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BUMPER TURNOUT FOR ROYAL WINDSOR ENDURANCE

Via RWHS

There were three endurance classes at the Royal Windsor Endurance kindly supported by the Kingdom of Bahrain. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) scooped the top four places in the CEI2* with winner Saeed Hamoud Saeed Al Khayari riding Dahi and finishing in a time of 04:47:48. Bahrain's Ali Abdulla Mohamed Al Subaie took the top place in the CEI1* on Henham Romeo in 03:46:24 and Sarah Davenport won the national 40Km class in a time of 02:18:56 on Blakeswater Wilfred.

Saeed Hamoud Saeed Al Khayari said: *"I had a really good ride today and it was a great result for UAE in the CEI2*. It's a real honor to ride on this lovely course in Windsor Great Park and to win at Royal Windsor is very special."* 



ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW

EMOTIONS RUN HIGH FOR NICK SKELTON RETIREMENT

Via RWHS

It was an emotional final day at Royal Windsor Horse Show as the crowds took to their feet to witness Show Jumping legend, Nick Skelton and his gold medal winning horse, Big Star, stand together in the arena for the last time. In front of Her Majesty the Queen and packed out grandstands, Skelton was joined by his family, owners, fellow Team GB riders and loyal groom, Mark Beaver, to say his final goodbye.

Skelton's youngest son, professional jockey Harry Skelton, was unable to attend due to racing commitments but left a message for his father that was read out to the crowd;

"Dad, I'm so sorry I'm not there, but when I asked you if I should go racing today or come down to Windsor, you said, go and do your job and try and ride some winners. I thought; that is what has got you to where you are, your hard work, dedication and determination. My first great memory of you in the ring was when Dollar Girl won the World Cup Final in 95. You went through so much from then to Rio 2016, and when you finally reached your childhood dream to take individual gold, was the best day of my life. I am the proudest son alive and so glad you've stopped at the top. I hope I will make you as proud as I am of you one day. See you later, love you, Harry." 🏇



THE ROYAL WINDSOR DRESSAGE

CARL HESTER

DOES THE DOUBLE



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Via RWHS

Once again British dressage master Carl Hester wins the CDI4* FEI International Grand Prix with an amazing performance, supported by Horse & Hound, at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. It was a first ever freestyle for Carl and Barolo, a compact 11-year-old Hanoverian owned in partnership with Anne Seifert-Cohn and Charlotte Dujardin who has ridden him up through the levels. 



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ANDREW NICHOLSON

WINS BADMINTON TROPHY WITH NEREO

Via FEI

New Zealand 55 year old horseman Andrew Nicholson finally nails the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials, fourth leg of the FEI Classics™ after a record 37 attempts over 33 years.

The defending champion, Michael Jung (GER) had to settle for the runner-up spot, but he now leads the FEI Classics™ series leaderboard. 🏆

FEI Classics™ series leaderboard, after four of six events:

1. Michael Jung GER 39
2. Maxime Livio FRA 27
3. Andrew Nicholson NZ 15
4. Hazel Shannon AUS 15
5. Wilhelm Enzinger AUS 12



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The Australian champion Boyd Exell nailed his eighth win in the Land Rover International Driving Grand Prix, having taken his first title back in 2004. Edouard Simonet from Belgium, came second in this phase while Koos de Ronde from the Netherlands finished third. 🏆

THE ROYAL WINDSOR DRIVING

BOYD EXELL

CLAIMS HIS EIGHTH ROYAL WINDSOR WIN





FEI NATIONS CUP™ JUMPING

FRANCE'S OLYMPIC CHAMPION KEVIN STAUT CLINCHES LA BAULE TITLE

Via FEI

A gritty performance saw Team France come out on top at the second leg of the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping 2017 Europe Division 1 series on home turf at La Baule. With the same determination that saw them overcome several setbacks on the road to Olympic gold in Rio de Janeiro last summer, Philippe Guerdat's side stood firm after team-member Roger Yves Bost was eliminated for a spectacular first-round fall, and when it came down to a third-round jump-off against the clock then Kevin Staut clinched it.

"This was a great win in front of our own fans, our owners and our friends. There was so much emotion, and to win it after Bosty was in trouble, with just three of us in the second round - it was fantastic for all of us who love the Nations Cup, and I'm very proud of Reveur!" - Kevin Staut FRA 🇫🇷

THE ROYAL WINDSOR JUMPING


KENT FARRINGTON

SECURES VICTORY IN ROLEX GRAND PRIX

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With 30 World class riders competing in the Rolex Grand Prix at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, the competition was thrilling. Farrington's time of 39.97 seconds brought him the £63,000 top prize as he surpassed rivals who included Britain's 2015 Rolex Grand Slam winner and London 2012 team gold medalist Scott Brash and former Olympic individual champion Eric Lamaze.

Speaking at the Rolex Grand Prix press conference, Kent said, *"I was really thrilled with my horse, he is just stepping up to this level and he was unbelievable, I couldn't have asked for more. This is one of my favorite shows and I'm not just saying that because I won here today. There's a combination of an amazing setting, an unbelievable crowd, top course designing and great footing. That is the best of the best, and now with Rolex stepping up and making this a 5* event, it's on par with the best in the world."* 



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