

THE 2023 SHOWJUMPING

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WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SPECIAL BOOK SHOULD NOT MISS THE MAJOR LATEST UPDATES IN THE SHOWJUMPING WORLD. AT THE BEGINNING OF 2023, THERE WERE A LOT OF EVENTS THAT LED TO FORMIDABLE RESULTS. THEREFORE; WE GOT YOU SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS & THEIR SPECTACULAR RESULTS.

JUMPING INTERNATIONAL DE
BORDEAUX; AUDI GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

Bordeaux, France – February 05, 2023; Started with an Epic performance for Grégory Cottard (FRA).

“When I was a teenager, I used to come to the Jumping International de Bordeaux CSI 5-W to admire the world’s best riders. Today, I won my first 5* Grand Prix here”*, he said.

Grégory Cottard seemed stunned after this brilliant victory as if surprised by what had happened to him.





EGYPT'S ELZOGHBY CONQUERS THE GRAND PRIX TITLE IN DOHA

Egypt's **Karim Elzoghby** teamed up with **Zandigo** who claimed the coveted **Doha International Showjumping Championship Grand Prix** title at Longines Arena.

On a challenging course, the pair topped the **1.55m** event worth **€98,000** with a clear round in **70.78 sec**. The Egyptian collected the winner's prize of **€24,500** after a flawless performance.

Morocco's **Abdeslam Bennani Smires**, who was aboard his **15-year-old** bay **Davino Q**, emerged runner-up after completing the course in **74.03 sec**, with a rail down.

The pair got richer by **€19,600** for second place.

Abdelkebir Ouaddar, also from Morocco, was fastest in the event on **15-year-old Istanbul V.H Ooievaarshof**, zipping through the course in **67.22 sec** but four faults cost him dearly as he finished third and collected a purse of **€14,700**.



SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE TO PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES 2024

Saudi Arabia and **United Arab Emirates** equestrian jumping teams reserved their spots for next year's Paris Games after claiming the top two positions respectively in the **Nations Cup Olympic Qualifier (1.60 m)** at Longines Arena in **Qatar**.

The **Saudi team** was at its best accumulating a total time of **235.31** in the first round with nine penalties and **237.81** in the second round with six penalties. The team included **Abdulrahman Alrajhi** (riding **Babalou HD**), **Khaled Almoby** (**Equine America Spacecake**), 2012 Olympic medalist **Ramzy Al Duhami** (**Untouchable**) and the Asian Games champion **Abdullah Alsharbatly** (**Alamo**).

The UAE totaled **241.07 (eight penalties)** and **236.38 (17 penalties)** in the two rounds to seal their Olympic spot. The UAE team included **Abdullah Mohd Al Marri** (**James V.D Oude Heihoef**), **Abdullah Humaid Al Muhairi** (**Chacolu**), **Omar Abdul Aziz Al Marzooqi** (**Dalida van de Zuuthoeve**) and **Mohammed Ghanem Al Hajri** (**G's Fabian**).

"It's a great feeling to be in the Olympics. We are very happy with this achievement and now will target a good performance in Paris," UAE's Al Hajri said.

Egypt and Morocco, who competed at the Tokyo Olympics and represented Africa in the event, finished third and fourth respectively.

Reference: The Peninsula Qatar