



# MOROCCO ROYAL TOUR 2022

## A SEASON FOR HOME WINS

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THE MOROCCO ROYAL TOUR IS A REMARKABLE EVENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CALENDAR. OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR MARKS ONE OF THE EQUESTRIAN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR; WITH THE MOROCCO ROYAL TOUR'S JOURNEY ACROSS THREE AMAZING MOROCCAN CITIES.



BEGINNING AT THE JUMENTERIE DE LA GARDE ROYALE IN TETOUAN, THEN CONTINUES TO THE CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM, RABAT, AT THE MOROCCAN ROYAL FEDERATION OF EQUESTRIAN SPORTS HEADQUARTERS. THIRD AND FINAL STAGE, THE GRAND FINALE OF THE CIRCUIT TAKES PLACE DURING THE SALON DU CHEVAL D'EL JADIDA AT THE PARC D'EXPOSITION.



**TETOUAN**

Abdelkebir Ouaddar wins the CS14\*W Tetouan!

The first weekend of the Moroccan circuit took place in the facilities of the Royal Guard of Tetouan. The exciting Grand Prix designed by Andrea Colombo ended with triumph for the Moroccan Hero Abdelkebir Ouaddar.

Forty riders were on the starting list of this challenging 1.50m CS14\*-W Grand Prix on that epic day. Two rounds whose time was among the challenges at the beginning of the race that made only Twelve pairs qualify for the second round.

To win this Grand Prix of HRH Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan, Kebir had to be faster

than his nine other opponents in the jump-off, including medal-winning riders in major championships such as The Swiss rider Niklaus Schurtenburger (2nd), The French Simon Delestre who ranked the (3rd) by timing 47.32, or the Brazilian Olympic rider Luciana Diniz, who was making her return to international competition (4th).

But Kebir was inspired and was able to transcend his horse Istanbul which is not known for being the easiest.

The first stop of the Royal tour ended with amazing moments and the following Thursday riders traveled to Rabat for A CSIO4\* as well as the Nations cup that was also the Olympic Qualifier which everyone waited for eagerly!



*“This victory is magnificent because it is a horse that was very difficult, and I managed to get him on my side and today he gave me all his heart. “I dedicate this victory to my country and especially to my king because he is always behind me, I owe him my sporting career and I thank him infinitely. It is a gift for all Moroccans”. In Tetouan, we always have a great audience and I felt carried today. Can we say that this Morocco Royal Tour is already a success for the Moroccan rider? It started well”*



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**RABAT**

**Prix SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA AMINA.**

A second victory for Morocco in the Grand Prix 1m50 by El Ghali Boukaa!

The Prix SAR Princess Lalla Amina, second stage of the Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, was the most important individual competition of the CSIO of Rabat. The class consisted of two rounds. Forty riders were at the start, twelve only qualified for the second round on the course that was designed by Gregory Bodo who is recognized as one of the best course designers of his generation and was course assistant during the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

This Grand Prix witnessed great performance for all riders, ended by rocking scores from Barbara Schnieper from Switzerland & Escoffier who came in the Fifth Place with timing 42.41, The Moroccan Majid Djaidi & Mister d'Eclipse (4th), António Matos Almeida & Calypso de Kamelia from Portugal (3rd), Rodrigo Giesteira Almeida & Imposant van de Renger (2nd) also from Portugal and Finally The one and only El Ghali Boukaa & A Kyss ranking the first with timing 43.08.

El Ghali Boukaa has just written a new chapter in the history of this fabulous Moroccan circuit: "It's an incredible thing... incredible", El Ghali was unable to conceal his emotion. "I've been riding this mare for just over a year and she's been just great. I am very

happy, very moved, these are indescribable feelings".

The story of El Ghali Boukaa and A Kyss is that of a couple who quickly got along: "Its owner entrusted it to me just a year ago because his daughter was leaving to study. At the time, she only jumped courses at 1.25m. Then her other daughter took her over for a while to do slightly bigger courses, then she left in turn and this time I got her back for good and it's a huge chance. Today, she won a Grand Prix at 1.50-55m; she still has a step to take to reach the top level. I will go this winter to Simon Delestre where I love to train and we will see if she is able to cross this course".

**THE NATIONS CUP OF RABAT**

Germany won the 2022 Rabat Nation's Cup.

Ten teams at the start of CSIO4\*W Nations Cup in Rabat.

The German team comprised of Sophie Hinners & Churchill 48, Nicola Pohl & Exelero 2, Rene Dittmer & Burlington Riverland and David Will & My Prins Van Dorperheide ; all of them made spectacular performance not only in the Nations cup but They were shining since the Beginning of the MRT.



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**EL-JADIDA**

**Grand Prix SA Majesté le Roi Mohammed VI**

Ouaddar writes history!!

The favorite duo for the Moroccans, **Abdelkebir Ouaddar** and **Istanbull V.H Ooievaarshof**, since their victory in Tetouan, won the Grand Prix of His Majesty King **Mohammed VI in El Jadida** which designed by PeterSchumacher; a German course designer known for his courses at the **CHIO Aachen, MET Oliva** and other prestigious shows, to close the Eleventh edition of the Morocco Royal Tour.

By achieving a double clear round in 34.61 seconds, ranking

first ahead of The French Legend **Simon Delestre & I Amelusina R 51 (2nd)**, the German rider **David Will & Zaccorado Blue (3rd)**, **Niklaus Schurtenberger & Quincassi (4th)** and The Belgium **Jérôme Guery & Azaria Dinero (5th)**.

*“On the personal track record, Abdelkebir signs his 5th victory on the Morocco Royal Tour, his second victory with Istanbull and for the first time in history a Moroccan rider wins the Grand Prix of El Jadida! If that was not enough, the Morocco Royal Tour sees for the first time in history its 3 Grand Prix won by Moroccan riders: Ouaddar in Tetouan, Boukaa in Rabat and Ouaddar in El Jadida!”*