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PRESS RELEASE

German Jumping and Dressage Derby - It was never so worthwhile

Hamburg - Tradition, equestrian sport at the highest level and an exceptional flair are the strengths of the German Jumping and Dressage Derby from May 1st - 4th in Hamburg. This year there is a cherry on the cake. Hamburg's cult equestrian event is a CSI5*/CSI4* and the sporting significance of the show is underscored with a total of 737,00 Euro in prize money - second to no previous Derby.

With this, the oldest and probably best known German equestrian event will simply be one of the most valuable in the Olympic year 2008. Two factors play a role: The RIDERS TOUR, that will again be holding their first stage in Hamburg, will be distributing 150,000 Euro solely at the 79th German Jumping and Dressage Derby. With the integration of the GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR the Grand Prix of Hamburg will be a 300,000 Euro international jumping competition. And the total budget of the German Jumping and Dressage Derby from May 1st - 4th has climbed to 2.3 million Euros.

It is possible that the investments from last year have contributed to the high evaluation of the facility and event. The redevelopment of the Derby ring through the City of Hamburg brings the investors an exceptional top sport event. It is expected to stay this way in the future and therefore the initiators of the GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR,



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represented by Jan Tops of the Netherlands, did not hesitate when they agreed to and signed a 5 year contract with Derby organizer Volker Wulff and his partner Paul Schockemoehle.



What has raised a certain attention in the horse show scene also leads to logical considerations: Hamburg isn't a desired location just by chance - the RIDERS TOUR has held a station at the Derby Park regularly since 2001 while the sport, the public and the business and social scene of the cosmopolitan city have brought it an excellent reputation. Here there is enough place for a further highlight in the international jumping sport.



What, when, where?

The fans of the event packed with tradition can look forward to an unbelievably exciting weekend of sport. It will begin Thursday with the first qualification for the German Jumping Derby and in the afternoon the Mercedes-Benz Championat of Hamburg will follow. The winner can look forward to a brand new Mercedes and the top 5 from the Championat can "reach for further stars" on Saturday, while they are also qualified for the Grand Prix of Hamburg.

Friday is the day of important decisions: Who will qualify for the 79th German Jumping Derby presented by Tchibo on Sunday afternoon and can start the hunt for RIDERS TOUR points? The Deutschen Kreditbank Prize offers 20,000 Euro in prize money, is also the second qualifier for the German Jumping Derby, and raises the question - was the performance good enough or not? Only a few 100 meters away from the course is the dressage ring where the



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qualification for the German Dressage Derby is held to decide who will be changing horses Sunday by the 48th German Dressage Derby. The best 3 riders from the Grand Prix will be entering the Final to take part in the legendary battle for the Derby winner's blue band.



The temperature is rising...

...when the faces are somewhat paler, look a little tight and there is little conversation at the warm up ring. Then it's Saturday and it's an important day at the Derby Park. The Speed Derby is the first best mark. The speedy version of the derby has become extremely popular and creates a lot of excitement on the tribunes. This excitement will continue because the Grand Prix of Hamburg, GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR presented by CN/CN WorldWide, will start directly afterwards. The difficult class will have 2 rounds and a jump off and offers 300,000 Euro in prize money. The winner alone can look forward to 100,000 Euro prize money. Hamburg is the second station of the series after Doha, Qatar.



At the dressage ring the horses and riders will be invited "to dance" in the Grand Prix Kur and later on piaffe, passage and pirouettes are the highlights of the Grand Prix Special.

Derby Time is...

...on Sunday. Tchibo presents the German Jumping Derby for the fifth time since 2004. The Derby is over 1230 meters long with 17 jumps, designed and developed 88 years ago by Eduard F. Pulvermann, that have created an unparalleled derby course that serves as an example for derby courses around the world. There is a



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lot at stake: A title that the winner carries with them for life -
Derby winner is a permanent title that never receives an ex before
it. Prize money totaling 150,000 Euro, while the 79th German
Jumping Derby is the first stage of the RIDERS TOUR, and don't
forget the first valuable 20 points.



„My horse, your horse!“ - that plays no role in the 48th German
Dressage Derby, while the riders change horses as always and see
the public nine times as the challenge of the horse ride-off requires.
In 2007 it was Ellen Schulten-Baumer from Rheinberg, Germany who
was celebrated, and a few hours later it was Andre Thieme who
celebrated on the Derby course. There will be lots of reasons to
celebrate in 2008....

Information over the show classic in Hamburg Klein Flottbek can be
found at www.engage.de under the category Events.

To order tickets please call +49 (0) 40 - 82 64 22 (Monday to
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