



JUMPING VERONA

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JUMPING VERONA: EDITION NUMBER 23

Jumping Verona has been in the calendar of the world's most important indoor show jumping events for 23 years, ensuring that Fieracavalli is synonymous with excellence even in the panorama of top-level sport.

This is quite simply confirmed on considering that, since the inception this historic event, Fiercavalli has successfully and continuously



hosted the only Italian leg of the **Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™**, constantly attracting the finest horses and riders in the world.

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And again this year, Show Hall 8 in the Exhibition Centre - by now acknowledged among the very best indoor show jumping venues - will be just as stunning. Great excitement is assured from Thursday 7 - when the initial national competitions get underway - until Sunday 10 November, when expectations for the crucial event will reach their peak: the **Longines FEI Grand Prix Jumping World Cup™ presented by Kask, boasting a prize fund of €200,000.**

It could hardly be otherwise... The Roll of Honour of this competition clearly highlights the consolidated value of the event in Verona, as we still vividly recall the excitement of the last edition. Twelve months ago, the last winner was British rider Ben Maher, in the saddle of Dallas Vegas Batilly. Maher won an individual Olympic gold in Tokyo 2021, team gold in London 2012 and Paris 2024 (riding the same horse as in Verona 2023), team bronze at the FEI World Championships in Herning 2022, team gold in Herning 2013, individual silver in Herning 2013 and Rotterdam 2019, team bronze in Madrid 2011 and Rotterdam 2019 at the FEI European Championships. The organizational machine has been running at full turbo speed and the grandstands are preparing to host, as ever, a **sold-out weekend.** As well as the Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™ which this year includes **seven international competitions** or a **total prize fund of 470,000 euros, a further increase compared to the past**, Show Hall 8 will capture the attention of enthusiasts with the other competitions at the 126th Fieracavalli. The impressive sporting programme, starting from Thursday 7, will include the final stage of the **Italian Champions Tour** with new SPORT and PRO circuit format, and the **Fieracavalli Grand Prix 126x126.**

The show jumping schedule will also involve competitions scheduled by the **Italian Equestrian Sports Federation** itself, the **FISE Arena** in Show Hall 5.

RICCARDO BORICCHI: A PASSIONATE 'SHOW DIRECTOR'

Riccardo Boricchi, from Tuscany, has always been involved in the world of horses as a rider and breeder - but above all as an organiser of top-level international events. He has been in charge of the technical-sporting staff of Jumping Verona since 2019. The many new features and improvements to the event already introduced under his coordination over the last few editions are now joined by other for the coming edition number 23.

"We are ready to host this new leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™," said Boricchi, the Show Director of Jumping Verona. *"Once again this year, the finest international show jumping will arrive from all over the world, so we must ensure every aspect necessary for the perfect organisation of competitions of an extremely high level in technical terms. The programme in Show Hall 8, the flagship CSI5*W competitions will be joined by more recent yet well-established events such as the Fieracavalli GP 126x126 and the finals of the Italian Champions Tour."*



Riccardo Boricchi and Ben Maher - Jumping Verona 2023 / S.Grasso

Boricchi added: *"Over and above ensuring that the events take place with the highest technical and organisational standards, we are as always committed to ensuring maximum attention for the well-being of horses involved in Jumping Verona competitions. New aspects this year include attention to the intense work of grooms - a key category for the success of each event and in close personal touch with the beautiful athletes that are horses. Last year, we made a bar available to them with free food and drinks inside the stables: this space has been improved this year so that grooms can further optimise their breaks from work during days of always intense activity. Another new feature,"* Boricchi summed up, *"is the installation in the upper part of the hospitality area in the grandstand of five skyboxes - full-scale lounges - where sponsors and their guests will be able to eat and follow the event while also enjoying themselves and promoting public relations in an even more comfortable setting. This approach is already widespread in other sporting fields. It also ensures greater visibility for sponsors themselves and provides even better opportunities for entertaining their guests."*

TOP RIDERS, TOP SHOW

Important numbers and names for the 2024 edition of Jumping Verona – once again ready this year to ensure three days of great entertainment for enthusiasts.

Riders from **20** countries are competing in CSI5*-W event- the fourth leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ (**Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Principality of Monaco, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, South Africa, Turkey**, and – obviously – **Italy**) with some of the 'top riders'. Among the international stars, Jumping Verona will host **four riders listed in the top ten** in the Longines FEI world ranking. This line-up includes the number two, Swiss rider **Steve Guerdat**, followed by number three, **Briton Ben Maher**, number seven and nine in the world, respectively Austrian **Max Kuhner** and Frenchman **Simon Delestre**.



Steve Guerdat - ph. JV / S.Grasso

Steve Guerdat, third in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ in Helsinki, has high hopes to reach his sixteenth World Cup final, which he has already won three times: in 2015, 2016 and 2019.

Ben Maher turns up at Fieracavalli as the reigning champion. He won the Grand Prix in Verona in 2023, beating Guerdat in a thrilling jump-off, while Max Kühner, after winning the Longines Global Champions Tour, is well determined to continue his series of good performances in 2024 also in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™. Simon Delestre is looking for an historic hat-trick. He is a regular competitor in the Verona's leg of the World Cup which he won in 2015 and 2021. He actually began competing at Fieracavalli while still very young in pony categories.

These aces are joined by another rider in the higher echelons of the FEI world ranking: Frenchman **Kevin Staut** (no. 14), again a protagonist last Sunday in the Longines Jumping FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix in Helsinki taking second place, as well as the inaugural leg in Oslo, also coming second but in the five-star Grand Prix.

In the arena of Jumping Verona, among the top 50 in the world ranking, we will also see Swede **Peter Fredericson** (no. 23) who after finishing third in the 2018/2019 and 2023/2024 Longines Jumping FEI World Cup™ Finals, is hunting for his third appearance, Frenchman **Julien Anquetin** (no. 36), also recently on target in a top-level Grand Prix in Birmingham, Belgians **Gilles Thomas** (no. 37) champion of Belgium for two consecutive years, and **Jerome Guery** (no. 43), as well as Swiss rider Pius Schwizer (no. 40). Not to mention Briton **Scott Brash** (no. 44), winner of the Longines Jumping FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix in Verona 2019, and another young Frenchman, **Jeanne Sadran** (no. 49), second in the Under 25s ranking yet capable of holding her own against many top-level riders.

The list of other competitors to keep an eye on includes Spanish rider **Eduardo Alvarez Aznar**, the recent winner of the Grand Prix final of the Longines Global Champions Tour in Rabat, German **Maximilian Weishaupt** who two weeks ago won one of the Gorla Minore Autumn Tour Grand Prix, Brazilian **Marlon Modolo Zanotelli** and two multi-medal-winning veterans of the calibre of Swede **Rolf Goran Bengtsson** and German Marcus Ehning – who has 21 Longines Jumping FEI World Cup™ Finals under his belt, three of which he won.

Last but not least, Jumping Verona this year will welcome several highly motivated lady riders led by Australian **Edwina Tops-Alexander**. Yet fans should also look out for Swede **Petronella Andersson**, Swiss rider **Jane Richard**, Turkish competitor **Alessia Arrigo Zazadze**, the 21 year-old **Jennifer Hochstaedter** from Liechtenstein, and **Geraldine Straumann**, 20 years old from Switzerland and the youngest among the sixty athletes registered for the CSI5*-W at Jumping Verona 2024.

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ROLL OF HONOUR - JUMPING VERONA WORLD CUP GRAND PRIX

2001	Stanny Van Paesschen	BEL	O de Pomme
2002	Rodrigo Pessoa	BRA	Lianos
2003	Lars Nieberg	GER	Loreana
2004	Toni Hassmann	GER	Lolita H
2005	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki
2006	Gerco Schröder	NED	Eurocommerce Milano
2007	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki
2008	Alois Pollmann Schweckorst	GER	Lord Luis
2009	Michael Whitaker	GBR	Insul Teck Amai
2010	Jeroem Dubbeldam	NED	BMC Van Grunsven Simon
2011	GP not held	--	--
2012	Sergio Alvarez Moya	ESP	Zipper
2013	Christian Ahlmann	GER	Aragon Z
2014	Bertram Allen	IRL	Molly Malone V
2015	Delestre Simon	FRA	Hermes Ryan
2016	Said Abdel	EGY	Hope van Scherpen Donder
2017	Maikel van der Vleuten	NED	VDL Groep Verdi TN N.O.P.
2018	Daniel Deusser	GER	Calisto Blue
2019	Scott Brash	GBR	Hello M'Lady
2020	---	---	---
2021	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan
2022	Henrik von Eckermann	SWE	King Edward
2023	Ben Maher	GBR	Dallas Vegas Batilly

TOP FIVE - JUMPING VERONA WORLD CUP GRAND PRIX

2001				
1°	Stanny Van Paesschen	BEL	O de Pomme	0/0 36,14
2°	Jos Lansik	BEL	AK Cordijana Z	0/0 36,86
3°	Gilbert De Roock	BEL	Neron de la Tourelle	0/4 36,01
4°	Markus Merschformann	GER	Camirez B	0/4 36,26
5°	Rolf- Göran Bengtsson	SWE	Pialotta	0/8 35,73
2002				
1°	Rodrigo Pessoa	BRA	Gandini Lianos	0/0 33,28
2°	Markus Fuchs	SUI	Tinka ´s Boy	0/0 33,51
3°	Marcus Ehning	GER	For Pleasure	0/0 33,87
4°	Gianni Govoni	ITA	Loro Piana Havinia	0/0 35,10
5°	Michel 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 38,80
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 41,90
2006				
1°	Gerco Schroeder	NED	Eurocommerce Milano	0/0 40,09
2°	Leopold van Asten	NED	Fleche Rouge	0/0 41,02
3°	Meredith Michaels Beerbaum	GER	Shutterfly	0/0 41,51
4°	Jonella Ligresti	ITA	Nanta	0/0 45,03
5°	Albert Zoer	NED	Okidoki	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 48,00

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	ITA	Quintero	0/4 48,72
4°	Sören Pedersen	DEN	Lobster	4 70,05
5°	Ludo Philippaerts	BEL	Winning Mood vd Arenberg	4 70,91

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 *Gran Premio non disputato*

2012				
1°	Sergio Alvarez Moya	ESP	Zipper	0/0 43,20
2°	Luca Maria Moneta	ITA	Neptune Breccourt	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 51,10

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 Breccourt	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				
1°	Bertram Allen	IRL	Molly Malone V	0/0 34,89
2°	Maikel van der Vleuten	NED	VDL Greop Verdi	0/0 35,52
3°	Marcus Ehning	GER	Cornado	0/0 35,77
4°	Malin Baryard Johnsson	SWE	Tornesch	0/0 36,28
5°	Piergiorgio Bucci	ITA	Casallo Z	0/0 37,00

2015				
1°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan	0/0 36,46
2°	Henrik von Eckermann	SWE	Cantinerio	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	SUI	Clooney	0/0 40,62
4°	Douglas Lindelöw	SWE	Zacramento	0/0 41,89
5°	Moya Sergio Alvarez	ESP	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 38,00
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 38,40
4°	Bertram Allen	IRL	Molly Malone V	0/0 38,60
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
4°	Emanuele Gaudiano	ITA	Chalou	0/0 36,23
5°	Marc Houtzager	NED	Sterrehof's Dante	0/0 36,64
2021				
1°	Simon Delestre	FRA	Hermes Ryan	0/0 37,32
2°	Kendra Claricia Brinkop	GER	Kastelle Memo	0/0 37,80
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
4°	Nicola Philippaerts	BEL	Katanga v/h Dingshof	0/4 42,36
5°	Fernando Martinez Sommer	MEX	Higy Five	0/4 43,99
2023				
1°	Ben Maher	GBR	Dallas Vegas Batilly	0/0 37,45
2°	Steve Guerdat	SUI	Venard de Cerisy	0/0 37,60
3°	Nicola Philippaerts	BEL	Katanga v/h Dingshof	0/0 39,00
4°	Peder Fredricson	SWE	Hansson WL	0/0 39,23
5°	Max Kühner	AUT	EIC Julius Caesar	0/0 39,76

A PARADE OF OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS AT JUMPING VERONA

There has always been a **strong bond between Jumping Verona and the Olympics**. Many of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ events held during Fieracavalli have brought to light riders who have won medals in one or more editions of the Olympic Games. With reference only to **winners**, the following is an incredible list of world show jumping aces.

Starting with the first edition of the FEI Jumping World Cup™ in Verona in 2001, won by **Stanny Van Paesschen**, a rider with a long career and winner of the team bronze for Belgium in Montreal 1976. The winner at Fieracavalli in 2002 was a rider much-loved by audiences and an absolute champion: **Rodrigo Pessoa** took team bronze with Brazil in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 and then the individual gold in Athens 2004, followed in 2003 by **Lars Nieberg**, consecutive two-time team gold with Germany in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000.



Rodrigo Pessoa - Jumping Verona 2002

The top of the podium at Jumping Verona 2006 went to **Gerco Schroeder**, who later, in 2012 in London, won the individual silver and team silver with the Dutch team. And back in 2009, victory went to **Michael Whitaker**, one of the monuments of world equestrian sports, whose many successes also include the team silver with Great Britain in Los Angeles 1984.

In 2010, the Olympic champion in Sydney 2000, Dutchman **Jeroen Dubbeldam**, won an ovation from the audience in Verona which in 2013 then applauded victory by **Christian Ahlmann**, team bronze with Germany in 2004 in Athens and in 2026 Rio de Janeiro.

After two successes at Jumping Verona in 2015 and 2021, **Simon Delestre** this year finally stepped up to the Olympic podium, taking team bronze in Paris 2024 for France in front of his home crowd. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ 2017 was won by **Maikel van der Vleuten**, a fine Dutch rider who also boasts a team silver medal in London 2012 and two individual bronzes in Tokyo 2021 and Paris 2024. **Daniel Deusser** also boasts an Olympic medal, having won the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ in Verona in 2018 before taking team bronze two years later in Rio de Janeiro 2016 with Germany.

In 2019, **Scott Brash** saw his name join the Jumping Verona Roll of Honour, a two-time Olympic team champion with Great Britain in London 2012 and Paris 2024. He was followed in 2022 by the undisputed world number one, Swede **Henrik Von Eckermann**, himself an Olympic team champion in Tokyo 2021. Finally, the last Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ in Verona in 2023 highlighted two great champions who then confirmed their class in Paris 2024.



Ben Maher - Jumping Verona 2023 / FEI M.Argenziano

In fact, the event was won by British rider **Ben Maher**, Olympic champion in Tokyo 2021 and previously team gold in London 2012, who -after a thrilling jump-off -managed to beat Swiss rider **Steve Guerdat**, Olympic champion in London 2012 and team bronze in Beijing/Hong Kong 2018.

This year, they both took the podium at the Olympics in the gardens of the Palace of Versailles: Guerdat with the individual silver and Maher with another team gold earned, moreover, riding Dallas Vegas Batilly, the same horse for his triumph in Verona last November.

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