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FELIX JARRY CREATES A SENSATION IN THE DERBY DE BRETAGNE

At the age of 31, Félix Jarry took the biggest win of his career in the Derby de Bretagne, the highlight of the third day of Jumping International de Dinard. This prestigious French victory may well pave the way for the Tricolores this Sunday in the final event of the competition, the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard.



As he passed the final fence, he first looked at the giant screen. Incredulous. It only took a few seconds for him to realise what was going on and to let his joy explode, first with a fist in the air and then with his arms around his mare's neck. The last of the 25 competitors to take part in the Derby de Bretagne, an event awaited each year by thousands of spectators in the Val Porée amphitheatre, Félix Jarry undoubtedly scored the greatest victory of his career. Based in Saint-Augustin-des-Bois, near Angers, the 31-year-old rider, son of former French national team rider Pierre Jarry, rode Elgaura, a 10-year-old Selle Français mare by L'Arc de Triomphe.

"I can't find the words to describe it," he says, still reeling from the emotion. Last year, we came to compete in this Derby for the first time. We made two small mistakes on the simplest verticals, but I told myself that it was all over. We agreed to meet again this year. I knew that the mare was upright and capable of doing it. But I didn't want to beat Nicolas Delmotte, Julien Gonin, Roberto etc. I'd seen their tricks. I'd seen their tricks. I told myself that to go after them, I was going to have to gallop like hell. And I won! At the end, I heard a lot of noise and I saw people who looked happy. And when I saw the first one, I said to myself that it wasn't possible. And yes, it is! Wow, that feels great!" He succeeds Émeric George, winner last year with Dune du Ru, but guilty of eight points this Saturday (10th).

Nicolas Delmotte was the first rider to complete a clear round with Citadin du Chatellier on this course of 21 obstacles (24 efforts), designed by Jean-François Morand, a mixture of classic and natural obstacles close to eventing efforts (ford, mound, counter-high and counter-low). "I'm very happy with Citadin, comments Delmotte. I had to balance him out a bit at the end because he was pulling hard, but in any case, I couldn't have gone faster than Félix. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Mars family for this competition. The horses here are given a superb welcome and, as I often say, this is one of the best competitions of the year."

His time (172"58) was quickly Colombian bettered bν Roberto Teran Tefur on Iron Maiden (169"00).The experienced 47-year-old rider, who took part in the last Olympic Games in Tokyo as well as the 2002 World Championships and had already finished 4th in the Derby de La Baule last June with this young 9-year-old Zangersheide gelding, thought he had won for a long time. Until the last passage. That of Félix Jarry, the third and final clear round. And above all, the fastest (162"76).

Julien Anquetin with Fiona des Ibis and Julien Gonin with Estrella de la Batia undoubtedly deserved better. Well ahead of his rivals' times, Anquetin initially hesitated on his course, looking for the right obstacle. Once he had found his mark, he took all the risks to try and make up for lost time and made a mistake on the final obstacle.



Despite the rain, Julien Gonin had mastered his course better. But he too made a mistake on the final hurdle. "I'm disappointed because my mare was fantastic, said Gonin. She dominated the whole Derby. But in the final furlong, perhaps I was in too much of a hurry. I should have taken more time. I started a bit flat, I should have sat her down more. But what if..."

McLain Ward and Alessandra Volpi make the American colours shine

In the CSI 5* Prix Paris 2024 (1.50m time trial), American McLain Ward, future rider for the US Olympic team, won with his 11-year-old mare First Lady. He beat Belgian Pieter Devos on Jarina J and French François-Xavier Boudant on Ermes du Noé.

In the sand arena, the Prix CRE Bretagne (CSI 3*, 1.45m with jump-off) was won by the American Alessandra Volpi on Glamour. Starting in second place in the jump-off at 16, the 24-year-old rider, who had already performed well on the first two days of the competition, immediately set the time too high for her rivals. French rider Alexa Ferrer, on Casanova ZSZ, could only get as close as 1"61. But that was enough to take second place ahead of Swiss Martin Fuchs on Campari.

In the CSI 1*, the Prix Institut Esthederm and then the Prix Hôtel Royal Emeraude were won by Thibault Blanchard (Feeling du Tremplin), after a 19-man jump-off, and Caroline Roger (Utopia du Rouet).

Finally, in the CSIYH 1* for 7-year-olds, the Lamotte Élevage d'Helby Grand Prix (1.40m with jump-off) went to Canadian Erynn Ballard on Marieke Z Santa Rosa (Moncler Von Overis). At the end of a 17-metre jump-off, the world number 22, who has also been selected for the Olympic Games, finished ahead of French Nicolas Layec on Hatlantika (Best Of Iscla) and Lucas Fournier on Hockando de Riverland (Sunday de Riverland*Bois Margot).



The Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard

This Sunday at 2.45pm, the battle promises to be intense between the world's best riders, all determined to add the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard, a stage on the Rolex Series circuit, to their trophy cabinet. It's also a chance for everyone to make their mark and build up their confidence just a few days before the Olympic Games in Versailles. Austrian Max Kühner, the current world number 3, will be one of the main contenders for the title. But with Swedish world no.1 Henrik von Eckermann, Swiss Steve Guerdat (no. 4) and Martin Fuchs (no. 8), who has already won the event twice (2022 and 2021), and a plethora of members of the world's top 30, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to pick a favourite. The French riders will also have their say, with Rio Olympic champions Roger-Yves Bost, Philippe Rozier and Kevin Staut, as well as Julien Épaillard (world no. 5), Mégane Moissonnier, who has been in fine form in recent months, and many others.

The day kicks off at 8.30am with the Prix Grand Hôtel Barrière (1.50m, with jump-off), the final act in the CSI 3*, followed by the Prix Laiterie de Montaigu (1.40m, with jump-off) at 11.45am, the epilogue to the CSI 1*.

HIGHLIGHTS SUNDAY JULY 21

- CSI3* Grand Prix Grand Hôtel Barrière à 1.50m
- Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard CSI5* à 1.60m

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