-1	12	Poland	978.02	607.71	Landed
POL-2	13	Poland	872.48	542.13	Landed
GER-3	14	Germany	494.20	307.08	Landed
LTU-1	15	Lithuania	395.76	245.91	Landed
SUI-1	16	Switzerland	293.33	182.27	Landed
FRA-3	n/a	France	n/a	n/a	No start

For the most up-to-date information and to track the balloons in real-time, please visit the official Gordon Bennett Cup website at <https://balloonfiesta.com/Gordon-Bennett-2023> and our dedicated tracking site at <https://live.gordonbennett.aero>. Don't forget to tune in to [Gordon Bennett TV](#) for exclusive coverage and insights.

The next update will be provided at 9:00pm MDT 10/10/2023.

### **About the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta & Gordon Bennett Cup**

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, powered by ExxonMobil, is the host for the 66<sup>th</sup> Gordon Bennett Cup. The Balloon Fiesta is a festival of hot air balloons that takes place in October in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. For details on events, schedule, entertainment and photographs visit our website [www.balloonfiesta.com](http://www.balloonfiesta.com) and follow us on Twitter [@BalloonFiesta](#) and Facebook.