



Alix Ragot headlines the opening day of competition

Rabat, Thursday, October 8 – The Morocco Royal Tour continues with its second week of competition in Rabat, at the headquarters of the Royal Moroccan Equestrian Federation (FRMSE). France's Alix Ragot claimed victory aboard Serafina DBH Z in the CSIO4*-W Prix Wilaya de La Région Rabat Salé Kénitra, a qualifier for tomorrow's 1.55m Grand Prix.



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A total of 57 combinations lined up for the Prix Wilaya de La Région Rabat Salé Kénitra, a 1.55m speed class. Over a course designed by Spanish course designer Santiago Varela, France's Alix Ragot, riding his trusted 9-year-old mare Serafina DH Z, made his mark. Drawn 22nd to go, the French rider crossed the finish line in 67.74 seconds, setting a time that would remain unbeaten for the rest of the competition.

"I was a bit lucky, as two other riders were actually faster, but they both had four faults," admitted the winner after the prize-giving ceremony. "My mare is naturally very fast, so normally, as long as I don't make any mistakes, she's on the podium. In fact, she won her first 1.50m class right here in Rabat last year. I love coming to the MRT. I've had it marked on my calendar for several years now. It's a fantastic tour for developing horses, especially younger ones. Each leg is very different, giving them the opportunity to experience new environments and improve their ability to adapt."

Spain's Pello Elorduy Ibarzabal, riding Champenoise de Rampan, finished second in 68.89 seconds, while Germany's Harm Lahde completed the podium aboard Gsi Sir Dominator in 69.73 seconds.

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The CSIO4*-W could hardly have got off to a better start for Colombia's Santiago Diaz Ortega. Competing with two horses in the 1.40m two-phase class, he claimed both first and third place aboard Chasspleen Flamingo Z (28.01 seconds) and Karajan JT Z (28.53 seconds), respectively. Morocco's Majid Djaidi split the Colombian's two rides, taking second place with Amidam Tivoli Z (28.52 seconds).



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The opening class of the day, the CSI2* Prix ANCFCC, a 1.35m competition, went to Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Alsharbatly aboard Kanturo BH. France's Arthur Le Vot, riding Soho, finished second, followed by Morocco's Saad Jabri with Lonoire in third place.

To round off the day, the CSI2* Prix ONSSA, a 1.25m class held under the floodlights, saw Morocco's Ali Al Aharach claim victory aboard Teaser. His compatriot Ahmed Chraibi, riding Galoubet L, took second place, while Italy's Beatrice Palumbo completed the podium with Casarinta Blue PS.

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER PROGRAMM

8:3am: CSI2* 1.40m - Prix SNRT

12:15pm: CSIO4*-W 1.40m - Prix Administration des Douanes et des Impôts Indirects

3pm: CSIO4*-W 1.55m Grand Prix - Prix SAR La Princesse Lalla Amina

7pm: CSI2* 1.30m - Prix Avis

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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.

