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LA BAULE, FROM 10 TO 13 MAY 2007

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CHAMPIONS LINED UP FOR LA BAULE

16 major champions, totalizing 38 champions titles (Olympics, world, European and World Cup), will be starting at the Jumping Officiel de France next Thursday on the 10th May.

And who better than 45-year-old German rider Ludger Beerbaum, who has won 11 of those 38 titles! His shoulders are big enough to carry them but above all he has a cool head and tactful legs, having won them with 6 different horses. He is the undisputed KING of the past twenty years even if there are plenty of young riders challenging him such as his compatriots Marcus Ehning or Marco Kutscher – his student – who is starting to seriously keep him on his toes. In the meantime, Beerbaum is currently 3rd in the world FEI- Gandini ranking, looking for a 4th European title with one of his two new hopes, Couleur Rubin or Enorm, who will be performing for the La Baule crowd before the European championships in Mannheim next August.

Among these champions there are three French riders: Michel Robert (who is almost 60), Hubert Bourdy (who is in his fifties) and Éric Levallois (who is in his forties). France also has high hopes from its talented young riders: Simon Delestre, Julien Épaillard, Olivier Guillon and Kevin Staut. From the 10th May, the wonderful outdoor grass of the François André stadium will be ready to welcome a benchmark performance, and maybe start a journey that will allow them to go down in the history of world show jumping.

Starting at the Jumping Officiel de France, in La Baule:

Individual Olympic champions

- 1992, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Classic Touch) in Barcelona
- 2000, Jeroen Dubbeldam (Hol, De Sjiem) in Sydney

Team Olympic champions

- 1988, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, The Freak) in Seoul
- 1992, Piet Raymakers (Hol, Ratina Z) in Barcelona
- 1996, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Ratina Z) in Atlanta
- 2000, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Goldfever) in Sydney
- 2000, Marcus Ehning (Ger, For Pleasure) in Sydney
- 2004, Beezie Madden (USA, Authentic) in Athens



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World individual champion

- 2006, Jos Lansink (Bel, Al Kaheel Cumano) in Aachen

World team champions

- 1982, Michel Robert (Fra, Idéal de La Haye) in Dublin
- 1990, Hubert Bourdy (Fra, Morgat ENE) in Stockholm
- 1994, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Ratina Z) in The Hague
- 1998, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Priamos) in Rome
- 2002, Éric Levallois (Fra, Diamant de Semilly) in Jerez
- 2006, Piet Raymakers (Hol, Van Schijndel's Curtis) in Aachen
- 2006, Jeroen Dubbeldam (Hol, BMC Up and Down) in Aachen

European individual champions

- 1997, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Ratina Z) in Mannheim
- 2001, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Gladdys) in Arnhem
- 2003, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Goldfever 3) in Donaueschingen
- 2005, Marco Kutcher (Ger, Montender) in Mannheim

European team champions

- 1985, Nick Skelton (GB, St James) in Dinard
- 1985, Michael Whitaker (GB, Warrenpoint) in Dinard
- 1987, Nick Skelton (GB, Apollo) in St Gall
- 1987, Michael Whitaker (GB, Amanda) in St Gall
- 1989, Nick Skelton (GB, Apollo) in Rotterdam
- 1989, Michael Whitaker (GB, Mon Santa) in Rotterdam
- 1993, Piet Raymakers (Hol, Ratina Z) in La Baule
- 1997, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Ratina Z) in Mannheim
- 1999, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Champion du Lys) in Hickstead
- 2001, Jessica Kuerten (Ire, Bonita) in Arnhem
- 2003, Ludger Beerbaum (Ger, Goldfever) in Donaueschingen
- 2003, Marcus Ehning (Ger, For Pleasure) in Donaueschingen
- 2005, Marcus Ehning (Ger, For Pleasure) in Mannheim

Winners of the individual World Cup title

- 1984, Mario Deslauriers (Can, Aramis) in Gothenburg
- 2001, Markus Fuchs (Swi, Tynka's boy) in Gothenburg
- 2003, Marcus Ehning (Ger, Anka 191) in Las Vegas
- 2006, Marcus Ehning (Ger, Sandro Boy) in Kuala Lumpur
- 2007, Beat Mändli (Swi, Ideo du Thot) in Las Vegas

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