



FRIDAY 13 MARCH

PROGRAMME

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MAIN ARENA

- 09.30 Dressage International CDI1***,
Prix St. Georges
- 11.30 Dressage International CDIY**,
Young Riders, Freestyle to Music
- 14.00 FEI Dressage World Cup™**,
presented by RS2 Dressage. Dressage
international CDI-W, Grand Prix
- 18.30 Gemeente 's-Hertogenbosch Prize**,
Jumping International CSI5*,
Table A against the clock, 1m45
- 21.00 VDL Groep Prize**, Jumping
International CSI5*, Table A
with jump-off, 1m55

ARENA 2

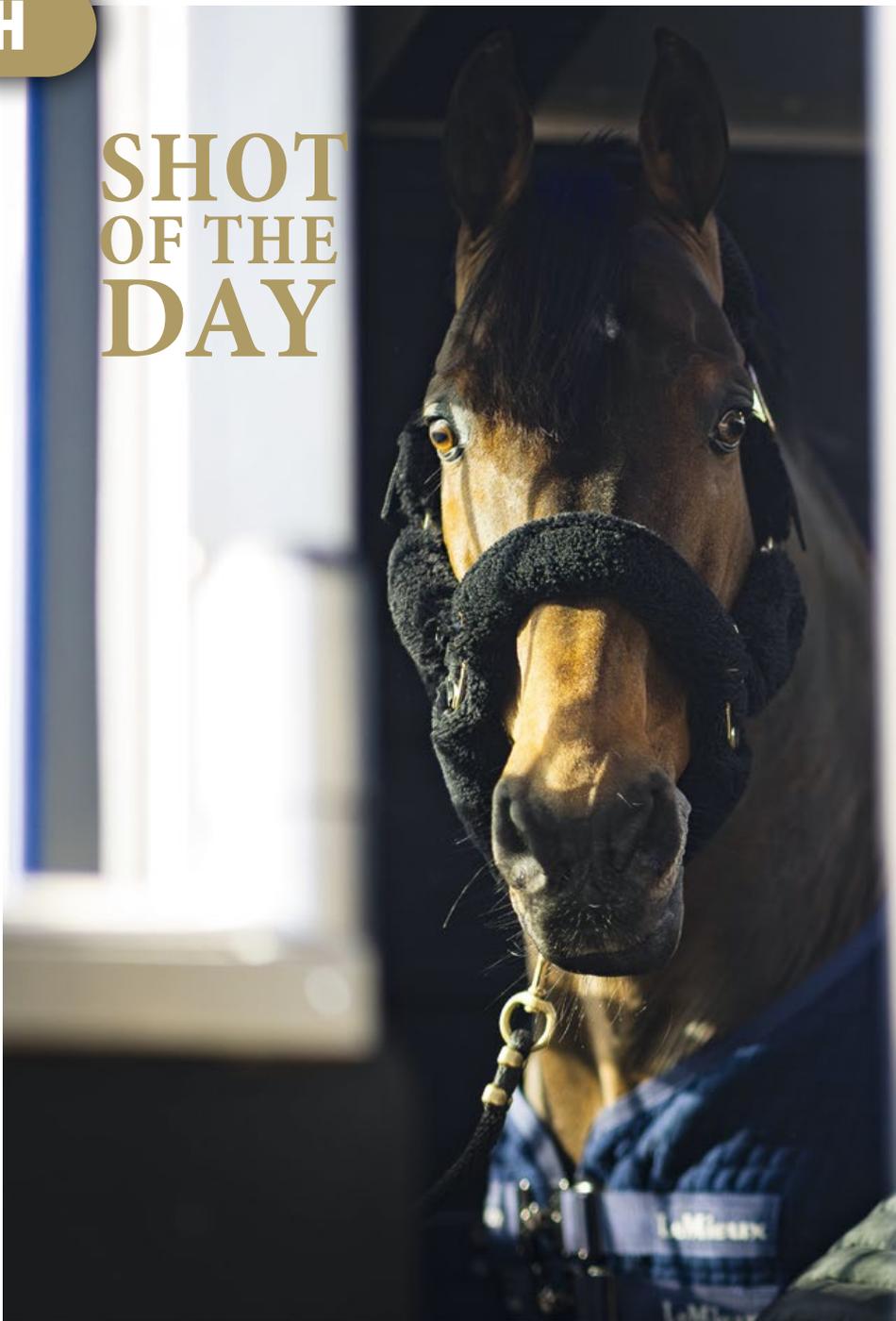
- 11.30 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize**,
Best of Region Jumping Horses,
Table A with jump-off 1m30
- 14.00 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize**,
Best of Region Jumping Horses,
Table A with jump-off 1m35
- 17.30 Dressage National**, Best of Region
Dressage Horses, Z1 test
- 20.00 Dressage National**, Best of Region
Dressage Horses, Z2 Freestyle to
Music



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SHOT OF THE DAY



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was exciting to see if we could surpass last year's success... we managed to do it!"
Sports Director Jeroen Dubbeldam on the second edition of the HeadFirst Group Prize – Best of Champions

Home Competition for VDL Groep Rider Leopold van Asten



For Leopold van Asten, The Dutch Masters holds a special place in his heart. "The Brabant conviviality, combined with excellent sports facilities, hospitality, and the fantastic promo village make this event special," says the stable rider from Stoeterij Duyselshof. "Moreover, it almost feels like a home competition, where many friends, family members, and sponsors always come to watch."

Stoeterij Duyselshof was founded by the late Wim van der Leegte, founder of VDL Groep. For years, they have been connected as a

sponsor to the VDL Groep Prize. In 2017, Van der Leegte was honored as Horse Sportsman of the Year during Indoor Brabant.

That edition had a special continuation for Van Asten. Two days later, he won the Grand Prix with VDL Groep Zidane. "That is my most beautiful memory. Despite much interest in selling Zidane, Wim decided to keep him. Turning that trust into a Grand Prix victory made it extra special." Tonight, Van Asten starts with Nino du Ruton in the VDL Groep Prize, as preparation for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix.

Willem Greve Wins Again in HeadFirst Group Prize – Best of Champions



Willem Greve won the legendary horse-change competition again on Thursday evening. Before full stands in the Brabanthallen, the multiple Dutch champion defended his title.

Greve was the only rider to finish faultless with all four horses, defeating European champion Richard Vogel, World Cup winner Julien Epailard, and multiple Belgian champion Gilles Thomas. The prize for best horse went to Easy Up de Grandry from Julien Epailard. A notable detail was that Richard Vogel recorded the fastest round times with each horse. "This Is Our Life, Our Passion"

Afterwards, Greve reacted enthusiastically: "This class is really extremely fun. In a short time, you as a rider have to try to read the horses well, feel how they react and how they prefer to be ridden. We're all extremely

involved with our horses and find it interesting to see how someone else approaches a horse. You share that information with each other and it's fascinating to see how someone adapts to a horse."

The special competition format, in which top riders ride each other's horses, proved to be a great success with the public once again. According to Sports Director Jeroen Dubbeldam, it's a unique way to showcase the riders' craftsmanship. Harrie Smolders adds: "There's so much information here to pick up. That remains interesting to watch. This is our life, our passion."

Greve fully agrees: "As a rider, you learn every day. That's our drive. I can really lose sleep over how to better understand a horse. Ultimately, it's all about feel."

VDL GROEP & STOETERIJ DUYSELSHOF

Het basisprincipe van VDL Groep is 'Kracht door samenwerking' om het best mogelijke resultaat neer te zetten. Dat geldt ook voor de paardensport, waarbij de samenwerking tussen ruiter en paard leidt tot topprestaties. Topprestaties die VDL Groep samen met Stoeterij Duyselshof wil bereiken.

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WHAT HAPPENED ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH?



Julien Epailard and Willem Greve



Richard Vogel with Easy Up de Grandry and groom Caroline Belouet



Arrival of Justin Verboomen at the Brabanthallen



Gilles Thomas



Jeroen Dubbeldam and Harrie Smolders



Charlotte Fry and Glamourdale



Groom Richard Skillen with Sir Minka Z



Sir Minka Z (Willem Greve) and Beauville Z NOP (Maikel van der Vleuten)



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Clinics
Paddock
13.10 hrs Dressage clinic – Relaxation and Cooling Down with Monique Peutz, Yasmin Westerink and Morgan Walraven
17.30 hrs Jumping clinic – Gymnastic jumping: working with in and outs with Arnold Boerekamps, Juultje Smits and Elke van den Broek
20.10 hrs Jumping clinic – The basics of jumping: straight, balance en control with Willem Greve, Willem and Joep Schaap

Meet&Greet
17.30 hrs Kristy Snepvangers in the Go Social area (Kids Masters arena)

ClipMyHorse if you can't be there

ClipMyHorse is the official media partner of The Dutch Masters. They provide the live stream of all competitions in the main arena and Arena 2 on The Dutch Masters' website. All events can also be followed on their own website, www.clipmyhorse.tv. Today, ClipMyHorse is present at almost every equestrian event worldwide.



A warm welcome to The Dutch Masters!

This year, we have once again kicked off with the HeadFirst Group Prize – Best of Champions, the iconic horse change. Equestrian enthusiasts were able to enjoy impressive horsemanship and fantastic commentary from Jeroen Dubbeldam and Harrie Smolders.

We have pulled out all the stops to create a top-tier event for everyone. First and foremost for the horses, the riders, the audience, our fantastic sponsors, and of course for all our staff. We want The Dutch Masters to be an unforgettable experience for everyone, and our entire team works incredibly hard on that throughout the year.

Of course, the Rolex Grand Slam is once again at the center of attention, with the absolute world elite competing for this prestigious title. Nearly the entire world top has traveled to 's-Hertogenbosch. This year it will be unparalleled excitement now that the Dutch riders are in top form. In addition to show jumping, the FEI World Cup Dressage is naturally one of the absolute highlights. In Arena 2, regional riders take part, something I personally consider a very important component of The Dutch Masters.

The entire event is characterized by that typical Brabant hospitality as we know it in 's-Hertogenbosch. Enjoy it!



Extra space for all horses

At The Dutch Masters everything revolves around top-level sport, but the welfare of the horses is just as important. Therefore, starting with this edition all boxes are set up with extra room, measuring 3 x 4 meters. This means more comfort and rest for the horses between their competitions. It's also pleasant for the grooms, who now have a bit more space to care for their horses optimally.

In addition, two lunge circles have been installed so the horses can move and relax daily. Behind the scenes, we're creating the best conditions for both horse and groom.



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Also this year, the official The Dutch Masters merchandise store is back! From a completely new outfit to handy gadgets and power banks; grab your favorite items and stay stylish even after this weekend. Are you still looking for an original gift for the true The Dutch Masters fan? You're guaranteed to leave the merchandise store satisfied after a visit.



The Future of Coaching Forum

The Future of Coaching Forum, held by Equestic, a leading equestrian performance technology company, in partnership with The Dutch Masters, took place on March 12 during The Dutch Masters. It opened a discussion exploring the evolution of coaching to accelerate education, advance performance, and improve horse welfare in the age of AI.

The panel was moderated by Richard Davison, four-time British Olympian and European medalist, and comprised Di Lampard MBE, Showjumping Performance Manager for the British Senior Jumping Team; Laurens van Lieren, Dutch World and European Championship medalist; Wout-Jan van der Schans, national coach of the Dutch showjumping team; François Mathy Jr, President of IJRC; and Leon Rutten, Founder and CEO of Equestic.

Five legendary coaches and about 100 participants, including industry journalists, shared their perspectives on the future of coaching.





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CHI GENEVA

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