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WONDERFUL SPECTACLE WITH THE WORLD NUMBER ONE

*The definitive registrations have all now been confirmed for a top level line-up
with 12 of the top 25 riders in the world ranking*

Once again this year, spectacle is assured with **Jumping Verona** and the CSI5*-W stage of the World Cup. The 55 riders enrolled for the fourth stage of the Western Europe Group of the **Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™** include many of the top names in international show jumping.



Starting with the number one in the world, Swede **Henrik Von Eckermann** (in the photo by FEI / Richard Juilliart), individual and team gold medal at the Herring World Championship and firmly at the top of the international ranking.

Dutchman **Harrie Smolders** is also at the top of the rankings in 4th place, while Brazilian rider **Marlon Modolo Zanotelli** ranks 7th. All in all, 12 riders in the 'top 25' of the world ranking will compete in Jumping Verona.

The debut in the Volkswagen Hall welcomes an exceptional son of art in 23 year-old British rider **Harry Charles** (11, and bronze team medal winner at Herring in the summer). Great Britain combines the fresh talent of Charles with the

experience of a truly great name in show jumping such as **John Whitaker**, now 67 years old but still performing as well as ever.

There are great expectations for French rider **Simon Delestre** (12) and German rider **Daniel Deusser**(13), both winners in the past (Delestre twice) of the Verona World Cup Grand Prix. The French and Germans will arrive in Verona with impressive teams. The French line-up also includes **Kevin Staut**, while Germany boasts two other top names in **Marcus Ehning** (19) and **Christian Ahlmann** (21).

The list of entries by the top 25 riders in the world also includes Austrian **Max Kühner** (16), Dutch ace **Jur Vrieling** (22), Belgian rider **Nicola Philippaerts** (24) and Irishman **Denis Lynch** (23) - who has already left his mark this year in Italy by the Rome Grand Prix in Piazza di Siena.

THE WORLD CUP IN ITALY

Fieracavalli and Verona this year host the **only Italian leg of the Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™**. Since 2001, previous editions (the 2011 Grand Prix was declared null; Fieracavalli was not held in 2020), this event has seen five wins each for **Germany** and **Holland**, with two for **France** thanks to victory in 2021 by **Simon Delestre**, who won again in 2015.

Great Britain has also posted two victories, with one each for **Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Ireland** and **Spain**.

Alongside French rider Delestre, only the Dutch ace **Albert Zoer** has managed to win the event in Verona twice (2005 and 2007) - and, moreover, both of them on the same horses: respectively Hermes Ryan and Okidoki.

No Italian rider has so far won this event. However, five Italian riders have stood on the podium, for a total of six medals: **Andrea Herholdt** was third in 2004, **Juan Carlos Garcia** second in 2005, **Omar Bonomelli** third in 2008, **Luca Moneta** second in 2012 and third in 2013, and **Alberto Zorzi** second in 2017.

Before moving to Verona, the FEI Show Jumping World Cup™ had already been held in Italy for eight years (Milan in 1983, Birago in 1984, Bologna from 1995 to 2000), with 2 victories for **France** and **Great Britain**, 1 for **Germany, Ireland, Holland** and **Switzerland**. On those occasions, the only two-time winner was the indestructible British rider **John Whitaker**, who will be competing at Jumping Verona again this year.

No lady rider has ever won in front of the Fieracavalli audience, although Swiss rider **Lesley McNaught Maendli** did come out on top in Bologna in 1999.

In Milan-Assago, Italy, the 2004 final of the **FEI Show Jumping World Cup™** was won by French rider **Bruno Broucqsault** on Dileme de Chepe.

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