

DAILY NEWS



**SATURDAY
MARCH 9TH**



SHOT OF THE DAY

PROGRAMME

Programme subject to change

MAIN ARENA

09.30 Hengstenstation Van Uyttert Prize

Dressage International, CDI1*
Intermédiaire, Freestyle

11.30 Equilibrium Prize - Dressage

Internationaal, CDI3* Grand Prix,
Freestyle

14.00 FEI Dressage World Cup™ presented by WeLoad Energy Systems

Dressage International, Freestyle

18.30 Van Schijndel Bouwgroep Prize

Jumping International,
Indoor Derby, 1.45m

20.45 10 Years Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping - Ceremony

21.00 Audi Prize - Jumping International, with jump-off 1.50m

ARENA 2

09.30 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize - Jumping National, Horses with jump-off 1.20m

11.15 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize - Jumping National, Horses with jump-off 1.10m

13.30 NAB Bliksembeveiliging Prize

Jumping International,
with jump-off 1.40m

15.00 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize

Region Brabant Pony jumping,
AB 0.70m & C 0.80m

16.15 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize

Region Brabant Pony jumping,
C 0.90m & 1.00m

16.35 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize

Region Brabant Pony jumping,
DE 0.90m & 1.00m

19.15 Bestronics Prize - Dressage National, Horses ZZ Licht Freestyle

21.30 Bestronics Prize - Dressage National, foursomes Z/ZZ



Jeroen Dubbeldam succeeds Frank Kemperman as sport director

Over the past 22 years, with Frank Kemperman as sport director, The Dutch Masters has grown into a world-class competition. However, this era is coming to an end; none other than former Olympic champion Jeroen Dubbeldam will take over this task from him from edition 2025 onward. Frank Kemperman is not saying goodbye completely, as he will remain closely involved as an advisor in the time to come. Jeroen Dubbeldam is hugely looking forward to his new position. "I'm not just taking over from anyone," Jeroen Dubbeldam laughs. "Frank Kemperman is perhaps the Olympic champion when it comes to organising equestrian events. I feel enormously honoured

to take over this task from him, I am well aware that the bar is high, and I am very much looking forward to it," Jeroen Dubbeldam responds. "Yes I was surprised though, I didn't see this one coming. I gave it a lot of thought, because if I'm going to do this I also want to be fully behind it. There is a professional organisation and a fantastic board with Anky van Grunsven as chairman. We have always had a good relationship, our careers ran together. In addition, Yvonne van Bergen, who has been in charge of the sports secretariat for many years, and Frank's son Joris will also have a bigger role. So I think we have a nice team together in that."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Jeroen Dubbeldam: "The Dutch Masters is solid as a rock and I am going to make sure that the world's best will be at the start every year"

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Bestronics Prizes to Gevers en Alting

Bestronics BV from Veldhoven is committed to the national dressage sport as a sponsor of the Z1 and Z2 dressage classes. A support that is of great importance for the basic sport, the stepping stone to the international stage.

The first class was won by Gianni Gevers with Macho van hof Olympia. The Z2 combinations entered the arena a little later and there it was Kim Alting with Frankie Lee the winner.



Professor Indian Rock on his way to World Cup final

Like a true professor, Indian Rock danced through the World Cup Grand Prix prize-giving ceremony under Emmelie Scholtens on Thursday. Today it is time for the cream of the crop, the FEI Dressage World Cup Freestyle presented by WeLoad Energy Systems. Starting with Isabell Werth, Charlotte Fry, and of course Emmelie Scholtens and Marieke van der Putten, it promises to be a wonderful afternoon. In the standings of the World Cup circuit, Emmelie Scholtens is the highest ranked of all Dutch dressage riders in tenth place. The World Cup freestyle in the Brabanthallen is the final qualifier for the World Cup final. WeLoad Energy Systems is presenting sponsor at The Dutch Masters for the first time.



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Catering

Between all the sports and activities, you can enjoy delicious food, a cosy drink, a glass of Taittinger champagne or a simple cup of coffee and cake. Maison van den Boer and Brabanthallen offer something for everyone. In Bistro Grand Slam you can enjoy a delicious lunch or a tasty dinner. Enjoy Italian classics such as beef carpaccio, caprese salad with burrata, pasta with truffle sauce, fennel risotto with salmon, osso buco or one of the irresistible desserts, among others. But you can also choose between delicious patisserie, sushi, food trucks, or Italian brasserie.



Party

To end a day at The Dutch Masters, you will, of course, do so at the bar in hall 4! Here you will be offered delicious snacks and drinks. The food trucks will be open until late. On Saturday evening at 11.30 p.m., Quido de Graaf will provide a great party there. A party you simply can't miss!



"My tactic is to start fast, go smooth and ride zero"

The Van Schijndel Bouwgroep Indoor Derby has been one of the highlights of The Dutch Masters for many years and is also on the programme tonight. Galloping along the corridor from one arena to another at breakneck speed, the trick is to be fast and clear. In any case, who will try to be fast is 'our very own' Brabant Piet Raijmakers Jr. The rider from Van Schijndel Bouwgroep has his sights set on a good ranking. "I'm always extra motivated for the derby, though. It's a tradition at this show, a lot of people look forward to it. It is a spectacle class, and I like that. It's about time I won it, I've had some good placings quite often but haven't won it yet. This year we're going for it again! My tactic is to start fast, go smooth and clear," Piet Raijmakers laughs. He saddles Van Schijndels Olaya for this class. "This horse did the derby for the first time last year. Then I made a mistake myself on the second-to-last fence. But we're not going to do that this year."

"Cum Laude does everything for food"

In the arena the riders shine, but behind the scenes it is the grooms who make sure horse and rider are in top form. What are the secrets of a groom and how well do they know their horse? We asked Katy Johns, Sanne Thijssen's groom. Katy was just planning to walk Cum Laude. "Sanne doesn't usually ride Cum Laude before a class, so I make sure he gets extra walks then. He has a lot of energy, but then he is also at his best. So to keep him fresh and happy, I walk him a lot." As it turns out, the big friendly giant has another speciality. "He loves snacks, especially carrots. Cum Laude will do anything for food." Also jumping faultlessly? "Yes I hope so!"



The Kids Masters

There will be all kinds of things to do in the Kids Masters arena and the GoSocial booth today. Pony rides, games, clinics, influencers and much more. The arena is located near the main entrance.



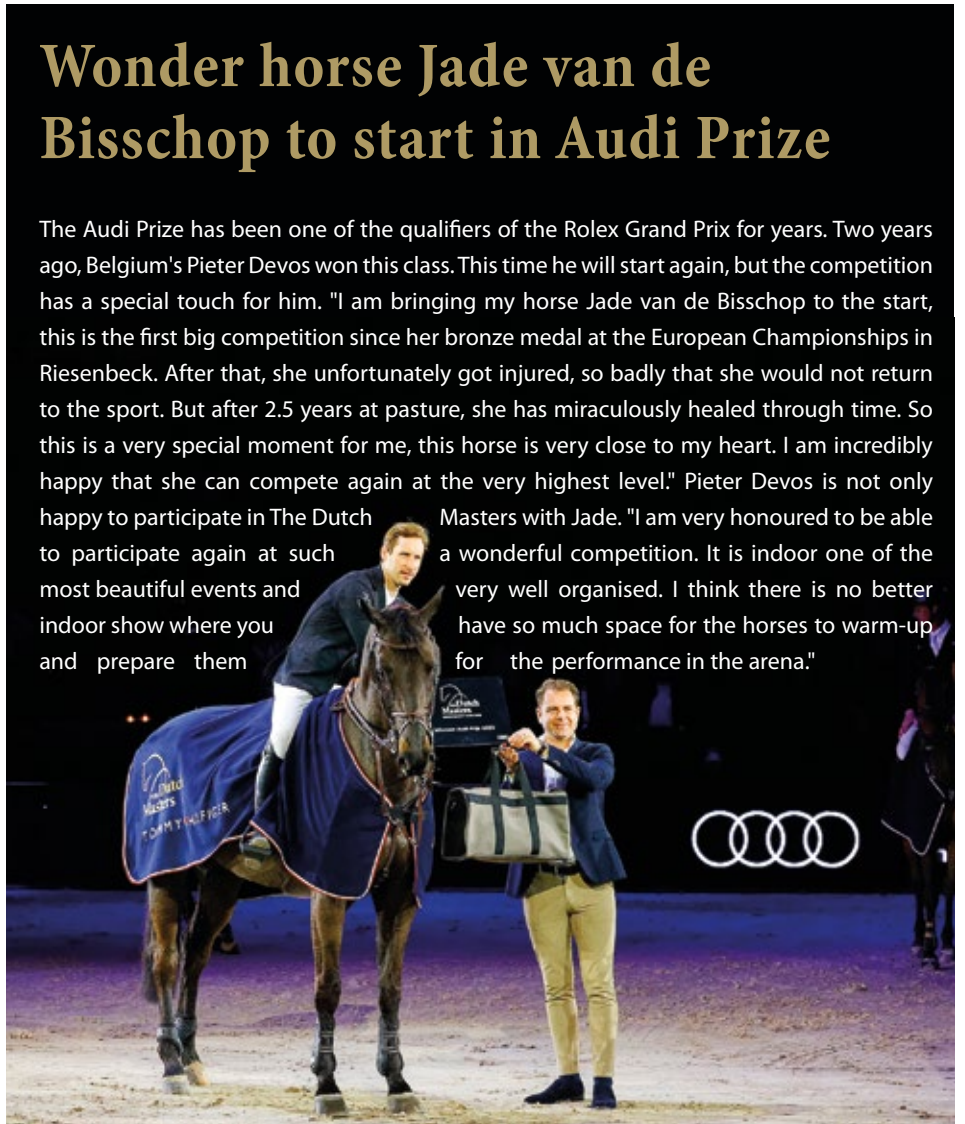


Late night shopping at Tommy Hilfiger!

It's late night shopping at Tommy Hilfiger tonight! Besides supplying clothing to the crew of The Dutch Masters, Tommy Hilfiger has a wonderful stand with an extensive clothing line including jodhpurs, riding jackets and show shirts for competition and daily training, as well as versatile hoodies, polo shirts, T-shirts and jackets. So after the last competition, you can do some great shopping.

Wonder horse Jade van de Bisschop to start in Audi Prize

The Audi Prize has been one of the qualifiers of the Rolex Grand Prix for years. Two years ago, Belgium's Pieter Devos won this class. This time he will start again, but the competition has a special touch for him. "I am bringing my horse Jade van de Bisschop to the start, this is the first big competition since her bronze medal at the European Championships in Riesenbeck. After that, she unfortunately got injured, so badly that she would not return to the sport. But after 2.5 years at pasture, she has miraculously healed through time. So this is a very special moment for me, this horse is very close to my heart. I am incredibly happy that she can compete again at the very highest level." Pieter Devos is not only happy to participate in The Dutch Masters with Jade. "I am very honoured to be able to participate again at such a wonderful competition. It is indoor one of the most beautiful events and very well organised. I think there is no better indoor show where you have so much space for the horses to warm-up and prepare them for the performance in the arena."



Prizegiving ceremony of the Equilibrium Prize-Grand Prix CDI3*



Winner Dinja van Liere (Vita Di Lusso) with Alessya Kaiser, director and founder AK Equine Swiss Spa BV and owner Equilibrium Stables. Equilibrium is the name of an exceptional equine spa in Brabant's Heukelom (Oisterwijk). They take care of injured horses of all disciplines and introduce the winning concept of Hydrotherapy and Body/Balance (Health) Management in conditioning healthy top competition and recreational horses.

