

LONGINES EQUITA LYON

CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

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LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP™ GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE presented by FFE GENERALI VIVA ISABELL WERTH!

The FEI Dressage World Cup™ at Longines Equita Lyon, *Concours Hippique International*, drew to a close on Friday with the Grand Prix Freestyle *presented by FFE GENERALI* and an eighth success for Germany's Isabell Werth, riding Viva Gold OLD. Like last year at Eurexpo, Belgium dominated the places on the podium, with the European champions Justin Verboomen and Zonik Plus taking second place ahead of Larissa Pauluis and Flambeau.

A family affair for Isabell Werth

Having won of the Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE GENERALI in 2025, Justin Verboomen and his ten-year-old stallion were intent on enjoying themselves today and putting on a show for the audience, as they do at every appearance. And the pair put in a fine performance to take pole position with 85.810%. *"I came to Lyon with the aim of enjoying myself. When I entered the arena, I could sense that Zonik was a bit more nervous than he was on Thursday. I just gave him free rein and, as a result, I found it a bit more difficult to establish the connection required to keep his back as supple as possible. The piaffes were more difficult. I'll work on that for next events. I lack a bit of experience myself. But I'm still really pleased with my horse,"* said the world number two.

Having made a strong impression on Thursday morning, Isabell Werth, the German rider with multiple medals to her credit, was determined to reclaim the title she had lost in 2024. And who better to help her achieve her goal than the grandson of the illustrious Weihegold OLD, with whom she recorded three consecutive victories in the FEI World Cup™ Final. Viva Gold OLD, her dark chestnut horse, who is just ten years old, once again showed great concentration to finish the test with a score of 87.890%. *"I'm really very proud of my horse. The atmosphere was electric today and I wasn't quite sure how he would react, since this is his début in the FEI World Cup™. But he was fantastic. There really is something special about him, just like this competition in Lyon. It's incredible to see how much dressage has taken off over the years. The stands are completely full,"* said a very happy Isabell Werth.

Having already achieved a personal best in Thursday's Grand Prix, Larissa Pauluis and Flambeau once again put in a great performance, scoring 80.530%. *"I had a great time. So much so that I didn't even realise I'd made a mistake in the tempi changes (laughs)! Flambeau is improving all the time. He is more and more stable on the contact points. He has gone to a new level since the World Championships."*



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A successful début for Alizée Roussel

This year, seven of the fifteen pairs competing in the class were making their début at the Longines Equita Lyon, *Concours Hippique International*. One of those riders was France's Alizée Roussel, who will be leaving the event full of confidence with the experience she has gained here in Lyon. She finished in thirteenth place with a score of 72.875%, thanks to a technically skilful and dynamic performance, set to the music of Sia. *"I'm really happy with my horse, because he is very sensitive, so it was a real challenge for him to cope with such an atmosphere. Despite a few stressful moments, particularly during the piaffe, he managed to stay with me. He performed well in the gallop and in the extended trot. I think this will help him grow for the future."* Her compatriot Alexandre Ayache took advantage of this stage in Lyon to perform a new freestyle programme. Although he still needs to fine-tune a few things, the rider from Provence scored 73.340% and finished in twelfth place.

Great interest in dressage among the audience in Lyon

Raphaël Saleh, President of the Ground Jury, echoed Isabell Werth's views about the popularity of dressage in Lyon: *"As a dressage judge, it is a great privilege to be here in this incredible arena, with stands full of spectators that are genuinely passionate about dressage, who really support our sport and get behind the riders. It is important for us that events like this continue to support dressage and enable the discipline to grow and reach new audiences."* Sylvie Robert, President of GL events Equestrian Sport, was also over the moon with the great show put on by the horses and riders today: *"First and foremost, I would like to thank the riders, who come here every year and treat us to such wonderful equestrian sport, thanks to a line-up of the highest quality. I am thinking in particular of the three riders on this podium today, who continue to support us and are always here for our events. Isabell Werth has been with us since the very beginning, since this dressage event was first held in Lyon. In a way, she is like our godmother. Over the years, she's presented so many different young horses here... This year, it's a chestnut, which is just brilliant (laughs)!"*

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LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL'S UNMISSABLE SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 30 October

- . The Longines Grand Prix, CSI5*-W, followed by the equestrian show *One Night at Equita*

Saturday 31 October

- . The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy, the CWD Grand Prix
- . The FEI Driving World Cup™ presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, first round
- . The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show, *One Night at Equita*

Sunday 1 November

- . The FEI Driving World Cup™ presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, second round
- . The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg

PLEASE NOTE:

All the FEI World Cup™ Dressage, Driving and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy classes are open to everyone, who has an "exhibition" entry ticket. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ offers a majority of classes with free access, and three high-flying classes that the world's best riders dream of adding to their list of wins: the Longines Grand Prix, the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg (specific tickets are required for these three classes).

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WESTERN AREA

Saturday 31 October

- . The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2

Sunday 1 November

- . The NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES*

- From Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 October from 8 am to 8.30 pm
- On Saturday 31 October, from 8 am to 10.30 pm (*late night opening*),
- On Sunday 1 November from 8 am to 7 pm

EXHIBITION TICKETS

- Free for children under 6-years-old and disabled people^{1,3}
- Full price: €25
- Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) licence holders, students and holders of Pass Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, €22.50¹
- Children from 6 to 12-years-old: €16
- 5 day-pass: €75
- Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16-years-old): €65 (only sold onsite)

"SPORT AND SHOW" EVENING TICKETS

- On Friday 30 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40²
 - The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show
- On Saturday 31 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40²
 - The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show
- On Sunday 1 November, at 3 pm*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg: from €40²

To make your experience at these events even more special, a limited number of exclusive packages are also available on our online ticketing website. Check them out now!

INTERNATIONAL REINING TICKET SALES

- On Saturday 31 October, at 5.30 pm*, The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2: €55²
- On Sunday 1 November at 12.30 pm, the NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup: €45²

*Times likely to be modified

¹ Reservations are required for group prices: no group prices will be granted at the entrance of the exhibition. FFE licence holders, students and disabled people must present their card at the entrance of the exhibition.

² Subject to availability.

³ To facilitate access to the site for disabled people, numbered seats in the stands can be reserved at the following e-mail address btoblive@fnac.com



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About GL events Equestrian Sport

GL events Equestrian Sport, the GL events Group's equestrian department, is renowned for its expertise throughout the world. The GL events Group has been involved in all the Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events since 1992.

From its creation, GL events Equestrian Sport has actively supported equestrian sports, while always prioritising equine welfare. Its team has a long-term involvement in the international promotion of equestrian disciplines, organising and installing the facilities of top-class events.

- GL events Equestrian Sport is the organiser of Equita Lyon and Longines Equita Lyon CHI,
- It is the creator of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau
- It is the provider and partner of the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais for the House of Hermès,
- It works in collaboration with the French Equestrian Federation for the Masters Pro Championships,
- It works in collaboration with the Fédération Équestre Internationale, for the 2014 and 2018 World Cup™ Finals.

GL events Equestrian Sport also used all its expertise to contribute to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, for the equestrian and para-dressage competitions in the magical setting of the Gardens of the Palace of Versailles.

In 2026, GL events Equestrian Sport organised the CDI05*, Officiel de France for dressage, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, during Le Printemps des Sports Équestres.



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