

Largest and cosiest equestrian driving-festival, "Menindoor Nijkerk 2019" festively closed.

People sometimes ask: "Where is the party?", that party was last weekend in the beautifully decorated hall of Riding School Luxool, where driving club "De lange Boom" organised a world-class event, the Menindoor Nijkerk!

During this three-day driving spectacle, 190 participants appeared at the start in six different categories, all of them competing for the coveted starting tickets of the final, which was ridden on Saturday evening, November 2. Of the six categories, only the forty-six fastest participants would appear at the start of the Finals.

On Saturday morning the audience came in and the stands were filled all day long, an hour before the start of the final the crowd was blown to bits, the first final battle had already started, this time by the audience looking for a nice seat or standing place in the stands.

The singles pony category was the first to start with ten finalists on this final evening, followed by ten singles horse drivers, seven horses pair finalists, four participants with tandem ponies combinations, ten finalists pony pairs and the race was concluded with five four-in-hand pony drivers.

The finalists didn't care about winning this exciting battle, they took risks, that worked out well for some, but for others it cost penalty points due to elements driven off. Not only the participants, but also the horses gave everything to cross the finish line the fastest during the exciting final. It was a hundredths of a second, the excitement could be cut, but there was so much sportiness among the participants and the frenzied audience. In the course three nationalities appeared at the start and in the stands the Dutch, Belgians and Germans judged arm to arm for all the finalists, what a wonderful togetherness!

For 2019 it's all over again but Riding School Luxool and Menclub De Lange Boom are looking forward to seeing you back at the Menindoor 2020 next year on the 5th, 6th and 7th of November!

The total results can be found at: <http://menclubdelangeboom.nl>

The podium places:

Single Pony:

- 1: Marissa Schuiling
- 2: Kristof Piccart
- 3: Demi Brink

Single horse

- 1: Bas de Koning
- 2: Bernie Damen
- 3: Pieter Karelse

Horse pairs:

- 1: Gerard Hoeksma

2: Marcel Marijnissen

3: Albert Hooyer

Tandem Pony's:

1: Egbert-jan De Vries

2: Jorn Kuipers

3: Nick van der Sypt

Pony pairs:

1: Frans Marijnissen

2: Mandy Van Delft

3: Gijs Van Veluw

Pony's four-in-hand:

1: Gerco Van Tuyl

2: Hendrik-jan Beekhuiszen

3: Marijke Hammink

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