**Frankie Dettori to Receive 2015 Longines World’s Best Jockey Award**

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Although it was a close competition for most of the year, Italian-born, British-based jockey Lanfranco “Frankie” Dettori has defeated North America’s Victor Espinoza and England’s Ryan Moore for the title of 2015 Longines World’s Best Jockey.

Dettori won five of the world’s Top 100 Group or Grade 1 races, and four of those—the Investec Derby, Coral-Eclipse, QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes, and Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe—came aboard Golden Horn, Europe’s Horse of the Year. His other top victory came in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot with Undrafted.

Scoring for the award credits jockeys for finishing in the top three, and Dettori’s mounts also finished second four times and third four times in qualifying races. Dettori had the most top three finishes of any jockey, and it was that remarkable consistency that helped him win the title with a total of 100 points.

Espinoza and Moore tied for second, finishing with 90 points, while France’s Maxime Guyon finished close behind in fourth with 88 points. Moore, who was injured for part of the year, won the inaugural Longines World’s Best Jockey Award in 2014. The full and final standings can be found at [www.ifhaonline.org](http://www.ifhaonline.org).

Dettori will be recognized at a ceremony held during the gala dinner of the Longines Hong Kong International Races, 11 December 2015 at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. It was a banner year for the rider, who also notched Group 1 victories in such races as the Prix de Diane Longines, Darley Prix Morny, and Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes.

The awarding of the Longines World’s Best Jockey is based upon performances in the 100 highest-rated Group 1 and Grade 1 races as established for the year by the Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings Committee. The scoring incorporates races from 1 December of the previous year until 30 November of the current year. Jockeys accrue 12 points for a win, 6 points for placing second, and 4 points for placing third.

This system and the presentation of the Longines World’s Best Jockey Award were both established in 2014. It marked the first time a jockey was quantitatively recognized as the best among his or her global peers.

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