



# FRECCIAROSSA MILANO JUMPING CUP

## FOURTEEN NATIONS, 175 RIDERS WITH 240 HORSES

Milan flies higher and higher. The message dominating the Frecciarossa Milano Jumping Cup's advertising campaign is loud and clear: the 2022 edition aims for the sky

*Milan, June 16<sup>th</sup>* - The rise in the international sporting scene of the **Frecciarossa Milano Jumping Cup**, the great international event focused on show jumping, continues at a fast pace. The entire competitive aspect is on the rise, with an eye on the 2023 **European Championships** that the International Equestrian Federation has decided to assign precisely to the historic Milanese facility .

The **Snai San Siro Racecourse** opened its gates to international horse shows for the first time in July 2021 and did so with the great style that has always distinguished it, despite the penalising restrictions imposed by Covid regulations.

In the heart of the racing facility, at the centre of the tracks, an organised complex of last generation equestrian sports arenas was created, designed and built following the advice of top international experts.

### RISING NUMBER OF COMPETITORS AND 'TOP RIDERS'

Milan's great show is confirmed by the number of participants and by the names of top-class riders who will be competing from June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Compared to the first edition, this event has moved up to 4\* level with total prizemoney amounting to 250,000 euros (100,000 more than last time) and with **14 nations** competing (compared to 10 in 2021) - Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and of course Italy – for a total of **175 riders and 240 horses**.

The 'top riders' competing will certainly include Switzerland's **Steve Guerdat**. The London 2012 Olympic champion will arrive in Milan with the odds stacked in his favour and a desire to celebrate in the best possible way his very recent 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

There will be eight of his compatriots backing him up in the CSI4\* including an exceptional competitor as is **Pius Schwizer**, who together with Guerdat was a member of the Swiss team that, after 26 years, won the Nations Cup at the St. Gallen CSIO just a fortnight.

Important German riders instead include the winner of the 2021 Rolex Grand Prix in Rome, **David Will**, who will also be carefully watched in view of the excellent results he has achieved in recent weeks (first in the Wiesbaden and München-Riem Grands Prix), while remaining on the subject of important wins in Italy, Belgium will be able to rely on **Abdel Said**, winner of the World Cup Grand Prix at Jumping Verona in 2916 when he was still competing for Egypt.



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Austria is fielding **Stefan Eder**, also a winner this year of the Grand Prix at the Montefalco 4\* show while Great Britain is sending **Joe Whitaker**, nephew of the famous John and Michael.

Italy has 38 riders in this CSI4\* and among them there are some of Italian show jumping's recently successful stars such as **Emilio Bicocchi**, **Luca Marziani**, **Bruno Chimirri** and **Emanuele Gaudiano**. Gaudiano is determined to confirm his status as the top winner among Italy's riders and increase the 46 international wins achieved so far this season.

Other Italian riders also include **Omar Bonomelli** and **Paolo Pains** who together with Bicocchi and Chimirri formed the Italian team that won the Nations Cup in Athens two weeks ago and **Valentina Isoardi** – who turned 30 yesterday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – riding Favina after her success in winning a class at Piazza di Siena.

Italy will also be able to rely on **Filippo Marco Bogni**, another extremely competitive rider who will pull out all the stops in trying to win in the Milanese grass arena, **Fabio Broto**, **Carla Cimolai** once again riding Berlino Z with whom she won the Milan Grand Prix last year, **Luca Maria Moneta**, **Filippo Codecasa**, **Ludovica Minoli**, **Roberto Turchetto**, **Roberto Previtali** and **Massimo Grossato**, winner of the San Remo Grand Prix last Sunday. There will also be the 'forever young' **Roberto Arioldi** (born in 1955) and star rider **Alberto Zorzi** who returned to Italy a few months ago after his long and fruitful experience in Jan Tops' stables in Holland. Brothers **Guido and Eugenio Grimaldi** will be riding as will Bruno's young daughter **Elisa Chimirri**.

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