



SVĚTOVÝ POHÁR V PARKUROVÉM SKÁKÁNÍ FEI WORLD CUP SHOW JUMPING

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OLOMOUC SHOW-JUMPING WORLD CUP WILL BE BUSY. THREE HUNDRED HORSES COMING

Three hundred horses from sixteen countries are coming to Olomouc for the international show-jumping event J&T BANKA CSI3*-W World cup. The organizers expanded the program by one day and new Elite Tour. That will open the doors to new riders in the senior category.

The first course will be built in the Equine Sport Center in Olomouc on Wednesday, June 19th. The event will run for five days until Sunday, June 23rd and will offer four senior tours, competitions for young horses, junior riders and young riders up to the age of 25. The most difficult courses will await riders within the Diamond Tour that will culminate on Sunday with the Grand Prix included in the World Cup. In addition, success in this competition will help participants on their way to this year's European Championships, possibly to the Olympic Games hosted in 2020 by Tokyo.

More than hundred and twenty riders with over two hundred horses are entered in the three-star level. Many of them return to Olomouc every year. One of those is German rider Jörne Sprehe, who managed to win the FEI World Cup twice already, in 2016 and 2018. Her compatriots Andreas Brenner and Thomas Holz will repeatedly present themselves to the Olomouc audience. Italian national federation is sending numerous team. For example, Davide Kainich, is returning to Olomouc after competing here few times previously. Polish colors will be represented by Maksymillian Wechta, Jaroslaw Koziarowski or Michal Kazmierczak. Almost complete national team will come from Slovakia. On the starting lists we will find names such as Robert Pal, Igor Sulek, Radovan Still or Radovan Cibere. Representatives of the exotic countries who included the Olomouc meeting in their calendar include Abdullah Alsharbatly from Saudi Arabia, Korean riders Boseon Kim and Manjun Kwon or Richard Gardner from New Zealand who is no newcomer among the J&T BANKA CSI3*-W riders. The flag of Russia, Romania, Greece, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Slovenia or Switzerland will also fly above the stands.

Fans will be most interested in the performance of home riders. They can look forward to the national team member Ondrej Zvara, who qualified for the jump-off in last year's Grand Prix. Likewise Marek Klus who was successful in the main competition 2018, will not be missing. He placed second with Carison ahead of Ondrej Zvara riding Quimer M. Rudolf Dolezal, Jan Stetina, Vladimir Tretera or Zdenek Zila will also arrive. There will be a total of 50 Czech riders competing.

Junior CSIJ attracted fifteen competitors. Home colors predominate. Czech Republic will have all top riders competing in this age category. Junior riders can fulfill the qualifying criteria for the European Championships in the Grand Prix. We will see Sofie Najmanova, Mariana Michlickova, Linda Portychova, Valentyna Kukova or Sara Vingralkova. Austria, Poland, Germany and Slovakia are sending their representatives as well.

There is also European Youngster Cup in the schedule and it's highlight is Grand Prix that serves as the direct qualifier to the finals. The final will take place in Salzburg in December this year. In addition, the young riders up to the age of 25 can also qualify for the European Championships in Olomouc. Czech riders Tina Salkova, Katerina Kucerova, Sofie Najmanova and Valentyna Polachova will try to qualify to the finals. Riders from Slovakia, Austria and Poland will be their competition.

Italian star course designer Uliano Vezzani will prepare total of twenty-four courses. Details about the program can be found at www.csiolomouc.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.