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BRUSSELS STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AHEAD OF THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY AUDI

The 2025 Brussels StepheX Masters, the final event of the Rolex Series 2025, has once again underlined its reputation as one of the most prestigious venues in international show jumping. With its unique blend of elegance, energy, and top-level sport, the Grand Place Arena has already delivered home triumphs, and world-class performances in the lead-up to Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi.

Thursday opened with the CSIO's^{*} presented by Equihome (1.50m – Table A against the clock), the first qualifier for the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi. In a class that saw 15 clear rounds and an electrifying jump-off, Great Britain's **Ben Maher** and his trusted mare *Ginger-Blue* proved untouchable, clinching victory in a lightning-fast 66.05 seconds. Belgian hero **Jérôme Guery** and *Careca LS Elite* delighted the home crowd with second place in 67.93, while **Omar Abdul Aziz Al Marzooqi** (UAE) and *Chacco Bay* claimed third in 68.44.

Friday was a day of double highlights. In the afternoon, the spotlight turned to the CSIO's^{*} Henders and Hazel Nations Cup presented by STX Finance (1.60m), the second qualifier for Sunday's Grand Prix. Ten nations lined up in the opening round, with only eight advancing to the decisive second. In front of an electric crowd, **Team France** emerged victorious with a total of just 4 penalties, followed by **Belgium** (9) and **Switzerland** (12), after a gripping contest that went down to the very last rider.

The evening brought further excitement with the CSIO's^{*} presented by StepheX Horstrucks (1.55m – Table A with Jump-Off), another crucial qualifier for the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi. From a field of 11 jump-off contenders, Swiss superstar **Steve Guerdat** (Rolex testimonee) and *Lancelotta* stole the show, stopping the clock in 36.33 to secure the win. Belgian rider **Emilie Conter** produced a brilliant double clear at home to take second, while Olympic bronze medalist **Cian O'Connor** (IRL) and *Canbella Blue PS* rounded out the podium.

With world-class sport already on display throughout the week, the stage is perfectly set for Sunday's **Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi** – the thrilling climax of the 2025 Rolex Series.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RIDERS: WHO WILL SHINE IN BRUSSELS

The countdown is on for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi, where the world's best will go head-to-head in Brussels. Among the 50 qualified riders are Olympic champions, rising stars, and home favorites – all determined to leave their mark on one of the sport's most prestigious stages. From seasoned legends to the next generation of talent, the line-up promises an unforgettable showdown.

- **Steve Guerdat (SUI)** – Rolex Testimonee, Olympic Champion, World No. 4
- **Ben Maher (GBR)** – World No. 2, triple Olympic champion
- **Cian O'Connor (IRL)** – Olympic bronze medalist and home favourite.
- **Nina Mallevaey (FRA)** - World No. 1, French Champion, podium in the Rolex Grand Prix of Rome
- **Daniel Deusser (GER)** - Rolex Testimonee, Rolex Grand Prix winner in La Baule 2025 and Aachen 2021
- **Gilles Thomas (BEL)** - Individual bronze medalist European

GRÉGORY BODO SET TO SHAPE SUNDAY'S ROLEX GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY AUDI

Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi will be designed by **Grégory Bodo**. Known for his technical precision, creativity, and ability to balance fairness with difficulty, Bodo has crafted tracks at the very highest level – including the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Riders and fans alike can expect a demanding yet spectacular test in Brussels.

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THE PHILIPPAERTS BROTHERS ON THE BRUSSELS STEPHEX MASTERS : "A SHOW WE CAN BE PROUD OF"

For Belgian riders **Nicola** and **Oliver Philippaerts**, the Brussels StepheX Masters a Rolex series event is far more than a competition – it is a landmark event that has shaped their careers and their sport.

Nicola remembers the early days: "The first time I went to Brussels was many years ago, for the very first edition at Stéphane Conter's home. From the start, it was a fantastic show, and it has improved so much over the years that it has become one of the biggest events in the world. To have something like this in Belgium, I think we can be really honoured."

Oliver reflects on how far the event has come: "From the beginning it was already an exceptional experience, but especially in the last two years, when we all moved to the big grass arena with the full stadium, I think the show has reached the next level. Today it truly ranks among the best in the world, and I can see it continuing for the next 15-20 years as one of the sport's greatest events."

For Nicola, the magic lies in the atmosphere: "The event is a true experience. There are so many classes, so much atmosphere, and the highest level of sport. Anybody can come – young people, older people – it's a real family event."

Olivier agrees, highlighting its originality: "If you have to explain the Brussels StepheX Masters, it's a very unique experience, but also a very new concept. It's something we had never seen before in our sport, and that's what makes it so special."

As they prepare to shine in front of their home crowd, Nicola and Oliver agree on one point: the Brussels StepheX Masters has grown into an event that Belgium – and the entire sport of show jumping – can be proud of.

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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 - Official de France, June 5-9, 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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The Rolex Series brings together seven of the world's most respected equestrian competitions, each supported by Rolex. These seven historic events are now united under the banner of the Rolex Series and all share several distinctive qualities, with each globally recognized event offering some of the finest infrastructures and facilities, centuries-old traditions, the highest level of competition, and have been won by the greatest riders in the history of the sport.

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.

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