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OLYMPIC JUMPING **PARIS, FRANCE** **2024**



The quality of riding from the 74 riders representing 34 countries; harmonised, standardised to an almost 'classical' dimension. The same for the quality of the horses.



Germany's Olympic Dressage team gold medal haul has now risen to 15, including 10 from the last 11 editions of the Games dating all the way back to Los Angeles in 1984.

Werth was second to go in the final group in the Grand Prix Freestyle, and her test earned 89.614 to take the lead. The most medalled athlete in equestrian sport has rarely looked better matched than she does with this tall 10-year-old mare formerly competed by Denmark's Andreas Helgstrand.

Fry and Glamourdale then put 88.971 on the board, and when The Netherlands' Dinja van Liere and Hermes scored 88.432 there were only two left to challenge.

From the moment von Bredow-Werndl and Dalera set off



it was a completely different picture to the day before in the Special. As their familiar French-themed music rang out across the parkland at Versailles the scores came tumbling in to bring them to 90.093, pipping Werth by just 0.47.

The Tokyo 2020 champion was not convinced she had done enough however, because Laudrup-Dufour had yet to go. The Dane has established a powerful new partnership with the 15-year-old mare Freestyle who clinched double-bronze for Great Britain at the WEG in 2018 since taking up the ride at the end of last year.

"The minutes when Catherine was riding were very exhausting - I died several times!", von Bredow-Werndl said afterwards.

But scoring 88.093 Laudrup-Dufour settled into fifth place in the final analysis, and the gold medal was back around the defending champion's neck.

Pressure

She admitted that the pressure of going last for her team affected her performance in the Special and that she really had to pull herself together to put things right on the final afternoon. "Today I woke up and I thought, ok, we are enough and I have to trust myself and I have to trust Dalera. This was a mental game", said von Bredow-Werndl who will retire the multiple winning mare at the end of the year.



PARIS 2024



medal of her stunning career. Bronze medallist Fry said she was very proud of Glamourdale, and she loved the buzz of the final prize-giving. "That feeling going around with Jessica and Isabell - two idols and huge inspirations in our sport - was just incredible!", she said.



She said 17-year-old Dalera "had no ear or eye anywhere else than me today....and this is what it makes me so emotional because I don't know if I will ever get another horse like her. I owe her so much. I love her and I will spoil her until the last day of her life!" Werth wasn't disappointed about finishing so close behind her compatriot. She has only been riding Wendy since the beginning of this year. "We (Team Germany) had the luck on our side yesterday, the Danish team also could have won, and today I'm really happy with the result because at the end it's a lucky punch for Jessie and a bit unlucky for me, that's how it goes....with this horse and in this atmosphere, I don't feel that I lost anything!" Individual silver was the 14th Olympic

- 5 Denmark's Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour and Freestyle, fifth.
- 6 Fourth place went to Dinja van Lier (NED) and Hermes.
- 7 Emmelie Scholtens (NED) and Indian Rock, 11th.
- 8 Carl Hester (GBR) finished in sixth place with Fame.
- 9 Denmark's Daniel Bachmann Andersen and Vayron, seventh.



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HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES 1896-2024



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It was the Frenchman, **Baron Pierre de Coubertin (1863 – 1937)**, who took the initiative to revive the ancient Olympic Games, which had been held in Greece for over a thousand years from 776 BC to 393 AD. In June 1894, he called for a meeting at the Sorbonne University in Paris to discuss the promotion of amateur sports, with the revival of the Olympic Games as a major item. De Coubertin succeeded in getting the approval of the meeting to hold the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. They were to be held in Greece, in a new to be built stadium in Athens for 50,000 spectators. In October 1894, De Coubertin visited the ruins of ancient Olympia.

A major point in the discussions was which sports should be offered in this revival of the Olympic Games. The Greek organisers showed little interest in horse sports. The problems of transporting the horses and the preparation of the competition sites seemed unsurmountable. Then there was the question of what horse competitions could be held as chariot races, popular in ancient Olympia, had ceased to exist and horse racing was considered too professional for De Coubertin's amateur ethos. The present Olympic disciplines, jumping and dressage were, at that time, still in a development stage and eventing had not yet been invented. Therefore, in Athens 1896 there were no horses.

After the first modern games of 1896 in Athens, Baron de Coubertin wanted 'his' Paris as the host of the next Olympic Games. It was a choice with serious flaws. Paris 1900 was not an Olympic Games with a concentrated sports programme within a fixed period of time. Instead, De Coubertin, very dedicated and idealistic to the Olympic idea, but not very powerful and lacking money, had to settle for a random sports programme within the framework of the summer-long 1900 Paris World Fair. De Coubertin had, for each sport, to rely entirely on the willingness of the local Paris organisers.

The equestrian events of 1900, although properly recorded in the official report published at the end of 1900, were ignored by the International Olympic Committee until the fifties. When the IOC finally rediscovered and took note of the 1900 equestrian events, it recognised the only three competitions it could identify: Grand Prix Jumping, Long Jump and High Jump. It should be noted that the 1900 competitions in Paris were also open to professionals.

The third Olympic Games of 1904 in St. Louis (USA) were again held within the framework of a world fair. The inclusion of equestrian sport was not even considered.

At the International Olympic Committee Congress of 1906, the Swedish Count Clarence von Rosen, Master of the Horse to the King of Sweden, proposed the inclusion of equestrian competitions at the 1908 Olympic Games, to be held in London.

The congress was favourable, but when the London organisers received eighty-eight entries from five nations, they got cold feet and renounced the inclusion of equestrian sport.

Count von Rosen did not give up on his Olympic equestrian dream. The next Olympic Games were to be held in his native Sweden and Count von Rosen was rewarded for his many years of efforts as the Swedish riders won four of the five gold medals awarded. In dressage the Swedish officers placed first, second and third.

The next Olympic Games of 1916 were scheduled for Berlin but cancelled because of World War I. The German responsible for the equestrian events, Gustav Rau, had planned an enlarged programme for Berlin.

The Belgian city of Antwerp, which organised the 1920 Olympic Games, chose the Stockholm 1912 programme and ignored the Rau inventions for Berlin 1916. In dressage 1920

there were no longer any jumps and in jumping the two competitions for the individual and team medals were held on the same day, over the same course, but with different riders and horses. Eventing was reduced to three days. The Antwerp shortcomings in organisation and rule interpretation led De Coubertin to call for, in May 1921, a meeting of all involved nations and sports to discuss universal rules and to form national ruling bodies. This Lausanne meeting led to the creation of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, the FEI.

For the Games of the eighth Olympiad the Olympics returned to Paris, in the home country of the founder and

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- 1 The poster of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens, 1896
- 2 The poster of the Olympic Games in Paris, 1924.
- 3 Pierre de Coubertin who took the initiative to revive the Olympic Games
- 4 Berlin 1936 – The Olympic Eventing Champion of 1936 Ludwig Stubbendorf on Nurmi over the Faschinengraben



AT THE SHOW

PAN AMERICAN GAMES
SANTIAGO
Chile 2023





- 1 Beth Underhill (CAN) and Nick Skelton (GBR).
- 2 Tiffany Foster's mother Lynne.
- 3 Eventing team podium: USA, silver, Canada, gold, and Brazil, bronze.
- 4 Team dressage podium celebrations with the USA, gold, Brazil, silver and Canada, bronze.
- 5 Stable area.
- 6 The team podium show jumping: Canada, silver, USA, gold, and Brazil, bronze.
- 7 Anna Marek and Joao Marcari.
- 8 Course designer Marina Olivera.



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WORLD RANKING #1 INTERVIEW

The three leaders in the FEI World Rankings per 1 January 2024 are interviewed by a prominent member of the L'Année Hippique team.



HENRIK VON ECKERMANN KING EDWARD, KING OF THE GLOBAL JUMPING ARENAS



Henrik Claes Edvard von Eckermann was born on 25 May 1981 in Nyköping, Sweden, into a family where his mother kept two horses for riding out in the woods. For little Henrik, a Shetland came along, but its bucking capers too often relegated him to the floor. He gave up and started playing football and ice hockey. At the age of twelve, horses came back into his life through summer camps.

“Those summer camps were essential for my parents to make sure my choice of sport was serious before they decided to buy me a pony. It turned out to be serious, and at the age of fifteen I decided I wanted to share my life with horses and become a pro show jumper. Every year me and my parents went to watch the World Cup at Gothenburg Horse Show, I think there it was where I really got stuck with the competitive part of the sport. I was very much inspired by the best rider at the time, Ludger Beerbaum. The fact that showjumping is very popular with Swedish girls was a positive aspect for my ambitions,” said von Eckermann with a broad smile. But he quickly adds that he was fascinated by horses and riding.

Proud of

What is von Eckermann most proud of? “There is no single moment. Of course, the moments when you win are wonderful, but I see my career as a journey and so far, it has been a fantastic journey with many fond memories. Standing on the podium is a crowning achievement, but it is the journey to get there that I enjoy the most: the daily work with the horses, managing and finding the right way to achieve your goals”.

According to the Swede, at least 90 per cent of the time it is the rider's mistake that causes the horse to make a mistake. “When mistakes happens it's always important to question yourself if you have done everything in a correct way for the

horse to understand what you want” Von Eckermann spent fourteen years at Ludger Beerbaum’s stables and the German rider has had a huge influence on his development.

“You could say he shaped me as a rider, and I would never have become the rider I am today without him. He gave me the whole package you need as a rider. The riding itself is only a small part of it. There is so many things that you have to be able to manage if you want to have a long successful career. Most important is of course how to keep your horses sound, not just physically but mentally as well. But there is a financial part also, specially if you don’t have the capital yourself. You have to try to gather people around you who can support you and make it possible to perform at the highest level. As a rider you really need a good team around you, I am very lucky with the support of great people that have been standing by me in good and bad times”.

Bad Loser

Von Eckermann is the first to admit that he is a bad loser, but we lose more then we win in our sport so with time you learn to keep focus on what you can change and not what’s in the past. It’s important to analyze and learn from your faults but then leave it behind you. For this rider, as for many others, the CHIO in Aachen is the highlight of the year. “There is no event in the world that can stand in the shadow of Aachen. There are many great competitions, but Aachen is ‘top of the bill’ in every respect. In my eyes, Aachen is the World Equestrian Games every year.” Von Eckermann believes he knows what he is talking about, as he competes in around forty international competitions every year. “This is possible because I have some very good horses in my stable at the moment, which allows me to go to a lot of competitions and be successful. What is nice also with Aachen is that you can bring the next generation of horses in the youngster Tour. It’s so important that we can let the horse grow slowly in the sport and get use to the atmosphere of this type of rings”.

Home

In the Limburg countryside, south of Venlo and ten minutes from equestrian center De Peelbergen, Henrik von Eckermann has his 4.5-hectare home, half of which is paddocks, a large outdoor arena, and a large indoor arena. There are also boxes for twenty-six horses. The nearby De Peelbergen was the main reason for his choice of location, as he can take his horses there regularly for training. The fact that Sentower Park and Tops Arena are also nearby is a nice bonus. “This is a very good environment for people who do what I do, because the infrastructure in this region is absolutely first class.”

“At the age of fifteen I decided I wanted to share my life with horses. I have no rational explanation for it, but it came from within.”

- Henrik von Eckermann



- 1 Henrik von Eckermann with Toveks Mary Lou at the 2018 Tryon World Equestrian Games.
- 2 Henrik von Eckermann.
- 3 Victory at the 2023 Omaha World Cup Final.



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Photographer: **Nancy Jaffer, Cealy Tetley, Dirk Caremans**



THE GROWING USA SHOW SCENE **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**



As the Paris Olympics fade into history, the USA's attention turns toward 2028 in Los Angeles. The national pride involved in hosting a Games at home will fuel the next four years of team development and interest in horse sports around the country.

Based on their Paris performances, there's a lot of ground to be made up for future US dressage and eventing teams. Show jumping, however, earning a team silver that was the only US equestrian medal in the 2024 Olympics, is doing well thanks to an amazing infrastructure of horse shows that dressage and eventing don't enjoy in the country to the same extent. But things are changing.

"Some major investments are happening in the equestrian world that really affect the three Olympic disciplines and para-dressage," US Equestrian Federation CEO Bill Moroney said. "These investments in venues are raising the bar from both the

facility side and the competition side. So, I think the US now attracts, especially in the winter, probably its highest level of worldwide superstars in equestrian sport for competition. It has raised the bar for competitors, as well as causing organizers to compete for those competitors, which is creating improvements to venues."

David Distler, a judge and steward with international credentials who is also a show manager, noted that top European course designers are regulars at big US shows, which gives a boost to US course designers who assist and learn from them. That arrangement also enables riders to gain experience without

having to stay in Europe for long periods of time as they look toward championships. The US shows have boosted the performance of riders from Mexico and South America as well, enabling them to improve without crossing the Atlantic.

Spending a lot of time in Europe is no longer a necessity for serious competitors. "You can be far more in the US than you were maybe 15 years ago," said Will Connell, the USEF's former director of sport, noting that is particularly true in show jumping. "The number of 5-star competitions, the number of FEI competitions in the US has increased," he emphasized.

Moroney observed: "I think we're starting to find more opportunities here at home in the US to meet the needs of athletes at all different levels, including at high performance level"

Even before the 2024 Paralympics was held in Paris, the US had the world's number one ranked paralympic team. At

the Paralympics, American riders proved they deserved that rating, taking the team gold for the first time and adding four individual golds along the way, as well as an individual silver and individual bronze for a total of seven medals. When Connell worked for USEF, he approached the federation's then president, Murray Kessler, about upgrading the paralympic dressage programme telling him: "Look, para is not good enough. You need to put money into it. If you put money into it, I'll deliver results." And he did, with the hiring of coach Michel Assouline a key element in the success of the discipline.

In eventing, Connell observed: "Now there are two 5-stars (Defender Kentucky and for the past four years Mars Maryland) that are very real 5-stars, but perhaps if you want to get that variety and depth of experience, you probably need to go to Europe and learn to ride on different terrain and different footing conditions, as well as having the chance to compete in a far bigger field of entries."

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- US Equestrian Federation CEO Bill Moroney



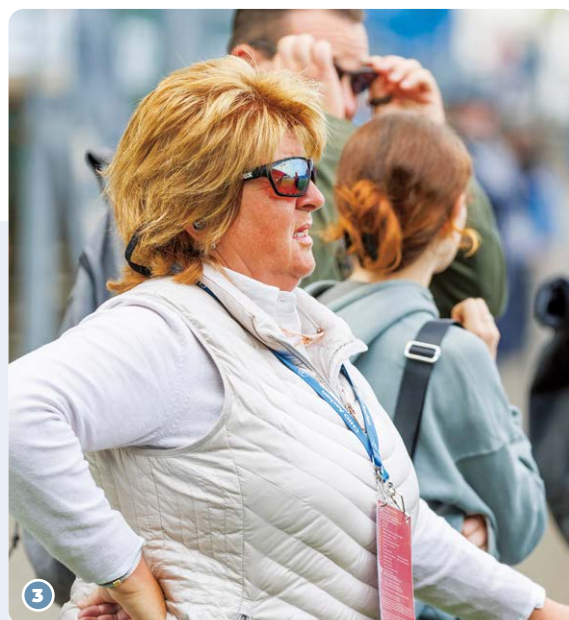
- 1 Wellington International.
- 2 US Equestrian Federation CEO Bill Moroney.
- 3 The facilities at California's Desert International Horse Park.

As the more senior of the USA's two 5-star events, Kentucky remains the goal for US eventers aspiring to the upper level of their sport. It also draws foreign riders, most recently top British competitors, who dominated the 2024 edition of the 5-star by taking the first three placings. Vanessa Coleman, director of competition for Equestrian Events Inc., which stages the Kentucky 5-star, said it has "...solidified its place on the map as the 5-star event to go to, even internationally."

In recent years, the programme also has included a 4-star Short and after the cross-country, a show jumping grand prix that is being upgraded to a 5-star in 2025. The idea is to give ticket



& PEOPLE PLACES



- 1 Ariel and Daniel Bluman (ISR) at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto.
- 2 Course designer Ralf Hollenbach and Steve Guerdat (SUI) in Stuttgart.
- 3 Helena Stormanns at CHIO Aachen.
- 4 Peter Doubleday, event director Toronto Royal Horse Show.
- 5 Patrik Kittel (SUI) and daughter Emilia in Stuttgart.
- 6 Emelie and Katie Clee in Mechelen.

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CSI4*-W



TORONTO

7-11 November 2023



"I've always wanted to win this Grand Prix, one of the most traditional ones in North America...Gemma W deserves it, and she was magical tonight. I'm so happy."

– Daniel Bluman

Daniel Bluman (ISR) has claimed wins on the North American League before, but with the 12-year-old mare Gemma W, he - on three occasions - held the role of the bridesmaid. He and the remarkably consistent grey were runners-up a year ago in Toronto (CAN) and Washington (USA). This year they were second again in Lexington (USA). But now in front of a sold-out crowd at Toronto's Royal Horse Show (CAN), Bluman and Gemma W broke through with a most well deserved victory, besting a five-horse jump-off. Crossing the timers of Kelvin Bywater's (GBR) short course in 33.28 seconds, Bluman and Gemma W forged ahead of eventual third-place finisher Kent Farrington (USA) with Greya (34.32 seconds) and held off a final chase from Jessica Mendoza (GBA) and I-Cap CL Z (33.60 seconds), who claimed second.



Name event: Royal Horse Show (CAN) **Date:** 7-11 November 2023 **Website:** www.royalfair.org **Event President:** Ray Stanton **Event Director:** Peter G. Doubleday **Course designer:** Kelvin Bywater **Total prizemoney:** CAD 628,500 **Main sponsors/partners:** Longines, Dairy Farmers of Ontario, Burnbrae, RBC Future Lauch, Masterfeeds, Semex, University Guelph



- 1 Daniel Bluman (ISR) and Gemma W, winners of the World Cup qualifier in Toronto.
- 2 Runners-up Britain's Jessica Mendoza and I-Cap CL Z.
- 3 The USA's Kent Farrington finished in third place with Greya.
- 4 Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Legacy won the Mad Barn Big Ben International Challenge.
- 5 Heavy horses show.

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MADRID

23-26 November 2023

German star Marcus Ehning galloped to victory with his relatively new ride Coolio 42 in Madrid. From a starting field of 39, a total of 10 made the cut into the second-round jump-off. Included in the final showdown were two from Spain, Mariano Martinez Bastida and Teresa Blazquez-Abascal, and they didn't disappoint when filling third and ninth places in the final analysis. But it was Ehning who would carry away the maximum 20 points when pinning reigning Olympic champion, Great Britain's Ben Maher, into runner-up spot with Enjeu de Grisien. Spain's Jose Daniel Martin Dockx and the 13-year-old stallion Malagueno LXXXVIII thrilled the home crowd with a superb victory in the World Cup Freestyle. Matthias Alexander Rath and Destacado FRH had to settle for second place while Spain's Beatriz Ferrer-Salat and Elegance lined up in third.

"He is super nice and super sweet, I can put my little daughter on him, he's not scared of anything yet he has enough power to do Grand Prix - so he is very special!"

– Jose Antonio Martin Dockx



Name of Event: Ifema Madrid Horse Week (ESP) **Date:** 23-26 November 2023
Website: www.madridhorseweek.com **Event President:** Daniel Entrecanales Domecq **Event Directors:** Pablo Garcia Piqueres and Alvaro Arrieta **Course designer:** Javier Trenor Paz **Total prizemoney:** € 436,100 (CSI), € 65,000 (CDI)
Main sponsors: Madrid Destino, Ifema Madrid, Porsche, Estrella, Grupo Eulen, Longines, Rodilla



- 1 Germany's Marcus Ehning galloped to victory in the World Cup qualifier with Coolio 42.
- 2 Runners-up Ben Maher (GBR) and Enjeu de Grisien.
- 3 Freestyle winners Jose Daniel Martin Dockx (ESP) and the 13-year-old stallion Malagueno LXXXVIII.
- 4 Spain's Mariano Martinez Bastida and Belano vd Wijnhoeve Z, third place in the World Cup.
- 5 Matthias Alexander Rath (GER) and Destacado FRH won the Grand Prix but had to settle for the runner-up spot in the Freestyle.

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MEXICO CITY

11-14 April 2024

"She has a heart of gold, she is a real lion when she gets in the ring... and it looks like she really likes Mexico City!"

– Nicola Philippaerts



Nicola Philippaerts secured his third ever Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix victory, aboard H&M Luna van't Ruytershof. The crowd erupted in applause as Philippaerts triumphantly crossed the finish line in a thrilling five-rider jump-off in the LGCT Grand Prix of Mexico City presented by GNP Seguros, ultimately securing his first LGCT Grand Prix win since 2018. In a close second, Luiz Felipe Cortizo Gonçalves De Azevedo Filho and Sierra du Piedroux Z were the only other double clear but was over 3 seconds slower than Philippaerts. Eduardo Alvarez Aznar and the 19-year-old Rokfeller de Pleville Bois Margot finished in third. The Prague Lions, powered by Czech Equestrian Team, ignited the crowd into a frenzy as they secured the win. Second place went to the New York Empire powered by Lugano Diamonds and Monaco Aces powered by Lion of Porches took third.



Name of Event: Longines Global Champions Tour and Global Champions League of Mexico City (MEX) **Date:** 11-14 April 2024 **Website:** www.gcglobalchampions.com **Show Presidents:** Francisco Pasquel, Jan Tops (LGCT/GCL) **Event Directors:** Pablo Garcia Piqueres, Marco Danese (LGCT/GCL) **Course designer:** Peter Grant **Total prizemoney:** € 925,600 **Main sponsors/partners:** Longines



- 1 Belgium's Nicola Philippaerts and H&M Luna van't Ruytershof won the LGCT Grand Prix.
- 2 The Prague Lions with Thibeau Spits and Fernando Martinez Sommer won the GCL competition.
- 3 Colourful Mexican display.
- 4 Brazil's Luiz Felipe Cortizo Gonçalves De Azevedo Filho and Sierra du Piedroux Z finished runners-up.
- 5 Podium of the LGCT Grand Prix in Mexican style: Luiz Felipe Cortizo Gonçalves De Azevedo Filho, Nicola Philippaerts and Eduardo Alvarez Aznar.

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AACHEN

1-7 July 2024

André Thieme hadn't actually qualified to compete in the highlight of the weekend. But on Saturday evening he found out that he had moved up onto the starter list. Then, on Sunday afternoon he fulfilled a lifetime dream with his exceptional horse, Chakaria: winning the Rolex Grand Prix. After two rounds, only four contenders for the 500,000 euro prize money and victory remained. McLain Ward from the USA was the first to go in the jump-off with Ilex and produced a further clear round in 41.02 seconds. Martin Fuchs and Leone Jei were faster, but they collected four faults, which ultimately meant fourth place for him. Then, Thieme and Chakaria entered the ring and they also jumped immaculately in the jump-off: Clear in 39.77 seconds, faster than Ward.



Name of Event: CHIO Aachen – World Equestrian Festival (GER) **Date:** 1-7 July 2024 **Website:** www.chioaachen.de **Event President:** Stefanie Peters **Event Director:** Birgit Rosenberg
Course designers: Frank Rothenberger (CSI/CCISJ), Rüdiger Schwarz (CCI), Alexander Flocke (CAI) **Total prizemoney:** € 3,175,600 (CSI)/€ 308,000 (CDI)/€ 175,000 (CCI)/€ 94,000 (CAI)
Main sponsors/partners: Mercedes-Benz, Allianz, Turkish Airlines, Rolex



- 1 Rolex Grand Prix winners Andre Thieme (GER) and Chakaria.
- 2 Minister President of North Rhine-Westphalia Hendrik Wüst.
- 3 One of the displays during the opening ceremony with partner country USA.
- 4 Rolex President Nicolas Brunschwig with Rolex Grand Prix winner Andre Thieme.
- 5 Isabell Werth (GER) and Wendy de Fontaine, winners of the Grand Prix Freestyle, the Lindt-Prize.

Photos by: Dirk Caremans (1, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17) Stefan Lafrentz,(2, 3, 4, 6), CHIO Aachen/Andreas Steindl (8, 9), CHIO Aachen/Caroline Niehus (15)



Glock's Undercover (by Ferro) died at the end of September 2023. The gelding, who retired in 2016, was the first horse acquired by Gaston Glock for Edward Gal. He represented the Netherlands at three major championships and contributed to team bronze at the London Olympics, team gold at the European Championships in Aachen (2015) and team silver at the European Championships in Herning (2013).



Carl Hester's Nip Tuck died in late September 2023 at the age of 19. He spent his retirement with his owner Jane de la Mare. Hester and Nip Tuck's greatest successes included a silver team medal at the 2014 WEG, the 2015 European Championships and the 2016 Olympics.

SAYING FAREWELL

Every year we have to say farewell to inspiring personalities, with their passing they take with them a little part of all closest to them. This applies to the horses we had to say farewell to, equine athletes who will always remain in our memories.

Photographers: **Dirk Caremans, Arnd Bronkhorst, Jacob Melissen**



Wim van der Leegte, the former VDL top man and founder of Stoeterij Duyselhof, died on Sunday, 19 November 2023. Van der Leegte fulfilled a social role in top sport with football (PSV), Brainsport and equestrian sport.

One of the initiators of Military Boekelo, Jan Stokkentre died in December 2023. The man from Enschede was also the first course designer of the cross-country course at Boekelo. That was in 1971. Stokkentre lived to be 83 years old.



Former top German dressage rider Gabriela Grillo died in February. The rider, who won team gold with Harry Boldt and Dr Reiner Klimke at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, aged 71.

Marcus Ehning had to say goodbye to his former top international horse Nolte's Küchengirl (by Lord Z) in November 2023. With Ehning in the saddle, Küchengirl had a brilliant career, with several Grand Prix victories and participation in major international championships. Küchengirl lived to be 26 years old.



On 29 November 2023, Eric van Grunsven passed away. The former show jumper, co-owner of top horses, co-director of the family business Construction Company Van Grunsven and sponsor of many equestrian events lost the battle against his illness. He was the brother of Olympic dressage champion Anky van Grunsven. Eric was 60 years old.

International show jumping amazon Lesley McNaught passed away in December 2023. Born in the United Kingdom, McNaught competed for the Swiss show jumping team for a long time - including team silver at the Sydney Olympics. In recent years, she was the show jumping coach of the successful Swiss eventing team.



Jean Maurice Bonneau, well-known and greatly respected French Jumping athlete, Chef d'Equipe and FEI Jumping Committee member from 2008-2012, sadly passed away on 18 March at the age of 64. Member of the French team from 1987 to 1996, his first participation at a major international event was the European Championship in St.Gallen in 1995, where France took home the bronze medal. Further career highlights include his role as French Chef d'Equipe from 2000 to 2006, where he led the French team to gold at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez de La Frontera in 2002 and to team silver at the Jumping European Championship in Donaueschingen (GER) in 2003.



In May, Trish Gilbert died. She was a member of the U.S. Eventing Association Hall of Fame and a founder of the Fair Hill International event in Maryland, which became the Mars Maryland 5-star at Fair Hill, the USA's second 5-star event, four years ago.

18	Jorge Matte Capdevila/CHI/Winning G.	39.90	2	M. Carvalho Jorge/BRA/C.H.Casanova	32.2	14	A. S. Hamcho/SYR/Vintadge dl R.	8/75.83
19	Nicolas Gamboa/COL/NKH Mr Darcy	49.15	3	Lindsay Traisnel/CAN/Bacyrouge	34.2	15	Jacqueline Lai/HKG/I'm Special	8/76.69
20	Nicolas Pizarro/MEX/Pia Contra	wd	4	Karl Slezak/CAN/Hot Bobo	40.7	16	Bekzod Kurbanov/UZB/Santos H.	8/76.79

Dressage Teams

1	USA	450.670	7	Elisabeth Halliday/USA/Miks Master C	42.4	19	K. Alimdjanov/UZB/Champions L.	13/80.07
	Christian Simonson/Son of A Lady	148.353	8	Sydney Elliott/USA/QC Diamantaire	42.5	20	Cath. Y.T. Chew/SGP/Holanda VDL	13/80.97
	Anna Marek/Fire Fly	149.380	9	Rafael M. Losano/BRA/Withington	44.9	21	Omid Gharibi/IRI/Kabisto	19/86.96
	Codi Harrison/Katholt's Bossco	145.262	10	Sharon White/USA/Claus 63	47.0	22	Chul H. Jung/KOR/Monte Pleasure	23/82.45
	Sarah Tubman/First Apple	152.937	11	Carlos Parro/BRA/Safira	50.0	23	Patrick Lam/HKG/Lopez One	25/92.93
2	BRAZIL	443.343	12	Ruy Fonseca/BRA/Ballypatrick SRS	56.7	24	Ping Y. Hsieh/TPE/Nerio dl Haute B20/104.44	
	Paulo C. Dos Santos/Fidel da Sasa Je	136.442	13	Fernando Parroquin D./MEX/Anahuac	64.5			
	M. Rodrigues Tavares/Rosa Belle	138.263	14	Nicolas Wettstein/ECU/Altier d'Aurois	66.8			
	Renderson Silva de Oliveira/Fogoso C.150.240		15	Juan Benitez Gallardo/ARG/Chaman G.	71.5			
	João V.Marcari Oliva/Feel Good Vo	154.840	16	Marcelo J. Rawson/ARG/Baral Villester	81.3			
3	CANADA	431.937	17	Eduardo R. Fragoso/MEX/Bimori SDN	88.7			
	Beatrice Boucher/Summerw. Limei	141.618	18	Luis A. Santiago Franco/MEX/Egipcio II	99.8			
	C. Carier Bergeron/Sound of Silence	4142.076	19	Luciano C. Brunello/ARG/Cash des C.	101.3			
	Mathilde Blais Tetreault/Fedor	141.519	20	Mauricio Bermudez/COL/V. Saratoga	103.5			
	Naima Moreira Laliberte/Statesman	144.760	21	Federico G. Daners B/URU/Demitasse	117.1			
4	CHILE	423.672	22	Rufino E. Doominguez M/URU/Edecan	123.5			
5	ARGENTINA	405.950	23	Jaime Bittner Martinez/CHI/All Red	131.6			
6	MEXICO	405.890	24	Nicolas Fuentes Escala/CHI/Midnight	133.4			
7	COLOMBIA	397.793	25	Jose E. Mercado Suarez/MEX/Balanca	139.2			
8	ECUADOR	285.228						

Dressage Teams

1	INDIA	209.705			
	Anush Agarwalla/Etro	71.088			
	Hriday Chheda/Chemxpro Emerald	70.441			
	Diyakriti Singh/Adrenalin Firfod	68.176			
	Sudipti Hajela/Chinski	66.706			
2	CHINA	204.882			
	Sarah Rao/Geniaal	69.265			
	Zhuoqin Huang/Badoit 2	68.176			
	Chao Lan/Sergio Leone	67.441			
3	HONGKONG	204.852			
	Jacqueline W.Y. Siu/J. C. Huittharien	71.176			
	Annie Ho/Southern Cross Breamar	68.323			
	Samantha G. Chan/DSP Fierro	65.353			
4	JAPAN	202.324			
5	TAIPEI	192.912			
6	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	190.118			
7	THAILAND	132.530			
8	QATAR	125.471			

Dressage Individual

1	Mohd Qabil Ambak/MAS/Rosenstolz	75.780
2	Jacq. W.Y Siu/HKG/J.C. Huittharien	73.450
3	Anush Agarwalla/IND/Etro	73.030
4	Ryunosuke Kuroda/JPN/Bellatre DES.	72.405
5	Supasin Kongpun/THAI/Belcanto	71.670
6	Sarah Rao/CHN/Geniaal	71.410
7	Chao Lan/CHN/Sergio Leone	71.160
8	Louisa Yeh/TPE/Ewoud	69.030
9	Chisu Kim/KOR/Bonifaz von Insel	67.800
10	Jassim Al Kuwari/QAT/Handretti	66.915
11	Chanjanok K. Ruecker/THA/Vincent	66.175
12	Natalie T.J. Lankester/UAE/Cash DXB	65.680
13	Annie Ho/HKG/Southern Cross B.	61.010
14	Maria Takada/JPN/Britania	59.965

Eventing teams

1	CHINA	86.80
	Alex Hua Tian/Poseidons Admiral	27.0
	Huadong Sun/Lady Chin v't Moerven Z	29.6
	Yingfeng Bao/Newmarket Ritz	30.2
	Ruiji Liang/Kiriaantje	1000
2	JAPAN	92.70
	Kazuhiro Yoshizawa/Penny Grans	28.6
	Yusuke Nakajima/Credit Krunch	31.6
	Shoto Kusumoto/Vick du Gisors Ira	32.5
	Kenta Hiranaga/Duke of Sussex	1000
3	THAILAND	93.90
	Korntawat Samran/B.Grimm Billy Elmy	27.9
	W. Pitakanonda/B.G. Carnival March	31.8
	Preecha Khunjan/Clair de Lune B. RW	34.2
	Supap Khaw-Ngam/Canadian Club M	43.2
4	HONGKONG	124.00
5	INDIA	1077.20

Asian Games, Hangzhou, China

26 September-6 October 2023

Jumping Teams

1	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	0/0/0/11.83
	Abd. Alsharbatly/S. Baloutendro	0/0/0/37.61
	Abdulrahman Alrajhi/Ventago	0/0/9/48.36
	Ramzy Al Duhami/Untouchable	30/0/0/37.80
	Meshari Alharbi/Cascadello Boy	0/0/0/36.42
2	QATAR	0/0/4/117.84
	Faleh Suwead Al Ajami/Ghana	0/0/0/39.85
	Rashid T. Ali Al Marri/Concordess	0/0/0/38.44
	Bassem Mohammed/Incredible	0/0/4/39.55
	Sheikh Khalifa Al Thani/Ierland VDL	4/4/el
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0/0/12/120.58
	O. A. A. Al Marzooqi/Dalida vd Z.	0/0/4/39.07
	Abdullah M. Al Marri/James vd OH	0/0/4/41.75
	M. Ghanem Al Hajri/G's Fabian	0/0/16/55.85
	Salim A. Al Suwaidi/Diamond W.	0/0/4/39.76
4	KUWAIT	0/4
5	CHINA	1/12
6	JAPAN	0/24
7	HONGKONG	24/8
7	UZBEKISTAN	12/20
7	TAIPEI	12/20
10	KOREA	12/24
11	IRAN	20/20

Jumping Individual

1	A. Alsharbatly/KSA/K. Baloutendro	0/0/39.68
2	Omar A.A. Al Marzooqi/UAE/Dalida	0/0/42.31
3	A. M. Al Marri/UAE/James vd OH	0/0/42.45
4	J. Karunayadhaj/THA/Maxwin K.A.	0/4/39.90
5	A. Hamcho/SYR/Vagabond des F.	0/4/50.97
6	Yuchen Chen/CHN/Gaga E D'Aug.	2/81.37
7	Abdulrahman Alrajhi/KSA/Ventago	4/76.06
8	Taizo Sugitani/JPN/Quincy 194	4/76.41
9	Faleh S. Al Ajami/QAT/Ghana	4/78.50
10	R.T. Ali Al Marri/QAT/Concordess NRW	4/78.51
11	Ali Al Khorafi/KUW/I	4/79.18
12	S. Nageswaran/MAS/W. Cuneo	6/81.47
13	N. Khaniani/IRI/Take a Last Chance	6/81.92

Dressage Individual

1	Julio Mendoza Loor/ECU/J.Goldstrike	84.230
2	João V.M. Oliva/BRA/Feel Good Vo	83.160
3	Anna Marek/USA/Fire Fly	78.305
4	Sarah Tubman/USA/First Apple	78.155
5	Renderson S. d Oliveira/BRA/Fogoso C.77.095	
6	Codi Harrison/USA/Katholt's Bossco	76.230
7	C. C. Bergeron/CAN/Sound of Silence	475.915
8	Svenja Grimm/CHI/Doctor Rossi	75.335
9	Y. Losos de Muniz/DOM/Aquamarijn	74.570
10	N. Moreira Laliberte/CAN/Statesman	74.130
11	Patricia Ferrando/VEN/Honnaisseur SJ72.255	
12	Mathilde Blais Tetreault/CAN/Fedor	71.195
13	M. Mabragana/ARG/Bradley Cooper	69.995
14	M. V. Ugryumova M./MEX/Impaciente	69.565
15	Paulo C. Dos Santos/BRA/Fidel da S. J.	68.175

Eventing Teams

1	CANADA	115.60
	Lindsay Traisnel/Bacyrouge	34.2
	Karl Slezak/Hot Bobo	40.7
	Michael Winter/El Mundo	40.7
	Colleen Loach/Fe Golden Eye	41.8
2	USA	115.70
	Caroline Pamukcu/HSH Blake	30.8
	Elisabeth Halliday/Miks Master C	42.4
	Sydney Elliott/QC Diamantiare	42.5
	Sharon White/Claus 63	47.0
3	BRAZIL	127.10
	Marcio Carvalho J./Castle H. Casanova	32.2
	Rafael Mamprin Losano/Withington	44.9
	Carlos Parro/Safira	50.0
	Ruy Fonseca/Ballypatrick SRS	56.7
4	MEXICO	253.00
5	ARGENTINA	254.10
6	URUGUAY	1240.60
7	CHILE	1265.00
8	COLOMBIA	2103.50

Eventing Individual

1	Caroline Pamukcu/USA/HSH Blake	30.8
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Eventing Individual

1	Alex Hua Tian/CHN/Poseidons Admiral	27.00
2	Korntawat Samran/THA/B.G. Billy Elmy	27.9
3	Kazuhiro Yoshizawa/JPN/Penny Grans	28.6
4	Huadong Sun/CHN/Lady Chin vt M.	29.6
5	Yingfeng Bao/CHN/Newmarket Ritz	30.2
6	Yusuke Nakajima/JPN/Credit Krunch	31.6
7	W. Pitakanonda/THA/B. G. Carnival March	31.8
8	Annie Ho/HKG/J.C. Miss Matana	32.3
9	Shoto Kusumoto/JPN/Vick du Gisors Jra	32.5
10	Patrick Lam/HKG/J.C. Highdown Marc	32.7
11	P. Khunian/THA/Clair de Lune B. RW	34.2
12	Apurva Dabhade/IND/Valtho des P.	36.0
13	Vikas Kumar/IND/Noreway Harry	41.2
14	S. Khaw-Ngam/THA/Canadian Club M	43.2
15	Alisherjon Erkinov/UZB/Jangcy	50.2
16	Daniella Lin/HKG/A Sparkling Bellini	59.0
17	Sooil Park/KOR/Fierte Dubois dl Lanoue	59.1
18	Yu Xuan Su/HKG/Pypark Ferro XS	60.6

World Championships Driving

Szilvásvárad, Hungary

4-8 September 2024

Teams

1	NETHERLANDS	322.69
	Bram Chardon/Ijsbrand Chardon/ Koos de Ronde	
2	GERMANY	330.33
	Michael Brauchle/Mareike Harm/ Georg Von Stein	
3	AUSTRALIA	340.77
	Boyd Exell/Tor van den Berge	
4	BELGIUM	352.42
5	HUNGARY	354.71
6	FRANCE	362.30
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	414.00
8	POLAND	469.81
9	ROUMANIA	495.20

Individual

1	Boyd Exell/AUS	146.93
2	Bram Chardon/NED	157.74
3	Chester Weber/USA	159.13
4	Fredrik Persson/SWE	166.97
5	Georg Von Stein/GER	169.49
6	Mareike Harm/GER	171.03
7	Ijsbrand Chardon/NED	172.64
8	Koos de Ronde/NED	173.54
9	Anna Sandmann/GER	173.75
10	Glenn Geerts/BEL	173.82
11	Anthony Horde/FRA	173.93
12	Michael Brauchle/GER	177.61
13	József Dobrovitz/HUN	178.53
14	Radek Nesvacil/CZE	182.85
15	Dries Degriek/BEL	182.92
16	Rene Poensgen/GER	185.39
17	József Dobrovitz Jr/HUN	186.11
18	Zoltán Lázár/HUN	187.09
19	Benjamin Aillaud/FRA	188.97
20	Tom Stokmans/BEL	191.32
21	Tor van den Berge/AUS	193.84
22	Edwin va der Graaf/NED	196.20
23	Luca Cassottana/ITA	196.30
24	Christian Schlögelhofer/AUT	208.23
25	Jáós Papp/HUN	208.47
26	Piotr Mazurek/POL	209.88

27	István Vácz/HUN	210.60
28	Ferenc Galbács Jr/HUN	222.51
29	Hans Heus/NED	226.43
30	Péter Juhász/HUN	229.66

Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Final

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

16-20 April 2024

Final classification

1	Henrik von Eckermann/SWE/King Edward	0
2	Julien Epailard/FRAU/Dubai du Cedre	4
3	Peder Fredricson/SWE/Catch Me Not S	6
4	Kent Farrington/USA/Toulayna-Greya	10
5	Hans-Dieter Dreher/GER/Elsysium	15
6	Ben Maher/GBR/Dallas Vegas Batilly	17
7	Max Kühner/AUT/EIC Up Too Jacco Blue- EIC Julius Caesar	17
8	Pieter Devos/BEL/Casual DV Z	18
9	Steve Guerdat/SUI/Is-Minka	22
10	Gregory Wathelet/BEL/Ace of Hearts	22
11	Scott Brash/GBR/Hello Valentino	23
12	Jessica Mendoza/GBR/I-Cap CL Z	24
13	Christian Ahlmann/GER/Mandato vd N.	26
14	Ramzy Al Duhami/KSA/Untouchable	32
15	Jeanne Sadran/FRA/Dexter de Kerglenn	29
16	Abdullah Alsharbatly/KSA/Alamo- Fiumicino vd K	30
17	Devin Ryan/USA/Eddie Blue	30
18	Marcus Ehning/GER/Coolio 42	33
19	Sara Vingralkova/CZE/Kas-Sini DC- How Easy	47
20	Martin Fuchs/SUI/Commissar Pezi	47

FEI World Cup Dressage Final

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

16-20 April 2024

Final classification

1	Patrik Kittel/SWE/Touchdown	81.661
2	N. Skodborg M./DEN/BH Don Olymprio	81.429
3	Isabell Werth/GER/DSP Quantaz	81.404
4	Matthias A. Rath/GER/Destacado FRH	77.850
5	Raphael Netz/GER/Great Escape C.	76.482
6	Flore De Winne/BEL/Flynn FRH	76.139
7	Justina Vanagaite-Samuile/LTU/Nabab	75.104
8	Anna Marek/USA/Fayvel	74.518
9	Melissa Galloway/NZL/W. J'Obei W	73.807
10	Borja Carrascosa/ESP/Sir Hubert NRW	73.036
11	Larissa Pauluis/BEL/F. Step Valentin	72.929
12	Benjamin Ebeling/USA/Indeed	72.511
13	Kevin Kohmann/USA/Duenensee	72.364

FEI Driving World Cup Final

Bordeaux, France

1-4 February 2024

Final classification

1	Bram Chardon/NED	251.86
2	Boyd Exell/AUS	252.69
3	Ijsbrand Chardon/NED	263.65
4	Koos de Ronde/NED	142.63
5	Dries Degriek/BEL	143.98
6	Michael Brauchle/GER	163.89
7	Benjamin Aillaud/FRA	168.54

World Championships Young Horses Dressage

Ermelo, Netherlands

4-8 September 2024

Seven-year-olds

1	Ch-M Schürmann/GER/Life Time FRH	84.129
2	Leonie Richter/GER/Vitalos FRH	83.222
3	H. P. Minderhoud/NED/Gl. Massimo	80.993
4	Dinja van Liere/NED/Mauro Turfhorst	80.436
5	Thamar Zweistra/NED/H. Mr. Magnum	79.922
6	L. Hassmann/GER/Chere Celine OLD	79.607
7	V.E. Vallentin/DEN/Lyngbjergs St Paris	79.015
8	Tessa Frank/GER/Blue FRH	78.107
9	Danielle Heijkoop/NED/Mac Toto USB	76.729
10	Lisa Wernitznig/AUT/Majestic Taonga	76.415
11	Jeanna Hogberg/SWE/Be Alex	75.965
12	Evelyn Eger/GER/Global Power OLD	75.679
13	N.Skodborg M/DEN/B.Hors Santiano	74.079
14	Rebecca Rigdon/USA/MSJ For Vips	73.429

Six-year-olds

1	Fiona Bigwood/GBR/Quinn G	95.000
2	Merita Hagren/FIN/Alkaline	92.000
3	Charlotte Rogerson/SUI/Nice Touch	W88.600
4	Anne-M S. Hansen/DEN/Valerie B	87.200
5	Dorothee Schneider/GER/Segantini	6 85.200
6	Bart Veeze/NED/Nero	83.200
7	Stefan Wolff/GER/Elliot The Dancer	82.600
8	P. Seddig/GER/F. High Light OLD	82.000
8	Lydia Jordan/SWE/Shakeela FRH	82.00
10	Laura Strobel/GER/Imperial MT	81.600
11	S. Viehoff-W/GER/San to Alati FRH	79.400
12	Kim Noordijk/NED/Naqueen	78.800
13	Anna Svanberg/SWE/Vidar	77.400
14	Charlotte Fry/GBR/Nalegro	76.400
15	Mette S. Jensen/DEN/S. H. Floriana	75.600

Five-year-olds

1	Bart Veeze/NED/Red Viper	93.800
2	S.Ahlert/GER/Glamdale WP NRW	90.200
3	Jeanna Hogberg/SWE/Severucci HT	90.000
4	Ann-C. Wienkamp/GER/Voundation	89.400
5	Camille Judet C./FRA/Emoji JCD SL	89.200
6	Kirsten Brouwer/NED/Ohio	86.400
6	A. C. de Oliveira/ESP/J'Adore Dior H	86.400
8	Jennifer Stein/GER/Enrico de Hus	86.00
9	Maxi K. Von Platen/GER/Erdbaer Fe	84.800
10	Robin Heiden/NED/One Million	84.600
11	Lara van Nek/NED/Obsession Taonga	84.100
12	Anne-M. S. Hansen/DEN/Feinsten	83.400
13	Mette S. Jensen/DEN/S.H. Sun King	82.800
14	C. Tollhopf/GER/G. Fancy Fergie	80.400
15	Mafalda G. Mendes/POR/Belcanto HB	77.400

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Seven-year-olds

1	Thomas Carlile/FRA/Golden de B. AA	28.3
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