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## D-15 for the very first «Le Grand Complet» in Le Pin (FRA)

CIC3\*-W / CIC2\* / CIC1\*

Riders are coming from all over Europe and sometimes even farer, for instance from Qatar or Hongkong. But the British squad remains the most important delegation, thanks to the ferries which will bring them in Cherbourg, not far from Le Pin. While riders and grooms are preparing, free workers of the organizing committee are making their best to prepare everything for the opening day on 18 August.



### 18 countries on start

For its premiere in the Haras du Pin, in the south of Normandy, «Le Grand Complet» soaks up! No less than 60 riders will participate to the HSBC FEI Eventing Worldcup stage, which will be the only event in France. Among them, the audience will have the good luck to admire the current European Team Champion and world number one in eventing Oliver Townend (GBR) - picture opposite -, the Olympic Team Silver Meddalists Lucinda & Clayton Fredericks (AUS), who are faithful to the show since many years, Paul Tapner who offered a stunning victory to Australia in the mythical CCI4\* of Badminton this year, (ci-contre), the Team Bronze Medallist at the 2008 Olympics Mary King (GBR), and the icing on the cake, the living legend Mark Todd (NZL).

**A total of 18 countries will run in Le Pin: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Great-Britain, Hongkong, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA and France.**

Le Grand Complet – Haras du Pin represent an important step in many riders' season. Firstly, this competition will allow them to earn some precious points for the general ranking of the HSBC FEI Eventing Worldcup. Secondly, «Le Grand Complet», the only CIC3\*-W organized this year in France, makes a whole of an ultimate preparation few weeks before the World Equestrian Games of Lexington (USA), scheduled from 25 September to 10 October.

### The last chance for the French riders

More than piting their strength to some of the best riders of the world, the French riders will have to fight against the others if they want to join the French eventing team which will participate to the World Equestrian Games of Lexington (USA). « It will be the last step of our selection process for this major achievement » as explains Laurent Bousquet, the French chef d'équipe. « All the members of our A list, including Didier Dhennin, will start in the HSBC FEI Eventing WorldCup stage to defend their opportunity to travel to Lexington. » Of course, besides these 13 top French riders, many others are expected at Le Grand Complet. « I've asked some riders to participate to the CIC2\* in order to prepare the CCI4\* of Burghley (GBR) one week later. That will help them to be in the right pace for this main event» Laurent Bousquet said.

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