

**FEI WORLD CUP JUMPING**

Dutch rider Wim Schroeder and his Olympic partner Eurocommerce Montreal galloped to victory in the opening leg of the 2004/2005 FEI World Cup Jumping series in Oslo on October 10. It was no easy win as a total of 18 of the 38 starters qualified for the jump-off. Robert Spaine set the first real target in the jump-off with Coolcoron Cool Diamond but was taking no chances when going for a careful clear in 37.57 as this was the stallion's first big show for 14 months. Germany's Christian Ahlmann and the mare Contessa went into the lead when shaving 0.6 off the Irishman's time. Switzerland's Steve Guerdat immediately bettered that with Isovlas Orohdo almost a second quicker. Frenchmen Edouard Couperie (Pro Pilot II) and Philippe Leoni (Cyrnaika FRH) both left all the fences standing as did Denmark's Thomas Veln and Godsend du Revendy but without threatening the leader and Guerdat was looking good until Wim cantered into the ring. Scorching round the track, the 33-year-old stopped the clock in 34.71 and the rest could not catch him.

Rolf-Göran Bengtsson stormed to victory in the second leg of the 2004/2005 FEI World Cup Jumping series at the 20th anniversary Helsinki International Horse Show in Finland (October 17) which attracted half the world's top ten riders. Second-last to go in the seven-horse jump-off, Bengtsson, riding the 10 year old gelding MacKinley, was chasing the target-time of 40.09 seconds set by Germany's Moritz Michaelis-Baerbaum and Check Mate but the Swedish rider left the result in no doubt when breaking the boom in the super-fast time of 39.25 seconds.

Germany's Toni Hasemann won the third leg in Verona, Italy riding the promising young mare Lolita. A total of 12 went through to the jump-off but only three produced double-clear performances. Belgium's Jean-Claude Vangeenberghe got it just right however, setting the first real target when clear with Osta Hugo Andiamo Z in 39.16 seconds. Andrea Heroldi came very close to the leader when breaking the beam in 40.28 seconds to move into the runner up spot temporarily. Helsinki winners Rolf-Göran Bengtsson and MacKinley presented no threat to the leading pack when collecting eight faults in a slow time but Hasemann scorched round in 38.16 seconds.

Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa produced a sparkling performance with Baloubet du Rouet to win the fourth leg in Geneva. Going fifth in the 11-horse jump-off, Baloubet stormed home in a time none could match with Germany's Christian Ahlmann and Coster slotting into runner-up spot following a slow and careful clear. Baloubet du Rouet's playful character can sometimes prove frustrating but the 15-year-old stallion was firing on all cylinders. Baloubet exploded over the final oxer to stop the clock in 38.80 seconds.

Britain's Richard Davenport produced the biggest result of his career to win the fifth leg of the FEI World Cup Jumping series at the Great Hall in Olympia during London's traditional Christmas show. Riding the nine-year-old mare Laguna, Richard, 24, who lives near Manchester in England set the target in the 13 horse jump-off and many of the best in the world, including Geneva winners Rodrigo Pessoa and Baloubet du Rouet, could not improve on that.

Denmark's Tina Lund created a huge sensation when snatching victory with her last-to-go effort in the sixth leg of the FEI World Cup Jumping series in Mechelen, Belgium. The 23-year-old former European Young Rider Champion from Copenhagen steered the 10-year-old chestnut mare Andante fast and clear over the jump-off track to demote long-time leader Toni Hasemann to runner-up spot.

**ZOER SETS ZUIDLAREN ON FIRE**

A jubilee anniversary, another record setting crowd and a winner from the host province: it couldn't get any better than it was in Zuidlaren. The crowning glory came when Echten-based Albert Zoer closed the 50th edition of NIC Zuidlaren with victory in the BMO Grand Prix of Zuidlaren with Lowina, a daughter of Farnor.

The jubilee show was a real fire cracker of an event for this normally sober northern part of the Netherlands. Yet combine a lot of knowledgeable horse people, and not a few experts, and a very faithful public who sympathize and appreciate sporting achievement in the arena and the show held in the Prins Bernhardhoeve could not have been anything but a success.

NIC Zuidlaren is Holland's oldest indoor horse show. There were 36,000 visitors. Highlight of the jubilee was the visit of HM The Queen of the Netherlands.

Jacob Mellissen



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STUTT GART**

The 20th anniversary edition of the Stuttgart German Masters attracted almost 60,000 spectators over its five days. Marcus Ehning won for the third time the Mercedes German Master title in show jumping. With his 2003 World Cup winner Anka, the Olympic team gold medalist recorded the fastest round in a seven-horse decider. Marcus previously won the title in 1999 and 2002 with For Ploasuro and for his efforts this year collected the keys to a Mercedes Benz A 200 valued at 25,980 Euro. Only John Whitaker had succeeded, so far, in achieving the hat trick winning in 1988, 1989, and 1992 with the legendary Millan.

After his victory late on Friday night, Ehning said he "was very lucky to be the last starter in the jump-off." Luck however played little part in his success as Marcus thoroughly earned his starting position after finishing top of 12 finalists after two qualifying rounds.

Clear in round one of the final, the pair also came home without fault in the jump-off, crossing the finish in 31.93 seconds to take over the lead from young Swiss rider Christina Liebherr and L.B. No Mercy (0/32.56).

**CSI\*\*\*\*\*  
KUALA LUMPUR**

The KL Grand Prix and feature class of three spectacular days of jumping at the Putra Stadium in Kuala Lumpur (October 1-3) was claimed by German based New Zealander, Daniel Meech, a rider somewhat left of the mainstream field. The 30 year old Meech, riding his Olympic mount, Diagonal, said he knew he was in with a chance, but wasn't really expecting to out gallop the ten strong jump-off field as "Daggers is not really a super fast horse." Nevertheless he did to win the richest class of his career and pocket the first prize of 60,000 Euros – the prize money in Kuala Lumpur being only bettered by Calgary.



Grand Prix winners New Zealander Daniel Meech & Diagonal Julie Wilson

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Frans Papelard

BCM's Eric Bruegel presents the L'Année Hippique Award for Best Outdoor Jumping Show to Randy W. Fedorak of Spruce Meadows.

The Award for Best Indoor Jumping Event went to the CSI-W Geneva (SUI) and the Award for best Eventing show was presented to the CDI Rhenheim (GBH).

### SCHROEDER WINS GRAND PRIX OF MAASTRICHT

Wim Schroeder and his Olympic mount Eurocommerce Montreal became the first Dutch winners of the Grand Prix in 17 years of Jumping Indoor Maastricht when they managed to hold off the challenge of Ireland's Jessica Kürten and Quibell in an exciting jump-off.

Only seven combinations out of a field of 44, stayed clear in the first round: five Dutch, Germany's Marcus Beerbaum and Jessica Kürten. She was first to go in the jump-off with Quibell (by Quidam de Revel) and stayed clear and it looked a fast round. Dutchman Roelof Bri started promisingly with Billy Orange (by Animo), but finished with eight faults for sixth place eventually. From the start it was clear that Wim Schroeder had set his mind on winning. "Montreal (by Athol Z) can turn short even if he is running," said Wim afterwards. He crossed the line over two seconds faster than Kürten. No one could beat that.

The remaining four combinations had their respective troubles. Jeron Dubbeldam was unlucky in a short right-hand turn with a lil Nassau (by Indestro) who slipped and almost fell and that loss of balance resulted in four faults. Yves Houtackers with Gran Corrado (by Granus) and Angelique Hoom with BCO VDL Ouzia (by Indorado) also had four faults to finish fourth and fifth. Last to go Marcus Beerbaum had bad luck with Leona (by Lord Liberty) on the same turn as Dubbeldam. Leona lost her grip for a moment and Beerbaum fell off which meant disqualification and seventh place.



Wim Schroeder & Eurocommerce Montreal.

## People & Places



Washington: Show president Sheila Johnson and Charles Mann, a former Washington Fedelex.



Vienna: Hugo Simon and E.T.



Maastricht BCM's Herk Bruegel, the FEI's Eva Salomon and Michel De Bessière of NFG Group Berkel.



Geneva: French international tennis player Guy Forget and Arnaud.

## NEWS

### Equestrian Community Mourns Darragh

THE Irish equestrian community, much-divided in recent times due to a long series of controversies including the ongoing saga of Cian O'Connor's Olympic doping case, was united in grief over the recent sudden death from a suspected heart attack of former show jumping star Paul Darragh who died at his home in County Meath on January 3, aged 51 years.

Paul's reputation as a professional extended over a long and successful career that climaxed in the 1970's when he was part of the Irish "dream team" that included Eddie Macken, Capt. Con Power and James Kemien.

He enjoyed a real renaissance in his career when, after agreeing to take on HRH Princess Haya as a pupil in December 1994, he then recorded an incredible couple of seasons with her two talented horses Cora and Scandal. Princess Haya said, "I don't know anyone who had such a long, ongoing chapter in their sporting

life encompassing several generations. Paul played a huge part in the history of show jumping in Ireland."

### 2005 FEI AGM

THE FEI's 2005 General Assembly will be held at the Grange City Hotel in London from April 6 through 10. A Forum will be held, at which the recently appointed FEI Task Force on Doping and Medication Policy will present its conclusions and discuss them with participants.

### LAS VEGAS TICKETS

TICKETS for the 2005 Dressage and Jumping World Cup Finals to be held in Las Vegas at the Thomas and Mack Center, April 20-24, 2005 can be ordered online at [www.worldcuplasvegas.com](http://www.worldcuplasvegas.com). According to the organizers, series ticket sales have already surpassed the total ticket sales from 2003, when the Budweiser Jumping World Cup Final last took place in Las Vegas.

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*Reports on Calendars and Rankings*

## FEI WORLD RANKINGS JUMPING RIDERS AS OF 4 JANUARY 2005

1	7	Ludger Beesmann	GER	2810.40	42	42	Laura Kraut	USA	991.53
2	3	Rüdiger Fasson	HRV	2571.08	43	41	Rene Tebbel	GER	977.06
3	1	Meredith Michaels-B.	GER	2481.75	44	48	Kimberly Fry	USA	943.62
4	4	Marcus Ehning	GER	2342.92	45	36	Edouard Gougnot	FRA	937.22
5	7	Markus Fuchs	SUI	2338.46	46	54	Franka Schock	GER	933.77
6	6	Toni Hasemann	GER	2136.81	47	51	Lea Thiesler	HRV	927.00
7	5	Dezoe Madden	USA	2044.80	48	52	Clan O'Connor	IRL	909.68
10	10	Robert Smith	GBR	1971.52	49	16	L. Oms-Klippel	FRA	905.75
11	8	Ott Dieck	GER	1876.21	50	49	Marc van Dieb	BEL	905.77
11	19	Lars Nieberg	GER	1804.02	51	47	Norman DeRo Joly	USA	899.55
11	9	Lars Philipvoets	BEL	1725.25	52	46	John Whitaker	GBR	893.00
12	15	Nick Skelton	GBR	1728.30	53	45	Eugenie Arget	ITA	831.27
13	16	Wim Schneider	NED	1681.00	54	18	Laura Hough	USA	807.36
14	13	Nicole Kuster	GER	1643.94	55	10	Gerrit Beck	AUT	785.00
15	11	Michael Whitaker	GBR	1591.42	56	10	Christina Lubken	SUI	784.23
16	14	Rita-Claudia Bergsbo	SWE	1585.92	57	63	Dermot Lennon	IRL	761.40
17	18	Christen Ahmann	GER	1555.00	58	64	Manus Heurbaen	GBR	761.11
18	23	Jessica Kurler	IRL	1515.04	59	56	Piet Heymakers	NLD	744.20
18	22	McLain Ward	USA	1485.88	60	57	Schuyler Hily	USA	740.28
20	17	Peter Wylke	USA	1421.42	61	53	Thomas Veln	CZE	720.34
21	21	Steve Guerdat	SUI	1379.11	62	70	Aileen G. Frestone	USA	708.50
21	10	Malin Gustaf	SWE	1360.79	63	60	Jens Dubbelijn	NED	692.57
25	20	Hilke van der Horst	GER	1360.00	64	77	W.J. Van der Schueren	NED	671.50
24	26	Michel Hecht	FRA	1315.02	65	62	Anne Kursinski	USA	665.11
25	24	Juan-Manuel Torres	ESP	1301.30	66	61	Druce Brucousault	FRA	660.69
26	20	J.-C. Van Leuven	BEL	1277.08	67	69	Ian Millar	CAN	641.11
27	28	Chris Kappeler	USA	1210.61	68	72	Nicole Simpson	USA	626.45
28	30	Michael Robert	FRA	1199.40	69	74	Heidi Mandl	SUI	620.44
29	31	Aola Polmann-Schulz	GBR	1150.07	70	71	Philippe LeJeune	BEL	620.77
30	25	Bernardo Alves	BRA	1138.94	71	81	Hannah Engemann	GER	620.00
31	35	Gerco Schroeder	NED	1132.31	72	67	Shelia Moran	USA	617.60
32	30	Fubert Bourdy	FRA	1120.01	73	65	Tony André Kennen	NOR	610.10
32	32	Dik Van der Vleuten	NED	1113.23	74	86	Juan Carlos Garcia	ITA	605.40
34	39	Christophe Barbeau	SUI	1076.11	75	67	Sören Von Roenne	GER	602.60
36	27	Jes Larsen	DEN	1073.34	76	70	Patrice Delavau	FRA	592.83
36	44	Lionel Van Assen	NED	1027.50	77	79	N. Schusterberger	SUI	579.23
37	31	Luk Lommersman	BEL	1026.75	78	90	Alan Zuer	NED	575.00
38	38	Gert-Jan Huigen	NLD	1010.40					
39	37	Kevin Robinson	IRL	998.11					
40	55	Robert Whitaker	GBR	990.50					
41	40	Richard Spooner	USA	985.48					

## FEI WORLD RANKINGS DRESSAGE RIDERS AS OF 4 JANUARY 2005

1	1	Anky Van Grunven	NED	79.552	26	25	Victoria Mac-Thurais	AUT	71.39
2	3	Debbie McInnes	USA	76.734	26	29	Monte-Lise Weitzel	SUI	71.201
3	4	Bettina Horn - Salvi	FRA	76.59	27	23	Alexandra Kostova	RUS	71.250
4	7	Hubertus Schmidt	GER	76.54	28	24	Leslie Reid	CAN	71.251
5	5	Andrea Heister	GER	75.458	29	36	Nicole Kaiser Kappler	GER	70.818
6	6	Dafne Soto-Andrade	ESP	75.254	30	2	Lisa Salinger	GER	70.611
7	9	Robert Dover	USA	75.212	31	30	Steffen Peters	USA	70.742
8	11	Alexandra Lisowski	GER	75.19	32	31	Jon D. Pedersen	HRV	70.735
9	6	Hilke Kommer	GER	74.966	33	32	Leslie Morie	USA	70.704
10	10	Edward Gaj	NED	74.945	34	33	Lisa Nilox	USA	70.683
11	14	Ingrid Worm	GER	74.724	35	00	Anna Ploemke	GER	70.560
11	12	Jen Hink	SWE	74.621	36	46	Gina Capellini-L	GER	70.58
13	13	Marin Schaub	GER	74.471	37	34	Julia Chevalier Ginet	FRA	70.478
14	15	Quanter Secc	USA	73.851	38	40	Guzanna Lobek	GER	70.275
15	16	Elena Schew	RUS	73.598	39	37	Laura Nathanz	GWC	70.239
16	22	Car Heister	GER	72.091	40	48	Constanze Ruzgheimer	GER	71.194
17	17	Per Sandgaard	DEN	72.802	41	39	Jonny Heister	GER	71.087
18	18	Juan A. Jimenez Coto	ESP	72.709	42	38	Nora McGivern	GER	68.961
19	19	Elen Schulan-Bauner	GER	72.516	43	47	Lina Wilhelm	SWE	68.934
20	20	Iris Schellens-Berke	NED	72.151	44	14	Richard Davison	GER	68.948
21	20	Silvia Kle	SUI	71.896	45	45	Irina Lis	HRV	68.879
22	21	Sam G. Rubbenberger	NED	71.67	46	42	Erica Paule	GER	68.874
23	36	Lore Jonjensen	DEN	71.703					
24	27	Wolfram Wieg	GER	71.61					

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## FEI WORLD CUP SHOW JUMPING 2004/05

FINAL STANDINGS  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN LEAGUE

1	Ozgecan Kutluk	POL	85
2	Ljudov Kacholova	RUS	82
3	Gunnar Klefberg	EST	79
4	Krzysztof Lichwiak	POL	78
5	Vladimir Tuganov	RUS	76
6	Nes Opatny	CZE	72
7	Gurlans Siltsh	LAT	62
8	Urmaz Paag	EST	61
9	Sencer Can	TUR	53
	Cyrgy Komendy	HUN	49
11	Heli Pii	EST	52
12	Zdenek Zila	CZE	45
13	Zsolt Pink	HUN	43
14	Juraj Hanuly	SVK	38
15	Balazs Horvath	HUN	37
16	Lukasz Jonczyk	POL	35
	Angel Niagolov	BUL	35
	Aspenur Atanayov	BUL	35
	Barosz Goszczynski	POL	35

## FEI WORLD CUP SHOW JUMPING 2004/05

WESTERN EUROPEAN LEAGUE  
STANDINGS AFTER MECHELEN (BEL)

1	Wim Schröder	NLD	48
2	Toni Hasemann	GER	44
3	Christophe Barbeau	SUI	42
4	Eric van der Vleuten	NED	40
5	Rita-Claudia Bergsbo	SWE	37
6	Meredith Michaels-B.	GER	32
7	Richard Laverpot	GBR	30
8	Marcus Ehning	GER	28
9	Rodolfo Fessas	BRA	27
10	Christen Ahmann	GER	26
11	Sven Huardet	SUI	25
12	Robert Whitaker	GBR	24
	Nick Skelton	GBR	24
	Michael Whitaker	GBR	24
15	Tina Lunt	DEN	22
	Gerco Schroeder	NED	22
17	Philippe Louri	FRA	21
18	J. C. Vanjoonbergho	BEL	20
19	Bernardo Alves	BRA	19

## USET Show Jumping Computer Rankings, 7 January 2005

1	McLain Ward	8700	1211Carolee S. King	3730
2	Peter Wylke	8710	1414Richard Spooner	3677
	Dezoe Madden	7632	1516Georgina Roomborg	3179
4	Laura Kraut	5110	1617Christine Tibble	3252
5	Kimberly Fry	5655	1719Kevin Washington	3014
			1815Norman DeRo Joly	3233
7	Laura Hough	5065	1916Shelia Moran	3150
8	Anne Kursinski	4745	2020David Plazas	2878
9	Schuyler C. Hily	4631	2121Alex G. Emstone	2784
11	Molly Ash	4024	2221Jon D. Millar	2784
11	Chris Kappeler	4007		
12	Margo Engle	3072		

## JUMPING SHOW DATES FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2004

04-08/02	CSI-W BORDEAUX	FRA
17-20/02	CSI***/CDI-W NEUMUNSTER	GER
10-13/03	CSI****/CDI*** DORTMUND	GER
10-12/03	CSI-W PARIS-BERCY	FRA
15-20/03	CSI*** VILLER DE LA FRONTERA	ESP
17-20/03	CSI-W/CDI-W/CAI-W 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH	NED
24-28/03	CSI-W/CAI-W GOETTERBURG	SWE
31/03 (3/04	CSI****/CDI-W LÖSSELDORF	GER
07-10/04	CSI**** SHEFFIELD	GBR
20-24/04	CSI-W FINAL/CDI-W FINAL LAS VEGAS	USA
26-30/04	CSI*** MONTE CARLO	MON
05-08/05	CSI*** EINDHOVEN	NED
05-08/05	CSI**** HAMBURG	GER
05-08/05	CSI***** LA BAULE	FRA
12-15/05	CSI***** LINZ-EBELSBURG	AUT
10-16/05	CSI****/CDI*** WIESBADEN	GER
20-22/05	CSI**** AACH	GER
26-29/05	CSI**** MADRID	ESP
26-29/05	CSI***** ROME	ITA

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