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EQUITA MASTERS PRESENTED BY HERMÈS SELLIER
MARTIN FUCHS WINS IN A THRILLING FINISH

The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier – the signature class of the Longines Equita Lyon, *Concours Hippique International* – kept the audience in Lyon on the edge of their seats right until the very end, with Martin Fuchs, who was the last rider to start, finally taking first place on the podium. With his Selle Français Fave d'Authuit, the Swiss rider secured a victory that had eluded him until now. France's Pénélope Leprévost finished second with Hileklaire Un Prince and was not far from creating the surprise of the evening. After a fine fourth-place on Friday, Ireland's Mark McAuley was third this evening, once again riding Clooney van Spalbeek*Z.

After the traditional pre-event photo, the 21 riders taking part in this evening's class, sponsored by Hermès Sellier, set about tackling the course designed by the Spaniard Santiago Varela Ullastres, all aiming to finish in the top 13 and secure their place in the jump-off. However, with its 13 obstacles and 16 difficulties, the course in the International Arena proved to be quite tricky. Only three riders managed to complete their first round without a penalty: Mark McAuley, Martin Fuchs and the defending champions, Petronella Andersson (SWE) riding Odina van Klapscheut. Pénélope Leprévost, the best-ranked French rider in the first round, picked up a penalty point for exceeding the time limit with her promising nine-year-old stallion, who was competing in his first 1.60-metre class this evening.

A slightly crazy scenario

Although thirteen pairs were expected to take part in the second round, two of them chose not to take the start, namely the previous day's winners, Henrik von Eckermann (SWE) and Hylanderhof's Saruschka, as well as Charlotte Léoni (FRA) and Vivolenska, who had picked up 8 points. So, in the end, eleven pairs took part in the jump-off, on a slightly shortened course and in the reverse order of the initial rankings.

The riders had to strike the right balance: they needed to be fast but to avoid making any mistakes, in the hope of gaining a few places. Several pairs, who had finished with four points in the first round, managed to rectify their mistakes and ride clear rounds. This was the case for Marc Dilasser (FRA) on Make my Day*Z du Gevres, who finished 7th (50.96"), Germany's Daniel Deusser on his spirited Navarro van het Eelshof, 6th (47.99"), Steve Guerdat (SUI) on Lancelotta, 5th (46.59") and Julien Epaillard (FRA) on Fini l'Amour. Marie Pellegrin's former horse had only joined Julien's stables a few weeks ago but managed to finish in 4th place (45.38"). This fine performance highlights the potential of their new partnership.

After this, Pénélope Leprévost knew what she had to do. She rode a clear round over the obstacles with a time of 53.97" to finished the class with 3 points in total. Knowing she had already secured her place on the podium, all she had to do was watch the last two riders take to the arena. Mark McAuley decided to play it safe. His excellent nine-year-old bay horse did not touch a single bar on the course. However, like the French rider before him, he was penalised 3 points for exceeding the time limit in 54.79 seconds, which meant he finished third. That left Martin Fuchs, one of the crowd's favourites, and his 11-year-old gelding, the son of Cornet Obolenski, who he has only been riding since September. The Swiss rider is a master strategist and managed to overcome the difficulties at the obstacles and cross the finish line in 52.82" – i.e. with just 1 time penalty point – to clinch the overall victory!

With Martin Fuchs's name now added to the list of winners of the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, the event has gained even more prestige.

<u>What they said:</u>

Martin Fuchs (SUI): "*This is my first five-star competition with Fave d'Authuit, so naturally I'm delighted. He's got some experience already, but we don't know each other very well yet. I wasn't sure whether I should enter him in such an event, but his owner, who is also here, encouraged me to do so. I was lucky enough to be the last rider to start in the second round. What's more, Henrik von Eckermann gave me some help by watching the other pairs' and telling me what he thought I should do. Then, my horse was absolutely brilliant; he was very focused and responsive. Riding and winning here in Lyon is always special.*"

Pénélope Leprévost (FRA): "*Hileklaire has always been my favourite. I've always taken great care of him. We almost took him to the 7-year-olds final, but then we realised he was too good. When he was eight, we took part in a few competitions that counted towards the world rankings, but not many, and then we gave him some holidays. In fact, today was his first proper indoor event. We might have done a 1.20-metre class indoors when he had just turned six… (laughs). He can be quite a handful, but I love his character. He has the temperament of a warrior, which he uses to good effect. He really gives everything to try and do a clear round. It's a real pleasure to ride a horse that you know will do his best over every jump. In the second round, the time management was a big issue. Édouard Coupérie came to see me and said: "Don't take too long on your round, because you can only take three time points." I had watched the lines Marc Dilasser took, which turned out to be just right in terms of time. Whilst I'm pleased with the result tonight, I must say I'm far less pleased with my riding, because I had to make a lot of corrections. The rounds didn't go as smoothly as I'd hoped. But this is the first time he's jumped at 1.60 metres, so I can't help but be delighted with his performance. And it's encouraging for the future to know that we have a horse like that. In principle, we don't want to sell him. He's ours and we really want to keep him.*"

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Mark McAuley (IRL): "*It was a really exciting class. It's an amazing event here in Lyon and always a great show. As for my round, I don't know what it looked like from the stands, but being in the saddle, I thought it was a really enjoyable course to ride. When there are so few clear rounds in the first leg, you just have one thing on your mind: trying to complete your round without any penalties. In the second round, the time limit was so tight that it made things really difficult. I myself didn't quite get the pace right, but I'm very, very pleased with my horse and how he performed. We really had to go fast. Sometimes, it's easier to go as fast as you can in the second round rather than try to find exactly the right pace to stay within the time limit. It was a great experience for my horse. This is his first indoor competition at this level. He was fantastic yesterday in the Longines Grand Prix and perfect again this evening. I couldn't ask for anything more. I feel really lucky to have a horse of this calibre.*"

View all the results and start lists here.
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LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL'S **UNMISSABLE SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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, €22.50[1]
- 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 €40[2]
  - The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show
- On Saturday 31 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40[2]
  - 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 €40[2]

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: €55[2]
- On Sunday 1 November at 12.30 pm, the NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup: €45[2]

*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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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 CDIO5, Officiel de France for dressage, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, during Le Printemps des Sports Équestres.*

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