# DAILY NEWS THE Dutch Masters

# SATURDAY 24 APRIL

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### **SUNDAY 25 APRIL**

- 09.00 Kingsland-Horsepoint Prize Jumping International, against the clock, 1m40
- 11.15 Borek Prize Jumping International, Accumulator, 1m45
- 13.30 Rolex Grand Prix Jumping International with jump-off, 1m60.

Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping Programme and starting times are subject to change

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was a long time ago to be riding this fast at a show. It was real fun!"

Denis Lynch





# **SHOT OF THE DAY**

INDOOR BRABANT HORSE SHOW





### Youngest competitor takes win in Audi Prize

The youngest participant at The Dutch Masters, the British Jack Whitaker, managed to leave several established top riders such as Kent Farrington, Steve Guerdat, Scott Brash and Kevin Staut behind him in the Audi Prize on Saturday evening. Thanks to a super fast ride with the Hanoverian mare Scenletha, the 19-year-old son of Michael Whitaker received the top prize of €10,000. "I had a good look at Scott Brash but didn't think I would be any faster," he said. In any case, this victory tastes like more. "I hope to be here again tomorrow," he said in the TV interview afterwards. Jack is a participant in the Young Riders Academy programme. "I also want to thank them for all the support and opportunities they give me," he said.



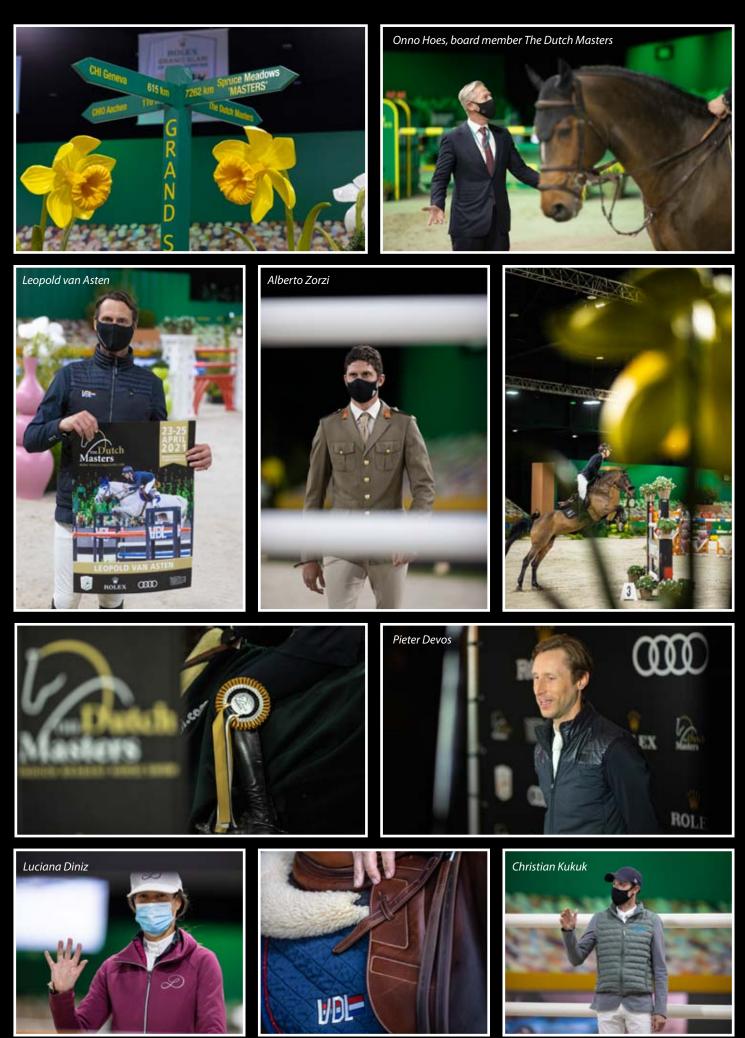
"Fantastic! Chapeau to the organisation for being able to set such a good atmosphere during this special edition." Erik Berkhof, Director Van Mossel "It brings a little extra pressure because I really want to win this Rolex Grand Prix. I will stay focused and try to win!" Live contender Martin Fuchs

# De Luca wins Agradi Prize



Lorenzo De Luca opened the second day of The Dutch Masters with a victory in the Agradi Prize with the 12-year-old Westphalian gelding Amarit D'Amour. Nine combinations managed to get through to the jump-off and it remained exciting until the end. Harrie Smolders was in the lead for a while but it was De Luca who, as the last starter, finally managed to set the best time. "I am happy with this victory. Amarit is a very positive horse and he is ready to perform at 4\* and 5\* level this season. He is definitely one to keep an eye on." "It has been an extraordinary first Agradi Prize. It was an almost surreal experience to see the world's top riders at this beautiful event without an audience. It was a valuable start of the cooperation between Agradi and The Dutch Masters"

Oskar van Straaten, CEO Agradi





#### Horse of the Day: Clooney 51

Rider: Martin Fuchs (gelding, 2006, Westf, by Cornet Obolensky) Nickname: Clooney Favourite treat: bananas

Specific characteristics: He's hilarious, he has a sense of humor Greatest victory: winning the Rolex Grand Prix of Geneva 2019 What's his best trick: He can catch a sugar cube when his groom Sean Vard throws it at him

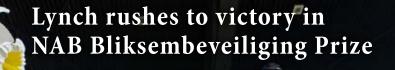


#### Groom of the Day: Madeleine Broek

Groom of: Marc Houtzager since 2004
Age: 36

The most enjoyable thing of this job: The bond you have with the horses and to reach the highest level possible with the team. The least enjoyable thing of this job: When one of the best horses gets injured

**Most special moment:** Winning the FEI Groom Award in 2019 **Favourite horse and why:** Sterrehof's Opium (nickname Joop). We both arrived at around the same time at Marc's stable. In the beginning he was a real stallion and as time went by we learned to respect each other and then we were best friends. We won a lot together and the nicest memory is the Olympic Games in Hong Kong with an individual top 10 placing.



Irish rider Denis Lynch is known for his fast rides and he lived up to that reputation in the NAB Bliksembeveiliging Prize on Saturday afternoon in the Brabanthallen. In 33.45 seconds he flew over the finish line with the 14-year-old KWPN stallion Cristello. Lynch enjoyed his jump-off ride: "It's been a long time since I could go so fast at a competition. That was really fun!" He had nothing but praise for Cristello who is on the Irish shortlist for the Olympics. "I am very happy with Cristello today and I will choose who I will start in the Rolex Grand Prix tonight after the Audi Prize (with GC Chopin's Bushi)."

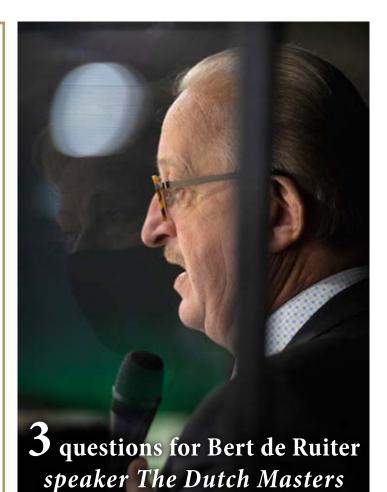
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#### TV EN LIVE STREAM THE DUTCH MASTERS 2021

The Dutch Masters can be followed extensively via the media including The Dutch Masters website. Times and broadcasts are provisional and subject to change.

NPO1	25-Apr
17.30 hrs	Summary Rolex Grand Prix
	Summary Sportjournaal Sunday evening
Ziggo- Channel 13	25-Apr
14.00 hrs	Rolex Grand Prix live
Ziggo Sport	Summaries
Horse & Country	24-Apr
12.00 hrs	Live streaming H&C+
19.00 hrs	Audi Prize live H&C TV and H&C+
Horse & Country	25-Apr
09.00 hrs	Live streaming H&C+
14.00 hrs	Rolex Grand Prix H&C TV and H&C+
Horse & Country	23-25 April
	Interviews, lifestyle, The Dutch Masters
	Presents'
ClipMyHorse	24-Apr
12.00 hrs	Live streaming all classes
ClipMyHorse	25-Apr
09.00 hrs	Live streaming all classes
RidersliveTV	23-25 April
	Live streaming all classes





## How is it to be here and how do you create extra atmosphere for the viewers at home?

It is very nice to be here again, it is very different and you do miss the audience but you try not to do things differently. I try to remain enthusiastic and we have beautiful tunes with applause and sound to create the atmosphere, because of course it can't be like other years. To create that atmosphere, I try to respond to the viewers at home. So that we can all make something beautiful out of it. The world's top riders are here and it is top sport of the highest level right from the first class. The riders are so happy to be able to again do what they do best and you can see that immediately in the arena. And that makes it nice to comment.

# How many years have you been involved with Indoor Brabant?

Since the 90s, so quite a while.

#### What message do you have for the viewers at home?

Especially watch the Rolex Grand Prix, that's really top sport with a lot of prize money to be divided. It will be sport at the highest level, which is fantastic for everyone to watch. I expect a lot from it so.... watch!









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