

# JUMPING VERONA - ITALIAN STAGE OF THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™

Season after season, Jumping Verona consolidates its role as one of the 'highlight events' in the international indoor jumping circuit.

The recent renewal of the partnership between Fieracavalli and the International Equestrian Federation – which ensures the **organization of a Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ stage until 2027** – is the most tangible sign of this status.

Yet no less important is the involvement over the years of the finest horses and riders in jumping. The Verona event is held in high regard in terms of organization and the exclusive atmosphere experienced during a show that for **125 years** has always catalyzed widespread appeal for the multifaceted and fascinating world of horses.

Now at its **22nd edition**, Jumping Verona will once again this year host the **fourth leg** of the fourteen on the calendar of the Western European League of the Jumping World  $Cup^{TM}$ .

The European CSI5\*-W series, opened in Oslo (Norway, 12-15 October) and before travelling to Verona (9-12 November) stopped off in Helsinki (Finland, 19-22 October) and Lyon (France, 1-5 November).

The others events will take place in Stuttgart (Germany, 15-19 November), Madrid and La Coruna (Spain, 23-26 November and 1-3 December), London-ExCel (Great Britain, 13-18 December) and Mechelen (Belgium, 26-30 December). The new year will see the Western European League start off again in Basel (Switzerland, 11-14 January) before returning to Germany and Leipzig (18-21 January), followed by Amsterdam (Netherlands, 25-28 January), back to France in Bordeaux (March 1-4) to end in Gothenburg (Sweden, 22-25 February).

The venue for the final will be an absolute innovation after 44 editions of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™: for the first time ever, it will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 16-20 April 2024.

The **Jumping Verona CSI5\*-W** will involve be three days of competition, with the eagerly awaited World Cup Grand Prix scheduled on Sunday 12 November.

Verona will also be the worthy stage for the finals of the two important national events organized by Fieracavalli.

The **125x125** Fieracavalli Grand Prix and its Gold, Silver and Bronze classes is the special event at the show. It was first held in 2018 on the occasion of the 120th Fieracavalli. Hall 8 will also host the final stage of the **Italian Champions Tour**, a travelling circuit with a total prize fund of 290,000 euros this year.

The final is reached after the four qualifying stages held in Arezzo (15-15 April), Rome-Piazza di Siena (26-27 May), San Giovanni in Marignano (21-22 July and 27-28 October).









## SHOW DIRECTOR BORICCHI: A NEW STAND WITH ALMOST 400 MORE PLACES

**Riccardo Boricchi** has been since 2019 the show director of Jumping Verona, the only Italian leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™. While highlighting the prestige of the event ("*The number and quality of horses and riders, as always, will be absolute amazing"*), Boricchi also outlined the innovations prepared with Fieracavalli for the 2023 edition.



Riccardo Boricchi and Henrik von Eckermann - ph. JV / S.Grasso

Safety and comfort of horses: "There is growing awareness of these aspects, especially in areas such as the stables which may not be visible to everyone. In addition to all the "aisles" finished with rubber and carpet tiles in the corridors and stalls as in previous years, this year we will use thicker and more resistant materials. The classic, thinner carpet tiles will now be replaced by reinforced versions of higher quality like those used in our homes, which will remain intact even if the horse slips. They will also be more comfortable for horses and easier to clean. Finally, an indoor area for walking horses has been created inside the stables, and the space set aside for national competitions can also be used for this purpose - obviously when no competitions are in progress".

Attention to grooms: "They are important professional figures who deserve the utmost attention. In addition to the 'welcome kit', launched last year, they will also receive a "goodbye kit" for the return journey. They will also has an exclusive "free bar" and relax area at their disposition in the stable area, starting from breakfast in the morning".

Places for audiences: "There are now almost 400 extra seats for spectators, since we have set up a second lateral stand are similar to the one installed up two years ago on the other side of the hall. And more space has also been created for the new VIP area: there are now 120 tables while at the same time as aiming for higher quality service in terms of food and hospitality. A kids area has also been installed so that parents, be they riders or guests of the sponsors, can leave their children there free of charge and watch the events in peace even for some considerable time. And speaking of riders, the stand set aside for them is better than ever: it is located next to the "kiss & cry" space set up in the ring".









## FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ IN VERONA HISTORY

The Longines FEI Jumping World  $Cup^{TM}$  boasts a **long story in Italy**. And by now, in 2023, the event has been staged during Fieracavali in Verona for the last **22 years**.

It is the highlight of the indoor show jumping season in Italy set in the context of the most traditional event anywhere in Europe: a combination that has ensured great pages of equestrian history over the traditional three competition days always experienced with amazing passion by the huge audience crowding the stands.

The finest riders in the world have always put on a great show for this 5-star autumn competition in Verona, in the saddle of horses that are equally illustrious protagonists of this discipline. Henrik von Eckermann and his fantastic King Edward were the winning duo of the 2022 Grand Prix. They are the latest and finest example of this history, with the Swede standing as the unrivalled leader of the FEI rankings by now for fifteen months. Together, they won team gold at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, individual and team gold at the 2022 World Championships in Herning, and the World Cup final in Omaha in 2023.

The **Jumping Verona GP's Roll of Honour** boasts many great exploits. The first edition, held in 2011, was the year of Belgium, which achieved a full house by placing three riders in the first three places: Stanny Van Paesschen, Jos Lansink and Gilbert De Rook. However, only two riders have managed to win twice - and with the same horse: Dutch rider Albert Zoer in 2005 and 2007, on Okidoki, and French ace Simon Desltre in 2015 and 2021, on Hermes Ryan.

# THE HISTORY OF FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ IN ITALY

The Jumping World  $Cup^{TM}$  arrived in Italy five years after the launch of the series. It was **1984** when **Milan** became the first city to host the Italian leg of the FEI Jumping World  $Cup^{TM}$  inside the Palasport.

And the victory went to the great Irish rider Eddie Macken on El Paso. In **1985**, as the Milan venue eventually became unavailable, the event was moved out of the city to the Circolo Ippico Brianteo in **Birago**, where the French National anthem was played for Flambeau C and Frédéric Cottier, a rider who has deeply marked the history of jumping.

The lack of a suitable venue meant that Italy was unable to host a World Cup leg for ten long years. The jumping indoor circuit finally returned to Italy in **1995** at the Palasport in Casalecchio di Reno, just outside **Bologna**.

Top names all took part in the six editions held here, with some of the best standing as winners: the Dutch Jan Tops with Top Gun, the French Patrice Delaveau with Roxanne de Gruchy, the British John Whitaker with Grannusch, the German Rene Tebbel with Radiator, the Swiss Lesley McNaught Maendli with Dulf and again John Whitaker with Welham.

Fieracavalli then put forward its candidacy to host the prestigious event, that made its **debut in Verona in November 2001**. Every edition since then has been crowned with huge success, both in terms of organization and impressive audience numbers. All this contributed to make Fieracavalli and Jumping Verona one of the top events of the Western Europe League of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™.









## **TIME LINE**

#### 2001 - BELGIUM RULES THE ROOST

Verona took over from Bologna, which had hosted the Italian Jumping World Cup stage for six years (1995- 2000) (the first two editions were held in Milan in 1983 and Birago in 1984). The first edition of the competition in Verona opened with an event utterly dominated by Belgium. The top three places went to Stanny Van Paesschen riding O de Pomme, Jos Lansink with Cordijana Z and Gilbert De Rook saddling Neron de la Tourelle.

# 2002 - VICTORY FOR A WORLD CHAMPION

Rodrigo Pessoa riding Lianos won a Grand Prix of astonishing quality. Less than one-tenth of a second behind the Brazilian world champion at WEG in Rome 1998 came the winners of the FEI World Cup™ 2000/2001 and 2002/2003, respectively Swiss rider Markus Fuchs on Tinka's Boy and German colleague Marcus Ehning, third riding For Pleasure.

# 2003/2004 - GERMANY 'UBER ALLES'

Germany took the lion's share for two consecutive editions thanks to a rider of proven experience: Lars Nieberg, the winner with Loreana in 2003 and a rising young star Toni Hassmann, who won in 2004 on Lolita. Hassmann had also won the minor Grand Prix in Verona in the previous year.

# 2005 - DUTCH RIDERS BEGIN THEIR DOMINATION

The World Cup stage started to speak Dutch. In 2005, the fastest of the five horses and riders closing with double clear rounds was Albert Zoer on Okidoki. Yet the home audience also celebrated with Italian rider Juan Carlos Garcia, who took second place on his legendary horse Albin III.

# 2006 - TOP TWO FROM HOLLAND

Holland improved its performance thanks to first and second places with Gerco Schroeder on Eurocommerce Milano and Leopold Van Asten riding VDL Groep Fleche Rouge.

# 2007 - ZOER YET AGAIN

Albert Zoer and Okidoki took their places in legend. A magnificent encore two years later after a hotly contested event that saw Marco Kutscher, the 2005 German European Champion, take second place on Cornet Obolensky.

# 2008 - GERMANY MAKES A COMEBACK

Only three horses and riders made it through to the jump-off for this Grand Prix, with Germany coming out on top again with Alois Pollmann on Lord Luis, the only pair to achieve a double clear round. Second place went to Swiss rider Steve Guerdat on Jalisca Solier and third for Italy with Omar Bonomelli on Quintero 4.

# 2009 - MICHAEL IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN

Yet another legendary figure in the international scene came out top. British rider Michael Whitaker, riding Insul Tech Amai, pulled out an amazing performance to beat German rider Gilbert Bockmann, second on No Father's Girl. Third place went to French rider Kevin Staut, the recent European Champion, on Silvana. John Whitaker, Michael's brother, had already twice won an Italian stage of the FEI World  $Cup^{TM}$  in Bologna 1997 and 2000.

## 2010 - HOLLAND YET AGAIN

The 2010 edition - the 10th anniversary for the Verona stage of the World Cup - saw the triumph of Sydney 2000 Olympic champion, Dutchman Jeroen Dubbeldam riding BCM Van Grunsven Simon. He came out ahead of truly "big" names in second and third places: Meredith Michaels Beerbaum riding her legendary Shutterfly, three-time winners of the FEI World  $Cup^{TM}$  together, and Swede Rolf Goran-Bengtsson riding the then young Casall La Silla.

# 2011 - SAD FAREWE LL TO HICKSTEAD

Sadly, the World Cup Grand Prix had a very sad epilogue. The event was suspended after the death in the field of Hickstead, the extraordinary companion of the 2008 Olympic Champion, Eric Lamaze. Timely and efficient action by veterinary staff was to no avail. The curtain closed with immense sadness on the eleventh edition of the Verona event.

## 2012 - WELCOME TO THE SHOW JUMPING CITADEL

For the first time the same hall hosted the course, the warm-up ring and the stables: Jumping Verona became a true citadel of show jumping. Another innovation was the largest prize fund for the entire FEI World Cup circuit™. This edition of the World Cup Grand Prix went to Spanish rider Sergio Alvarez Moya on Zipper. Second place was taken after a great performance by Luca Maria Moneta on Neptune Brecourt.

#### 2013 - AHLMANN WINS BUT MONETA TAKE THE PODIUM AGAIN

After taking second place in the previous year, Luca Maria Moneta riding Neptune Brecourt once again stirred the grandstands at Jumping Verona with a fine third place. The event was won by German rider Christian Ahlmann on Aragon Z ahead of British rider Scott Brash on Ursula XII.

#### 2014 - THE 'VERVE' OF THE YOUNGEST

At just 19 years old, Bertram Allen won the event with a brilliant performance riding his grey Molly Malone V. The Irish rider beat Maikel van der Vleuten on VDL Verdi TN and Marcus Ehning riding Cornado on time to become the youngest ever winner of Jumping Verona. Crowds in the BMW Pavilion celebrated with the double clear round and fifth place by Piergiorgio Bucci on Casallo Z.

# 2015 - THE ASCENT OF A NUMBER 1 BEGINS

Emotions and suspense highlighted the jump-off for a Grand Prix that saw French rider Simon Delestre on Hermes Ryan win a very tight race. Second place went to Swede Henrik von Eckermann on Cantinero while German rider Ludger Beerbaum on Chaman and British rider Scott Brash on Hello M'Lady jointly took third place. With his victory in Verona, Delestre took the top spot in the Longines FEI world rankings - a position he was to keep for a long time.

# 2016 - SAID, THE OUTSIDER

Never before had an Egyptian rider won a World Cup Grand Prix! History was written by Abdel Said riding Hope van Scherpen Donder thanks to a very fast performance that roused the audience in the BMW Pavillion.

Almost two seconds behind, French rider Simon Delestre took second place on Chesall Zimequest, while Swiss rider Martin Fuchs came third with Clooney. The best Italian was Emilio Bicocchi, riding Ares.

#### 2017 - DUTCH ACES!

And that makes it four! That is the number of Dutch riders who have also won five time (Albert Zoer won in 2005 and in 2007) the Verona World Cop Grand Prix just like Maikel Van der Vleuten. Riding his stallion VDL Groep Verdi TN, Van der Vleuten produced a perfect round in order to beat great performances by Italian riders Alberto Zorzi, second with Fair Light van'T Heike, and Lorenzo De Luca, fourth riding Halifax van het Kluizebos.

## **2018 - DOUBLE 'D' SIGNS 2018 WIN**

Daniel Deusser was the wonderful winner of the 2018 World Cup Grand Prix at the end of an extremely exciting battle. Last to go riding Calisto Blue, the German champion was the fastest, beating Belgium's seemingly unbeatable Niels Bruynseels on Gancia de Muze. Chapeau! Supporters in Verona were also delighted by Luca Marziani and Tokyo du Soleil's superb double clear and fifth place.

# 2019 - BRASH NEVER GIVE UP

Scott Brash made his competition debut at the age of ten and has continued his show jumping experience ever since. Brash won the team gold medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games and boasts a formidable career: currently still the only rider in history to have done so – he achieved the Rolex Grand Slam (three consecutive Grand Prix wins: Geneva, Aachen and Calgary), double consecutive victories of the Longines Global Champions Tour in 2013 and 2014... All these successes came in the saddle of the formidable Hello Sanctos. His motto is: never give up!

# 2021 - DELESTRE DOUBLING DOWN

Six years later, French rider Simon Delestre and Hermes Ryan repeated their performance in the Grand Prix in Verona. Before them, only Dutchman Albert Zoer and Okidoki had achieved this feat, in 2005 and 2007. Delestre was joined on the podium by German rider Kendra Claricia Brinkop on Kastelle Memo and Irish ace Denis Lynch on GC Chopin's Bushi. Lorenzo De Luca was hugely applauded as the best of the Italian line-up, finishing eighth on F One USA.

# 2022 - THE LAW OF THE NUMBER 1

The signature in the Grand Prix of the twentieth anniversary of the World Cup in Verona is the World Number 1: Henrik von Eckermann. However, with the Swedish ace another Number 1 triumphed: the formidable King Edward, a horse with which he won the team gold medal at the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games (coming close to individual bronze with 4th place) and the individual and team world titles in 2022. Against the super power of von Eckermann and King Edward, nothing to do for the Austrian Gerfried Puck, second with Equitron Naxcel V, and the British Harry Charles, third on Romeo 88.

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# ROLL OF HONOUR FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ IN ITALY

1984	Milano	Eddie Macken	IRL	El Paso
1985	Birago (MI)	Frédéric Cottier	FRA	Flambeau C.
1995	Bologna	Jan Tops	NED	Top Gun
1996	Bologna	Patrice Delaveau	FRA	Roxanne de Gruchy
1997	Bologna	John Whitaker	GBR	Grannusch
1998	Bologna	Rene' Tebbel	GER	Radiator
1999	Bologna	Lesley McNaught Maendli	SUI	Dulf
2000	Bologna	John Whitaker	GBR	Welham
2001	Verona	Stanny Van Paesschen	BEL	O de Pomme
2002	Verona	Rodrigo Pessoa	BRA	Lianos
2003	Verona	Lars Nieberg	GER	Loreana
2004	Verona	Toni Hassmann	GER	Lolita H
2005	Verona	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki
2006	Verona	Gerco Schröder	NED	Eurocommerce Milano
2007	Verona	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki
2008	Verona	Alois Pollmann Schweckorst	GER	Lord Luis
2009	Verona	Michael Whitaker	GBR	Insul Teck Amai
2010	Verona	Jeroem Dubbeldam	NED	BMC Van Grunsven Simon
2011	Verona	GP not held		
2012	Verona	Sergio Alvarez Moya	ESP	Zipper
2013	Verona	Christian Ahlmann	GER	Aragon Z
2014	Verona	Bertram Allen	IRL	Molly Malone V
2015	Verona	Delestre Simon	FRA	Hermes Ryan
2016	Verona	Said Abdel	EGY	Hope van Scherpen Donder
2017	Verona	Maikel van der Vleuten	NED	VDL Groep Verdi TN N.O.P.
2018	Verona	Daniel Deusser	GER	Calisto Blue
2019	Verona	Scott Brash	GBR	Hello M'Lady
2020	Not held			
2021	Verona	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan
2022	Verona	Henrik von Eckermann	SWE	King Edward

# **TOP FIVE JUMPING VERONA**

2001					
1°	Stanny Van Paesschen	BEL	O de Pomme	0/0	36,14
2°	Jos Lansik		AK Cordijana Z	0/0	36,86
3°	Gilbert De Roock		Neron de la Tourelle	0/4	36,01
4°	Markus Merschformann		Camirez B	0/4	36,26
5°	Rolf- Göran Bengtsson	SWE	Pialotta	0/8	35,73
2002					
1°	Podrigo Possoo	BRA	Gandini Lianos	0/0	22.20
2°	Rodrigo Pessoa Markus Fuchs			-	33,28
3°		SUI GER	Tinka´s Boy For Pleasure	0/0 0/0	33,51
3 4°	Marcus Ehning Gianni Govoni	ITA	Loro Piana Havinia	0/0	33,87 35,1
5°	Michel Robert	FRA		0/0	-
	Wilcher Robert	FRA	Olympia	0/0	37,98
2003					
1°	Lars Nieberg	GER	Loreana	0/0	37,47
2°	Reynald Angot	FRA	Dollar de la Pierre	0/0	39,09
3°	Jos Lansink	BEL	Caridor	0/0	46,65
4°	Marco Kutscher	GER	Montender	0/4	38,72
5°	Rodrigo Pessoa	BRA	Baloubet du Rouet	0/8	38,8
2004					
1°	Toni Hassmann	GER	Lolita H	0/0	38,48
2°	Jean Claude van Geenberghe	BEL	Osta Rugs Andiamo Z	0/0	39,16
3°	Andrea Herholdt	ITA	Nanta	0/0	40,26
4°	Christophe Barbeau	SUI	Chatwin	0/4	37,84
5°	Steve Guerdat	SUI	Isovlas Orchidée B	0/4	38,38
2005					
1°	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki	0/0	39,11
2°	Juan Carlos Garcia	ITA	Loro Piana Albin III	0/0	39,34
3°	Steve Guerdat	SUI	Tijl van het Pallieterland	0/0	39,53
4°	Markus Fuchs	SUI	La Toya III	0/0	39,72
5°	Beatrice Patrese	ITA	Loro Piana Fanix de Roll	0/0	41,9
2006				·	
2006 1°	Course Cabus adau	NED	Cura ca mara a na a Milana	0/0	40.00
2°	Gerco Schroeder	NED NED	Eurocommerce Milano	0/0	40,09
3°	Leopold van Asten Meredith Michaels Beerbaum		Fleche Rouge	0/0	41,02
3 4°	Jonella Ligresti	GER	Shutterfly Nanta	0/0	41,51
1 4 5°	Albert Zoer	ITA NED	Okidoki	0/0	45,03
	Albert Zoer	NED	OKIUOKI	0/4	39,55
2007					
1°	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki	0/0	46,12
2°	Marco Kutscher	GER	Cornet Obolensky	0/0	50,86
3°	Rutheford Latham Morehead	ESP	Guarana Champeix	0/0	52,56
4°	Patrick McEntee	BEL	Ever Mury Marais Z	0/0	56,25
5°	Daniel Etter	SUI	Peu a Peu	0/8	48

2008					
1°	Alois Pollmann-Schweckhorst	GER	Lord Luis	0/0	56,04
2°	Steve Guerdat SUI Jalisca Solier		0/4	46,54	
3°	Omar Bonomelli		Quintero	0/4	48,72
4°	Sören Pedersen		Lobster	4	70,05
5°	Ludo Philippaerts		Winning Mood vd Arenberg	4	70,91
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2009					
1°	Michael Whitaker	GBR	Insul Tech Amai	0/0	37,49
2°	Gilbert Bockmann	GER	No Father's Girl	0/0	38,14
3°	Kevin Staut	FRA	Silvana	0/4	37,87
4°	Eric Van Der Vleuten	NED	VDL Groep Tomboy	0/8	38,34
5°	Natale Chiaudani	ITA	SNAI Seldana di Campalto	0/12	42,08
2010					
1°	Jeroen Dubbeldam	NED	BMC Van Grunsven Simon	0/0	35,61
2°	Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum	GER	Shutterfly	0/0	35,67
3°	Rolf-Goran Bengtsson	SWE	Casall La Silla	0/0	35,93
4°	Carsten Otto Nagel	GER	VDL Groep Tomboy	0/0	37,22
5°	Billy Twomey	IRE	Tinka's Serenade	0/0	37,35
2011					
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2012					
1°	Sergio Alvarez Moya	ESP	Zipper	0/0	43,2
2°	Luca Maria Moneta	ITA	Neptune Brecourt	0/0	45,63
3°	Malin Baryard Johnsson	SWE	Tornesch	0/0	46,43
4°	Robert Smith	GBR	Voila	0/0	46,91
5°	Meredith Michaels Beerbaum	GER	Bella Donna	0/0	51,1
2013					
1°	Christian Ahlmann	GER	Aragon	0/0	44,38
2°	Scott Brash	GBR	Ursula XII	0/0	44,47
3°	Luca Maria Moneta	ITA	Neptune Brecourt	0/0	44,93
4°	Pius Schwizer	SUI	Picsou du Chene	0/0	45,09
5°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Valentino Velvet	0/0	46,78
2014					
2014 1°	Bertram Allen	IDI	Molly Malone V	0/0	24.90
2°	Maikel van der Vleuten	IRL NED	Molly Malone V VDL Greop Verdi	0/0 0/0	34,89 25.52
3°	Marcus Ehning	GER	Cornado	0/0	35,52 35,77
4°	Malin Baryard Johnsson	SWE	Tornesch	0/0	36,28
5°	Piergiorgio Bucci	ITA	Casallo Z	0/0	30,28
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2015					
1°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan	0/0	36,46
2°	Henrik von Eckermann	SWE	Cantinero	0/0	36,72
3°	Ludger Beerbaum	GER	Chaman	0/0	37,83
3°	Scott Brash	GBR	Hello M'Lady	0/0	37,83
5°	Maikel van der Vleuten	NED	VDL Groep Verdi TN N.O.P.	0/0	38,24

2016					
1°	Abdel Said	EGY	Hope van Scherpen Donder	0/0	37,66
2°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Chesall Zimequest	0/0	39,62
3°	Martin Fuchs		Clooney	0/0	40,62
4°	Douglas Lindelöw		Zacramento	0/0	41,89
5°	Moya Sergio Alvarez		Arrayan	4	39,57
2017					
1°	Maikel van der Vleuten	NED	VDL Groep Verdi TN N.O.P.	0/0	35,91
2°	Alberto Zorzi	ITA	Fair Light Van'T Heike	0/0	36,17
3°	Pieter Devos	BEL	Apart	0/0	37,03
4°	Lorenzo De Luca	ITA	Halifak Van Het Kluizebos	0/0	38
5°	Janica Sprunger	SUI	Bacardi VDL	0/0	39,21
2018					
1°	Daniel Deusser	GER	Calisto Blue	0/0	36,83
2°	Niels Bruynseels	BEL	Gancia de Muze	0/0	37,03
3°	Martin Fuchs	SUI	Clooney	0/0	38,4
4°	Bertram Allen	IRL	Molly Malone V	0/0	38,6
5°	Luca Marziani	ITA	Tokyo du Soleil	0/0	39,69
2019					
1°	Scott Brash	GBR	Hello M'lady	0/0	35.55
2°	Darragh Kenny	IRL	Romeo	0/0	36.06
3°	Steve Guerdat	SUI	Alamo	0/0	36.19
3   4°	Emanuele Gaudiano	ITA	Chalou	0/0	36.23
<del>-</del>   5°	Marc Houtzager	NED	Sterrehof's Dante	0/0	36.64
	-	NLD	Sterrenor's Burite	0,0	30.04
<b>2020</b> N	IOT HELD				
2021					
1°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan	0/0	37,32
2°	Kendra Claricia Brinkop	GER	Kastelle Memo	0/0	37,8
3°	Denis Lynch	IRL	GC Chopin's Bushi	0/0	38,62
4°	Christian Kukuk	GER	Checker	0/0	39,08
5°	Jens Fredricson	SWE	Markan Cosmopolit	0/0	39,69
2022					
1°	Henrik von Eckermann	SWE	King Edward	0/0	40,55
2°	Gerfried Puck	AUT	Equitron Naxcel V	0/0	45,24
3°	Harry Charles	GBR	Romeo 88	0/4	39,95
3°	Nicola Philippaerts	GBR	Katanga v/h Dingeshof	0/4	42,36
5°	Fernando Martinez Sommer	MEX	Higy Five	0/4	43,99



# SEVEN OF THE TOP TEN IN VERONA, INCLUDING WORLD NO.1 VON ECKERMANN

An amazing line-up will enter the arena this year again in Verona for the **CSI5\*-W Jumping Verona**, the only Italian leg of the **Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™**.

Riders from all five continents will try their best in the event scheduled from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 November, following the 'horse inspection' and 'warm-up' on Thursday 9.

**Seven of the Top Ten in the Longines FEI ranking** have signed up. Their line-up starts with Swedish **Henrik von Eckermann**, number 1 in the world for 15 months by now and winner of the 2022 Grand Prix riding the fantastic King Edward, the horse he also rode to win the Olympic team gold in Tokyo 2021, the individual and team gold at the World Cup in Herning 2022 and the World Cup final in Omaha 2023.



Henrik von Eckermann and King Edward - ph. JV / S.Grasso

The other Top Ten are the French rider **Julien Epaillard** (no. 2, individual bronze at the 2023 European Championship), the British **Ben Maher** (no. 3, 2012 team gold and 2021 individual gold at the Olympics, team bronze at the 2022 World Championship and five times on the podium at the European Championships), the Swiss riders **Martin Fuchs** (no. 4, individual silver at the 2018 World Championships, individual gold in 2019 and four other podiums at the European Championships) and **Steve Guerdat** (no. 5, individual gold 2023 and five times on the team podium at the European Championships, before that individual gold in 2012 and team bronze in 2008 at the Olympics, individual bronze at the 2018 World Championship), the Austrian **Max Kühner** (no. 9, team bronze at the European Championship in Milan 2023) and the other French rider **Simon Delestre** (no. 10, team silver at the 2014 World Championship and individual bronze at the 2015 European Championship).

The line-up also boasts **four riders** already named **on the Roll of Honour of the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Verona**. In addition to **Delestre** (twice, with Hermes Ryan in 2015 and 2021) and **von Eckermann** (winner with King Edward in 2022) already mentioned above, the Belgian **Abdel Said** will also be in contention (riding Hope van Scherpen Donder in 2016, when he competed for Egypt) and the German **Daniel Deusser** (Calisto Blue in 2018).

The full list - **60 riders from 22 flags** - includes other top riders long in the jumping limelight. They are the German **Marcus Ehning** (winner of a CSI5\*-W competition in Verona and 3rd in the 2014 GP with Cornado NRW), the Irish **Denis Lynch** (3rd in the 2021 GP with GC Chopin's Bushi), the British **Harry Charles** (3rd in the 2022 GP with Romeo 88), the French **Kevin Staut** (team gold at the 2016 Olympics) and the Dutch **Jur Vrieling** (team gold in 2014 and silver in 2022 at the World Championships, also team silver at the 2012 Olympics). The Italian team will have eighteen riders and will be headed by **Emanuele Gaudiano**: no. 28 in the Longines FEI ranking, now with 56 international wins in 2023.

Lady riders will be represented by the renowned **Jessica Springsteen** from the U.S. (winner of three CSI5\*-W competitions in Verona and 6th in the 2021 Grand Prix) and by **Edwina Tops Alexander** (7th in the 2013 Grand Prix) from Australia. Their starting list also features the German **Kendra Claricia Bronkop** who conquered the Grand Prix podium in 2021, obtaining the 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Kastelle Memo and the Swiss **Janika Sprunger**, von Eckermann's wife who will compete again in Verona after five years of leave (her last appearance dates back to 2017). Janika Sprunger resumed competing in CSI5\*-W events last summer after a break following the birth of her son Noah in April 2021. In Jumping Verona will compete also **Jennifer Hochstadter**, just 20 years old from Liechtenstein, who took her first and only victory in a CSI5\*-W in Verona in 2022 riding Csio Bel, and the American **Paris Sellon**, girlfriend of Martin Fuchs.









## ITALIAN RIDERS HUNTING FOR A FIRST GRAND PRIX VICTORY

There are many top international riders in the field once again for the **2023 edition of Jumping Verona**, and - as always - a good many Italian riders ready to take up the challenge and make their names in the **CSI5\*-W** event included in the impressive Fieracavalli calendar. With one objective above all: at last win the Grand Prix, valid as **the only Italian leg of the Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™**.

In fact, no Italian rider appears in the Roll of Honour of the most prestigious competition. However, five have stood on the podium in Verona, for a total of six times: Andrea Herholdt was third in 2004, Juan Carlos Garcia second in 2005, Omar Bonomelli third in 2008, Luca Maria Moneta second in 2012 and third in 2013, and Alberto Zorzi second in 2017.

The list of twenty Italian riders for CSI5\*-W is headed by **Emanuele Gaudiano**, currently the no. 1 Italian in the FEI ranking (no. 28 overall). Having won six CSI5\*-W events in Verona, the first in 2011 with Dassino, the rider from Lucania achieved 4th place with Chalou in 2019 as his best result in a GP valid for the World Cup. This October, Gaudiano was the protagonist of a rewarding trip to Morocco, where in Tetouan and Rabat he collected 5 victories (including two CSI4\* GPs with Nikolaj de Music), bringing his total so far in 2023 to 57 wins. He has competed in two Olympics (Rio de Janeiro 2016, Tokyo 2021), two World Cup events (Caen 2014, Tryon 2018) and four European Championship events (Madrid 2011, Herning 2013, Aachen 2015 and Milan 2023). This year he returned to Italy as his base, after a long stay in Germany.

Another Italian rider in the Top 100 is **Lorenzo De Luca**, ranking no. 60 in the world. He has won 4 CSI5\*-W events in Verona, the first in 2013 with Elky van het Indihof Hdc. The rider from Apulia also came close to the GP podium, coming 4th in 2017 with Scuderia 1918 Halifax ven het Kluizebos.

Italian riders in the limelight at the Jumping Verona GP in the past include **Alberto Zorzi**, who this year was a member of the Italian team at the European Championship in Milan, as well as **Giampiero Garofalo**, the 2023 Italian champion. On the other hand, **Francesco Turturiello** took part in the European event as an individual rider. And Zorzi, like Gaudiano, also returned permanently to Italy this year. Garofalo, on the other hand, has his stables in Belgium. With Gaudiano, De Luca, Zorzi, Garofalo and Turturiello, also **Francesca Ciriesi**, 2022 Italian champion, will have direct access to the GP of November 12th.

**Giulia Martinengo Marquet**, twice Italian champion in 2015 and 2018 and winner of a CSI5\*-W event in Verona, and **Roberto Previtali**, also winner of a CSI5\*-W class in Verona, instead will have the opportunity to earn participation in the GP through qualification.

Massimo Grossato was called up by FISE without access to the GP. Finally, other ten riders received a wild card from the organizers: Andrea Benatti, Camilla Bosio, Andrea Calabro, Giacomo Casadei (gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympics when he was just 16 years old), Angelica Canonici, Matteo Checchi, Michol Del Signore, Eugenio Grimaldi, Guido Grimaldi, Christian Marini and Gianni Govoni, one f the most Italian experienced rider.











# **TIMETABLE Hall 8 2023**

# CSI5\* W - LONGINES FEI Jumping World Cup™

125x125 Gran Premio Fieracavalli | Italian Champions Tour | Show

# 9 NOV Thursday

09.00	GP125X125	Cat. Bronze Prima sessione - H. 115 categoria a tempo Tab A Presented by <i>Fieracavalli</i>
11.00	GP125X125	Cat. Silver Prima sessione - H. 125 categoria a tempo Tab. A Presented by <i>Jumping Verona</i>
13.30	Italian Champions Tour	H. 145 categoria a tempo Tab. A Presented by Regione Siciliana Assessorato Regionale Sport e Turismo
13.15	CSI5*-W	Horse Inspection – Pad. 7
15.30	GP125X125	Cat. Gold Prima sessione - H. 135 categoria a tempo Tab. A Presented by <i>Pariani</i>
17.30	CSI5*-W	Warm up
20.30	Charity & 125 Anniversary Dinner	Stop alla violenza sulle donne!
21.30	Show	Gala d'Oro "Art'è"

# 10 NOV Friday

07.30	GP125X125 Cat. Bronze Seconda sessione - H. 115 categoria a fasi consecutive Tab. A Presented by <i>Fieracavalli</i>		
09.50	GP125X125	Cat. Silver Seconda sessione - H. 125 categoria a fasi consecutive Tab. A Presented by <i>Pariani</i>	
12.00	CSI5*-W  CSI5*-W  CSI5*-W  Competition n. 1  Presented by Prestige  Competition Special two-phase – Art. 274.2.5 (H. 1.45)  Prize Money: € 5.000,00		
14.15	CSI5*-W	Competition n. 2 Presented by Banca Passadore Tab. A One round against the Clock – Art. 238.2.1a (H. 1.50) Prize Money: € 30.000,00 - LR	
16.30	CSI5*-W	Competition n. 3 Presented by KASK Tab. A one round against the clock with one jump-off against the clock Art. 238.2.2a (H.1.55) Prize Money: € 55.000,00 Qualifier for the Worl Cup Competition n. 7 – GPQ/LR	
19.00	Italian Champions Tour	H. 145 categoria mista Tab. A Presented by <i>Crivelli</i>	
20.30	Charity Dinner	Il lavoro come mezzo di inclusione sociale	
21.30	Show	Gala d'Oro "Art'è"	







# 11 NOV Saturday

08.00	GP125X125	Cat. Gold Seconda sessione - H. 135 categoria a fasi consecutive Presented by Fieracavalli
10.30	GP125X125	Cat. Bronze Finale in 2 manches speciale- H. 115 Presented by <i>Goldspan</i> € 10.000,00
11.40	Italian Champions Tour	Finale a 8 squadre h. 145/150 Categoria a tempo, Tab. A Presented by Regione Siciliana Assessorato Regionale Sport e Turismo
13.20	CSI5*-W	Competition n. 4  Presented by Franco Tucci  Tab. A one round against the Clock – Art. 238.2.1a (H 1.50)  Prize Money: € 30.000,00 - LR
15.50	CSI5*- W	Competition n. 5 Presented by Crivelli Winning round: 1 round and winning round starting with 0 penalties. (H.155) art. 276.2 Prize Money: € 100.000 - LR
18.40	GP125X125	Cat. Silver Finale in 2 manches speciale H. 125 Presented by <i>Selleria Equipe</i> Prize Money: € 15.000,00
20.30	Charity Dinner	Ri.Abilitiamoci: l'aiuto reciproco cambia la vita
21.30	Show	Gala d'Oro "Art'è"

# 12 NOV Sunday

10.00	CSI5*-W	Competition n. 6 Presented by Selleria Equipe Accumulator, 1 <sup>st</sup> round against the clock Art. 269a (H. 1.45) Prize Money: € 26.300,00 - LR	
12.15	GP125X125	Cat. Gold FINALE - H. 135 a due manches speciale Presented by <i>Equiline</i> Prize Money: € 25.000,00	
13.55	CSI5* - W	Award Ceremony	
14.30	CSI5*-W	Competition n. 7 – CSI5*- W - LONGINES FEI World Cup™ Competition Presented by Scuderia 1918  Tab. A, one round against the clock with one jump-off against the clock (World Cup)  Art. 238.2.2+ art. 655 + 654 + World Cup Rules (H.1.60)  Prize Money € 190.000,00	

