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de DINARD 5★**

THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE DINARD TAKES CENTRE STAGE

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Following three days of outstanding competition on the historic Val Porée grass arena, all eyes now turn to the highlight of the week: the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard, taking place on Sunday, 2 August at 2:45 p.m.

As the fifth event of the 2026 Rolex Series season and with the FEI World Championships in Aachen later this month, the Jumping International de Dinard has once again lived up to its reputation. Thousands of spectators have packed the venue throughout the week, witnessing world-class sport as many of the world's finest horse-and-rider combinations have gone head-to-head on one of show jumping's most iconic grass arenas.

Each day's competition has provided riders and horses with a valuable opportunity to showcase their form, while spectators have enjoyed a succession of top-level performances. The exceptional standard of competition has set the perfect stage for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix.

A total of 41 of the world's best horse-and-rider combinations will line up for one of the most prestigious outdoor Grands Prix of the season. Open to all CSI5★ athletes competing in Dinard, the competition requires no separate qualification, ensuring a field of exceptional depth and

quality. Contested over 1.60m under Table A, with one round against the clock followed by a jump-off against the clock, the class promises another spectacular contest on the legendary Val Porée arena.

Designed by renowned French course designer Jean-François Morand, the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard will once again test precision, scope and speed on the grass arena that has challenged generations of champions.

On Sunday afternoon, only one rider will succeed Aaron Vale and Carissimo 25, winners of the 2025 edition, and add their name to the distinguished roll of honour of the Jumping International de Dinard.

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THE WORLD'S ELITE SET THE TONE AHEAD OF THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX

Thursday's opening CSI5* class, the Prix Les Estivales de l'Équitation (1.45m), immediately confirmed the exceptional level assembled in Dinard. Henrik von Eckermann (SWE) delivered a flawless performance aboard Glamour Girl to claim victory ahead of Victor Bettendorf (LUX) and Gudrun Patteet (BEL). With 24 fault-free combinations completing both phases, the week got underway with a remarkable display of top-level sport.

Friday's CSI5* highlight, the Prix Mars & Co (1.55m), produced another memorable contest. Lillie Keenan (USA) and Kick On emerged victorious after a spectacular jump-off, finishing ahead of Ben Maher (GBR) and Pedro Junqueira Muylaert (BRA), as the world's leading riders once again thrilled the crowds on the iconic Val Porée grass arena.

Saturday's Prix Key Player (1.50m) saw Ben Maher (GBR) continue his impressive week in Dinard. Partnering Ginger Blue, the British rider produced the fastest clear round of the day to take victory ahead of Julien Anquetin (FRA) and Gudrun Patteet (BEL). With only six fault-free rounds from 31 starters, the competition once again illustrated the outstanding depth of talent on display ahead of Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard.

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ALL EYES ON THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE DINARD

Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard will bring together one of the strongest fields of the outdoor season, with many of the sport's biggest names already making their mark on the historic Val Porée grass arena.

Among the leading contenders is Henrik von Eckermann (SWE), who opened the week in style by winning Thursday's Prix Les Estivales de l'Équitation aboard Glamour Girl. World No. 2 Richard Vogel (GER) has once again demonstrated the speed and consistency that have established him among the sport's elite, while World No. 4 Ben Maher (GBR) heads into Sunday's feature class on the back of an outstanding week, following his runner-up finish in Friday's Prix Mars & Co and victory in Saturday's Prix Key Player with Ginger Blue.

Another rider to watch will undoubtedly be Steve Guerdat (SUI). The Swiss Olympic champion has been one of the most consistent performers throughout the week, recording two fourth-place finishes in CSI5* competition.

Fresh from his memorable victory in the Rolex Grand Prix in Falsterbo, Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and James Kann Cruz will also be among the leading contenders as they look to add another Rolex Grand Prix title to their record.

American rider Lillie Keenan (USA) arrives with momentum after her victory in Friday's Prix Mars & Co, while the home nation will be looking to shine in front of its supporters. Julien Anquetin (FRA) has confirmed his excellent form with a runner-up finish in Saturday's Prix Key Player aboard Farah Tame, while Mégane Moissonnier (FRA) has also impressed throughout the week, finishing tenth on Thursday before securing fifth place in Friday's feature class with Glamour du Lys.

With so many leading combinations already producing outstanding performances in Dinard, the stage is set for a thrilling Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard.

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SHANE SWEETNAM TARGETS ROLEX GRAND PRIX GLORY

Fresh from his memorable victory in the Rolex Grand Prix of Falsterbo, Shane Sweetnam arrives in Dinard aboard James Kann Cruz, convinced his horse is reaching peak form at exactly the right time ahead of Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de Dinard.

“James feels in great form. He jumped really well on Friday and I’m very happy with where he is at the moment. We’ve had good experiences here in Dinard before, finishing second in the Rolex Grand Prix in 2023, so it’s a venue we really enjoy.”

Choosing not to contest Friday’s jump-off after producing a clear round, the Irishman explained that the decision was entirely focused on Sunday’s feature class.

“We decided not to do the jump-off today to keep him fresh for Sunday. The crowd here is amazing every day, but especially for the Grand Prix, and hopefully we can produce the same kind of form we had in Falsterbo. You always need a little bit of luck, but we’re looking forward to it.”

Winning a Rolex Grand Prix has long been one of the biggest ambitions of Sweetnam’s career, and his recent success in Falsterbo remains a particularly special milestone.

“It was one of the biggest successes of my career. Winning a Rolex Grand Prix is always a goal. We’d come close a few times before, so to finally achieve it was incredibly special.”

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- CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena | May 27-31, 2026
- Jumping International de La Baule - Officiel de France | June 11-14, 2026
- Falsterbo Horse Show | July 8-12, 2026
- Jumping International de Dinard | July 30-August 2, 2026
- Gallagher Dublin Horse Show | August 5-9, 2026
- Brussels Stephex Masters | August 26-30, 2026

ABOUT THE ROLEX SERIES

The Rolex Series brings together seven of the world's most iconic showjumping events, each of them supported by Rolex. The pinnacle of each of these events is the Rolex Grand Prix, where the best horses and riders in the world compete for seven of the most coveted Grand Prix-titles in the sport of showjumping.

United through the Rolex Series, which was launched in 2024, these seven unique events all have their own distinctive qualities but also share certain common denominators. Firstly, each of the events that are part of the Rolex Series honours the heritage and traditions that so uniquely characterize the sport of showjumping. Furthermore, the venues that make up the series many of them with a rich equestrian history offer facilities and infrastructure which are globally renowned. The seven venues are also all especially valued for their highly enthusiastic and knowledgeable spectators who create an unparalleled atmosphere known to make horses and riders perform at their absolute best.