

DAILY NEWS



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13 MARCH**

PROGRAMME

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11.30 Borek Prize

Jumping International,
Accumulator, 1.45m

14.30 Farewell Verdi TN

15.00 Rolex Grand Prix

Jumping International
with jump-off, 1.60m
Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping

Programme and starting times are subject to change

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Pieter Devos:

"It's great to be
cheered on by the
public again after
all this time"



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SHOT OF THE DAY



Thank you, Verdi!

Groom of the day



Louise Barraud (30)

Groom since 2019 at CYOR Stables of Janika Sprunger & Henrik von Eckermann. Groom for Henrik since 2022.

What do you like best about this profession: Being together with the horses and travelling all over the world.

What do you like least about this profession: The long hours in the lorry
Favourite horse and why: King Edward, he is so special and he has won so much. He is a real king.

Most special moment: We started well this year in Doha (2nd place in the GP) and that is a good start of the season.

KNHS Talent team 2022



The KNHS Talent Team 2022 was presented at The Dutch Masters in the Brabanthallen in 's Hertogenbosch. A nine-man selection of dressage, para-dressage, eventing and jumping riders will form the KNHS Talent Team this year: Marten Luiten, Kimberly Pap, Thalia Rockx, Febe van Zwambagt (dressage), Nina de Haas (eventing), Skye Morssinkhof, Mel Thijssen and Mans Thijssen (show jumping) and Britney de Jong (para dressage).

Horse Sport Woman of the Year: Joyce van Rooijen-Heutink



After the FEI Dressage World Cup Freestyle, the Horse Sport man of the Year 2021 was honoured. But this time it was not a man. For the first time in 43 years, the committee that chooses the Horse Sport man/woman of the Year has succeeded in awarding this most prestigious title in the Dutch equestrian world to a woman: Joyce van Rooijen-

Heutink. The string of medals that this Horsesport Woman of the Year has managed to collect with her athletes in recent years is impressive. Gold and silver with the team at the World Championships. Bronze and silver with the team at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo and an overwhelming row of individual medals.



Champion Rolex Grand Slam: Martin Fuchs

After two years, Swiss rider Martin Fuchs returns to the Brabanthallen to continue his series of victories. In December 2021 he managed to win the Rolex Grand Prix for the second time. In 2019 he won with Clooney 51, who was recently allowed to retire, and last year with Leone Jei. The 29-year-old is now in the race for the Rolex Grand Slam title. How does he rate his chances? "It's great to start at The Dutch Masters again. For the Rolex Grand Prix on Sunday I will be riding Conner Jei, who is fairly green and new at this level, but I'm very excited and looking forward to it. He hasn't done too much indoor work recently. He is a

wonderful horse but not easy. I am hoping to continue our Rolex Grand Slam journey with a win on Sunday.

German Daniel Deusser and Steve Guerdat are both still in with a chance of winning the additional 250,000 euro bonus. Deusser won the Rolex Grand Prix at CHIO Aachen with Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z and Steve Guerdat won the CP 'International' presented by Rolex at the CSIO Spruce Meadows 'Masters' with his 13-year-old gelding Venard de Cerisy. This afternoon the denouement will be in the Rolex Grand Prix of The Dutch Masters.

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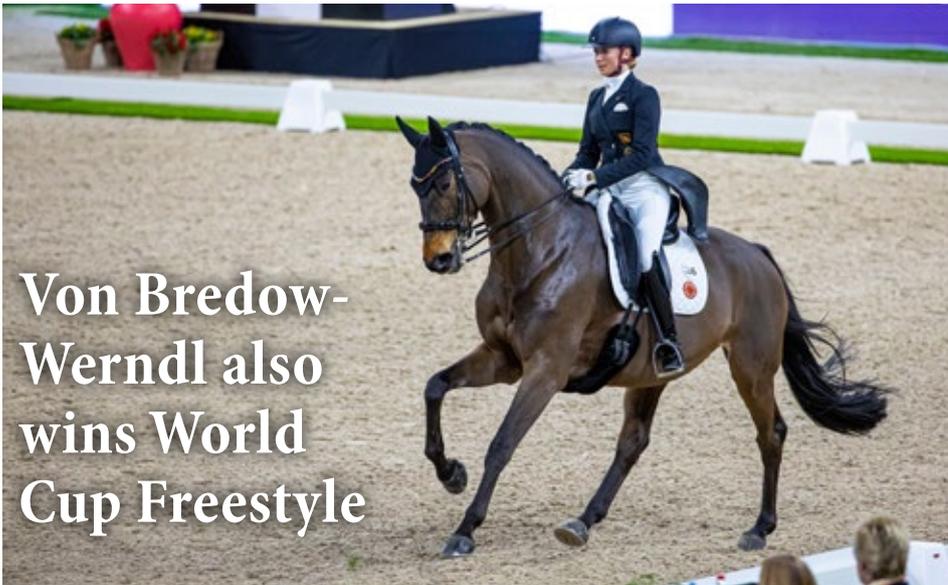


Winners of the Audi Prize: Pieter Devos and Kannabis van de Bucxtale



Winners of the Van Schijndel Bouwgroep Prize: Kevin Jochems and Cornetboy





Von Bredow-Werndl also wins World Cup Freestyle

The reigning Olympic and European gold-medal-winning partnership of Germany's Jessica von-Bredow Werndl and her fabulous 15-year-old mare TSF Dalera strutted to a convincing victory in today's sixth and final qualifying leg of the FEI Dressage World Cup™ 2021/2022 Western European League during The Dutch Masters. "I was very happy today

with my victory but especially with the way Dalera BB performed, I had a super feeling. Next goal is of course the final in Leipzig. We keep on training and build up to the final." Jessica was impressed with The Dutch Masters "I want to thank the organization for the wonderful show they put on in these conditions."



Majelle Donkers: 15 years in the sports office

Majelle says that after 15 years she has somehow become 'part of the furniture'. The work at the sports office is a hobby for her and every year she looks forward to The Dutch Masters. Majelle runs the secretariat together with Yvonne van Bergen. She takes care of everything that has to do with the sports part of the event. From start lists to checkout, compiling the inspection lists and she is there for anyone who has questions.

"Yvonne takes care of all the preparations and during the event I take over from her. Yvonne always has everything tip top organised and it is therefore easy to take over from her." She is pleased that the public can attend again "That brings back some commotion and atmosphere. We have a great location this year, at the warm-up arena. You are closer to the action, you can really taste the atmosphere and smell the horses."



Horse of the day

Grand Slam VDL

(Cardento x Heartbreaker) 2011, KWPN

Rider: Marlon Modolo Zanotelli

Favourite snack: Carrots and apples

Character: He is very sweet, even though he is a breeding stallion he is easy to handle.

Most beautiful achievement: Grand Slam really likes The Dutch Masters, last year he was already very good here and we are looking forward to the Rolex Grand Prix.



Louis Konickx: a complete test

Louis Konickx, who has been involved in The Dutch Masters since 2008 as course builder, will present the riders and horses with a 'complete test' in the Rolex Grand Prix today. The course will include an extra double as well as a triple jump and two combinations. "I've also built in a few challenging distances that will require a good plan for some riders." Konickx is doing this together with his team that includes, among others, Paul Rooijmans, Quintin Martens and Gérard Lachat.



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