

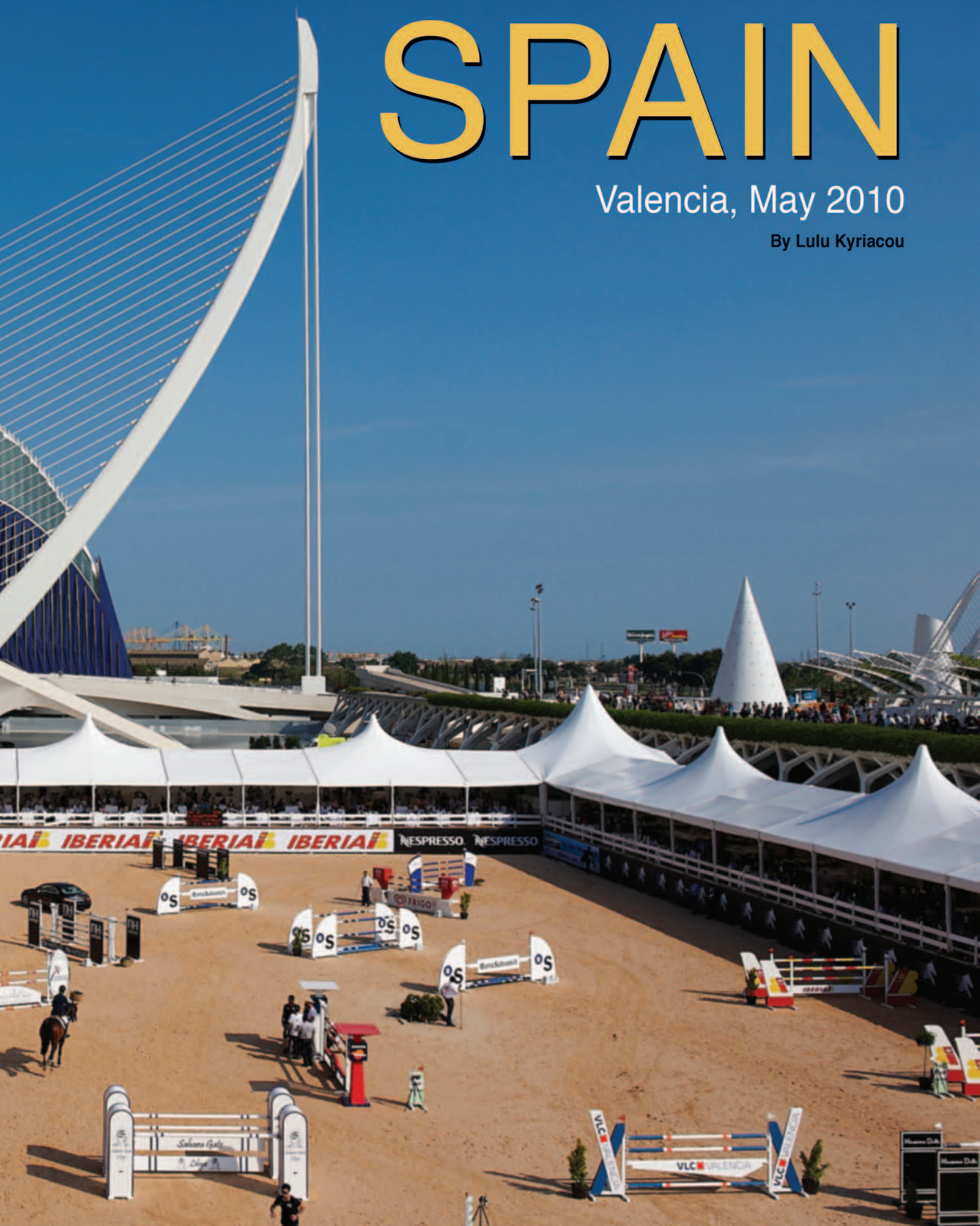


GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR OF

# SPAIN

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THE GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR OF SPAIN, VALENCIA PRESENTED BY BANC SABADELL WAS DECIDED AFTER A THREE HORSE JUMP OFF IN WHICH FRANCE'S TIMOTHEE ANCIAUME CAME OFF BEST AFTER THREE FOOT PERFECT ROUNDS. RIDING HIS IMPRESSIVE LAMM DE FETAN, HE WON BY MAKING A FANTASTIC TURN TO THE SIXTH FENCE IN THE AGAINST THE CLOCK PHASE WHICH IMMEDIATELY PUT PRESSURE ON JOS LANSINK RIDING VALENTINA VAN THEIKE AND MARCUS EHNING RIDING SABRINA. ANCIAUME STOPPED THE CLOCK IN 45 SECONDS AND LANSINK AFTER MATCHING THE TURN, REALLY GALLOPED TO THE LAST PLANK WHICH UNFORTUNATELY TOOK A KNOCK DOWN. BUT HIS TIME OF 42.95 WAS MUCH FASTER AND LEFT EVERYONE WONDERING WHAT EHNING, RECENTLY IN ALL CONQUERING FORM, WOULD DO. IN THE END HE MAY HAVE PLAYED A LITTLE TOO SAFE, ALTHOUGH HE LEFT ALL THE RAILS INTACT, HE WENT THROUGH THE GATE IN 45.32 AND LEFT THE YOUNG FRENCHMAN WITH THE BIGGEST WIN OF HIS CAREER. THE CAPACITY CROWD LACKED NOTHING IN ENTHUSIASM DESPITE THERE BEING NO SPANISH INTEREST IN THE SECOND ROUND AND JUMP OFF.

▼ Marcus Ehning riding Sabrina, Germany



▲ Timothee Anciaume riding Lamm De Fetan, France



Earlier in the class the combination at nine and the double at twelve had caused the most problems but 12 horses jumped clear and were joined in the second round by the fastest four faulters. Of these Marco Kutcher and Eric Lamaze both improved on their earlier rounds to go clear and put pressure on, however Anciaume was the first to keep two clean sheets. Lamaze and Kutscher did end up fourth and fifth respectively though as they were the only others aside from the top three to jump the second round without faults.

In the warm up speed class, Gianni Govoni gained back his "Speed King" status when finishing a whole second faster than his nearest pursuer. Riding Joyau D'Opal, this somewhat made up for the gelding's errant behaviour the previous day when he exhibited his dislike of water tray fences by

refusing to jump one! Roger Yves Bost was second on Jovis de Ravel, and American Lauren Hough was third after holding the lead on Prezioso for most of the class.

### TIMOTHEE ANCIAUME:

"It is a good way to start the GCT and I'm very happy. I thought the course was good since the time was tight which made a few people make mistakes, but it was not un-jumpable. I will be riding at the next few GCT shows and then if the French team require me, I will join them for Nations Cups in the lead up to WEG."


### MARCUS EHNING:

"I thought the course was perfect and I'm very pleased to be second as Sabrina has not touched a fence in her last three GP'S and been twice first and now second."

### JOS LANSINK:

"It was a long gallop to the last and I saw Timothee go and I thought I could do one stride less. I knew Marcus was still to come and had to try. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose..... today I lost!"

### THE VENUE:

The event was bigger and better than last year, with a new title sponsor BancSabadell. The commercial village also doubled in size with 32 boutiques, the VIP area extended to 3 sides of the main arena which was also 10m longer and the grandstand had 50% more capacity. All tickets were sold out and the event attracted lots of media attention. A record attendance of the world's best riders, greater than any other championship or Olympics was recorded with 27 of the top 30 of the Rolex Rankings. 

### CLASS 3:

RANK	NAME	COUNTRY	HORSE	TIME	PRIZE MONEY
1	Gianni Govoni	Italy	Joyau D'Opal	44.03	6,000 €
2	Roger Yves Bost	France	Jovis de Ravel	45.44	4,000 €
3	Lauren Hough	USA	Prezioso	45.93	
4	Rodrigo Pessoa	Brazil	Palouchin de Ligny	46.31	1,600 €

### CLASS 4:

RANK	NAME	COUNTRY	HORSE	TIME	PRIZE MONEY
1	Timothee Anciaume	France	Lamm de Fetan	45.0	95,000 €
2	Marcus Ehning	Germany	Sabrina	45.32	57,000 €
3	Jos Lansink	Belgium	Valentina Van T' Heike	42.95	38,000 €
4	Eric Lamaze	Canada	Hickstead	4 faults	21,000 €

▼ Eric Lamaze riding Hickstead, Canada

