

# DAILY NEWS



**SUNDAY  
12 MARCH**

## PROGRAMME

### MAIN ARENA

- 09.30 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize**  
Jumping Region Brabant,  
Ponies 1.10 - 1.30m with jump-off
- 11.00 Show with Britt Dekker and Emma Kok**
- 12.00 Borek Prize** - Jumping International,  
against the clock 1.45m
- 15.00 Rolex Grand Prix** - Jumping  
International with jump-off 1.60m  
*Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping*

### ARENA 2

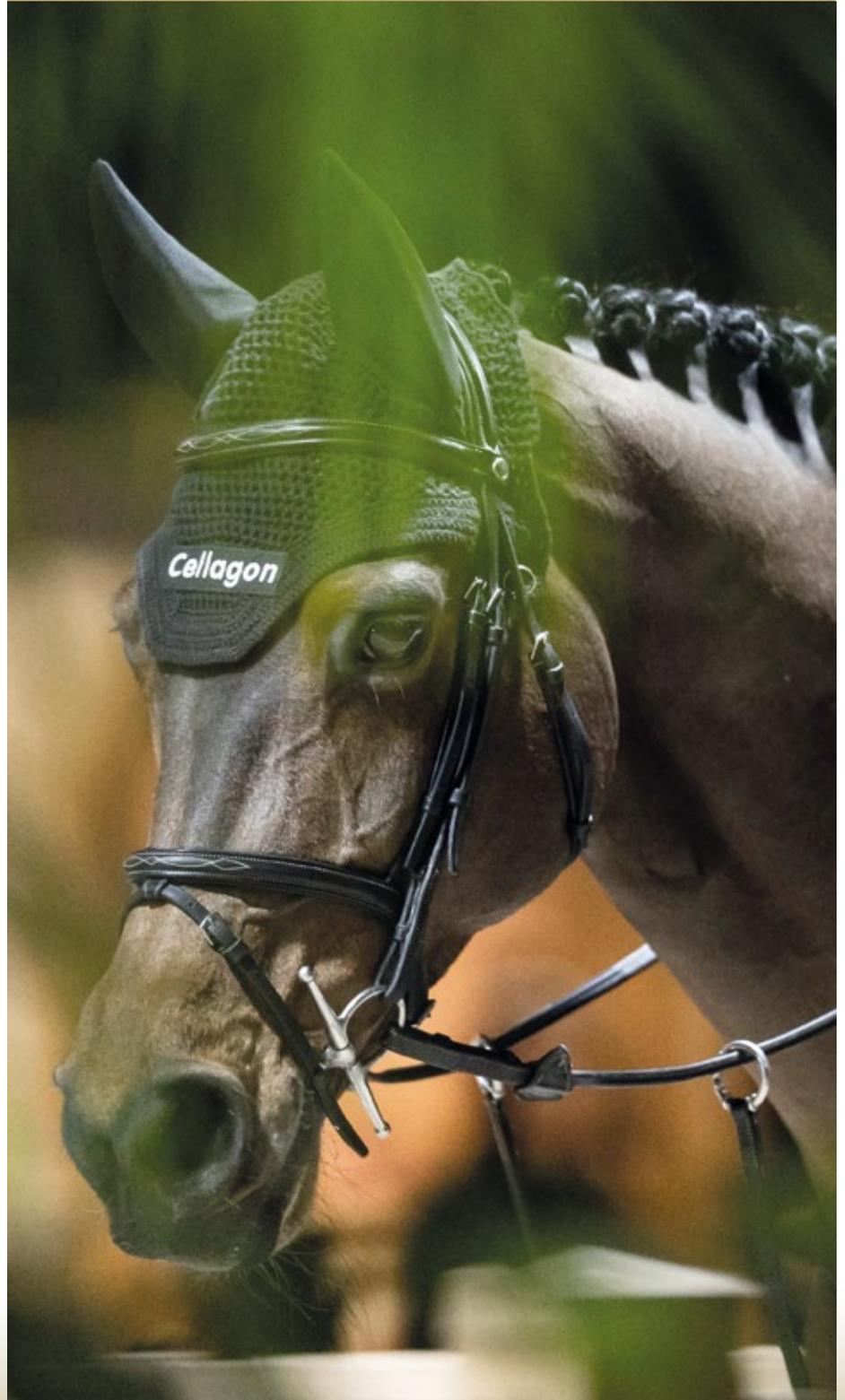
- 09.30 Dressage Region Brabant**  
Ponies Z2 Freestyle
- 11.45 Dressuur Nationaal**  
Quadrille Z/ZZ Freestyle
- 13.00 Britt Dekker Kids Conference**
- 14.00 Bixie Jumping**

*Programme and starting times are subject to change*

### Go Social/The Kids Masters 2023

- 10.00 Kids Masters** My Little Ponies
- 10.30 Kids Masters** Stip de Pony/  
hobby horse
- 11.00 Main Arena** Britt Dekker
- 11.20 Paddock** Esra de Ruiter
- 11.40 Paddock** Youngstars Fairytailshow  
+ Minion kwartet
- 12.00 Kids Masters** De Bock Stables
- 12.30 Kids Masters** Equestrian Jumping Kids
- 13.00 Arena 2** Britt Dekker/Kids  
Conference
- 13.30 Kids Masters** Lavitana
- 14.00 Kids Masters** Jaylynn and Tessel
- 14.00 Stand** Present Go Social  
accounts
- 14.30 Kids Masters** Stip de Pony/  
hobby horse
- 15.00 Kids Masters** My Little Ponies &  
Lavitana
- 16.00 Kids Masters** Lavitana
- 16.30 Stand** Present Go Social  
accounts
- 17.00 Kids Masters** My Little Ponies

## SHOT OF THE DAY





The current Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping Live Contender McLain Ward made the journey from America with two of his top horses – HH Azur and Contagious. The American, who wowed the crowds at CHI Geneva with his exceptional jump-off performance in the Rolex Grand Prix, has continued his triumphant form at the Winter Equestrian Festival this year, recently winning a CSI5\* Grand Prix. Ward travelled to The Dutch Masters brimming with confidence and hoping to impress in Europe. This year's competition is set to be one of the toughest yet with numerous former Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping Major winners in attendance. Leading the way is Rolex Testimonee, Daniel Deusser, the defending champion of the Rolex Grand Prix held under the bright lights of the Brabanthallen. The German is a fierce competitor and knows how to perform at high-pressured Majors, having won two last year. Deusser will be joined by compatriot, and winner of the Rolex Grand Prix at CHIO Aachen, Gerrit Nieberg, who will be aiming to claim his first victory at our iconic show.



Award ceremony of the Equilibrium Prize-Grand Prix CDI3\* Freestyle: winner Charlotte Fry and Lars van de Hoenderheide with Alessya Kaiser, director and founder AK Equine Swiss Spa BV and owner of Equilibrium Stables. Equilibrium is the name of an extraordinary equine spa in Heukelom (Oisterwijk) in Brabant. AK Equine Swiss Spa – Equilibrium Stables caters to injured Horses of all Disciplines as well as introducing the winning Concept of Hydrotherapy and Body/Balance (Health) Management in conditioning healthy Top Competition as well as Leisure Horses. <https://ak-equine.com>



All eyes will be on McLain Ward at tonight's CSI5\* Grand Prix. The American won the most recent major in the Rolex Grand Slam in Geneva. This makes him the live contender, which means that if he wins again this afternoon a big bonus awaits him. Tonight, he is once again counting on his blood-fast mare HH Azur (by Thunder van de Zuuthoeve). For McLain, this visit to The Dutch Masters, is the first in 30 years. "It has been a long time since we were last here. Usually we are in Florida at this time of year. This weekend there is also a five-star Grand Prix there where we were actually expected, but obviously this competition had priority now. It lives up to expectations. The organisation is excellent and the crowd is great. The majors - the four events of the Rolex Grand Slam - are all different in character, but they have their top quality in common."



It was Daniel Deusser who won the Rolex Grand Prix of The Dutch Masters last year with Scuderia 1918 Tobago Z (by Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve). This afternoon, the combination is once again in contention. We spoke to Daniel at the stables and asked him how he stands in the competition. With a height of 1.63m, his horse is small. A fact that comes in handy in a compact indoor arena like this one in 's-Hertogenbosch. Daniel: "The arena here certainly suits him well. He proved that last year. Tobago Z is a somewhat smaller, but extremely careful and also experienced horse. The higher it gets, the better he jumps. He is agile and also fast. But, of course, a mistake is easy to make. First let's put down that first clear round."

### COLOFON

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# Louis Konickx: "Precision and rhythm make the win"

The Dutch Masters is gearing up for the Rolex Grand Prix. Course builder Louis Konickx has been building the showjumping courses in Den Bosch since 2008. This afternoon, the audience hopes to witness another of his masterpieces in which the world's top riders will be challenged to the maximum. Louis Konickx says: "In tests like this, it is important that the riders ride extremely precisely and, in particular, guard their rhythm so that it all keeps fitting. The differences are in the smallest

nuances, in the way a certain turn is ridden through, for example. Those moments of gaining or losing time, besides the obvious faultless riding, determine the final win." A Grand Prix also involves a blood-curdling jump-off. "A good top-level jump-off has galloping lines and turns in which the rider can take risks. The option, to be able to ride on the edge where that is possible. And where it can, is a bit different for each combination. We will experience it again this afternoon!"



## Roelofsen Horstrucks welcomes visitors and riders alike



For many years, Roelofsen Horstrucks has been a close partner to The Dutch Masters. This weekend, the family-run company will be back with their cosy rider's home and stand, featuring two premium trucks to welcome visitors and riders alike, who will be provided with any information about the various unique services the company offers.

The leading Dutch equine transport manufacturer has always been closely involved in our sport, being a key partner for shows, as well as for riders that choose Roelofsen.

Amongst them is two-time Olympian showjumper Harrie Smolders, whose story can be read using the QR-code below! >



## KNHS 100 years! Win 2 tickets to the 2024 Olympics!

In 2023, the KNHS will celebrate its 100th anniversary! A unique milestone to celebrate extensively. We want to celebrate this together with all horse sport enthusiasts. This year, you will come across fun KNHS anniversary activities on our social media channels and at various events.

Throughout the year, we will take you along the highlights that 100 years of equestrian sport has brought us. We celebrate the riders and horses that have made our beautiful sport great.

Happy birthday! Are you visiting The Dutch Masters on Sunday 12 March? Then you will receive a wristband with a unique lottery number at the entrance. This will give you a chance to win two tickets to the Olympic Games in Paris 2024. This draw will take place during the break of the Rolex Grand Prix.

**We organise fun win events throughout the year. Celebrate this special year with us and follow @KNHSpaardensport.**

