



SVĚTOVÝ POHÁR V PARKUROVÉM SKÁKÁNÍ FEI WORLD CUP SHOW JUMPING

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CSI3*-W OLOMOUC COURSES DESIGNED BY STAR COURSE DESIGNER VEZZANI

The course designer Ulliano Vezzani is one of the world's top show-jumping course designers. His courses can be seen for example within the Global Champions. Czech audience was able to see his work for the first time in December 2018 at the Prague PlayOffs. This year they will see it as well at the J&T BANK CSI3*-W Olomouc.

The World Cup in Olomouc enters its 6th year and riders and spectators have a lot to look forward to again. The world known top course designer Ulliano Vezzani, who is one of the world leaders in his field, has agreed to design the courses. As he is Italian, he designs every course with almost artistic passion. For his work he uses his previous experience from his earlier show-jumping career, when he was riding Luciano Pavarotti's horses as well as very good relationships with riders.

During the first three years of the international event in Olomouc (2014 until 2016), the courses were designed by German Olaf Peterson. He also works worldwide and designs courses at the most prestigious events such as Olympic Games or the World Equestrian Games. After three years he was replaced by his compatriot Peter Schumacher, who was the course designer for two following years, in 2017 and 2018. The organizers made this choice mainly on the basis of excellent references from riders.

"Every one of the course designers has his own style, his unmistakable signature. Like a writer for example. For me, as a rider, was a very good experience to ride courses designed by Olaf Peterson as well as by Peter Schumacher. The courses tested the horses well and always were at a very good level within each tour. According to my experience, recently the courses are ridden in a faster pace, the obstacles are built more airy, and venues pay good attention to the footing. I have not ridden course designed by Ulliano Vezzani yet, so I am very much looking forward to this opportunity. I dare to say that there is no better course designer nowadays," said Radovan Cibere, the home rider from the Equine Sport Center in Olomouc, who participated in all previous World Cups in the metropolis of Hana.

However, from the very beginning, there is one more essential man in the show-jumping arena in Olomouc and that is Robert Smekal. He is the home course designer at the Equine Sports Center and participates in all show-jumping events. Within the World Cups he works in the role of assistant course designer. "It is a great honor to work alongside the best course designers in the world. Their ideas, practice and precision are great experience for riders, spectators and sponsors. For five days of J&T BANK CSI3*-W Olomouc World Cup, the attention will be focused mainly to the arena therefore everything must work perfectly there. I am convinced that World Cup Olomouc will be a great experience for everybody again," said Robert Smekal.

Details on J&T BANK CSI3 *-W Olomouc World Cup program can be found at the www.csiolomouc.cz. Information on all other events at the Equine Sport Center is available at www.escolomouc.cz.

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- Abbreviation CSI3*-W: concours de saut international – international show-jumping event, category 3 stars (1 to 5 stars) with competition included in the World Cup – W (world), other abbreviations: J (juniors), YR (young riders), YH (young horses)
- ESC Olomouc – equestrian venue Equine Sport Center in Olomouc Lazce, put into operation in 2013
- J&T Banka – general partner of the event.