

# FEI™ RANKINGS UPDATE

## FEI Rankings Monthly Update – December 2023



*Henrik von Eckermann during the FEI Jumping European Championship 2023 in Milano (ITA) - © copyright FEI/Liz Gregg*

The FEI oversees around 70 Rankings and Standings across all the disciplines, from World Rankings calculated on a monthly basis for Athletes, Horses and/or combinations, to league, team and regional based standings for Series such as the FEI World Cup™ and FEI Nations Cup™, as well as a variety of youth categories, among others.

You will find below a snapshot of the main movers and shakers for the month of December 2023 in the senior World Rankings, as well as a special spotlight on the FEI Eventing World Athlete Ranking for this month's special "Ranking Spotlight".

## **Longines Rankings: Ben Maher closes the gap with Henrik von Eckermann**



Henrik von Eckermann (SWE) maintains his position at the top of the Longines Rankings for yet another month (3386 points). However, the gap separating him from second-placed rider, Ben Maher (GBR), has narrowed to just 136 points, the smallest lead for the Swede in recent months. In just one month, Britain's Ben Maher has reduced the difference with Swedish leader by 258 points, thanks to impressive performances including a second-place finish in the Madrid leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™. It's worth noting that just seven months ago, von Eckermann achieved the largest-ever recorded lead on the runner-up, with 593 points separating him from then second-placed rider Julien Epailard (FRA).

USA's Kent Farrington (USA) holds on to third place for second month in a row, with 3119 points, while Swiss riders Steve Guerdat (3037 points) and Martin Fuchs (2945 points) switch positions in the fourth and fifth places, respectively. The same goes for Julien Epailard (2928 points) and the American McLain Ward (2895 points), who occupy the sixth and seventh positions, while Simon Delestre (FRA) and Max Kühner (AUT) maintain their eighth and ninth positions, with 2754 and 2740 points respectively. Shane Sweetnam (IRL) closes the top 10, climbing one position with 2715 points.

## **FEI Dressage World Ranking - Athletes: Jessica von Bredow-Werndl remains No.1**

No major changes in the top 5 for the Dressage World Ranking for Athletes during the last month. Von Bredow-Werndl (GER) remains at the top with the same 2197 points. Charlotte Fry (GER) consolidates her second place and Nanna Skodborg Merrald (DEN) holds her third place. Charlotte Dujardin (GBR) and Isabell Werth (GER) complete the top 5, occupying the fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

## **FEI Dressage World Ranking - Horses: Glamourdale chases down TSF Dalera BB**

While Jessica von Bredow-Werndl leads the Athlete Ranking, her mare TSF Dalera BB still dominates the Horses' Ranking, accumulating 2197 points. Nanna Skodborg Merrald's Gelding Blue Hors Zepter climbs back into second place with 2034 points, closely followed by Imhotep, Charlotte's Dujardin's Gelding (2024 points). Glamourdale, Charlotte Fry's black stallion and former number 1, has stepped back into fourth place with 2007 points, while DSP Quantaz retains the last spot in the Top5.

## **FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings: Great Britain continues to dominate the Top Ten with Oliver Townend leading the pack**

For the third consecutive month, British rider Oliver Townend remains at the top of the Eventing Ranking, with the same 569 points he had a month ago. As has been customary in recent months, the British contingent boasts seven athletes within the Top 10. Alongside Townend, Rosalind Canter closely follows in second place with 546 points, Tom McEwen in fourth, Harry Meade in fifth, Piggy March in sixth, Wills Oakden in seventh, and Laura Collett in tenth.

The only non-British athletes in the Top 10 are the American Boyd Martin in third place, Tim Price (NZL) in ninth place, and the standout in the December ranking, the Frenchman Maxime Livio, who climbs nine positions to secure eighth place.

## **FEI Driving World Ranking - Four-in-Hand / Pairs / Singles: Exell, Hölle and Houtappels-Bruder remain at the top**

All three Driving Rankings have the same leaders as last month: Kelly Houtappels-Bruder (CAN) remains at the top of the Singles discipline on 72 points, two months after unseating Mario

Gandolfo (SUI). Meanwhile, Boyd Exell (AUS) and Martin Hölle (HUN) continue to maintain their strong leadership of the Four-in-Hand and Pairs Rankings respectively.

### **FEI Endurance Open Riders: Montagne climbs to top spot**

Julia Montagne (FRA) is the new leader of the Endurance Ranking with 1438 points. Her compatriot Melody Theolissat is now second, chasing the top spot closely with 1292 points, while Nicolas Ballarin (FRA) is sitting comfortably in third place (1034 points). Costanza Laliscia (ITA) and Gil Berenguer (ESP) hold fourth and fifth places, respectively.

### **FEI Para Dressage World Individual & Team Ranking: Rihards Snikus, a solid leader**

Rihards Snikus (LAT) continues to lead the Para Dressage Rankings, a position he earned a few months ago, with 1678 points. Meanwhile, Sara Morganti (ITA) successfully holds on to second position on 1630 points, while Kate Shoemaker (USA) remains in third. In the Team Ranking, it's the Netherlands who still dominate the leaderboard with a total of 1327 points. The USA is now second (1321 points), while Germany follows closely on 1313 points.

### **Ranking Spotlight**



Maxime Livio (FRA) has made a remarkable entrance into the Top 10 of the FEI Eventing World Athlete Rankings. Following an exceptional month, the French athlete has risen nine positions, marked by impressive achievements, notably securing victory in Montelibretti (ITA). With a total of 381 points, Livio not only attests to his outstanding performance but also secures a coveted position in the Top 10, marking his first inclusion in recent months.

*Image: Maxime LIVIO (FRA) and API DU LIBAIRE at the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ 2022 in Haras du Pin (FRA) – Copyright © FEI/Massimo Argenziano*

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