

# DAILY NEWS



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 10TH**

## PROGRAMME

*Programme and starting times are subject to change*

### MAIN ARENA

**09.30 Restaurant 't Zusje Prize**

Jumping Region Brabant, Ponies,  
with jump-off, DE 1.10m | DE 1.20m

**11.00 Show Britt Dekker**

**12.00 Borek Prize** - Jumping International,  
against the clock, 1.45m

**15.00 Rolex Grand Prix** - Springen

International with jump-off, 1.60m  
*Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping*

### ARENA 2

**10.00 Bestronics Prize** - Dressage Region  
Brabant, Ponies Z2 Freestyle

**12.30 Britt Dekker Kids Conference**

**14.00 Bixie jumping**

## SHOT OF THE DAY



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Isabell Werth:**

"This really is the best indoor show in the world, even the smallest details are right here"

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After his victory in the qualifier for the Rolex Grand Prix, Maikel van der Vleuten continued his good form in the NAB Bliksembeveiliging Prize with Kentucky TMS Z. In the picture, he receives congratulations from board member Onno Hoes and Wessel Verhoeven.



With a magnificent score of 76.360%, Marten Luiten won the CDI1\* freestyle, the Hengstenstation Van Uytert Prize, with Johnny this morning. Congratulations from Anky van Grunsven, show president, and Joop van Uytert.



Restaurant 't Zusje is sponsoring as many as eight classes at The Dutch Masters. A great support for the basic sport here in the Brabanthallen. Saturday afternoon there were three classes for pony riders. In the picture Valerie Rodenburg, winner of the class for B (0.70m) and C (0.80m) ponies and her pony Rocky with Gijs Bartels, board member, Juultje Smits and Kim Bouwman.



## 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.

At some prizegiving ceremonies, the winners will receive a bottle of Taittinger. But you can also enjoy a nice glass of champagne at the Taittinger stand in the promo village.





## Steve Guerdat: "It's time we won"

Rolex rider Steve Guerdat is ready for this afternoon, the prestigious Rolex Grand Prix and apotheosis of four days of top-class sport in the Brabanthallen. Steve Guerdat brings Dynamix de Belheme to the start with whom he became European Champion last summer. This 11-year-old mare has quite a track record in the Rolex majors alone. They finished fourth at the Rolex Grand Prix of Geneva last December, last year this top duo also finished fourth in their Rolex Grand Prix debut at The Dutch Masters. Last summer in Aachen, there was also a top ranking. "It's about time we won," smiles Steve Guerdat. "The Dutch Masters is a fantastic show and I always look forward enormously to being able to take part here. Everything looks perfect, and then when you come back the following year it's just improved again. This event always manages to surprise, no matter which door you come through it's fantastic how beautiful it is here. The sport is of the highest level and it is a fantastic venue to promote our sport." Steve Guerdat says it is also enjoyable for the horses. "In the stables it is super quiet. We have so much space to ride the horses loose and train in peace and quiet. The atmosphere in the stables is really lovely and quiet, which is so nice for our horses."

## The story behind the Rolex Grand Prix course

Louis Konickx has been a well-known and familiar face in the arena of The Dutch Masters for years and so too this year. However, the course to which the world's top riders will submit this afternoon does not come out of the blue. Creativity, guts and precision are some key ingredients. "Every year, when I start designing the course for The Dutch Masters, I am full of memories from past years. Over a week ago, Quintin Maertens and I put the planned course on paper. In our eyes, we had come up with a really beautiful course, but we soon realised that something was wrong, all the combinations were on the right hand side of the arena, and we could not change this without ruining the course. We soon found

a solution, and I think this is a special course. There is a rollback that I don't think you see in many courses. The riders jump a double and then make a tight turn back to another double. Quintin, who is much more precise in measuring than me, wanted to check that this turn can actually be ridden. On Tuesday, we went to the main arena to lay out the lines on the ground to make sure it could be done. It was really a relief to know it would work." How the jump-off is going to be, however, is still a surprise. "We have two jump-off options at the moment, so we still have to decide which one to use. I think it is a great honour for the riders to be here and I think they are excited to measure their horses against the best in the world."





## Club Indoor Brabant

CLUB Indoor Brabant is the friends and business network of The Dutch Masters-Indoor Brabant. An enterprising group which meets several times a year during special meetings culminating in an exclusive CLUB Indoor Brabant Skybox package during The Dutch Masters. By now, more than 90 companies have joined this network. More information can be found on the website of The Dutch Masters > Club Indoor Brabant.



## After 15 years, Ben Maher is back in Den Bosch

The current number two in the world, Ben Maher, has won many Grand Prix but never before has he managed to win one of the Rolex majors. "Thanks for the reminder of that," smiles Ben Maher. "I have been clear several times, but never before have I managed to win the Rolex Grand Prix." About his goal, he is clear: "I would not have come here from America if I am not going to do my stinking best to make a serious attempt. The horses are in good shape. I am starting today with Enjeu de Grisien, he is still a bit younger but he came second in Madrid World Cup and he won the London World Cup. So he is in good form and I think this track suits him well. As always, there are a lot of good riders taking part, but I will definitely do my best."

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