



# RICHARD VOGEL SOARS TO VICTORY AT CHI GENEVA

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THE CURTAIN HAS FALLEN ON ANOTHER YEAR OF SHOW JUMPING MAGIC, AND WHAT A GRAND FINALE IT WAS! LAST WEEK, THE PALEXPO ARENA IN GENEVA GLITTERED UNDER THE ROLEX SPOTLIGHT AS THE CHI GENEVA SHOW BROUGHT THE 2023 SEASON TO A BREATHTAKING CLOSE. AND LET ME TELL YOU, RICHARD VOGEL AND HIS INCREDIBLE PARTNER, UNITED TOUCH S, ABSOLUTELY LIT UP THE COURSE!



**The Rolex Grand Slam is no ordinary competition.** It's a test of horsemanship excellence, a stage where equestrian legends are forged. Last week at the CHI Geneva, the prestigious Rolex Grand Prix became a battleground for equestrian legends and rising stars alike. All participating riders were hoping to claim it and be remembered as champions in the equestrian history. But under the dazzling lights of Geneva, victory soared on the wings of **Richard Vogel and his magnificent stallion, United Touch S.**

Vogel, barely 26 years old, isn't your average champion. He's not burdened by a long legacy or seasoned in countless victories. His career began at a young age. His mother's side of the family was involved in horses, and his uncle was a professional rider. After his mother's death, his uncle took over his training. Vogel started competing at a young age and quickly rose through the ranks.

**Vogel has been steadily climbing the ranks, but his win on December 10<sup>th</sup> marked a monumental leap. He is currently ranked the 12<sup>th</sup> in the world by the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) after a respectable 31<sup>st</sup> place ranking last year.**

Vogel wasn't just another face in the crowd. He was a real champion with his trusty partner, United Touch S. This wasn't his first time jumping these super-tough courses. He'd already participated in three Grand Slams, coming out clean twice and sniffing one sweet victory. Geneva was his chance to grab the gold, and he was ready to gallop for it! Richard Vogel was the very first rider to enter the exciting jump-off. He made it super thrilling right from the beginning. The pair soared over the course at an amazing speed. *"I cannot thank my horse enough for what he did today,"* Vogel said. *"He was unbelievable. To win here at the CHI Geneva and become a live contender for the Rolex Grand Slam is a dream come true."* And with that, Richard Vogel and United Touch S galloped off, their names forever etched in the golden annals of equestrian history. 🏆



  
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