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David Arcand Dominates \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix at Ottawa Summer Tournament

Ottawa, Ontario – David Arcand of Boisbriand, QC, won the \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix on Sunday, July 14, to close out the two-week Ottawa Summer Tournaments at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON.

For the second week in a row, Arcand led the grand prix victory gallop. Hot off

his win in the \$50,000 Brookstreet Grand Prix on July 6, Arcand and Phil v/h Wezelse Heihoeve were again double clear to take victory in the \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix.

Nick Granat designed a course on Wesley Clover Parks' grass grand prix field that saw three competitors jump clear and qualify for the all-deciding jump-off. First back for the short course was U.S. competitor Maggie Jacobs of Mount Vernon, OH, who had an unfortunate stop at the first fence on course. A nice recovery couldn't stop the time faults from adding up on the clock, leaving her in eventual third place riding Clyde VA, a 15-year-old Holsteiner stallion (Caretino 2 x Quintero) owned by Pony Up Sportshorses Ltd.

Arcand was next to challenge. Despite his horse losing a shoe mid-

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David Arcand of Boisbriand, QC, riding Phil v/h Wezelse Heihoeve won the \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix on Sunday, July 14, at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON.
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

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Team Canada's Paris 2024 Equestrian Jumping Team Unveiled

TORONTO (June 26, 2024) - Equestrian Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee have announced the roster of Team Canada equestrian jumping athletes nominated to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Athlete: Erynn Ballard

Hometown: Tottenham, Ont.

Horse: Nikka vd Bisschop

Owner: Rein Family LLC

Groom: Clémence Rességuier

Athlete: Mario Deslauriers

Hometown: Venise-en-Québec, Que.

Horse: Emerson

Owner: Wishing Well Farm LLC / Mario Deslauriers

Groom: Stefanie Walchuk

Athlete: Amy Millar

Hometown: Perth, Ont.

Horse: Truman

Owner: Millar Brooke Farm LTD. & Overlund

Groom: Daniel Ingratta

Alternate Athlete (Travelling):

Athlete: Tiffany Foster (Langley, B.C.)

Owner: Battlecry

Horse: Artisan Farms

Groom: Kaytlyn Brown

To be eligible to participate in the Paris 2024 equestrian competitions, the selected athlete-horse combinations must have achieved the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MER) at selected events during the qualification period. The athletes each qualified for Team Canada based on their performance results during the jumping qualification period of Jan. 1, 2023 – June 24, 2024.

43-year-old Ballard, who is currently the second highest-ranked female show jumper in the world, has been representing Canada on Nations Cup teams since 2006. Her first time riding for Team Canada at a Major Games came at the Lima 2019 Pan American Games. Paris 2024 will mark her Olympic debut. She has seen an impressive career surge in the months leading up to being nominated

to Paris 2024. In May, she won her first-ever 5* Grand Prix title. She then recorded 11 podium finishes in 4* and 5* Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) competitions, with six instances of taking both first and second place.

"Every young athlete dreams of going to the Olympics, so this is really a dream come true," said Ballard. "This is more than just a dream for me. This year belongs to everyone that has supported me and believed in me my whole career. I was able to qualify four horses with four different owners, but only one horse can go. This belongs to everyone. I have an exceptional team behind me and I couldn't do it without them. To all the horses and all the people that have made this a reality, thank you."

Paris 2024 will mark the veteran Deslauriers' fourth Olympic Games appearance, having made his Olympic debut at Los Angeles 1984, where he finished fourth in both the individual and the team jumping events. Also in

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way around the jump-off course just as he had done one week earlier. Arcand left all the rails in place before stopping the timers in 40.47 seconds with one challenger still to come.

Stephanie Gallucci of Toronto, ON, had the final say riding Calle 67, a 15 year-old Westphalian gelding (Carell x Capitalist) owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC. When a rail rolled out of the cups at the second element of the RBC double combination, followed by another rail at the final fence, the win once again went to Arcand. "My plan was to do a clear efficient round," said Arcand, 34, of his approach to the jump-off. "I lost a shoe again this week after num-

ber two. My horse loves the grass, so he jumped well anyway."

With back-to-back grand prix victories, the future is bright for Arcand and "Phil."

"I cannot ask for more; he's been amazing," said Arcand of the nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood stallion (Cornet Obolensky x Mr. Blue) that he purchased two years ago. "He is still going to improve every year. He's such a careful horse, he needs a bit more time to develop. It's just about the mind. When they're careful like this, they get worried because they don't want to touch a jump. He's getting better every year. We'll go step by step. I don't want to rush him, but I want to bring him to the highest level."

Between his own and those of his students, Arcand brought a total of 16 horses from his Santos Stables to compete in the second week of the Ottawa Summer Tournaments. A popular competition venue, the facility was filled to capacity with those eager to compete at Wesley Clover Parks.

There's more show jumping still to come this season with the CSI5*/CSI2* Major League Show Jumping Ottawa from August 21-25 and the Ottawa National which runs September 12-15. First-rate hospitality will be offered during three days of Major League Show Jumping Ottawa in August. Tickets and tables are available for purchase at www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/hospitality. Spectator tickets are also available for MLSJ Ottawa in August. To purchase, visit www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/spectators.

For more information on the Ottawa



U.S. competitor Maggie Jacobs placed third riding Clyde VA in the \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

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\$50,000 RBC Grand Prix - Sunday, July 14, 2024

- Rider / Hometown / Horse / Faults / Time
1. David Arcand / Boisbriand, QC / Phil v/h Wezelse Heiboeve / 0.0 / 40.47
 2. Stephanie Gallucci / Toronto, ON / Calle 67 / 0.8 / 42.07
 3. Maggie Jacobs / Mount Vernon, OH / Clyde VA / 0.18 / 58.03
 4. Paul Halpern / Saint Anne des Plaines, QC / Esra / 4
 5. Darrin Dlin / Okotoks, AB / Buddy Bounce / 4
 6. Amanda Harris / King City, ON / VDL Maverick / 4
 7. Jay Hayes / Mono, ON / Hope VA / 6
 8. Marie Messier / Laval, QC / Chacco Mio Al Khair Z / 8
 9. Lauren Hayes / Mono, ON / Londra / 13
 10. Francois Lamontagne / St-Eustache, QC / Chanel du Calvaire / 16

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ances over the qualification period with his Olympic partner and "super mare" Hot Bobo. Starting with Canada's first win since 1992 at the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event, Slezak took the top spot in the Cosequin® Lexington 4*-S in April 2023. The pair then went on to win team gold at Santiago 2023. They also came out on top in the CCI4*-S division at the MARS Bromont CCI, the final qualifying event of the season. Slezak will make his Olympic debut with Hot Bobo at Paris 2024.

"I am overwhelmed with excitement and gratitude with our selection for the Olympics. This lifelong dream would not have been possible without the unwavering support of so many incredible people who have stood behind me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Hot Bobo and I hope to do you proud. Go Canada!"

Paris 2024 will mark Phoenix's third Olympic appearance after having competed at London 2012 and Rio 2016. Phoenix was named to the Tokyo 2020 team, but was unable to compete because of an injury to horse Pavarotti. Winter will return to the Olympic stage for the first time since Beijing 2008. He also competed at Athens 2004.

Team Canada has previously earned one Olympic medal in each discipline, a team dressage bronze at Seoul 1988, as well as a team eventing

bronze at Melbourne 1956 (when the equestrian competitions were held in Stockholm, Sweden).

"Both the dressage and eventing teams worked hard to get us here with team bronze and gold medals at the Pan American Games, and we are looking forward to the next step for them in Paris," said James Hood, Director of High Performance at Equestrian Canada. "With a support team on the ground with significant Olympic experience amongst them, both teams will have the opportunity to perform at their best. As part of the team around the team, the owners and supporters will also be in place at Games and at home to cheer on Team Canada! We are very appreciative of all the help we have received from coaches, owners, grooms/staff and families that make this possible."

The Château de Versailles will be host to all equestrian disciplines from July 27 to August 6 (Day 1 to 11) beginning with eventing, which will run July 27-29 followed by dressage from July 30 to August 4.

Team Canada's dressage and eventing teams join the jumping team that was announced on June 26. "Congratulations to Team Canada's dressage and eventing teams nominated to compete at Paris 2024," said Bruny Surin, Team Canada's Paris 2024 Chef de Mission. "This sport is the embodiment of partnership and grace. With the iconic Versailles as the backdrop, I can't wait to cheer on the teams as they create elegant performances and overcome all obstacles swiftly and with pride."



Toronto's Stephanie Gallucci took second in the \$50,000 RBC Grand Prix riding Calle 67 for owner Artemis Equestrian Farm. Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography





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