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Gold in the Palace Park of Versailles for fischerChipmunk FRH
by Contendro/Heraldik xx and Michael Jung.

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OLYMPIC CHAMPION CHIPMUNK FRH

With inspiring rounds, fischerChipmunk FRH and Michael Jung have become Olympic Champions in eventing. This makes the 16-year-old bay the second Hannoveraner after Kibah Tic Toc to win gold in the "crown of riding" almost a quarter of a century ago in Sydney. Michael Jung's third victory was also a victory for the history books.

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In the palace park of Versailles, the Contendro/Heraldik xx son fischerChipmunk FRH and Germany's Michael Jung laid the foundation for the gold medal with a personal best performance in the dressage and a fantastic, clear-round in the cross-country course. "There was a great crowd in the cross-country course, cheering on everyone. The atmosphere was incredible. I was thrilled with Chip's performance and how focused he was. He was in such good form and really fast throughout the course," enthused Michael Jung. Even a pole down in the first jumping competition couldn't stop the two of them, but it made the decision extremely exciting. "I had to look at the board twice to make sure everything was okay," said Michael Jung after his triumph. "Chipmunk is a horse with so much talent and highly versatile. On top of that, he has a great character! It was really impressive to feel his suppleness and energy in a positive way."

Chipmunk's breeder Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff from Behlmer followed the Olympic eventing from home with his entire family, as three sick horses in the stable had made the trip to Paris impossible. "It was just beautiful! We all had tears in our eyes," he says, and goes on to explain that Michael Jung has already asked about young horses from Chipmunk's damline. "To breed an Olympic horse is every breeder's dream. If you then get a medal, it's the best thing – that's why you do it. The great thing is that many people share in such a success and everyone can be happy," says Michael Jung. By the way, fischerChipmunk has had the name affix FRH of the Supporter's Club for Hannoveraner Sport Horses since he won the Bundeschampionat in 2013, at the time still with Julia Krajewski in the saddle.



Sixth place in the Olympic eventing: Falco by Cardenio/Weinberg and Tim Price.

The second Hannoveraner was Falco by Cardenio/Weinberg (breeder: Norbert Nowak, Haren), who, with Tim Price from New Zealand, worked his way up from twelfth place after dressage to an outstanding sixth place. Given his pedigree, the 15-year-old managed two clear-rounds in the show jumping course. Shadow Man (BWP), in whose pedigree the Wendepunkt son Weltmeyer Wundermeyer can be found, won silver with Australian Christopher Burton, behind fischerChipmunk FRH. Bronze went to the Holsteiner London and British Laura Collet, for whom gold seemed within reach as "overnight leader" before show jumping. After the German team had to give up all their medal dreams after Carjatan S and Christoph

Wahler were eliminated, the favored British team won ahead of the hosts from France and the surprise third-place finishers from Japan. ☺

Forever Jung: the third individual gold for Michael Jung.



FREESTYLE DANCES TO TEAM SILVER

The performances of Mount St John Freestyle and Danish rider Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour were eagerly awaited. The spectators were not disappointed. The pair took the victory in the Grand Prix Special by almost two points and fought hard to win team silver behind Germany in a thrilling final.

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Flynn FRH by Fahrenheit/Sir Oldenburg and Flore de Winne were the best pair in the Belgian team in fifth place.

With two top results in Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special, the Fidermark/Donnerhall daughter Mount St John Freestyle and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour were among the most impressive performers in the Versailles dressage arena. After

Competing at the Olympics for the second time: Quater Back Junior FRH by Quaterback/Bonheur and Nicolas Wagner-Ehlinger.



second place in the Grand Prix, they even beat the eventual Olympic champions TSF Dalera and Jessica von Bredow-Werndl in the Special. With this outstanding performance, the Danish trio came dangerously close to the Germans, and in the end they took the well-deserved silver medal ahead of the highly-rated British team. The Mount St. John stud farm had discovered Freestyle at the 2009 Verden Foal Auction. "I am glad that Freestyle came into such good hands back then. That was only possible through Verden!" said breeder Stephan Kurz from Zöbingen in the Ostalbkreis. The "ingrate" fourth place was taken by the Dutch team. Just under six points separated the team, which is otherwise so accustomed to success, from the podium. The second-best combination, Glock's

Toto Jr. by Totilas/Donnerhall (breeder: ZG Schmidt, Naumburg) and Hans Peter Minderhoud – Paris was only the third international appearance for the current Grande Prize winner and his rider, for whom it was the fourth Olympic Games. The Belgians were delighted with an excellent placing at the Olympic Games, coming in fifth. The best in the team were Flynn FRH by Fahrenheit/Sir Oldenburg (breeder: Anton Murr, Bad Rappenau) and Flore de Winne. The only ten-year-old stallion was sold at the foal auction to a renowned rearer, before he came to the stable of the Belgian dressage rider via the Netherlands. After winning the Belgian Young Horse Championships, further successes followed and Flynn was awarded the name affix FRH. Australia had qualified for the team final with two Hannoveraner stallions. The ten-year-old Willingapark Quincy B by Quaterback/Desperados (breeder: Silke Brunkhorst, Selsingen) with Jayden Brown has so far demonstrated his outstanding talent in Great Britain. The Desperados/Brentano II son Destano (breeder: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) and Simone Pearce are well acquainted. The Australian, who has been living in Germany for many years, has now announced the retirement of the highly successful 17-year-old black stallion.

The top 18 danced in front of the Palace of Versailles for the chance to win a medal. As winners of the Grand Prix Special, Mount St John Freestyle and Catherine Laudrup-Dufour had the honor of being the last to enter the dressage arena. Isabell Werth and Jessica von Bredow-Werndl had already thrilled the judges and spectators. The Danish rider did not succeed in everything, and so she "only" came in fifth – it was her very first freestyle performance with the mare, who she has only had in her stable since the end of last year. ☘



They enjoyed their appearance in front of the Palace of Versailles: Mount St. John Freestyle by Fidermark/Donnerhall and Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour.

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❖ OLYMPIC HORSES ❖

Eventing

fischerChipmunk FRH by Contendro/Heraldik xx
breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer
rider: Michael Jung

Falco by Cardenio/Weinberg
breeder: Norbert Nowak, Haren, rider: Tim Price/NZL

Dressage

Destano (VA) by Desperados/Brentano II
breeder: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver
rider: Simone Pearce/AUS

Frizzantino FRH (VA) by Finest/Quaterback
breeder: Hermann Ulbrich, Peine
rider: Borja Carrascosa/ESP

Flynn FRH (VA) by Fahrenheit/Sir Oldenburg
breeder: Anton Muhr, Bad Rappenau
rider: Flore de Winne/BEL

Mount St John Freestyle (VA)
by Fidermark/Donnerhall
breeder: Stephan Kurz, Zöbingen
rider: Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour/DEN

Willingapark Quincy B by Quaterback/Desperados
breeder: Silke Brunkhorst, Selsingen
rider: Jayden Brown/AUS

Quater Back Junior FRH (VA)
by Quaterback/Bonheur
breeder: Gerd Janssen, Neuschöö
rider: Nicolas Wagner-Ehlinger/LUX

Show Jumping

Baloutinue by Balou du Rouet/Landor S
breeder: Heinrich Meyer, Langwedel
rider: Laura Kraut/USA

Contendros II (VA) by Contendro/Drosselklang II
breeder: Wilhelm Berghorn, Stolzenau
rider: Andrés Ascárraga/MEX

Karamell M&M by Kannan/Contendro
breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke
rider: Takashi Haase Shibayama/JPN

Quincy by Quaid/As di Villagana
breeder: Stall Bokhorst, Schillsdorf
rider: Taizo Sugitani/JPN

Untouchable by Van Helsing/Lady's King
breeder: Marie-Claire Wimmer, Königslutter
rider: Ramzy Al Duhami/KSA

Vantage by Van Helsing/Scendix
breeder: Stefan Trentelmann, Rastede
rider: Abdulrahman Alrajhi/KSA



Baloutinue and Laura Kraut secured their second team silver.

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SILVER FOR BALOUTINUE

Just like four years ago, Baloutinue and Laura Kraut took the team silver medal with the team from the USA. This makes Hannover the only German breeding society to have won a medal in every discipline. A total of six Hannoveraner competed in the Versailles show jumping course, five of whom made it to the individual finals.

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Hannover's show jumpers put in a good performance in Paris. First and foremost, the Balou du Rouet/Landor S son Baloutinue (breeder: Heinrich Meyer, Langwedel), with Laura Kraut, he was part of the US team that was able to repeat their triumph in Tokyo by winning the silver medal. The bay, born in 2010, had won the first qualifier three years ago. "I don't think there's anything Balou can't do," Laura Kraut said at the time, and that hasn't changed to this day. "He's probably the horse of my life!" The team medals in Paris were awarded in the final with only one round, each team started from zero again. Great Britain took the Olympic gold medal ahead of the USA, with the Équipe Tricolore from France taking bronze.

73 riders competed for a place in the final of the top 30 three days later. Among them were six Hannoveraner, all of whom qualified for the decisive test except for the Quaid/As di Villagana son Quincy (breeder: Stall Bockhorst, Schillsdorf) with the Japanese Taizo Sugitani. Four clear rounds are an excellent result. The first one was delivered by Ventago by Van Helsing/Scendix (breeder: Stefan

Trentelmann, Rastede) with Abdulrahman Alrajh. The bay, born in 2013, found his way to Saudi Arabia via Ignaz Berger and Tim Rieskamp-Goedeking. He continued with Karamell M&M by Kannan/Contendro (breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke). The winner of the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters 2022 from an excellent dam line has only been competing with Takashi Haase Shibayama since the middle of last year. He delivered a sensational round with the show jumper, who has a German father and a Japanese mother and has been based in northern Germany for many years. Untouchable (breeder: Marie-Claire Wimmer, Königslutter), a second offspring of the privately owned stallion Van Helsing, who has only been used a little but was successful in big competitions, also achieved this feat. Like Ventago, the mare with a Lady's King dam eats her oats in Saudi Arabia and was part of the gold medal team at last year's Asian Games. The eleven-year-old was ridden by Ramzy Al Duhami at his sixth Olympic Games. Contendros II by Contendro/Drosselklang II (breeder: Wilhelm Berghorn, Stolzenau) traveled to Paris as a reserve horse with the Mexican Andrés

Ascárraga, and he also shone with a clear round. His career began in 2009 at the stallion sales in Verden where he was acquired by experts. His dam is a half-sister of Christian Ahlmann's 2012 Olympic mount, Codex One.

In the difficult and demanding final, in which only three pairs remained penalty-free, Baloutinue finished an impressive eighth, Untouchable eleventh and Ventago an excellent thirteenth. The gold medal was won by Christian Kukuk with Checker by Comme il faut NRW/Come On, who goes back to the Hannoveraner dam line of Iphigenie. The fourth dam, Doren by Dakar/Lukas, had once found her way to Westphalia as a competition horse. Second place went to Dynamix de Belheme (SF) and Steve Guerdat/SUI, third to Beauville Z N.O.P. and Maikel van de Vleuten/NED. ☯

Hannoveraner finalists Karamell M&M with Takashi Haase Shibayama and Ventago with Abdulrahman Alrajh (right).





Commissar Pezi v. Commissario/Martin Fuchs had reason to celebrate. After winning the Grand Prix of St. Gallen (photo), they won the Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia in Aachen.
Photo: Stuppia

TWO VICTORIES FOR COMMISSAR PEZI

Before the Olympic Games, Commissar Pezi and Martin Fuchs won the Grand Prix of St. Gallen and the Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia in Aachen. Qurici H and Sandra Auffarth caused a minor sensation when they won the highly prized Grand Prix of Falsterbo.

By Britta Züngel

SHOW JUMPING

ACTION BELLEVUE PS

The Action Breaker/Baloubet du Rouet/Grannus daughter Action Bellevue PS (out of the Longola line, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) took victory with Gregory Cottard in a show jumping competition on faults and time at the CSI3* Royan/FRA.

KEMPF'S BALERO (RHLD.)

On June 1st, Kempf's Balero by Balou du Rouet/Colander/Polydor (breeder: Wilhelm and Stefan

Miss, Xanten) and Basile Bettendorf won the final of the Medium Tour in Riesenbeck/GER. The following week, the competition moved to Basile Bettendorf's home country Luxembourg for the CSIO3* Roeser. There they took victory in a show jumping competition against the clock on the final day.

CANBELLA BLUE PS

At the renowned Falsterbo Horse Show, the hosts Sweden won the Nations Cup (1.60 metres). Canbella Blue PS by Cantolar/Chacco-Blue/Calypso II (dam line of Narenta, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Emma Emanuelson contributed to the home victory with a clear round.

CARAVELLI

In Harthill/GBR, the winners of the first Medium Tour qualifier were Caravelli by Chacco-Blue/Landor S/Grand Ferdinand II (dam line of Delfina, breeder: Rainer Tapken, Nikolausdorf) and Humaid Abdulla Khalifa Al Muhairi.

CASCADELLO BOY RM (RHLD.)

The quick clear round in a special two-phase jumping competition at the CSI Opglabbeek/BEL meant victory for the Cascadello/Balou du Rouet/Polydor son Cascadello Boy RM (dam line of Willkür, breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) and Abdel Saïd from Belgium.

H5 CHACCO-SAN

In mid-June, H5 Chacco-San by Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Padarco van het Hertsfeld (Nalcoza line, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Carlos Hank Guerreiro began the CSI4* in Opglabbeek/BEL with a golden ribbon. The 13-year-old won the first qualifier (1.50 metres) for the Grand Prix.

CHIRAC

Chirac by Catoki/Escudo/Grannus (dam line of Weise, breeder: Rolf Kunze, Langenau) and Ramona Kunze led the field by over two seconds in a speed jumping competition of the Amateur Gold Tour in Donaueschingen/GER. This first international victory was also the first advanced (S) level victory for the pair.

CHUCK BERRY

One of the winners at the CSI3* in Dinard/FRA was Chuck Berry by Cornet Obolensky/Stakkato/Escudo (dam line of Einführ, breeder: Pernilla Svensson, Broby/SWE). With Olivia Chowdry he jumped to victory in a 1.45 metre class.

COENIG (RHLD.)

Paris/FRA was a stop on the Global Champions Tour. The program also included a CSI1*. Coenig by Cordobes/Baloubet du Rouet/Pit (dam line of Pia, breeder: Gerd and Sylvia Koenen, Viersen) and Abdullah Humaid Al Muhairi were the winners of the Grand Prix.

CONQUEST OF PARADISE

Conquest of Paradise by Comme il faut/Sir Shutterfly/Graf Top (dam line of Jugendzelt, breeder: Peter Bertling, Meckenheim) was unbeatable in the speed jumping class of the Youngster Tour in Kronenberg/NED and took the victory in this competition with rider Stefan Engbers.

COMMISSAR PEZI

He delivered the only clear round: At the Nations Cup in St. Gallen/SUI, which was almost overshadowed by continuous rain, Commissar Pezi by Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High (dam line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) won the Grand Prix (1.60 metres), which was worth over 300,000 Euros, with Martin Fuchs in front of the cheering crowd. It was a Hannoveraner double victory, with Ventago by Van Helsing/Scendix/Dorian (dam line of Arma, breeder: Stefan Trentelmann, Rastede), who had one time fault with Abdulrahman Alrajhi, taking second place.

Commissar Pezi then went on to Aachen/GER. In outstanding form, he won the Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia (1.60 metres).

CONSTABLE

One of the best young horses at the CSI2* Biskupiec/POL was Constable by Contendro/Diarado/Goodman (dam line of Steingilde, breeder: Ilona Turowska, Sosnowica/POL). The six-year-old, who was part of the winning Hannoveraner team at the WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy last year, won the opening competition of the Youngster Tour with Jaroslaw Skrzyczynski.

CORNET'S IBERIO

The very first jumping competition of the CSI4* Valkenswaard/NED saw a Hannoveraner victory. With over two seconds ahead, Cornet's Iberio by Cornet Obolensky/Iberio/Acorado (dam line of Steingilde, breeder: Heinrich Ramsbrock, Menslage) and Denis Lynch took the golden ribbon.

CORNETTO

At the beginning of the year, the Italian rider, Francesco Turturiello, took a seat in the saddle of Cornetto by Cormint/Argentinus/Grand Amour (dam line of Samoza, breeder: Meinhard Altmann, Wettrup). The pair celebrated their first international victory together at the CSI03* Drammen/NOR. They took first place in the first qualifier of the Gold Big Tour.

COUNT ME IN

The CSI5* "North American" took place in Calgary/CAN at the same time as Aachen/GER. Count me In by Count Grannus/Sherlock Holmes/Mahon (dam line of Maritim, breeder: Friedrich Lüßmann, Neustadt) and Conor Swail triumphed in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (1.60 metres) and took victory in this highly endowed competition.

CUBI CUBELLS

Cubi Cubells by Comme il faut NRW/Julio Mariner xx/Wanderer (dam line of Alferate, breeder: Uta Rosemann, Münster) and Greta Reinacher were the winners of the first qualifier for the CSI2* Open Grand Prix in Riesenbeck/GER.

CZESANNE (RHLD.)

Czesanne by Conthargos/Camax L (dam line of Neakinda, breeder: Horseconcept GmbH, Halver) and Jona Jolie Schwamborn have been entered in the winners' lists at the CSI3* San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA. They won the two-phase special show jumping competition for six-year-olds.

DILAYLA (RHLD.)

Dilayla by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/Diarado/Alexis (breeder: Gabriele Viehweg, Schrebenhausen) was unbeatable in the Youngster Tour final at the Adriatic Tour in Cervia/ITA and secured victory with Michael Viehweg in the saddle.



Quirici H by Quaid/Escudo and Sandra Auffarth celebrated the first major Grand Prix victory of their career in Falsterbo. Photo: Lafrentz/archive

DAME NOIR

Dame Noir by Diamant de Semilly/Quidam de Revel/Lord Caletto (breeder: Matthias Kornes, Ettringen) and Elisabeth Meyer won the first qualifier of the Medium Tour at the "Fest der Pferde" in Donaueschingen/GER.

DILLINGER NE

Dillinger NE by Diarado/Carismo/Grafenstein (dam line of Jabita, breeder: Roslyn Palmer, Littleton-Upon-Severn/GBR) and Mark Edwards won a 1.45 metre show jumping competition at the CSI04* Sopot/POL.

FOR FRIENDSHIP (VA)

On the second weekend in June, the For Pleasure/Stakkato Gold/Zeus son For Friendship (dam line of Fliegerin, breeder: Günter Soltau, Hamburg) presented himself in top form at Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL. The eight-year-old Stakkato Prize winner of 2022, won the first qualifier of the Youngster Tour with Brazilian rider Marlon Modolo Zanolli. One month later, the eight-year-old was unbeatable when it came to the jumping against the clock of the Youngster Tour of Bonheiden/BEL.

LET'S GO FZ (VA)

At the start of the Global Champions Tour horse show in Cannes/FRA, Let's Go FZ by Lord Fauntleroy/Stakkato/Escudo (breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) and Giacomo Casadei led the field in a two-phase jumping competition.

LOOPING LUNA

A winner's podium of a 1.50 metre competition in the Netherlands was completely occupied by horses from Hannover: This is what the CSI3* Geesteren/NED offered on the last weekend in June. The Lord Fauntleroy/Calido/Gambler's Cup xx daughter Looping Luna (line of Juka, breeder: Andreas Middelkampf, Grönloh) won with Steve Guerdat ahead of Equine America Papa Roach with Victoria Gulliksen and Querida with Stephi de Boer. Two days later, Looping Luna impressively demonstrated her top form in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres), which she won by over a second.

MANITU (VA)

After the Mylord Carthago/Silvio/Glücksgriff son Manitu (dam line of Aracena, breeder: Elmgestüt "Drei Eichen", Königslutter) had been victorious in show jumping competitions with Finja Bor-

mann, he was part of the collection at the Verden Auctions in November 2021. In the Niedersachsenhalle, the colorful chestnut came into Hungarian ownership. He celebrated his first international victory in Báblona/HUN. With András Kövy, he led the field in the second qualifier of the Youngster Tour.

MR CHACCO

Mr Chacco by Messenger/Chacco-Blue/Landgold (dam line of Flittermaus, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) won his first two starts over 1.40 metres. The seven-year-old won a two-phase competition on the first day and a competition on faults and time on the last day with Nicolo Russello at the CSI2* Bedizzole/ITA. Three weeks later, he followed this up with another victory at the CSI2* San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA. Victory number four – again in a two-phase competition – is reported in the results lists of the following three-star CSI at the same venue.

NEVER MIND

Never Mind (by Numero Uno/Drosselklang II/Acord II) and Hannah-Michelle Wilken did not accept second place in a special two-phase jumping competition at the CSI0Y Hagen/GER.

PRINZ (VA)

Hans-Dieter Dreher's son Ben was out and about for the first time with his father's Prinz by Perigoux/Escudo/Werther (dam line of Nachbarin, breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln). The apple doesn't fall far from the tree: the 15-year-old liver chestnut and his rider of the same age took victory in the final of the Amateur Gold Tour in Donaueschingen-Immenhöfe/GER, being around four seconds faster than the competition.

HANN.PR.ST. QUATINKA (VA)

The Quaid/Perigoux/Stakkato daughter Hann. Pr.St. Quatinka (breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) celebrated the first Grand Prix victory of her career in Le Touquet/FRA. The bay, born in 2011, won the 1.55 metre class with the Belgian Pieter Clemens in the saddle.

QUIRICI H

Quirici H by Quaid/Escudo/Wanderbursch (dam line of Arma, breeder: Gundula Hagemann, Oberholz) and Sandra Auffarth sensationally and unexpectedly won the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) of Falsertbo/SWE. Only two pairs remained penalty-free in the exciting competition. This triumph earned

the highly successful eventing rider 101,838 Euros in prize money.

SAMBUCÀ (VA)

Sambuca by Singulord LS La Silla/Cardento/Graf Top (breeder: Heide and Helmut Peters, Hammah) celebrated the first Grand Prix victory of his career at the Atlantic Ocean. The eight-year-old and Rodrigo Giesteira Almeida won the Grand Prix of Esposende/POR.

ELITE MARE SEMPA FIDELIS

A CSI2* Open was part of the Global Champions Tour in St. Tropez/FRA. With a lead of almost one second, the Stakkato Gold/Concetto/Graf Grannus daughter Elite Mare Sempa Fidelis (dam line of Ahnenforschung, breeder: Holger Siems, Sebbenhäusen) and Georgina Bloomberg took the victory in a 1.45 metre class.

SERENDEPETY

Serendepety by Stolzenberg/Escudo/Calypso II (dam line of Schutzsiegel, breeder: Jennifer Lee, The Plains/USA) and rider Darragh Kenny were the winners of the opening class at the CSI4* Devon/USA.

TOYS (VA)

The Toulon/Quidam de Revel/Argentinus son Toys (breeder: Heinrich Wecke, Stadthagen) celebrated his second Grand Prix victory of his career in Albführen/GER. The privately owned stallion won the competition at the "Country Classics" with Jörne Sprehe in the saddle.

VALUT

The Valentino/Foxhunter/Traunstein son Valut (dam line of Nordika, breeder: Sönke Siems, Barum) took the lead twice in Opglabbeek/BEL at the beginning of June. The 2010-born chestnut won a special two-phase jumping competition and a class against the clock with Jesus Garmendia Echevarria. A week later, a four-star CSI took place, and this was followed by Valut's third victory in the Sentower Park.

VENTAGO

There was plenty of celebrating in Emilia-Romagna: at the CSI3* San Giovanni in Marignano/ITA, Ventago by Van Helsing/Scendix/Dorian (dam line of Arma, breeder: Stefan Trentelmann, Rastede) and Abdulrahman Alrajhi won the Grand Prix (1.50 metres).



WUNDELLA (RHLD.)

Wundella by Wilfred/Casco/Democraat (breeder: B.A.T.H. van Uhm, Stokkum/NED) and Constanze Pape had every reason to celebrate when they won the Donaueschingen Championships at the "Fest der Pferde" (festival of horses).

DRESSAGE



HANN.PR.A. ALL WE NEED (RHLD.)

In St. Margarethen/AUT, the All at once/Fidermark/Worldchamp daughter Hann.Pr.A. All We Need (dam line of Erlenklette, breeder: Silke Nikolaus, Meerbusch) and Simone Pearce added victories number three and four to their record. They won Grand Prix and Special.

HANN.PR.A. BOND GIRL

In the small tour at CDI Hagen/GER, the Borsalino/De Niro/Weltmeyer-daughter Hann.Pr.A. Bond Girl (dam line of Noria, breeder: Burkhard Wahler, Mellingen) celebrated a double victory. The half-sister of premium stallion Flanell won Prix St. George and Inter I with Emma Kanerva.

DANCIERO

First place twice: Danciero by Dancier/Floriscount/Rascalino (breeder: ZG Boers and Weber, Aurich) and Anna Kasprzak won Prix St. George and Inter I at the Falsterbo Horse Show.

ST.PR.A. DANCING QUEEN (VA)

The Don Crusador/Wenzel/Absatz daughter St. Pr.A. Dancing Queen (dam line of Malchen, breeder: Fritz and Elisabeth Badenhoop-Clausen, Nederdenaverbergen) lived up to her name in St. Margarethen/AUT. She danced to victory in the junior individual test with Nóra Kóródi.

DIAMOND BLUE (BHHS)

The Don Frederic/Conteur/Aleman son Diamond Blue (dam line of Nonzaga, breeder: Rosie Moreton Deakin/GBR) has already notched up two victories in international competition. The ten-year-old, whose dam St.Pr.St. Cora was sold to Great Britain through the Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction in 2007, won the Prix St. George and Inter I at the CDI* Hartpury/GBR with David Harvey.

Danciero by Dancier/Floriscount and Anna Kasprzak celebrated a double victory in Falsterbo. Photo: Lafrentz

HANN.PR.A. FEINGEFÜHL

The Future Champions at Hagen/GER focused on young riders. The German juniors took the victory in the Nations Cup. Hann.Pr.A. Feingefühl by Fürstenball/Farewell III/Metternich (breeder: Gaby Heye-Hammerlage, Belm) and Alix von Borries, who also won the golden ribbons in the individual test and in the freestyle final, belonged to the trio with the German eagle on the saddlepad.

FINE ART VON BELLIN

The Australian Simone Pearce is currently riding very successfully with Hannoveraner horses. The latest addition to her training stables is the Fidertanz/De Niro/Hohenstein son Fine Art by Bellin (dam line of Kibosche, breeder: Christian Soetebeer, Wendhausen). In mid-June, the ten-year-old achieved his first double victory in his first international start. He won Prix St. George and Inter I in Jardy/FRA with superior ease.

FRANZISKUS FRH

Franziskus FRH by Fidertanz/Alabaster/Rubinstein (breeder: Elisabeth Albers, Löningen) and Ingrid Klimke were second best in the Grand Prix and part of the victorious German Nations Cup team in Aachen/GER.

LIBERTAD FRH

The victory in the Nations Cup of the Young Riders in Hagen/GER also went to Germany. Here it was Libertad FRH by Londontime/San Remo/Wolkenanz (dam line of Derma, breeder: Mona Diekmeier, Warmse), who represented Hannover's colors with Allegra Schmitz-Morkramer.

HAWTINS LIRICA (BHHS)

At the CDI1* Hartpury/GBR, Hawtins Lirica by Lemony's Nicket/Dimaggio/Brentano II (dam line of Schliessserin, breeder: Judith Davis, Staunton/GBR) and Sara Jane Lanning danced to victory in the Inter-Freestyle.

QUIZMASTER FRH

Frederic Wandres tackled the CDI1* Tour in Aachen/GER with Quizmaster FRH by Quasar de Charry/Velten Third/Argument (dam line of Favora, breeder: Klaus Küver, Wohlenbeck) and took the victory in the Prix St. George.

ROSENSTOLZ (VA)

While Fine Art von Bellin is currently successful with Simone Pearce, his half-brother Rosenstolz is collecting international merits with Swedish junior Wilma Bornhager. At the Nordic Balic Championships in Skaarup Fyn/DEN, the Rotspon/De Niro/Hohenstein son (dam line of Kiboscha, breeder: Christian Soetebeer, Wendhausen) not only won the FEI team test, but was also unbeatable in the freestyle. His 15-year-old rider only recently took over the 2006-born black gelding from Mohd Qabil Ambak Dato' Mahamad Fathil, who won gold with him at last year's Asian Games in Hangzhou/CHN.

SLAPSTICK

Ten juniors came together at the CDI Sherwood/CAN. The best in the FEI team test: Slapstick by Savoy/Reccio L/Amerigo Vespucci xx (dam line of Arlira, breeder: Dr. Michael Lühs, Wagenfeld) and Alison Campbell-Wright.

BLUE HORS VICTOR

At the Nordic Balic Championships in Skaarup Fyn/DEN, the Vivaldi/Stedinger/Bonheur son Blue Hors Victor (dam line of Pinie, breeder: Gerd Janssen, Neuschoo) and Andrea Hamann Sand won the individual test of juniors. The eight-year-old's dam is a half-sister of Nicolas Wagner's Olympic horse Quater Back Junior FRH.

ZAGORI

A new name on the sport pages of the magazine DER HANNOVERANER is Zagori. The Zack/Sir Donnerhall II/Don Schufro son (breeder: Hans-Heinrich Brüning, Ochtmannen) is in Danish ownership and celebrated his first victory in his first international season at the CDI in Skaarup Fyn/DEN. The nine-year-old won the U25 Grand Prix with Cecilie Dybro Jensen.

EVENTING



CARUSO JH

Caruso JH by Cascadelo/Chirivell/Polypur (dam line of Nebenkunde, breeder: Johannes Hegemann, Hamminkeln) and Isabel Kristin Dalecki were the best in the CCIU25 3*-S. The two of them won the competition with the only clear round in the show jumping course.

VERY SPECIAL

The Viscount/Nobre xx/Fabriano daughter Very Special (breeder: Ulrike Edel-Heidhues, Bad Harzburg) and Brandon Schäfer-Gehrau won the CCI 4*-S Hamm-Rhynern/GER. ☺

EVENTING: FISCHERCHIPMUNK FRH AND MICHAEL JUNG GERMAN CHAMPIONS



In Luhmühlen, the Contendro/Heraldik xx son fischerChipmunk FRH (breeder: Dr Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer) and Michael Jung became German champions in eventing. They let out their victory in the four-star short test, when they had a fault at one of the last jumps. "We got a bit too fast. I could have sat a bit more still to help him concentrate," Michael Jung admitted his mistake in the show jumping course. "Otherwise, every jump was great, in the warm-up area too, Chip is in great shape." But you're used to fischerChipmunk 'delivering', said Michael Jung on his way to winning his fourth title. Silver went to Viamant du Matz and Sandra Auffarth, Altair de la Cense and Calvin Böckmann took the bronze medal. ☺



Bronze in the Grand Prix Special went to Franziskus FRH and Ingrid Klimke. I Carlos FRH and Helen Erbe became German vice-champions in the U25 freestyle. I Third in the U25 Grand Prix: Bon Scolari and Anna Schölermann (top row, from left to right). I With their victory in the Longines Optimum Prize, Starissa FRH and Mario Stevens jumped to third place in the championship rankings. Photos: Lafrentz

FIVE TIMES THE PRECIOUS METAL

At the German Championships in Balve, four FRH horses, Carlos, Duke of Britain, Franziskus and Starissa, won a medal. Bon Scolari also added another one to the tally. Although it wasn't quite enough for the titles, the result was still impressive.

By Britta Züngel

The first medals awarded in Balve went to the U25 dressage riders. Bon Scolari by Bon Bravour/Scolari (breeder: Frauke Wagner, Barwedel) and Anna Schölermann became German Vice Champions in the Grand Prix ranking. The eleven-year-old was discovered at the Verden Foal Auctions and was licensed in the Niedersachsenhalle two years later. His rider is part of the team of master rider Hubertus Schmidt. Last year's winners Carlos FRH by Carabas/Weltmeyer (breeder: Franz Johann Reinartz, Eupen/BEL) and Helen Erbe took silver in the freestyle championships. "I had a really good feeling. I had planned a few little things that we wanted to take with us, and it worked out

great," said the 23-year-old rider from Krefeld. In the senior class, two bronze medals went to Hanover. In the Grand Prix Special, Franziskus FRH by Fidertanz/Alabaster (breeder: Elisabeth Albers, Lünen) and Ingrid Klimke achieved the third-best result. "I'm really happy because Franz is in great form. He has drive, is incredibly fresh, fit and cheerful, but always totally with me," said Ingrid Klimke. In the freestyle, it was Duke of Britain FRH by Diamaggio/Rubinstein (breeder: Sarah and Tony Pidgley, Windsor/GBR) who danced his way to third place with Frederic Wandres. "He put in a great performance, now on the third day too. He is still full of energy," said Frederic Wandres.

In the exciting jump-off, Starissa FRH by Stakkato Gold/Quidam's Rubin (breeder: Albert Sprehe, Esen) and Mario Stevens won the bronze medal. The 11-year-old cleared all but one fence in the first competition, after which he remained penalty-free and took the victory in the Longines Optimum Prize by over three seconds. "I am absolutely satisfied. The fault was a stupid rider error," said Mario Stevens. "But winning the second competition was an extra bonus." Second in the final were Karajan by Kannan/Verdi (breeder: Werner Schulze, Langen) and Marco Kutscher. This meant that the 2020 Stakkato Prize winner finished fourth in the championship standings. ☺

TOP TALENTS IN THE HEATH

The Hannoveraner Championships for four-, five- and six-year-olds eventers were decided in Luhmühlen. Calla GS with Paula Fatteicher, Daroca De Rioja with Libussa Lübbeke and Kasparow with Calvin Böckmann took the white-yellow winning sash on their lap of honor.

By Britta Züngel

For the second time, Luhmühlen was the perfect setting for the Hannoveraner Championships for young eventers. The four-year-olds competed in a suitability test with cross-country jumps. It was also announced as a sport test for broodmares. In its second edition, the suitability test was well received by riders and trainers. Many took this opportunity to give their young and inexperienced horses the chance of a competition start. 28 horses competed. Ten mares took part in the sport test, four of which were also awarded the Hannoveraner Premium candidacy. The Gehrda-Schröder family from Stelle was able to repeat their success from the previous year. After Dora GS by Diacontinus/Floriscont, it was the Cascadello/Diacontinus daughter Hann.Pr.A. Calla GS who took the victory with ease. Back in the saddle: Paula Fatteicher. With a score of 8.77, the athletic bay left the competition far behind and scored particularly well with her very good canter and high rideability. It is already the second victory for Calla GS this year, after coming first in the suitability test in Hohenberg-Krusenmark. Dederick by Diacontinus/Love and Jump with Marco Krüger became Vice Champion. Bred as a show jumper, the grey pro-

ved his great talent over solid obstacles as well. Much to the delight of his breeder Anke Feldema from Rehlingen. "Such a success is really not a matter of course, so many people are involved," says the self-employed sales representative and recreational rider. She acquired Dederick's dam, Lützelinde, by chance as a riding horse. When she could no longer be ridden due to an injury, Alexander Künneke, at whose facility the mare was standing, suggested that she be bred. Several high-class show jumpers can be found in her direct dam line. A stallion was quickly found, Diacontinus was liked for his grey color. With Marco Krüger, he was in the best hands for training, and his talent for eventing was discovered. Mr. Lutz by More and More/Hohenstein (breeder: Ortrun Schmitz, Eyendorf) took third place, and Antonia von Baath showed him to great effect. His dam, St.Pr.St. Hanja, was successful in show jumping and dressage competitions herself. The 26-year-old trainer repeatedly rides young Hannoveraner horses to top results, such as the 2020 Bundeschampion, Dark Gambler, or the 2022 Hannoveraner Eventing Champion, FRH Gentle WillowBee H.

In the advanced (A**) level eventing test, the Diacontinus/Con Sherry daughter Daroca De Rioja (breeder: Georg Ludzuweit, Oberndorf) and Libussa Lübbeke stormed to the front of the field of five-year-olds from behind. As the last starters, they took the lead with a clear advantage and took the title. The judges awarded a brilliant round with a 9.5. "She did a great job and it's just fun to ride her," said the sports soldier from Wingst, who has been based in Warendorf for several years. "She is very uncomplicated and has a great character." Daroca De Rioja came to Libussa Lübbeke as an unridden three-year-old. "We just had to buy her at the time," her mother Anneli recalls, convinced by the mare's outstanding quality. Daroca De Rioja's sire Diacontinus thus provides the next Hannoveraner champion after last year's three winners. The dam Charlett produced an internationally successful show jumper in the Casskeni II daughter DSP Cessy.

Calia by Carridam/Quaid (breeder: Klaus Dierks, Ahnsbeck) and Anna von Beauvais, who had already been runner-up in the four-year-old class last year, took second place. Their round was rated



The six-year-old podium: Hannoveraner Champion Kasparow by Karajan/Diacontinus with Calvin Böckmann, ahead of Caracho by Comte/Colway Bold xx with Beeke Jankowski and Hann.Pr.A. Cascarlia by Cascador/Stakkato with Johanna Sophie Ewald (photo on the left). "He loves to cuddle," says Calvin Böckmann about Kasparow. Photos: Züngel



In the five-year-old class, *Daroca De Rioja* by *Diacontinus/Con Sherry* with *Libussa Lübbeke* came first, ahead of *Calia* by *Carridam/Quaid* with *Anna von Beauvais* and the *Action Blue/Heraldik xx* daughter *Aldera Blut* with *Maj-Jonna Ziebell* in the saddle. *Ulrike Edel-Heidhues* congratulated on behalf of the Hannoveraner Verband (photo left). *I Best* four-year-old was *Hann.Pr.A. Calla GS* by *Cascadelo/Diacontinus*. Last year, the *Gehrdau-Schröder* family also provided the Hannoveraner Champion in this age group, and she was also ridden by *Paula Fatteicher* (photo right). Photos: Züngel

a "very good" across the board. The athletic bay mare had left the Verden January Auction in 2023 as one of the highlights of the show jumping collection bound for Lüneburg and has since won dressage and show jumping competitions. The white ribbon for third place went to *Aldera Blue* by *Action Blue/Heraldik xx* (breeder: Horst Söffker, Hessisch Oldendorf) and *Maj-Jonna Ziebell*, 0.10 points behind *Calia*. *Andreas Dibowski* is the owner and has already ridden the agile grey mare in competitions for young eventing horses.

***Kasparow* is the clear winner**

The decision in the six-year-old class was exciting. There was also a clear winner in the 2018 crop. On Monday still in Paris, on Tuesday already in the Westergellerse heath: Reserve Olympic rider *Calvin Böckmann* steered his *Karajan/Diacontinus* son *Kasparow* (breeder: *Friedrich Thiesse, Steimbke*

ke) in impressive manner through the L** test and secured the victory with this brilliant performance and the score of 9.40. Last year, the dark bay had already taken second place with *Antonia von Baath*. Eight weeks later, he came fifth in the Bundeschampionat after winning the qualification. *Kasparow* had found his way to Prof. Dr. *Steinkraus*' stables as an unlicensed stallion. The *Böckmann* family secured this exceptionally talented horse at the beginning of the year. With *Calvin Böckmann*, *Kasparow* is still undefeated in three starts. "He is extremely honest and very mature for his age – he is one of my favorite horses!" says his rider, full of praise. "Paris was an incredible experience and I am very grateful that I was able to be there. Nevertheless, I'm happy to be back with my other horses. It's nice to have a team that has kept the horses so fit all this time. I rode *Kasparow* again for the first time today and won. This shows that we are on the right track." *Caracho* by *Comte*/

Colway Bold xx (breeder: *Heide Brüggemann, Hanstedt*) took second place. *Beeke Jankowski* was in the saddle on the black horse from the dam line of *Nachmahd*. Last year, the pair came in a disappointing fourth. The 46-year-old discovered the black gelding, which has great scope, at *Rolf Hillmann*'s, to whom she also owes her four-star horse *Eddie Weld* by *Embassy* – he is *Caracho*'s half-brother, who is six years older. "Caracho has a great character. He approaches all tasks as a matter of course," says *Beeke Jankowski*. The *Cascador/Stakkato* daughter *Hann.Pr.A. Cascarlia* (breeder: *Gestüt Lichtenmoor, Heemsen*) and *Johanna Sophie Ewald* completed the podium of the Hannoveraner Championships of six-year-old eventers. Two years ago, she had received the candidacy for the Hannoveraner Premium at the sport test in *Habarnsen*. The eventing-valuable Thoroughbred *Heraldik xx* can be found in her pedigree through granddam *Hip Hop*. ☺

RESULTS

Four years of age

- Hann.Pr.A. Calla GS*** by *Cascadelo/Diacontinus*
breeder: *Bernd Gehrdau-Schröder, Stelle*
rider: *Paula Fatteicher*
- Dederick*** by *Diacontinus/Love and Jump*
breeder: *Anke Feldma, Rehlingen*
rider: *Marco Krüger*
- Mr. Lutz*** by *Mare and More/Hohenstein*
breeder: *Ortrun Schmitz, Eyendorf*
rider: *Antonia von Baath*

Five years of age

- Daroca de Rioja*** by *Diacontinus/Con Sherry*
breeder: *Georg Ludzuweit, Oberndorf*
rider: *Libussa Lübbeke*
- Calia*** by *Carridam/Quaid*
breeder: *Klaus Dierks, Ahnsbeck*
rider: *Anna von Beauvais*
- Aldera Blue*** by *Action Blue/Heraldik xx*
breeder: *Horst Söffker, Hessisch Oldendorf*
rider: *Maj-Jonna Ziebell*

Six years of age

- Kasparow*** by *Karajan/Diacontinus*
breeder: *Friedrich Thiesse, Steimbke*
rider: *Calvin Böckmann*
- Caracho*** by *Comte/Colway Bold xx*
breeder: *Heide Brüggemann, Hanstedt*
rider: *Beeke Jankowski*
- Hann.Pr.A. Cascarlia*** by *Cascador/Stakkato*
breeder: *Gestüt Lichtenmoor, Heemsen*
rider: *Johanna Sophie Ewald*



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ELMLOHE

After a one-year break, the Hannoveraner Championships for show jumping horses took place again. For a long time, they were held at Dobrock, then they were incorporated into the big Verden Horse Show. Now they are part of the Elmloher Reitertage program.

By Britta Züngel



Gold in the six-year-old class was won by Calygra by Checkter/Comte and Georgi Zhelezchev. The best five-year-old was Ginger nut by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko, ridden by Julia Plate. The winners of the seven-year-old class were Crumble Cheesecake K FRH by Crumble/Chasseur and Ole Klintworth (from left to right). Photos: Hüffmann

The final qualifiers took place on Thursday, and on Sunday the white and yellow winner's sashes were distributed. And that right before the Grand Prix, so that numerous spectators could watch the Hannoveraner Championships for young show jumpers. The new Hannoveraner champion in the four-year-old class is Contina. Presented by her breeder Harm Wiebusch, the Contargos/Valentino daughter delivered a convincing performance. As the first starter, she set a standard that could no longer be reached with a very consistent round and a score of 8.2. The dark chestnut mare had "only" finished tenth in the qualifier. Contina was born with talent. Her dam Valentina F was successful in 1.25 metre show jumping competitions for young horses with Harm Wiebusch and Nico Tomfahrde. She is a representative of the dam line of Stange, which only a few days earlier in Luhmühlen provided the third-placed in the Hannoveraner Championships for five-year-old eventing horse with the Cascador/Stakkato daughter Cascarlia.

Canastero by Conthargos/Balou du Rouet (breeder: Marina-Mara Tranins, Betzhorn) took second place. With Fabian Clar in the saddle, the stallion mastered the course seemingly effortlessly with a very good impulse at the jump. He is already the second son of the mare Balougania Z to step into the spotlight. Three years ago, his full brother

Classé Pour Toi FRH and Frederic Tillmann took eighth place in the Hannoveraner Championships for show jumping horses and eleventh place in the World Championships for young show jumpers. He has now reached the international level of 1.45 metres. Cabo Mad Jo by Cabo Verde/Stakkato (breeder: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden) and Hergen Forkert, who presented himself very powerfully in the final, were beaten by a tenth of a second. In March, the half-brother of Benjamin Wulschner's show jumper Lucato Mad Jo passed his first test with flying colors in Verden as the winner of the jumping suitability test of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding program. Overall, the Hannoveraner Championships for four-year-olds did not attract too much interest. "Where are the top-class young horses from last year's free jumping competitions?" wondered Hergen Forkert, member of the show jumping board of the Hannoveraner Verband. With the resumption of the show jumping championships, the Hannoveraner Verband is making further attractive offers to breeders and horse owners, but these are not being taken up.

For the first time, the five-year-olds had to compete against the clock for the title, which did not suit all of the participants. "We will talk about the format. Many horses were ridden too fast. This disrupted the sequence of jumping. In addition, the course was difficult for the young horses with its

uphill and downhill sections," said Hergen Forkert. In the special show jumping competition for young horses over 1.20 metres, Ginger nuts by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko and Julia Plate found the fastest line. The two have known each other all their lives, as the liver chestnut mare was born at the Plate family's home. The rider is currently highly successful up to 1.45 metres with Ginger nuts' dam Canberra. With Ginger nuts' half-sister Daisy FRH by Diarado, she was third in the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters in 2021. Granddam Limbiskit by Landor S was Julia Plate's first successful horse, with whom she competed in the junior division in the Junior Nations Cup and at the European Championships in Vejer de la Frontera/ESP. Ginger nuts herself has a very good perspective and, in Julia Plate, a rider who is able to prepare the mare for the big competition. Silver went to Cheers to life LA by Checkter/El Bundy (breeder: Lotta Aalto, Bargstedt). Josch Löhden took his first podium place at the Hannoveraner Championships with the already very experienced bay, which was to be followed by two more. The Grey Top/Stolzenberg son Shaman's Harvest (breeder: ZG Meyer und Aller, Midlum) took third place with Hans-Jörn Ottens – the victory was more than two seconds ahead of the grey, who has great scope and a great canter. And he also has prominent siblings. Dizzy Mizz Lizzy by Diacontinus took sixth place in the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters



with Hans-Jörn Ottens' daughter Amelie, before Austrian Felix Koller took over the reins and led her to international placings.

Riders from breeding families

The Hannoveraner Championships were characterized by riders who come from renowned breeding families and have become excellent trainers. This was also the case with Eric Müller-Rulfs and Josch Löhdgen in the six-year-old class. But another rider took the victory: the Bulgarian Georgi Zhelezchev, who has been living in Emsland for several years. The 27-year-old rode the well-trained Checkter/Comte daughter Calygra (breeder: Elke and Josef Kruse, Aschendorf), who has got an high rideability, in the best time through the jump-off course of the 1.30 metre jumping competition. With a lot of diligence and engagement, she looked for each jump herself. The two have already gained international experience in Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL, and last year they qualified for the Bundeschampionat. The only other clear round was delivered by Eric Müller-Rulfs with Carlantus by Carlo, who is registered in the Rhineland and was bred by his father, Henning Müller-Rulfs. His dam's sire, Adlantus As, was also born in Ritterhude, at Henning Müller-Rulfs' brother Carsten's farm. Carlantus also has a lot to offer: in 2022, he placed fourth in the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters in Verden and third last year. He also made a notable appearance in Warendorf. His time would have been enough to win, but then a pole fell in the jump-off, allowing Josch Löhdgen to win bronze in the six-year-old class after winning silver in the five-year-old class last year: this time he was also in the saddle of a horse bred by his father Jens Löhdgen, namely Courchevel JL by Chaco Blue/Castus. The positively minded and experienced bay jumper was also among the best last year, when he took fourth place in the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters. With this final result and his successful 1.40 metre level half-sister Ushuaja by Uccello, he helped his dam, Chemnitz, to be awar-



First Hannoveraner Champion in Elmlohe was the four-year-old Contina by Conthargos/Valentino with her breeder Harm Wiebusch in the saddle.

ded three stars in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program.

At the championship ceremony for seven-year-olds, the breeders' sons were then among themselves. The champion is Crumble Cheesecake K FRH by Crumble/Chasseur, who, with Ole Klintworth, had already impressed two years ago when winning the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters and when competing in the WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy in Valkenswaard. A horse from the best dam line that has all the potential for a career in showjumping. Mother and grandmother have achieved top placings with riders from the Klintworth family, and his half-sister St.Pr.A. Cylla has also achieved advanced (1.40 metre) level placings with Ole Klintworth. When

Crumble Cheesecake K FRH won, Hofsommerkamp's Cockpit by Cornet Obolensky/Balou du Rouet (breeder: Marcell Müller, Hustedt) with Josch Löhdgen, who presented him perfectly, came third in the Niedersachsenhalle. He then took this same third place in Elmlohe after an exciting jump-off in the 1.40 metre competition. The two celebrated their greatest career success to date after first-class results in Brussels and Frankfurt, when they finished second as the best seven-year-olds in the Youngster Tour in Leipzig. This makes the bay, along with Qantas Airways by Quintender and Quirinius by Quality Time, the third son of the mare Baloubeska to have achieved 1.40 metre-level success – and with three different fathers. The privately owned Diamant de Plaisir II by Diamant de Semilly/For Pleasure, with Hendrik Sosath in the saddle, came in second between Crumble Cheesecake K FRH and Hofsommerkamp's Cockpit. He impressed with his seemingly boundless scope, good caution and obvious maturity. His full brother was Hannoveraner Show Jumping Champion of four-year-olds and then went on to compete internationally with Holger Wulschner. The list of horses that Gerd Sosath and his father Heino have produced out of the mare Heida is endless.

Hergen Forkert's summary of the Hannoveraner Championships for young show jumpers was positive. "The horses were excellently presented and shown. All in all, it was a good event, embedded in a great horse show. We would have liked to have seen more interest in the four- and five-year-olds, not least because we wanted to accommodate the riders by holding the event in Elmlohe after the years of the Verden Dressage Young Horse World Championships. We also need to reconsider the modus, especially for the five-year-olds, considering the rideability in the final seems appropriate," said Hergen Forkert and thanked the organizers for the good cooperation and the good preparation of the places. His thanks also went to all breeders and owners: "These are the people we can count on in the future!" ☀

RESULTS

Four years of age

- 1. Contina** by Conthargos/Valentino
breeder: Harm Wiebusch, Fredenbeck
rider: Harm Wiebusch
- 2. Canastero** by Conthargos/Balou du Rouet
breeder: Marina-Mara Tranins, Betzhorn
rider: Fabian Clar
- 3. Cabo Mad Jo** by Cabo Verde/Stakkato
breeder: Jochen Meyer, Allwörden
rider: Hergen Forkert

Five years of age

- 1. Ginger nut** by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko
breeder: Ulf Plate, Oldendorf
rider: Julia Plate

2. Cheers to life LA

by Checkter/El Bundy
breeder: Lotta Aalto, Bargstedt
rider: Josch Löhdgen

3. Shaman's Harvest

by Grey Top/Stolzenberg
breeder: ZG Meyer u. Aller, Midlum
rider: Hans-Jörn Ottens

Six years of age

- 1. Calygra** by Checkter/Comte
breeder: Elke und Josef Kruse, Aschendorf
rider: Georgi Zhelezchev
- 2. Carlantus (Rhld.)** by Carlo/Adlantus As
breeder: Henning Müller-Rulfs, Ritterhude
rider: Eric Müller-Rulfs

3. Courchevel JL

by Chaco Blue/Castus
breeder: Jens Löhdgen, Heeslingen
rider: Josch Löhdgen

Seven years of age

- 1. Crumble Cheesecake K FRH** by Crumble/Chasseur
breeder: Martin Klintworth
rider: Ole Klintworth
- 2. Diamant de Plaisir II**
by Diamant de Semilly/For Pleasure
breeder: Gerd Sosath, Lemwerder
rider: Hendrik Sosath
- 3. Hofsommerkamp's Cockpit**
by Cornet Obolensky/Balou du Rouet
breeder: Marcell Müller, Hustedt
rider: Josch Löhdgen

FAVORITES TRIUMPH IN DRESSAGE ARENA

In all three finals of the dressage horse competitions, the favorites from the qualifiers delivered what they promised and took the title of Hannoveraner Champion in Verden.

By Antonia Heise

The impressive bay stallion Escaneno set the tone for the final of the five-year old dressage horses. The Klosterhof Medingen-based Escamillo/Veneno son opened the fight for the podium places with a bang: with his energetic and powerful trot. He was able to present the L class dressage movements with Jacob Schenk quite accurately and in balance. Compared to the qualifying test, Escaneno was able to position himself clearly and showed his ambitions for the podium. For his breeder Tobias Schult from Hünxe, the stallion's success in his first championship appearance should be a particular source of joy. Father Escamillo and dam's sire Veneno began their triumphal march as athletes and sires at his stallion rearing farm. The dam line is also very special for the Rhinelander: Granddam St.Pr.St. Reine Freude by Ravallo/Frühlingstraum is the dam of the sire Fidertanz, who was named Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year in 2021. Three daughters of this Reine Freude were honored as the best mare family in the Herwart von der Decken-Show 2021 in the family competition – one of them was Escaneno's dam Hann.Pr.A. Vaiana.

The next starter in the final was the Celle State Stud stallion Eventyr by Escolar/Lauries Crusador xx. His name means "fairy tale" (Märchen) in Danish and is a tribute to the dam line established by his breeder, Arend Kamphorst from Prieros, which began with the Almhuegel III daughter Almmärchen. His dam, St.Pr.St. Lauries Märchen, has won many awards up to the Herwart von der Decken-Show and has already produced the licensed stalli-

on Evolution, a full brother of Eventyr, who is currently being trained at the stables of Olympic Champion Jessica von Bredow-Werndl. Eventyr was able to confirm his performance from the qualifier and took second place behind Escaneno. With his rider Wolfhard Witte, he presented himself light-footed in trot and with good perspective in collection. The canter was the highlight of the performance with a very natural uphill tendency.

The new Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-old dressage horses had already emerged from the qualifier as the favorite for the title. As the penultimate starter in the final decision, the athletic chestnut gelding Siempre Conmigo by Secret/Dancier and his rider Tessa Frank literally swept the field away from behind. The gelding, bred by Gisela and Dr. Richard Brunner from Weilerswist, performed the various movements with great confidence: powerful and uphill in the collected trot, with good impulse in the extensions. The strengths of this always-motivated gelding are clearly the relaxed walk, which was always presented in rhythm with a lot of overstepping, and the canter, with an active hind leg that was well-placed under the body. Tessa Frank was pleased with the victory: "My horse gave his all for me today, which makes me incredibly happy and proud!"

The favorite from the qualifier also lived up to his role among the six-year-olds and secured the title. The premium stallion Be Sure by Benicio/Scuderia danced with Eva Möller through the dressage are-

na with great accuracy. The stallion of the Helgstrand/Schockemöhle station has already proven himself at championships: at the age of five, he placed in the final of the World Championships for young dressage horses with Thomas Sigtenbjerggaard. His dam Hann.Pr.St. Susi Sorglos also made a name for herself at the Verden show when she was named the winning mare at the Großenwörden show in 2017 and was awarded the Ib Prize at the Herwart von der Decken-Show. Be Sure celebrated the M level dressage test seemingly effortlessly with a collected trot full of rhythm and impulsion. The stallion, bred by Ludwig Fuchs from Meinerzhagen, kept his lead throughout the test. After his victory, Eva Möller formulated the clear goal: "The stallion has a fantastic attitude, is wonderful to ride and is always motivated!"

The Vice-Champion title went to the bay Escolar/Fürst Heinrich daughter Emmy Lou. Her half-brother Sandros Hit by Sandro Hit is already successful in dressage competitions up to Inter II, and Emmy Lou is set to follow in his footsteps. The mare, born at Friedhelm Tito in Horn-Bad Meinberg, was able to convince with a light-footed trot with good collection. In the canter tour, the flying changes were already successful with a lot of expression and nicely jumped uphill. Another stallion followed in bronze, the strikingly marked liver chestnut stallion Sky des Guts Schönweide from Grebin. The premium stallion of the 2020 licensing has only recently started showing with Hannah Läser, but the two already showed a good partner-



After winning the qualifier, Be Sure by Benicio/Scuderia with Eva Möller also won the final of six-year-old dressage horses. Photo: Fellner



The title for seven- and eight-year-olds went to the Fürst Belissaro/Silberschmied daughter For Future and Claire-Louise Averkorn (left) I Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-old dressage horses became Siempre Conmigo by Secret/Dancier and Tessa Frank (right). Photos: Fellner

ship. In trot, always in a wonderfully natural uphill tendency with a front leg reaching out of the shoulder and in walk, striding safely out of a hard-working hind leg.

The decision in the championship for seven- and eight-year-old dressage horses was made in the Prix St. George Special. The new Hannoveraner champion had also emerged from the qualifier as the best Hannoveraner. Her name says it all: Hann. Pr.A. For Future is the name of the eight-year-old black mare, who was presented very harmoniously by her rider Claire-Louise Averkorn. The Fürst Belissaro/Silberschmied daughter was able to impress with good scores in her mare performance test at a young age; the test rider gave her 9.5 for rideability at the time. In 2023, she already took part in the Bundeschampionat for seven-year-old dressage horses and has since placed in tests up to Inter I. For Future performed the required advanced (S)

level movements with great accuracy. Her trot was wonderfully rhythmic and very balanced. She walked with determination and confidence, even when collected. In the canter tour, he already showed good collection in the pirouettes and light-footed and uphill flying changes. "We are very happy, it was a great test! I am glad that For Future's breeders were also able to be here," said Claire-Louise Averkorn, describing her feelings after the victory.

The expressive seven-year-old Seziana by Sezuan/Belissimo M took second place. The chestnut mare had already qualified for the Bundeschampionat as a five- and six-year-old mare. The full brother of Sezuanas dam, Bergeracie, is the licensed stallion Bergerac. The granddam Dondola by De Niro, in breeding to Sandro Hit, produced the licensed full brothers St. Moritz and St. Moritz II. Bred by Fun Dressage GbR in Bad Homburg, Seziana and her

rider Sandra Kötter impressed with a dynamic and collected trot and a very uphill canter with recognizable collection. Third place went to the eight-year-old chestnut Feu D'Amour by Sohn out of a Flanell/Donnerhall dam. The advanced level is in this gelding's blood, as his dam Diorama was highly successful up to Inter I. The granddam Pik Dame not only produced the dam of Feu D'Amour but also the Westphalian-licensed full brothers Donnerbube II to IV by Donnerhall. The stylish chestnut showed with his rider Moritz Gehrmann a great trot with actively pushing fro behind. The walk was performed with accuracy and included short walk pirouettes. He already showed good collection in the canter pirouettes. The Hannoveraner Dressage Horse Championships were characterized by a high level of performance. A good third of the five-year-old dressage horses achieved an overall score of at least 8.0 in the final qualifier. XX

RESULTS

Five years of age

- 1. Siempre Conmigo** by Secret/Dancier
breeder: Gisela und Dr. Richard Brunner, Weilerswist
rider: Tessa Frank
- 2. Escaneno** by Escamillo/Veneno
breeder: Tobias Schult, Hünxe
rider: Jacob Schenk
- 3. Eventyr** by Escolar/Lauries Crusador xx
breeder: Zuchthof Dree Böken KG, Priors
rider: Wolfhard Witte

Six years of age

- 1. Be Sure** by Benicio/Scuderia
breeder: Ludwig Fuchs, Meinerzhagen
rider: Eva Möller
- 2. Emmy Lou** by Escolar/Fürst Heinrich
breeder: Friedhelm Tito, Horn-Bad Meinberg
rider: Kira Laura Sodemann
- 3. Sky** by Sezuan/Sir Donnerhall
breeder: Gestüt Neff, Frankenberg
rider: Hannah Laser

Seven and eight years of age

- 1. Hann. Pr.A. For Future W**
by Fürst Belissaro/Silberschmied
breeder: Oliver Wauro, Helvesiek
rider: Claire-Louise Averkorn
- 2. Seziana** by Sezuan/Belissimo M
breeder: Fun-Dressage GbR, Bad Homburg
rider: Sandra Kötter
- 3. Feu D'Amour** by Flanell/Donnerhall
breeder: Burkhard Wahler, Medingen
rider: Moritz Gehrmann



EAGERLY AWAITED

The riding horse classes at the Verden Championships were the most popular of the week. And the spectators were not disappointed: the high level of quality at the top was impressive. The prospects for success at the upcoming Bundeschampionat are very good.

By Juliana Küspert

As in the previous year, the classes for mares and geldings were well attended and of high quality. "It is very gratifying that so many breeders, owners and riders presented their young horses in Verden on Tuesday," said breeding manager Ulrich Hahne, summing up the event. With 54 starters, the field of four-year-old mares and geldings was the largest. With outstanding scores, Hann. Pr.A. Flower (breeder: Manfred Kregel, Laatzen) already led the qualifiers. With top scores, the Fürst Toto/Dancier daughter, who has strong movement and excellent conformation, also won the final with Janina Tietze. She is a representative of the dam line of Caudine, which, among others, produced the successful young horses Regazzoni, Rubiloh and Deodoro as well as last year's Vice Bundeschampion of riding horses, Endorphin. The direct relatives of Hann. Pr.A. Flower are also accustomed to success: her dam, St.Pr.St. Dancy, has two licensed offspring that are successful in advanced (S) level dressage: D'Olympus by Don Olymbrio and First Dancer by Fürstenball. Hann. Pr.A. Darinka by Dynamic Dream, a half-sister of Flower, was the winning mare at the mare show in Ingolstadt this year. For Hann. Pr.A. Flower, win-

ning the Hannoveraner Championships was not her first success at the Verden grounds: last year she won her class at the Herwart von der Decken-Show. Her rider Janina Tietze is very enthusiastic about the chestnut mare and is already looking towards the Bundeschampionat: "The mare is simply amazing, and she always gives her all for you".

Diyala by Damaschino/Stedinger (breeder: Klosterhof Medingen, Bad Bevensen) with Jacob Schenk came second in the final. She already showed her qualities in the qualifier and finished second in the second division, and she was able to step it up a notch in the final. Successful horses can also be found in her dam line, that of Noria. Dramatic won the 2008 World Championships for young dressage horses at the age of six, His Highness was Hannoveraner Champion Stallion, and So Unique won gold at the Bundeschampionat. Quattroporte by Quantensprung/Stedinger, Diyala's half-brother, was a premium stallion at the licensing, left the stallion sales as the second most expensive, and became Hannoveraner Vice Champion at the age of four. If you look at Diyala's pedigree a generation further back, a great one of the Hannoveraner

breed appears: the 2020 Mare of the Year, St.Pr.St. Daylight. The De Niro/Weltmeyer mare, bred by Wilhelm Klausing, produced Fats Domino by Fidertanz, who was successful up to Grand Prix level, and the full brother Flanell, who is on his way into the big arena, as well as Hann. Pr.A. Bond Girl by Borsalino, who was ranked 1c at the Herwart von der Decken-Show and is successful up to S* level.

Hann. Pr.A. London Eye and Hermann Burger secured third place with consistently good scores. It was not the first time that the brown mare, bred and owned by Kathrin Wassmann from Badbergen, impressed. The La Vie/De Kooning daughter completed her mare performance test with a dressage-focused final score of 9.75. One day after the qualifier, London Eye took the IB title in the new class for four-year-olds at the Herwart von der Decken-Show. The brown's successes are no coincidence, as she comes from the more than 100-year-old Dodica line. Several mares that were successful in shows from the 1980s to the 2000s come from this line. London Eye's granddam St.Pr. St. Walhalla by Weltmeyer/Abajo xx produced the licensed stallions Selectric by Sezuan and Abu



The best four-year-old stallion was the Secret/Bon Coeur son So Special with Jessica Lynn Thomas.



Hann. Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen and Sina Aringer took the title in the three-year-old mares and geldings.

Dhabi by Ampere, who were both successful in advanced (S) level dressage, as well as Royal Romanov by Romanov Blue Hors, who was also successful in the advanced level. The Hannoveraner premium candidate made a promising start in the competition at the Verden Championships and is set to follow in the footsteps of her successful relatives. Secret's Fantastic and Sascha Böhnke also came in third place. The Secret/Fantastic daughter, bred by Aloys Ewers from Meppen, was discovered by Sabine Eggerking from Brinkum at the Verden foal auction. She left the mare show in Timmel last year as the winning mare and then took second place at the Herwart von der Decken show. Her dam Fantasie produced the licensed stallion Select Me in breeding with Secret. Last year, the well-developed black mare was already placed in the final of the Verden Championships. Due to the many high-quality four-year-old mares and geldings, placed horses from the qualifier that did not make it into the final despite high scores have also been nominated for the Bundeschampionat.

Boccaccio and Senorita La Bonita delivered an exciting duel in the three-year-old mares and geldings. The Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen daughter Senorita La Bonita won the final. The Hannoveraner premium candidate, who was awarded the la Prize in Tarmstedt, was bred by Axel Windeler from Verden-Walle. Her dam Western Lady produced Borgia by Benetton Dream, the Vice Bundeschampion of three-year-old riding horses. When she was presented at the show in Sottrum, she was the two-year-old class winner and two years later the winning mare in Tarmstedt. Senorita La Bonita's grandmother can claim two S-successful

offspring with Venice Beach by Van Vivaldi and the full sister of Senorita La Bonita's mother. The chestnut mare comes from the valuable Alferate line, which is responsible for the team European and World Champion Liostro, the Vice World Champion and Olympic third Beauvalais and the reserve winner of his licensing and later Bundeschampion Wolkenstein II. Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita also took part in the Herwart von der Decken-Show between the qualifier and the final, claimed the IB rank and qualified for the final ring. Sina Aringer, who took over the mare only shortly before the Verden Championships, is thrilled about the young mare's talent. "What particularly distinguishes her is her rideability and her nerves of steel, but of course also her incredibly great movements," she enthused after winning the final.

The winner of the qualifier had to admit defeat in the final. Boccaccio by Bonds/Dancier, bred by Hans-Jürgen Hollmann from Dötlingen, is now under the ownership of his rider Danica Duen. He was also in a class of his own. Boccaccio's great granddam, St.Pr.St. Donauperle, when bred to Christ, produced not only Boccaccio's granddam, Hann.Pr.St. Chianaperle, but also the premium stallion at his licensing, two-time Hannoveraner Vice Champion, Vice Bundeschampion and now successful up to Grand Prix level, Coal Diamond. The dark sorrel's dam line, the Idria line, also boasts several medal winners: World Champion and Bundeschampion Don Martillo, Bundeschampion Barbor BS and Burlington FRH, who has been successful in the Championships with young riders. Boccaccio has therefore been given the best conditions to be successful in future champion-

ships. With exactly the same scores as in the qualifier, Voulez-Vous secured the bronze medal in the final. In the qualifier, the V-Plus/Fürsten-Look son was beaten by his stable mate Violetta by V-Plus/Light and Easy. The bay, bred by Michael Schenk of Niendorf, was presented by Jacob Schenk. Grand-dam St.Pr.St. Day Light has already produced a number of Verden auction horses and the up to M* successful Sommerwind by Sir Donnerhall/De Niro.

Most of the spectators were there for the three-year-old stallions' tests. Of particular breeding interest are the young stallions, most of whom were presented under saddle for the first time since their performance at the licensing. One of these young stallions is the Viva Gold/Bodyguard son Vienna Ninja (breeder: ZG Slink, Westerende). He left the Niedersachsenhalle last year with the title "licensed" and changed ownership to Ulrike Bachinger from Austria at the Stallion Sales. The liver chestnut convinced with an outstanding canter and walk and can now call himself Hannoveraner Champion. Vienna Ninja's granddam St.Pr.St. Dorene by Don Frederico/Hitchcock took part in the Friedrich Jahnke Show at the age of two and won her class. Even at her young age, she impressed with her excellent movement potential. Shortly before that, she had already left the show in Timmel as the winning mare. Her daughter Hann.Pr.A. Darleen by Daily Diamond won her classes at the show in Timmel and then took second place at the Herwart von der Decken-Show. Dorene's half-sister St.Pr.St. Wolkenfee by Wolkentanz left the Friedrich Jahncke-Show with the Ic-Prize and produced Fürst Flipper by Fürst Nymphenburg, who was suc-



Hannoveraner Champion of three-year old stallions was Vienna Ninja by Viva Gold/Bodyguard, presented by Daniela Graé and trained by Stefan Holtwiesche.



The Fürst Toto/Dancier daughter Hann.Pr.A. Flower by Fürst Toto/Dancier and Janina Tietzewon won the class of four-year-old mares and geldings. Photos: Fellner

cessful at S** level. Vienna Ninja's relatives' successes represent the Schwinge line. Rider Daniela Graé is thrilled with the Viva Gold son: "He has a super great character, is super balanced and it's fun to work with him". Majestic Day seized the opportunity and, with Hermann Burger, improved from seventh place in the qualifier to second place in the final. The Majestic Taonga/Desperados son was licensed during his short test. The bay stallion was born at Anna Genfors' in Förlöv/SWE. His dam is no less than St.Pr.St. Doris Day. The bay mare was the class winner and best dressage mare at the Friedrich Jahncke-Show and the show in Badbergen and was then the outstanding winning mare at the Herwart von der Decken-Show. A few weeks later she became Bundeschampion in Warendorf. Doris Day is also the dam of the licensed Vivaldi son Vivaldos, who also participated in the Hannoveraner Championships Final at the age of four, and of two Herwart von der Decken Show participants, Hann.Pr.St. Fräulein Inez v. Ampere (Ib Prize) and Hann.Pr.St. Fräulein v. Ampere (Ia Prize). Majestic Day comes from the Duftelfe line, which, among others, produced the Bundeschampion and World Championship participant Bon Jovi.

The winner of the qualifier ended up in third place on the final day. Mareike Mimberg-Hess was in the saddle on Beck by Magic out of Benicio/Dancier (breeder: Dirk Wahlers, Weyhe). The premium stallion from the licensing in Westphalia is a full brother of a Warendorf state stud stallion: By your Side. His dam Daytona Beach by Dancier/Weltmeyer, when bred to Fürstenball, produced the third licensed stallion, Falihandro. Falihandro competed in the Bundeschampionat and has already won at Grand Prix level this season. Beck in Magic goes back to the small but fine Calmuta line. Two bronze medals were also awarded to three-year-old stallions. D'Agustinus by Damaschino/Dauphin (breeder: Prof. Dr. Karsten Harms, Rosdorf) was second third. With Jacob Schenk, the chestnut

stallion received consistently good scores. His dam, Donna Aurelia, has already produced D'Agustina by Don Juan de Hus and Florence by Franziskus, both of which have placed at S level. The further generations are also peppered with successful advanced (S) level dressage horses. As a representative of the Schluppera line, D'Agustinus could follow in the footsteps of the licensed stallion Sarkozy by Sandro Hit/Weltmeyer, who became Vice Bundeschampion at the age of four, reached the final at the Bundeschampionat and the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses the following year, and has been successful up to advanced (S**) level.

Neck-and-neck race

The final of the four-year-old stallions was eagerly awaited. In both the qualifier and the final, there was a neck-and-neck race between several candidates. Anyone who watched the final last year was familiar with almost all of the candidates. So Special, with Jessica Lynn Thomas, won both tests. The Secret/Bon Coeur son combines the two influential stallions of Gestüt WM. Pia Sophie Wahlers made this breeding decision. Last year, So Special was already Hannoveraner Vice Champion and also took this position at the Bundeschampionat. So Special comes from the dam line of Klaseta, which, among others, produced Frederic Wandres' championship horse Duke of Britain FRH. "I really enjoy riding So Special, he is a Secret/Bon Coeur son – my two favorite stallions – and he has a lot of both. I am very happy about that. I know both and it's easier for me to support him," enthused Jessica Lynn Thomas after the final ride. Last year, So Special was beaten by Global Hope by Global Player/Fidertanz (breeder: ZG Werth, Moers) in both the Hannoveraner and Bundeschampionat. The stallion from Klosterhof Medingen took third place in the qualifier, but did not compete in the final. As the reigning Bundeschampion, he is automatically qualified for the upcoming Bundescham-

pionat. In both tests, Lindenberg by Libertad/Destano (breeder: ZG Maak, Hamburg) was only one tenth behind So Special to secure the title of Vice Champion. As in the previous year, he was presented by Jacob Schenk – back then it was still the bronze medal for the pair. He had completed Part I of the sport test at the beginning of the year with very good scores. The black stallion is the most successful representative of the rather small Simse line. With a better performance in comparison to the qualifying test, V-Zwölf GT and Charlott Maria-Schürmann took third place in the final with very good scores for the basic gaits. The V-Plus/St. Moritz Junior son (breeder: Nina Vogt, Osterappeln) has already entered the auction arena of the Niedersachsenhalle twice: as a foal and two years later for the licensing. At the stallion sales, Gestüt Tannenhof purchased the diamond in the rough. His half-brother Beyond Two Souls by Bon Coeur took part in both the Hessian and Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships at the age of four. V-Zwölf GT is a representative of the Zauberflöte line, which also includes the advanced level show jumpers Waterloo, Donna Delizia, Lokito and White foot.

The Verden Championships for riding horses have shown that the quality of the young Hannoveraner and Rhinelander continues to be particularly high overall. The range of different dam lines to which the placed horses can be traced is also remarkable. "It was an exceptionally strong field of three- and four-year-old stallions. Last year's top performers showed themselves to be outstanding again," said judge Jürgen Uthoff after the stallions' final tests. And Wilken Treu, managing director of the Hannoveraner Verband, was also enthusiastic about the young riding horses: "We can already look forward to the Bundeschampionat in the three- and four-year-old classes, because it looked extremely promising!" ☺



RESULTS

Four-year-old stallions

1. So Special by Secret/Bon Coeur

breeder: Pia Sophie Wahlers, Visselhövede
rider: Jessica Lynn Thomas

2. Lindenberg by Libertad/Destano

breeder: ZG Maak, Hamburg
rider: Jacob Schenk

3. V-Zwölf GT by V-Plus/St. Moritz

breeder: Nina Vogt, Osterappeln
rider: Charlott Maria Schürmann

Three-year-old mares and geldings

1. Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita

by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen
breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle
rider: Sina Aringer

2. Boccaccio by Bonds/Dancier

breeder: Hans-Jürgen Hollen, Geveshausen
rider: Danica Duen

3. Voulez-Vous by V-Plus/Fürsten-Look

breeder: Michael Schenk, Niendorf
rider: Jacob Schenk

Three-year-old stallions

1. Vienna Ninja by Viva Gold/Bodyguard

breeder: ZG Slink, Großeheide, rider: Daniela Graé

2. Majestic Day by Majestic Tonga/Desperados

breeder: Anna Genfors, Förlöv/SWE
rider: Hermann Burger

3. Beck in Magic by Benicio/Dancier

breeder: Dirk Wahlers, Weyhe
rider: Mareike Mimberg-Hess

3. D'Agustinus by Damaschino/Dauphin

breeder: Prof. Dr. Karsten Harms, Rosdorf
rider: Jacob Schenk

Four-year-old mares and geldings

1. Hann.Pr.A. Flower by Fürst Toto/Dancier

breeder: Manfred Kregel, Laatzen
rider: Janina Tietze

2. Diyala by Damaschino/Stedinger

breeder: Klosterhof Medingen, Bad Bevensen
rider: Jacob Schenk

3. Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie/De Kooning

breeder: Kathrin Wassmann, Badbergen
rider: Hermann Burger

3. Secret's Fantastic by Secret/Fantastic

breeder: Aloys Ewers, Meppen, rider: Sascha Böhnke



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HANNOVER'S GOLD SHINES

The Herwart von der Decken-Show is not only the conclusion of the mare show season, but also its highlight. The current edition of the Verband's mare show once again lived up to this claim.

By Ulrich Hahne

For the first time since the annual event was held, four-year-old mares were accepted if they had not yet taken part as three-year-olds and had passed a mare performance test. The ten four-year-old mares (four show jumpers, six dressage mares) were judged in a separate class. However,

they were judged together with the three-year-olds when selecting the champion mares.

After the free jumping had to be moved indoors to the Niedersachsenhalle last year due to bad weather, the young show jumpers were able to show

their special talent outdoors again this year. The judging team, led by board member show jumping Hergen Forkert and breeding manager Ulrich Hahne, was joined by Kai Ligges from Ascheberg in Westphalia, who was able to go home with a good impression of Hannoveraner show jumper



Champion Mare Hann.Pr.A./Ext+ Vision L by Vitalis/Fürstenball (right) and Reserve Champion Mare Hann.Pr.A. Vida Colorida by Valdiviani/Sandro Hit.
Photo: Fellner

breeding. This applies in particular to the winning mare Hann.Pr.A. Exquise by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/Verdi. Her breeder Johannes zur Lage from Bersenbrück is currently one of the most successful show jumper breeders in Hannover. Just last autumn, his Commissar Pezi-dam Lady Gaga was named Hannoveraner Mare of the Year. The Lage family shows that success in sport and show are not mutually exclusive. Hann.Pr.A. Exquise is a powerful horse, well-proportioned with a strong body and legs. These attributes are coupled with a very good attitude, even though her temperament

was almost impossible to control. However, the dark brown solved any problems that arose with her fantastic scope. The dam's half-brothers include the Warendorf state stud stallion Baloukato by Balou du Rouet and Lyonheart by Lord Pezi, who has been successful internationally up to 1.45 metres. One can also imagine a competition future for Hann.Pr.A. Exquise.

The Reserve Champion Mare of the show jumping mares made Hannover's gold, as the chestnut color is often called by the Chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband, shine for the first time. The four-year-old Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulriekora by United Way/Comme il faut NRW (breeder and owner: Klaus Brandes, Asendorf) is well on her way to following in the footsteps of her successful dam Hann.Pr.St/ performance mare show jumping Comilkora. She was awarded an Ic prize at the 2019 Herwart von der Decken-Show and has been pursuing a picture-perfect career in competition since the birth of Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulriekora. With her rider Jordi Sander, she has been successful internationally up to 1.45 metres. A similar career is also possible for Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulriekora. She jumped with a high degree of elasticity, was highly motivated and always had a good overview. But first she is expecting a foal by Van Helsing, who was represented by two offspring in the Olympic final in Paris and is a half-brother of Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulriekora's granddam.

The final round of the show jumping mares was completed by Hann.Pr.A. Diabella by Diro/Contendro (breeder and owner: Dr. Michael Lühs, Wagenfeld), who always performs positively and attentively and jumps with a lot of self-confidence, and won the first ring of the show jumping mares, as well as Hann.Pr.A. Keep Love by Khedira/Contendro (breeder and owner: Klaus Steffens, Stintstede), who showed very good movement and reactions over the jumps. Even though not all mares were able to maintain their form from the previous mare performance tests and free jumping competitions, they still provided a good testimony to the Hannoveraner show jumper breeding. The pedigrees were often determined in the first generations by international names from the competition or proven stallions from Germany. These meet equally proven, classic Hannoveraner dam lines.

Fight for the title

The final ring of the dressage mares included nine mares and the judging team, which included Arend Garn, the new dressage board member, for the first time, and was enriched by Eva Möller from Syke-Legenhausen, agreed that these were special mares that were rightly fighting for the title of Champion Mare. Hann.Pr.A./Ext.+ Vision L by Vitalis/Fürstenball (breeder: Günter Lindwehr, owner: Zuchthof Lindwehr, Alfhausen) then made the Hannoveraner gold shine for the second time. The liver chestnut mare may not be the prototype of a

It was a great honour for me to judge this wonderful collection of mares. The crème de la crème of Hannoveraner breeding presented itself splendidly today. We saw mares with diverse bloodlines. The breeders are planning ahead.

Eva Möller

show winner in terms of type, but she was outstanding in movement and was named the champion dressage mare. In the trot, she showed great elasticity, much rhythm and powerful take-off – characteristics that she also showed in the walk and was among the best of the day. The Vitalis daughter had already demonstrated her good basic gaits two days before the show in the qualifier for the Hannoveraner Championships for riding horses. She also showed herself to be equally powerful and elastic under the rider: a mare that reveals special riding horse qualities. The fact that the performance aspect is also covered with the dam's Grand Prix-successful siblings – Facilone FRH by Fürstenball with Helen Langehanenberg and For Sure by Finest with the Portuguese Francisco Villa Nova – at Hann.Pr.A./Ext.+ Vision L, ultimately rounds off the decision in favor of this outstanding mare, who was also one of the first mares to be awarded the conformation premium Ext+.



Vitschuna HM by Vidar/Lando xx was honoured as the best half-blood mare of the past show season.
Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn



A true athlete: Champion Mare Hann.Pr.A. Exquise by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/Verdi (left) | Reserve Champion Mare Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulrike by United Way/Comme il faut NRW.
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*Congratulations to
Hannover's show jumper bree-
ders. We have seen a Champion
Mare that we need in the sport!*

Kai Ligges

The Reserve Champion Mare was the most eye-catching three-year-old. The judges and audience

were impressed by the colorful presentation of the Hann.Pr.A. Vida Colorida by Valdiviani/Sandro Hit (breeder: Dieter Erfkemper, Borken; owner: ZG Vest und Rücker, Kronberg). This mare, who impressed with great harmony and charisma, was also correctly and strongly built, had powerful movement and unfaltering rhythmic consistency. In addition, Hann.Pr.A. Vida Colorida impressed with an outstanding character. She seemed to enjoy the honor and the caresses of her overjoyed owner Andrea Vest and it was not the last time in her life that she was the center of attention. This mare

also has a performance component in her pedigree. Her dam and great-granddam have already produced horses that have been successful at S level.

The class winner of the four-year-olds, Hann.Pr.A. Bella Donna by Benicio/Livaldon (breeder and owner: ZG Pudenz and Frühling, Großehehn), who has powerful legs and a jumping pedigree in the background, was just as colorful. She was among the mares in the final ring, as were the mares ranked first and second in the first ring. One of them was

FRIEDRICH JAHNCKE-PREIS HANN.PR.A. VITA W'S FAMILY



Christa and Ludger Welling from Wietmarschen received the Friedrich Jahncke Prize for the highest-scored mare family of the past show season for the family "dam with two daughters" of Hann.Pr.St. Fortuna by For Romance/Londonerry. Her Vaderland daughter, Hann.Pr.A. Vita W, also participated in the Herwart von der Decken-Show and received an Id-Prize. Her second, also three-year-old daughter, Hann.Pr.A. Valegra by Valverde (owner: Mathieu Beckmann, Wettringen), who was born from an embryo transfer, couldn't attend the ceremony. The family of Hann.Pr.St. Fortuna W, which was awarded the elite title, prevailed over 20 other families in the course of the show season, eight of which were also awarded the elite title.

Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn



the tall and powerful Hann.Pr.A. Bonida by Bonds/For Romance (breeder and owner: Friederike Pelzer, Steinhorst), who is a full sister of Celle State Stud sire Babarossa and whose dam was also shown at the Herwart von der Decken-Show and, on the other hand, the typey Hann.Pr.A. Dua Lipa by F-D'avie/Fürst Romancier (breeder and owner: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannen), whose dam is a half-sister of the former World Champion of young dressage horses, Zucchero OLD.

With the class victory of the second ring, Hann.Pr.A./Ext+ Florys Dream by Floriscount/Vainqueur (breeder and owner: Marina-Mara Tranins, Wahrenholz), a typey mare with a balanced positive performance spectrum, also qualified. With trot movements "just as you want them", as Eva Möller

described, Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Jette by Jovian/Christ (breeder and owner: ZG Lange, Hagen) won the third ring. This mare, who was in the family of Hann.Pr.St. Cheyenne last year, who won the Friedrich-Jahncke-Preis, had equally good movement and elasticity. In the fourth ring, the reserve winner and the Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen (breeder and owner: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle), who was ranked first, also qualified. The half-sister of the 2017 Vice Bundeschampioness, Borgia by Benetton Dream FRH, not only showed her great movement potential at the Herwart von der Decken-Show, but also in the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships. In her ring, Hann.Pr.A. Viva Weltina by Viva Gold/Dante Weltino (breeder: Marietta Kappelhoff-Dorenkamp, Beckum, owner: Wilfried Koppelman,

Freiburg) was beaten by the later winning mare Hann.Pr.A. Vision L, but she was also accepted into the final ring due to her very good quality. Her dam has two Grand Prix-successful half-brothers, so that her dam line is well secured in terms of performance and one may assume that the big-lined and powerfully presented mare also has good prospects in competition. In her concluding remarks, Eva Möller praised the diversity of bloodlines, the correctness of the mares and their dynamic movement. Not only she would have liked to see a clearer, more relaxed and striding walk more often. The Herwart von der Decken-Show 2024 fits seamlessly into the series of events of previous years, where Hannoveraner breeders have succeeded in inspiring the audience and jury with their mares. ☺

RESULTS DRESSAGE MARES



1st ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Bonida by Bonds/For Romance
breeder and owner: Friederike Pelzer, Steinhorst
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Dua Lipa by F-D'avie/Fürst Romancier
breeder and owner: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannen
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Black Pearl by Bloomberg/Enzo Ferrari
breeder: Hengststation Ferienhof Stücker, Weeze



Hann.Pr.A. Bonida Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

2nd ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Florys Dream
by Floriscount/Vainqueur
breeder and owner:
Marina-Mara Tranins, Wahrenholz
Ib Hann.Dara G by Dynamic Dream/Fürstenball
breeder: Ann-Christin Grabow, Basdahl
owner: Marvin Nordloh, Bevern
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Donna-Lüttchen
by Dynamic Dream/Benicio
breeder and owner: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver

3rd ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Jette by Jovian/Christ
breeder and owner: ZG Lange, Hagen
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Facida
by Friedrich der Große/Lauries Crusador xx
breeder: F. Schulz-Stellenfleth, Freiburg
owner: ZG Lührs, Osten
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Mokka by Macchiato/Scolari
breeder and owner: Ingo Pape, Hemmoor

4th ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Vida Colorida by Valdiviani/Sandro Hit
breeder: Hans-Dieter Erfkemper, Borken
owner: ZG Vest und Rücker, Kronberg
Reserve Champion Mare Dressage
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita
by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen
breeder and owner: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Raffaela by Raven/For Romance
breeder: Raphael Carson, Langenau
owner: Monika Ahlers, Grethem

5th ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Vision L by Vitalis/Fürstenball
breeder: Günter Lindwehr, owner: Hof Lindwehr, Alfhausen – *Champion Mare Dressage*
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Viva Weltina
by Viva Gold/Dante Weltino
breeder: Marietta Kappelhoff-Dorenkamp, Beckum
owner: Wilfried Koppelman, Freiburg
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Valentina BG by Vivino/Dancier
breeder: Ulrike Buurman, Greifenstein
owner: Monique Menniken, Bonn

6th ring (four years of age)

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Bella Donna by Benicio/Livaldon
B. a. o.: ZG Pudenz und Frühling, Großebehn
Ib Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie/De Kooning
breeder and owner: Kathrin Wassmann, Badbergen
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Samedan H by Vitalis/De Niro
breeder and owner: ZG Heymann, Berlin



Hann.Pr.A./Ext+ Florys Dream Photo: Fellner

RESULTS SHOW JUMPING MARES



1st ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Diabella by Diro/Contendro
Breeder and owner: Dr. Michael Lühs, Wagenfeld
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Dua Lipa
by Diamant de Plaisir/Stolzenberg
B. a. o.: Gestüt Sonnenberg, Braunschweig
Ic Hann.Pr.A. Charming Girl
by Checkter/Cornet's Balou
Breeder and owner: ZG Kruse, Walsrode



Hann.Pr.A. Diabella Photo: Fellner

2nd ring

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Exquise
by Eldorado van de Zeshoek/Verdi
Breeder and owner: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück
Champion Mare Show Jumping
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Keep Love by Khedira/Contendro
Breeder and owner: Klaus Steffens, Stinstedt
Ic Hann.Pr.A. For Perlenband by Forlee/Perigueux
B. a. o.: Kurt-Heinrich Böttcher, Brüninghorstedt

3rd ring (four years of age)

Ia Hann.Pr.A. Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Ulriekora
by United Way/Comme il faut
Breeder and owner: Klaus Brandes, Asendorf
Reserve Champion Mare Show Jumping
Ib Hann.Pr.A. Copacabana by Comme il faut/Calido
Breeder and owner: Anneli Brunkhorst, Wohlesbostel
Ic Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Comme Demande S
by Comme Prévu/Catoki,
Breeder: ZG Schmidinger, Stade
Owner: ZG Schmidinger and von der Decken, Stade

DAMARA BROUGHT THE LUCK

The 13-year-old Quality H is currently one of the most successful show jumpers in North America with Irish Mark Kinsella. The gelding was born at Hans-Henning Hagemann's in Pattensen, who has helped the dam line of Edwine to numerous successes with three mares.

By Jürgen Stroscher

“Quality H is a phenomenal horse,” says Canadian-based Irishman Mark Kinsella, who is happy to be able to ride this exceptional athlete at all. The pair regularly makes headlines in North America. “No course is too big for him; Quality H is a super fast jumper with a great canter.” Being in the spotlight is nothing new for the Quaid/Stakkato son, because even during his spectacular change of ownership at the Verden Elite Auction in 2015, the then four-year-old caused a stir not only in Germany. Presented by auction rider Enrico Süßenbach, Quality H advanced to the top of the price list at the time. Attache Stables from Calgary/CAN was willing to pay 310,000 Euros for the talented show jumper. Anja Rietbrock, who has been friends with Nancy Southern, whose family owns the world-famous Spruce Meadows facility, for many years, provided the decisive tip. He then competed at 1.50 metres under Nancy Southern’s son Ben Asselin, before Mark Kinsella took over the reins.

“It’s a shame that my father is no longer able to witness this incredible breeding success,” says the 44-year-old farmer and horse breeder Hans-Hen-

ning Hagemann with a hint of melancholy. “Because in our family, everyone is involved in horse breeding, I couldn’t do it alone. Besides, my parents were responsible for breeding with the sire Quaid. My father had already passed away when Quality H was born.” In 2010, Hans-Henrich Hagemann died unexpectedly at the age of 60 from a serious illness. The Hagenmann family in Hüpede, a district of Pattensen near Hannover, first had to cope with this stroke of fate. The agricultural business needed a new orientation overnight. As a graduate agricultural engineer and trained farmer, Hans-Henning Hagemann took over the management of the family business, with the active support of his mother Helga (71), who is still helping him today.

“Of course, my sister Antje is also part of the team. Not only is she a veterinarian with a doctorate, but as an active rider in the family, she definitely had competitive ambitions and rode dressage with riding horses from her own breeding. She has also

bred successfully with the mare Benita. The home-bred Bolero daughter comes from our line mare Damara and lived with my sister for 33 years, which, in addition to the high breeding quality, also shows the health and robustness of this bloodline,” explains Hans-Henning Hagemann the family history. He lives in the newly built house with his long-term partner Dörte (40) and their sons Alwin (2) and Hanno (4). His 71-year-old mother is still involved in the organization of horse breeding and is always close by when mares are shown or at auctions. No wonder, because horses have been at home at the farm in Hüpede since the 17th century.

“Horses have been part of our family for many generations as workhorses. My grandfather Heinrich not only used the horses in the fields, but also for horse breeding, in which he was very successful and managed to achieve numerous ‘aquarelles’,



Hans-Henning Hagemann in the broodmare field with his state premium mare Lapalu H by Numero Uno/Stakkato and her colt by Casallco, as well as St.Pr.St. Escarda by Escudo/Laptop with her filly by Aganix du Seigneur Z. Photo: Stroscher



Mark Kinsella competed in Nations Cups for Ireland with the Quaid/Stakkato son Quality H and won the El Cristiano National Grand Prix on Desert Circuit III in Thermal at the beginning of last year. Photo: High Desert Photo

entries in the stud books. First it was the cold-blooded horses, then the Norwegians, with whom he was already orienting himself towards riding horses. With the purchase of the first tractors and machines, it was the Hannoveraner that had caught his eye. My father Hans-Heinrich followed in his footsteps. For both of them, horse breeding was a matter close to the heart," says Hans-Heinrich Hagemann, who is proud of the family tradition that he continues with the same empathy and passion. But for him, it's not just family that's important, but also the entire environment involved in horse breeding and, of course, friends.

Damara was in high demand

With the birth of the now 13-year-old chestnut gelding Quality H, the breeding family Hagemann has come full circle. This is because the exceptional show jumper goes back to the fourth generation of St.Pr.St. Damara by Dagobert/Anselmo (breeder: Karl Prelle, Laatzen), who was born in 1975 and found her way to Pattensen in 1986, and developed into the foundation mare of the breeding farm's current bloodline. Damara is maintained with the dam line of Edwine, which, among others, produced the unforgettable Warwick Rex by Wortschwall/Allwieder (breeder: Albert Reupke, Hülpingsen), who won the gold medal with the German show jumping team at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal/CAN with Alwin Schockemöhle. "Damara brought luck to the business, my mother still claims to this day. In addition, we have the lucky circumstance of a garden center right behind our farm to thank for the fact that we were able to purchase the mare. The Dagobert daughter was very popular with breeders at the time. We got the nod because the breeder was a

customer of the garden center and it was more important to him to be able to see his mare in the pasture every week than to get a higher purchase price. Sometimes things in life take on a meaning that you don't expect. The State Stud employee at the time, Jürgen Winter, also helped us with advice and support in acquiring the mare," the farmer recalls.

The breeding successes were not long in coming. In 1987, the breeding with Bolero resulted in the birth of the colt Ben Gurion, which was later na-

med Bondolero. "As breeders, we consider it an honor when a horse we have bred is accepted for auction, and this was also the case with Ben Gurion." A very successful collaboration for both sides, which is still carefully maintained today, because the Bolero son was only sold for 32,000 D-Mark and was considered one of the most expensive foals on the horse market at the time. Due to the double disposition in Damara's pedigree, Hans-Heinrich Hagemann initially took the opportunity to also select dressage sires. After the successful use of Bolero, the influential stallion Weltmeyer was used. In 1990, the breeding of Weltmeyer and Damara produced the stallion Weltübermeier, who was licensed two years later and sold to a new owner at the Verden Stallion Sales.

On the other hand, Damara's female offspring often had a talent for show jumping. In 1986, Werthe by Werther was born. Of her offspring, Let's Go by Loredo, born in 1993, was particularly impressive. With his jumping ability, he made it into the advanced show jumping competition up to 1.40 metres. Her daughter Lomé by Laptop, born in 1998, was also endowed with excellent jumping genes. In her mare performance test, she received a score of 10 for her jumping ability. Lomé's sons Conlaweda by Contendro (2002) and Simpson by Stakkato (2006) also caused a stir in advanced (S) level show jumping courses. Both Conlaweda with his rider Alina Boll and Simpson under his rider Ralf Runge were able to celebrate international successes up to 1.60 metres. But Lomé has not only made a name for herself in equestrian sports, but also as a breeder with the birth of her daughters St.Pr.St. Escarda by Escudo (2004) and St.Pr.St. Shakira by Stakkato (2007). Both are part of the breeding farm's current dam



Three years ago, St.Pr.St. Shakira's Chacoan Blue-son Coldplay H was part of the collection of the April auction of the Verden Foal Spring and, at 26,500 Euros, led the price statistics of the show jumping foals. Photo: Fellner

line, which is completed by Shakira's daughter Lapalu H by Numero Uno. "We have maintained the tradition of breeding on a small scale. We are constantly striving to improve quality, focusing in particular on rideability, willingness to perform, character and health in our breeding products, which are marketed as foals or young riding horses."

"Due to the positive development and the constantly increasing quality of our show jumpers, we decided a good ten years ago to specialize entirely in show jumper breeding and to focus only on the Damara bloodline. Unfortunately, this also meant accepting the expiration of the bloodline of our broodmare Marcona by Marconi/Schwarzgold, with whom my grandfather and father were quite successful, because it became increasingly difficult to find the right sires for these mares. Probably the greatest success from the bloodline of the broodmare Marcona, born in 1964, is the Celle State Stud stallion Goldfinger, who was bred from Gotthard by Goldfisch. Goldfinger was born in 1971 and was licensed because of his excellent conformation."

The broodmares St.Pr.St. Escarda and St.Pr.St. Shakira proved that Hans-Henning Hagemann's decision was the right one with the birth of their Quaid sons Quinten H and Quality H in 2011. Quinten H was accepted into the lot of foals for the Verden Elite Auction and found a new owner. "From today's perspective, it was fortunate that Quality H was not selected at the time. But I believed in him and in return I received the support of the Schäfer breeding family, for which I am still very grateful today." There has been a close connection between the Hagemann family in Hüpede and the Schäfer family in Köchingen for decades. His father Hans-Heinrich went to school with Manfred Schäfer, and a close friendship has developed between Hans-Henning and Hendrik Schäfer since their school days. "It was a gut decision to keep Quality H and sell him as a riding horse first. Without the support of Hendrik, this path would not have been possible. He trained Quality H and rode him in his first show jumping competitions. The very gratifying outcome of the story is well known."

With St.Pr.St. Shakira, St.Pr.St. Escarda and Hann. Pr.St. Lapalu H, Hans-Henning Hagemann regularly supplies the Verden Auctions with at least one high-quality foal per crop, which is in high demand. "We have had wonderful successes, for which my parents laid the foundations. But we also have to deal with setbacks and live with them. Believing in Quality H has shown that we can do that and that in horse breeding we have to have patience, which is not particularly popular in our society right now." That is why Hans-Henning Hagemann also feels an obligation to support horse breeding because of his own background. "It is important to ensure a new generation so that horse breeding continues in the future." As a board



The Stakkato/Laptop daughter St.Pr.St. Shakira is the dam of Hann.Pr.St. Lapalu H, Nero van de Helle by Numero Uno, Quality H by Quaid as well as the two Verden auction horses Coldplay H by Chacoan Blue and Vet+ Quaja by Quaid.
Photo: Stroscher

member, the 44-year-old takes on responsibility in the Hildesheim-Peine horse breeding club and is involved as a delegate in the Hannoveraner Verband. "For me, horses mean joy, happiness and

success at the same time. I will do everything I can to keep it that way, although of course it won't be easy to breed another exceptional horse like Quality H." 



The former Celle state stud stallion Goldfinger by Gotthard/Marconi impressed with his flawless conformation.
Photo: Höstrup-Pedersen

"WE HAVE TO BE MARKETABLE!"

After the successful launch of the direct sales of dressage horses by Fabian Janda, Bryan White has started this project for show jumpers for the Hannoveraner Verband. The Bremen-born rider was successful in advanced (S) level show jumping himself.

By Britta Züngel

DER HANNOVERANER: What has been your career path so far?

Bryan White: "After working as a riding instructor at the Lohne and Oldenburg riding clubs, I set up my own business and worked in show jumping and, through my wife, also in dressage. After a short break, I got an offer from Gestüt Eichenhain in Varste to work in horse management there and to coordinate training and marketing. I got my first connection to the Hannoveraner Verband and Verden through my wife Nadja, who was an auction rider at the time. Besides, I have always been selling horses. The idea for the direct marketing of show jumpers came mainly from Hergen Forkert, the jumping committee member, and Wilken Treu, about half a year after Fabian Janda started doing the same with dressage horses."

DER HANNOVERANER: How do you assess the show jumping market, what are they looking for?

Bryan White: "The horse market is currently developing in a complicated way for breeders, buyers and exhibitors. It is developing in two directions. On the one hand, the amateur sector, which is very tight financially due to the general economic situation. This 'normal' sector used to be much larger and financially stronger. In the top horse sector, horses always find customers. Everything in between and the foal market have become very difficult for us sellers because the costs of keeping horses have risen sharply."

What is needed are relatively well-trained horses and breeders who are willing to put a horse in training and also recognize early on that they want to and possibly have to market a horse because it turns out during training that the desired goals may not be fully achieved after all. At the same time, it has become more difficult for us in marketing to sell a 'normal' horse for the popular sports that we used to have. Among other things, there is always a specific demand for horses in the mid-range segment between 20 and 30,000 Euros that are suitable for amateur riders: well trained, well ridden and placed. And all of them must be healthy. The x-ray part is becoming more and more important in terms of the quantity, quality and evaluation of the images. The horses must also be easy to handle, and the selection for the

customer is large and thus the intersection for marketing is getting smaller and smaller and more difficult for us and the breeders."

DER HANNOVERANER: Why are fewer and fewer horses from German breeding reaching the top level of sport?

Bryan White: "Germany has somewhat overslept access to the international showjumping market and to competition sport. Not for the 'big stables', but for the 'normal' breeder, it has become difficult. In the Netherlands and Belgium, Peelbergen and Opglabbeek are constantly organizing training and international competitions in a great atmosphere. These platforms offer everything that is needed. Scouts and customers always find what they are looking for there. The conditions are optimal and there are always customers around. Horses can be tried out and the veterinarian is not far away to close the deal. In addition, the Peelbergen Equestrian Center is a project of the major dealers. But our breeders have little opportunity to gain

access there, whether because of the costs or the infrastructure of the training facilities. As a result, many customers stay there and few come to our country. Customers no longer come to Germany. We have to try to give the breeders there access or a platform so that foreign customers are more interested in German horses that they can ride in competitions. But the German horse must remain a German horse. We can certainly live with influences from Belgian, French or even Dutch breeding, but we must not lose the strengths of the lines. We have to protect the horse's limbs, scope, correctness and rideability. This is what customers need and want, and this is how we have to train our horses and present them at the international level. And this is also where we, as sellers with training companies, come in to help breeders understand and implement this in order to survive in the market. That has to be the long-term goal that everyone wants."

DER HANNOVERANER: How intensive is the exchange with auction team in Verden?

Bryan White: "There is a good exchange and we talk a lot about interesting horses. Especially in the run-up to the auction, so that we have the right horse for every customer. There are customers who are in good hands at the auction and with the larger selection. But there are also customers who prefer a direct contact person and more personalized advice. We want to be able to offer our customers both. I know many training businesses that have already approached me. I had a lot of interest from breeders offering their horses. However, many are not yet aware that we also search for horses on behalf of a customer and accompany the customers until the sale. This needs to be better known."

DER HANNOVERANER: You deal with the selling of horses of all breeds. What is the advantage of this?

Bryan White: "The direct marketing project only makes sense if we are ready for the market. Other breeding societies have also recognized this and are doing something similar. Besides, there are Hannoveraner breeders who also have horses that are registered with other societies. If we sell these horses, we have satisfied breeders. You have to look at it a bit more freely." 



Bryan White is responsible for the direct marketing of show jumpers. Photo: Züngel

"VERDEN IS A MUST FOR ME!"

At the Verden Auctions Online in July, 41 dressage and show jumping horses were sold for a total of 539,000 Euros.

The top price of 45,000 Euros was paid by a regular customer from Bavaria for the show jumper Quinett by Qualito/Calido. Breeder Kirsten Kefenbaum sold the second most expensive dressage horse and reflects on her impressions of the auction season.

By Malte Kanz



Happy exhibitor: Kirsten Kefenbaum from Celle exhibited Valentina KK by Valverde/Relius and sold her for 22,500 Euros to dressage rider Anita Homann from Everswinkel, who has been shopping in Verden three times already. A total of 19 Hannoveraner were born in Kirsten Kefenbaum's stable, eight changed hands at the Verden auction. Photo: Kanz

From Steve Guerdat with Looping Luna to Flore de Winne with Flynn FRH and Cathrine Lau-drup-Dufour with Mount St John Freestyle – these horses have reached the top of the equestrian sport. Many other young former auction horses are in the starting blocks and celebrating their first successes, like the cover star of the July auction, Francesca di Medici. The Franziskus FRH/Kaiserkult daughter (breeder: Heinrich Schartmann, Beesten) changed hands at the Verden Auctions and is now in the ownership of Austrian Lea-Elisabeth Pointinger. The Hannoveraner premium candidate and her rider and trainer celebrated their latest success at the Hamburg Derby, where they won the inter-

national competition for seven-year-old dressage horses.

Exactly 75 years ago – in 1949 – the Verden Auctions were launched by the visionary Hans Joachim Köhler to support Hannoveraner breeders in selling their horses. They still fulfill this purpose today. Of course, the aim is also to offer the right horse for riders and breeders. The system developed at that time is still in use today. Of course, there have been changes and improvements along the way, but the fundamentals have remained the same: conscientious selection of auction candidates, high standards of quality, rideability, character

and health, as well as a corresponding training period on site before the horses are auctioned off, are what characterizes the Verden auction site. One of the most famous representatives of the first so-called intermediate auctions is Deister, who was sold in November 1974 for 17,000 DM and became European Champion three times in a row with Paul Schockemöhle. E.T. FRH and Dollar Girl also found their way into top-level competition via intermediate auctions.

Verden is not only the perfect marketplace for professional riders to discover future championship horses, but it is also very popular with amateur

and leisure riders who value the rideability, correctness and good training of Hannoveraner riding horses. In addition to the auction customers, the breeders and exhibitors are also at the center of the auction. Kirsten Kefenbaum from Celle was present at the auction in July as a breeder and exhibitor. She sold the four-year-old Valentina KK by Valverde/Relius, who is trained by Jacob Schenk in Römstedt and prepared for the auction. "For me as a breeder, it was clear that I wanted to sell Valentina at the Verden Auctions. I always feel well looked after here. I am a Verdener Kind," explains Kirsten Kefenbaum and adds: "The auction team works very professionally. All riders, grooms, customer advisors and trainers were always courteous and answered my questions transparently. I was particularly impressed by the collaboration with Andreas Homuth. He takes excellent care of customers on site and offers support in finding the right horse. Having worked as an auction rider for the Verband for many years and trained dressage horses up to advanced level, he is able to put himself in the customers' shoes and give valuable advice when test riding a horse."

For Kirsten Kefenbaum, the auction was extremely satisfactory. "Valentina's full brother qualified for the Bundeschampionat. Valentina's competitive career is also secured: at a hammer price of 22,500 Euros, we couldn't imagine a better rider for Valentina. I am very happy that dressage rider Anita Homann from Everswinkel fell in love with Valentina and won the bid. I am particularly pleased about that!"



Quinett by Qualito/Calido sold for the top price of 45,000 Euros. Photo: Kunst

Once again, it was a show jumper that topped the statistics of a Verden Auctions riding horse auction: The virtual knockdown for Quinett took place at 45,000 Euros. The 41 auction candidates cost an average of 13,146 Euros. It took just under an hour for a regular customer from Bavaria, who has already discovered numerous talents in the Niedersachsenhalle, to win the bid for the Qualito/Calido daughter Quinett (breeder: Horst Nietfeld, Liebenau) at 45,000 Euro after 60 bids were placed. The tall five-year-old Quinett from the Formica line impressed with her excellent work attitude and motivation. Among the dressage horses,

Statistics	
Riding horses	
Number of horses	41 horses
Sold	41 horses
Net proceeds	539,000.00 Euros
Average price	13,146.34 Euros
Top price	45,000.00 Euros
Lowest price	8,000.00 Euros
Price range	
8,000 to 10,999 Euros	20 horses
11,000 to 14,999 Euros	9 horses
15,000 to 24,999 Euros	11 horses
25,000 Euros and more	1 horse
Sales by region	
Germany	27
France	4
Belgium	2
Finland	2
Great Britain	1
Mexico	1
Romania	1
Spain	1
Turkey	1
Italy	1

Euraton by Escamillo/Feedback (breeder: Beate Brodesser, Neukirchen-Vluyn) was the top price. An international Grand Prix rider and trainer from Lower Saxony secured the youngster, who has been successful in tests for young riding and dressage horses, for 23,500 Euros. 

VERDEN FOAL SPRING: EXTENDED BY AN AUCTION IN JULY

The filly Madeira was the pearl of the collection at the fourth edition of the Verden Foal Spring on June 6. She was sold online for 21,500 Euros. On average, the 29 Hannoveraner foals found a new owner for 6,181.03 Euros. It had already become clear in advance that the McLaren/Rubinero daughter (breeder and exhibitor: ZG Vietor and Hinders-Vietor, Weener) would be one of the most notable offers at the fourth Verden Foal Spring.

It took three quarters of an hour for the final bid up to 21,500 Euros to be accepted virtually from Brandenburg. Two of her siblings were part of one of the foal collections in Verden in recent years. The online auction was opened by the Fürst Belissaro/Spörcken son Fortunatus (breeder and exhibitor: Jens Fuseler, Geestenseth). Regular customers from France secured the dark brown colt from the Nadassina line for 14,000 Euros.

Fourteen days later, the highest bid of 9,000 Euros was placed for the colt Outtake. The average price for the 13 colts and ten fillies was 6,080 Euros. The pedigree of the Ogano Sitte son Outtake

(breeder and exhibitor: Manfred Vogt, Leinefelde) is anything but an "outtake". His dam, the performance mare Calida by Calido/Rebel Z, was successful in show jumping courses up to 1.40 metres and has been awarded two stars in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program. Latina S, a daughter of Londonderry/Weltruhm, successfully competed in dressage competitions up to M* level and sent her first-born foal to the auction ring: St. Emilia by St. Emilion (breeder and exhibitor: Jörg Sültemeier, Trebel). The broodmare's dam, Ackerwelle, was born about 100 years ago at the Sültemeier family's farm and produced many successful dressage and show jumping horses. St. Emilia, born in April, sold for 8,750 Euros.

Final at the beginning of July

The final of the Verden foal spring ended on July 4th with an average price of 6,183 Euros for the 27 foals offered. A colt with the promising name Ermelo was the most sought-after offer at 19,000 Euros. The Escaneno/San Amour son (breeder and exhibitor: Thomas Heuer, Bienenbüttel) goes back

to the Thoroughbred mare Freia xx, who is also at the beginning of the pedigrees of the private stallions Cadeau Noir and Finest Ampere. It took ten minutes before a new customer from Schleswig-Holstein made the 40th and thus last and decisive bid of 19,000 Euros. Ermelo will be something very special: it is a gift to the buyer's wife for receiving the Golden Riding Badge. She achieved all the successes required for this with Hannoveraner horses.

A hammer price of 12,000 Euros not only made the Vatson Sitte/Chacco-Blue son Veit G&M (breeder and exhibitor: Gestüt Gattermann & Malkoc, Rehburg-Loccum), who is equipped with the best jumping genes, the second most expensive foal, but also the best-paid jumper foal. His dam, the performance mare Chablis, was successful at 1.45 metres with Dieter Smitz and has been awarded two stars in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program. The April-born bay is her first foal. 

51TH ELITE FOAL AUCTION

A summer breeze blew through the well-attended Niedersachsenhalle and helped the 51th Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction to a brisk course in August. Valergo led the statistics at 51,000 Euros. At the anniversary event – the first foal auction in Verden took place in 1974 – the 111 foals achieved an average price of 8,818 Euros.

By Rolf Hillmann

The anniversary foal auction went well, and the majority of those involved can be satisfied. In view of the generally tense economic situation in the horse market and stagnating sales in the country, breeders have experienced much easier marketing times. The mood among breeders is therefore subdued. With an average price of almost 8,818 Euros, a total turnover of almost one million Euros and a sales quota at the level of previous years, the auction exceeded the expectations of many. After a brisk auction that lasted a good five hours, managing director and main organizer Wilken Treu considered the auction a "highlight" in what has been a "difficult foal sales year" overall. When the catalog came out and head numbers up to 120 had been assigned, there were more than a few who feared a slow and ultimately disappointing auction. They were not proved right. The atmosphere that Friday between the Herwart von der Decken-Show and the Verden Championships for Riding and Dressage Horses was relaxed and summery, and the great customer interest was already apparent at the first presentation. The organizers had changed and professionalized the procedure in favor of a good presentation.

On auction day itself, the entire collection was shown trotting in the morning in the open air on the triangle. Almost 120 foals and broodmares were given the chance to show off their full range of movements in two rounds. The responsible persons deliberately separated the walk presentation from the trotting rounds, which greatly benefited the foals. Meanwhile, the customers had the opportunity to better assess the walk an hour later on hard ground.

The Niedersachsenhalle was beautifully decorated, and the registered customers enjoyed a friendly and appreciative service. The doors were wide open and a summer breeze blew in, taking with it some of the initial skepticism. And even critical "insiders" attested to the "very good selection" made by the Verden team. Not only during the presentations, but also during the auction, the foals showed a high level with several expected highlights. The fact that there was no real "outlier", but rather a consistent price level in several classes, benefited the exhibitors as a whole. The audience, especially those willing to buy, was present throughout the entire day, taking every opportunity to get authentic impressions,

thus more than clearly underlining that the OnLive format, with the emphasis on "live", remains the measure of all things.

What was also noticeable was that customers with a specific purchase intention did not focus on one foal, but on several that met their requirements. This explained why high bids were still being placed in the bidding duel even after hours. In general, there were many familiar faces in the audience, stallion breeders, stallion keepers, riding horse customers and customers from the show jumping camp, who work at the highest level and also received knockdowns. Speaking of showjumping: it was noticeable that the corresponding foals were paid a decent average price of 8,200 Euros. They often descended from sires with international bloodlines and from proven dam lines with competition success. They were pretty types with astonishingly good movements and active hindquarters; some could have passed as dressage foals. The most coveted foal from the jumper collection was Extraklasse by Ermitage Kalone/Cascadello (breeder and exhibitor: Ludwig Decker jun., Bierbergen), who was secured by a renowned show jumping stable. The bay stallion comes from the line of the iconic stallion Grannus. With three TB-influenced foals, customers from the eventing camp were addressed. There was interest, and the foals ended up in prominent or experienced hands.

When it came to dressage foals, the main thing was the actual product, which had to be able to move. If you talked to experts, you would hear again and again that the be-all and end-all was the movement, the flexibility, the elasticity, the posture, the suppleness and the basic quality, where the pedigree was rather a minor matter. Nevertheless, all the renowned fathers of the present were of course represented; their names began with the familiar capital letters such as "B", "D", "E", "F", "T" and especially "V", which of course went back to the foal-makers Vivaldi and Vitalis and their sons and grandsons.

V-Power's successful crop

Vivaldi's grandson V-Power also sired the two most expensive foals with 51,000 and 36,000 Euros. A lengthy bidding duel ensued for the V-Power/Danone son Valergo (breeder and exhibitor: Lambert and Alois Wester, Stavern), before he was



Lambert and Alois Wester breed foals in turns and now presented the top-priced Valergo by V-Power/Danone in the Verden showcase, which found a new owner for 51,000 Euros. Photo: Fellner



At the presentation in the morning, the horses and visitors inspected each other. Photo: Fellner

knocked down at 51,000 Euros. The typey liver chestnut out of the Jessica line, which is also the origin of Glamourdales father Lord Leatherdale, was sold to a customer from the USA. Even before Valergo, many spectators thought, "how beautiful," when they saw the foal of the same name, Qué Bonito, trotting around the arena. The Qandide/San Amour son (breeder and exhibitor: Werner Wegener, Wunstorf) attracted a lot of attention because, in addition to his above-average quality

of movement, his color, buckskin, was a real eye-catcher. He was sold to a Danish rearer for 33,000 Euros. Shortly before the end of the auction for the 50th anniversary, the second most expensive foal made its appearance. A regular customer from Sweden held out the longest and secured another V-Power son, Van Dango, out of a Feinrich dam (breeder and exhibitor: Karl Rumpke, Wagenfeld), for 36,000 Euros.

Managing director Wilken Treu was satisfied with the outcome. A collection at a high level had generated corresponding customer interest. The size of the collection was also no obstacle for customers to stay until the end. "The interested parties bid on what they want, then it doesn't matter where the foal appears in the auction." Wilken Treu described the result as "healthy". Of course, not all exhibitors could be satisfied, "but we should put the result in the context of the current marketing situation." In his conclusion, he also included the interest from abroad, "which has certainly been greater in the past". 22 foals will leave Germany, with Spain and Sweden being the most strongly represented countries with five and four foals respectively. France, which is usually a good customer in Verden, had its Bundeschampionat, "so for many potential customers, our auction took a back seat". Auctioneer Bernd Hickert came to a similar conclusion. He was pleased that "exhibitors who had also earned it got a chance". He sees a growing trend towards live auctions again and spoke out in favor of holding more on-site auctions again. Otherwise, he found the mood among all participants to be "relaxed". Many familiar faces were in attendance. With the completed breeding season in mind, he hoped that sales would consolidate again. "The breeding figures are falling, but who knows, maybe next year will be more stable than we fear now." X

Statistics			
Foals			
Number of foals			111 foals
Sold			111 foals
Net proceeds			978,750.00 Euros
Average price			8,817.56 Euros
Top price			51,000.00 Euros
Lowest price			4,000.00 Euros
Price range			
4,000 to 4,999 Euros			15 foals
5,000 to 7,999 Euros			49 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros			23 foals
10,000 Euros and more			24 foals
Sales by region			
Germany	89	Argentinia	1
Belgium	1	Denmark	1
France	1	Italy	1
Great Britain	1	NLD	1
Sweden	4	Switzerland	1
Spain	5	CZE	2
USA	1	Ukraine	1
Austria	1		

HANNOVERANER VERBAND HIGHLIGHTS



Mount St John Freestyle and
Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour Photo: Lafrentz

November, 17
Verden Auction Online
Riding horses

November, 21 to 23
**Stallion licensing and
Stallion sales OnLive**
Dressage stallions
FRH-Cup

November, 28 to 30
**Stallion licensing and
Stallion sales OnLive**
Jumping stallions
Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters

January, 25
Verden Auction Online
Riding horses

April, 19
Verden Auction Online
Riding horses

