



Santiago Diaz Ortega continues his winning streak at the Morocco Royal Tour

El Jadida, Friday, October 16 - Competition continues at the El Jadida leg of the Morocco Royal Tour, featuring both CSI2* and CSI5*-W events. The highlight of the day, the 1.50m CSI5*-W Prix FBP, a qualifier for the Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, was won by Colombia's Santiago Diaz Ortega riding Jump For Joy.



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Uliano Vezzani certainly did not make things easy for the riders in the first qualifier for a CSI5* Grand Prix at the Morocco Royal Tour. Renowned for his technical courses, the Italian course designer had set a particularly challenging track, featuring two consecutive double combinations at fences 6 and 7, followed by a third at fence 11, where the plank on the way out proved to be the ultimate test.

Among the 50 horse-and-rider combinations on the start list, Colombia came out on top thanks to Santiago Diaz Ortega. Riding Jump For Joy, with whom he had already claimed victory in a class at the CSI04*-W in Rabat, the Colombian appears to be thoroughly enjoying the Moroccan tour and will undoubtedly be one to watch in Sunday's Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI. *"I am very happy with today's victory and grateful to my horse," said the winner. "Jump For Joy gave everything he had on a course that was far from easy. Although he is the horse I qualified with for the Grand Prix, he won't be competing in it. In fact, his weekend is already over. This is my third time competing at the Morocco Royal Tour, but it had been almost ten years since my last visit. I've always had it marked on my calendar, but for various reasons, I was never able to make it back. I'm delighted to be here again this year, and it's always a pleasure to experience the wonderful hospitality we receive."*

Italy's Roberto Previtali took second place aboard Conthargho-Blue (63.91 seconds), while France's Antoine Ermann finished third with Odin Van 'T Hanegoor (64.50 seconds).

SANTIAGO DIAZ ORTEGA... ALREADY MAKING HIS MARK

Just a few hours before his victory in the qualifying class, Colombia's Santiago Diaz Ortega was already making his mark. This time, riding Karajan JT Z, he claimed victory in the 1.45m CSI5*-W Prix INWI, stopping the clock at 25.60 seconds. Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Alsharbatly finished second aboard Boeckmanns Lord Pezi Junior (26.44 seconds), while France's Alix Rigot took third place with his stallion Gold Sky de Pégase in a time of 27.30 seconds.

MATCH MAROC - BELGIQUE DANS LE CSI2*

El Ghali Boukaa kicked off the second day of competition with a victory for Morocco in the 1.35m CSI2* Prix ONCF. Riding Real Music, he completed his round in 52.29 seconds. Belgium's Virginie Thonon finished second aboard Scope (55.11 seconds), while Boukaa also secured third place, this time riding Lamborghini TCS (55.18 seconds).

In the 1.40m CSI2* Prix ANCFCC, it was Belgium's turn to take the win, with Thierry Goffinet riding Kannan Dry B to victory in 61.44 seconds. Morocco's Abdelkebir Ouaddar finished second aboard Chacsara (61.98 seconds), while France's Cyril Bouvard took third place with Ibérique des Rondets (64.84 seconds).

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About the Morocco Royal Tour

Founded in 2010, the Morocco Royal Tour has established itself over the years as one of the leading circuits on the international equestrian calendar and remains the only show jumping circuit in the world staged over three consecutive weekends in three different cities. For more than fifteen years, it has embodied the Kingdom of Morocco's ambition to develop top-level equestrian competitions and secure a lasting presence on the international sporting stage. From its earliest editions, the Morocco Royal Tour has stood out for the quality of its venues, the excellence of its organisation and a strong identity that blends Moroccan equestrian tradition with international sporting standards. Over time, the circuit has continued to evolve, both sportingly and structurally, attracting year after year some of the world's leading riders and horses. The Tour's unique format is built around a coherent sporting progression across three complementary stages. It begins in Tétouan, at the Royal Guard Stud Farm, a symbol of the Kingdom's equestrian heritage. It then moves to Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom and home of the Royal Moroccan Federation for Equestrian Sports, notably host of the prestigious Nations Cup. The grand finale takes place in El Jadida, at the Exhibition Park, during the Salon du Cheval, with the Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI as the highlight of the circuit. Beyond competition, the Morocco Royal Tour is part of a long-term vision aimed at structuring and promoting the Moroccan equestrian sector. Through its progressive development, the continuous elevation of its competition levels and its unwavering commitment to excellence, the circuit actively contributes to Morocco's sporting, cultural and institutional influence on the international equestrian stage.



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