



Morocco Royal Tour: A double for Simon Delestre in Tétouan

Tétouan, Friday, October 2, 2026 – The second day of competition at the Morocco Royal Tour delivered some top-class sport in the arena of the Royal Guard in Tétouan. The highlight of Friday's programme, the CSI4*-W 1.45m speed class – Royal Armed Forces Prize, a qualifier for Sunday's Grand Prix, brought together 50 horse-and-rider combinations.



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Simon Delestre wins the Royal Armed Forces Prize

France's Simon Delestre, always a formidable contender in speed classes, once again gave his rivals no chance. Riding Oh Sissi, a mare who has only just turned 10, he claimed victory in 66.81 seconds. He finished ahead of Colombia's Santiago Diaz Ortega with Jump For Joy (67.23) and Ireland's Niamh McEvoy with Jargon DN (67.29).

Simon Delestre: *"I'm delighted with this victory. Oh Sissi belongs to one of my students, and we have only competed together at a few shows. She is a very modern, fast mare with excellent technique, and I really believe she is destined for the highest level. I loved riding this course. Grégory Bodo always designs courses that are technical while remaining fair to the horses. I love competing here in Morocco; the quality of the facilities and the way the horses are welcomed and cared for really put this tour on another level."*

Grégory Bodo: *"The aim of this class was to design a course that would allow the horses to get into their stride. This qualifier was set at 1.45m, which is relatively low for a four-star qualifier, where the height is usually 1.50m. I'm pleased with the outcome because we had 16 clear rounds and all the horses jumped very well. The course combined the spirit of a speed class, with different options for the riders to choose from, with technical challenges, including a few particularly tricky fences."*

Sakia El Hamra Prize goes to France's Simon Delestre



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Earlier in the morning, Delestre had already had the French national anthem ringing out after claiming victory with Olga van de Kruishoeve. In the CSI4*-W 1.40m – Sakia El Hamra Prize, a two-phase speed class, he finished ahead of Morocco's Majid Djaidi with Ideale l'Herminiére. Belgium's Jérôme Guéry completed the podium with Hottonie de Kreisker.

Florent Jeannin wins the la Marche Verte Prize

Following the CSI4*-W classes, it was time for the CSI2* riders to take to the arena for the Green March Prize, a 1.35m speed class and qualifier for Sunday's Grand Prix. Among the 75 horse-and-rider combinations entered, France's Florent Jeannin came out on top with Chica de Bourguignon Z. Together, they completed the course in 62.29 seconds, narrowly beating Belgium's Virginie Thonon and Just The Way (62.67). France's Laura Klein finished third with Girocco de Jarsay (63.58).

Mohammed Al Ahrach rounds off the day with victory in the Zouada Prize



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In the final class of the day, the CSI2* 1.30m – Zouada Prize, Morocco's national anthem rang out thanks to Mohammed Al Ahrach, who claimed victory with Havane Danfer (55.32). Belgium's Inaya Paelinck with Bam' S Girl Z (55.93) and Morocco's Mohammed Amine El Omari with Holann du Vimage (56.92) completed the podium.

Saturday 3rd October program:

11:30 - PRIX GUERGARAT - CSI2* - 1.35 m

14:30 - PRIX TANGER MED - CSI2* 1.40m

17:00 - PRIX MAROC VERT - CSI4* - W 1.45m

19:00 - PRIX FÊTE DE L'UNITÉ - CSI4* - W 1.50m

The Morocco Royal Tour will continue to build towards Sunday's CSI4-W Grand Prix of Tétouan, the sporting highlight of this opening leg of the Tour.

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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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