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## DISCOVER THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE DINARD HIGHLIGHTS

Under the radiant Breton sun and in front of a full house, the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard 2025 delivered an afternoon of elite sport and unforgettable moments at the Jumping International de Dinard, a Rolex Series event. The legendary Val Poree arena was buzzing with energy as 38 of the world's best riders (out of 41 on the starting list) took on the CSI5\* 1.60m class, designed by Jean-François Morand.

To qualify for the jump-off, riders had to deliver a clear round over a demanding 13-obstacle, 16-effort course — and the tension was palpable from the very first rider.

Alexa Ferrer (FRA), Friday's CSI5\* 1.55m winner, was first to go with Caetlin vd Heffrick Z. Despite a confident round, she picked up 4 faults. Marc Dilasser (FRA) followed and produced the first clear with Anoto du Gevres, opening the door to a potential jump-off.

Nicolas Delmotte (FRA), 2017 Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard winner, came heartbreakingly close — finishing clear on the jumps, but just 0.20s over the time allowed, earning 1 time penalty. Richard Vogel (GER), reigning European Champion and winner of three CSI5\* classes this weekend, also recorded 4 faults in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard — a clear sign of how demanding the course truly was. It wasn't until rider #18, José Antonio Chedraui Prom (MEX) aboard Haraminka P, that the crowd saw a second clear — and the jump-off was on. Nina Mallevaey (FRA) followed with a gutsy clear on Dynastie de Beaufour, sending the home fans into celebration.

Max Kühner (AUT), Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard winner in 2023, secured his jump-off spot with EIC Daloubet. He was joined by Ignacio Maurin (ARG) & Conchado, Henrik von Eckermann (SWE) (world no.3) & Steely Dan, Harrie Smolders (NED) & Mr Tac (formerly ridden by Victor Bettendorf), and Aaron Vale (USA) & Carissimo 25.

### The Jump-Off: A Race for Glory

Marc Dilasser set the tone with a double clear in 41.54s, putting the pressure on the remaining contenders. José Antonio Chedraui Prom also went double clear, though slower in 43.49s.

Then came a moment of brilliance from Nina Mallevaey, who rode a tight, aggressive track — despite losing a stirrup near the end — to stop the clock in 40.64s and take the lead.

Henrik von Eckermann delivered a stylish round in 41.78s, slotting just behind Marc Dilasser. But it was Harrie Smolders who really upped the tempo, taking the lead with 40.51s.

And then... the final rider.

Aaron Vale (USA), all power and precision with Carissimo 25, blazed through the course with a fearless ride and took the win in a blazing 38.77 seconds — crowning himself the new king of Dinard.

### Final Podium:

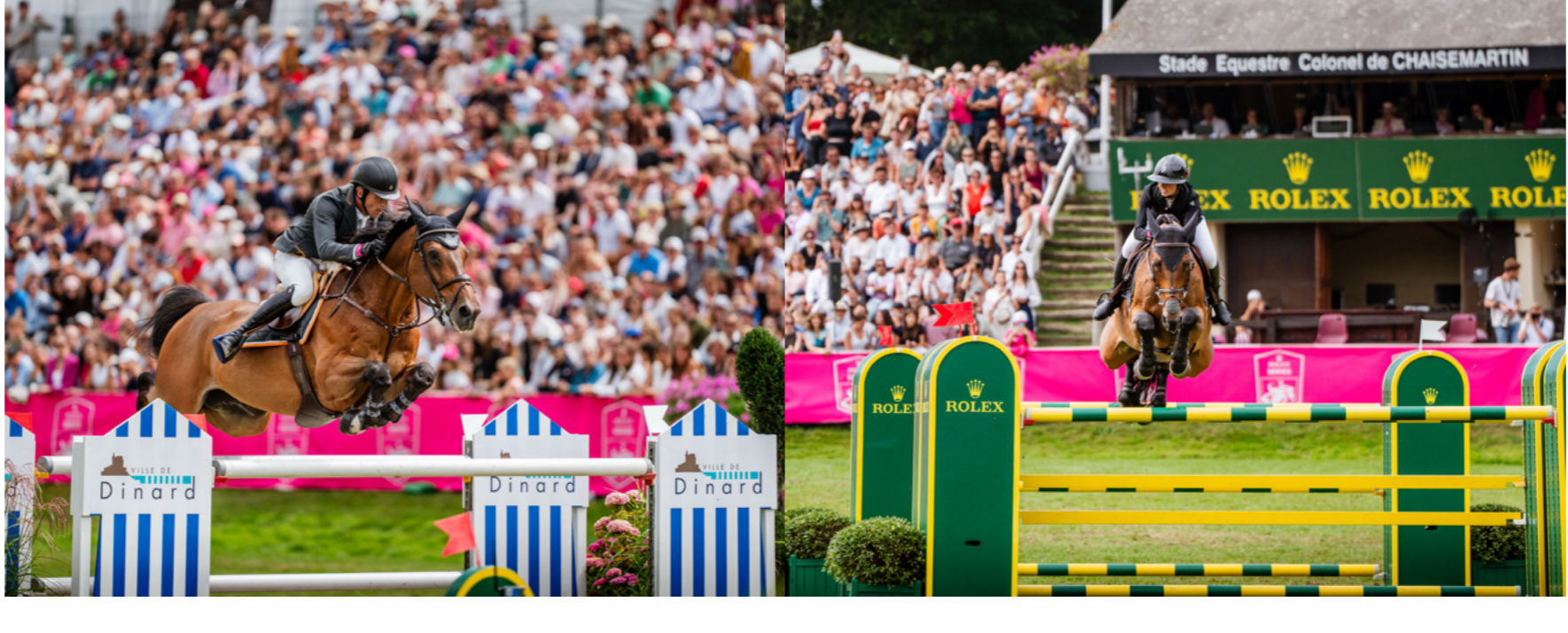
Aaron Vale (USA) & Carissimo 25 – 0/0 – 38.77s

Harrie Smolders (NED) & Mr Tac – 0/0 – 40.51s

Nina Mallevaey (FRA) & Dynastie de Beaufour – 0/0 – 40.64s

A standing ovation closed this spectacular Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard, a fitting finale to four unforgettable days of sport, sunshine, and show jumping in Dinard.

### RESULTS



## VOICES FROM THE PODIUM: EMOTION, STRATEGY AND ATMOSPHERE

The Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard 2025 will long be remembered for its world-class performances and electric atmosphere. After a thrilling jump-off, Aaron Vale (USA) claimed victory aboard Carissimo 25, ahead of Harrie Smolders (NED) and Nina Mallevaey (FRA). After the class, the three podium finishers shared their impressions.

### Aaron Vale (USA): "I felt the door was open – and I went for it"

Back in Europe after a short stint in the U.S., Vale didn't expect such a fairytale ending:

"There wasn't any special preparation. I competed in America, on footing very similar to Dinard's, which helped a lot. I hadn't shown Carissimo 25 for a few weeks, but our groom did an incredible job keeping him in top shape." Asked if he believed he could win:

"You never know until the last round. I watched Nina — she's fast and wins everything. Then Harrie took the lead, but I felt I had a shot. I just had to stay clear and go full throttle. And it worked."

On Dinard:

"This place is magic. The atmosphere, the people, the setting — it's just unreal. It feels like a stadium built for horses and show jumping. The slope of the arena, the way the crowd gets involved... it gives you adrenaline before you even ride."

### Harrie Smolders (NED): "Mr Tac is a very competitive horse — and this crowd makes it even more special"

Smolders, world no.19, once again proved his consistency at the highest level:

"Mr Tac belongs to the Megret family and is really part of the team. He's such a competitive partner. He was second in another Grand Prix two weeks ago, and again today, I'm very proud."

Speaking about Dinard:

"The Rolex Grand Prix here is always very special. Amazing footing, amazing crowd. The whole series creates incredible memories for us as riders."

### Nina Mallevaey (FRA): "In France, the energy hits differently"

The young French rider delivered a stellar double clear on Dynastie de Beaufour, thrilling the home crowd:

"The atmosphere in France is unique. Even before I started, people were cheering — it gave me chills! That kind of energy gives you both pressure and confidence."

On her mare's season:

"Dynastie was incredible in Aachen. We thought carefully before bringing her to Dinard, checked her after Aachen, and she came back fresh. I'm really glad we decided to come."

About the Rolex Series:

"These are the most beautiful shows in the world — for horses, riders, even the public. We're lucky to have one in France. Dinard is definitely my favourite stop."

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## NEXT EVENT : RDS DUBLIN HORSE SHOW ! THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX OF IRELAND

With the curtains now closed on an unforgettable edition of the Jumping International de Dinard, the spotlight shifts to the next event of the **Rolex Series**: the **RDS Dublin Horse Show**, held from **August 6 to 10, 2025**, in the heart of Ireland's vibrant capital.

Since its very first edition in **1864**, the RDS Dublin Horse Show has grown into a true national treasure — blending equestrian excellence with world-class hospitality and a uniquely festive atmosphere. Each summer, **tens of thousands** of fans from Ireland and beyond gather at the historic **RDS Arena** for five days of competition, celebration, and iconic style.

The show features over **168 national and international classes**, culminating in one of the most prestigious moments in the global show jumping calendar:

**The Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland – Sunday, August 10 at 3:00 p.m.**

As part of the Rolex Series, this Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland will welcome the world's best horse-and-rider combinations to compete for glory in front of a passionate crowd.

The RDS Dublin Horse Show offers something for everyone — whether you're a lifelong equestrian or just discovering the magic of the sport.

The summer of elite sport continues. All eyes now turn to Dublin.

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- Wellington International - Rolex Finale Week, March 25-30, 2025
- CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena, May 21-25, 2025
- Jumping International de La Baule - Officiel de France, June 5-8, 2025
- Falsterbo Horse Show, July 10-13, 2025
- Jumping International de Dinard, July 24-27, 2025
- RDS Dublin Horse Show, August 6-10, 2025
- Brussels Stephex Masters, August 27-31, 2025



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Each of the Rolex Series competitions reflects Rolex's unwavering commitment to excellence, all having a deeply rooted history in equestrianism, capturing the tradition of the sport while embracing innovation with a continuous drive for improvement.

The introduction of the Rolex Series reflects the brand's ongoing support for equestrianism and its mission to unite and inspire. By being part of the group of competitions that make up the Rolex Series, each event will be distinguished as one of the best competitions in the world while also maintaining their unique and historic identities.