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# DER HANNOVERANER

## Sport

Cydello wins  
in Mannheim

## Auction

Sought and found

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conditions



*Cydello by Cascadello/Forsyth and Richard Vogel  
won the Grand Prix of Mannheim „Die Badenia“.  
Photo: Lafrentz*



## (NO) LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

*It wasn't love at first sight. But the two have since found happiness. Last year, D'Accord FRH and Christoph Wahler were runners-up in the German Championships. After his first start in a five-star competition in May, the successful eventing rider has a second ace up his sleeve alongside his championship horse Carjatan S with the 2012-born bay for when the tickets for the Olympic Games are handed out.*

By Britta Züngel



D'Accord FRH and Christoph Wahler Photo: Lafrentz

Christoph Wahler has just returned from his first trip to the USA with a horse. He competed with the Diarado/Aarking xx son D'Accord FRH at the prestigious CCI5\* Lexington and wanted to recommend his bay, born in 2012, for further competitions. The head of Klosterhof Medingen has been part of the German championship squad with his Holstein grey Carjatan S for five years, competed as an individual rider at the European Championships in Luhmühlen/GER and Avenches/SUI, became Team World Champion in Pratoni del Vivaro/ITA in 2022 and only just missed out on a second medal at last year's European Champion-

ships in Le Pin-au-Haras/FRA after finishing fourth in the individual ranking following team silver. The three day event at Kentucky Horse Park leaves nothing to be desired. "D'Accord FRH was very, very good for his first five-star test," says Christoph Wahler. They finished ninth and came out of the demanding cross-country course without any penalties. Nevertheless, he is a little annoyed that the dressage and jumping with two poles down were not as good as he is capable of with his Hannoveraner. An injury-related break in the winter had prevented more intensive training. "He was fantastic in the cross-country! D'Accord FRH has more potential than he showed in Kentucky," said his rider with certainty. "Winning – for that you need the 'golden weekend' and always a bit of luck!"

D'Accord FRH moved to Klosterhof Medingen about two years ago. The bay was born at Christa von Paepcke's Hof Bredeneek in Lehmkuhlen in 2012. Her son Hendrik, seventh best German eventing rider at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta/USA with Amadeus by Afrikaner/Servus (breeder: Hermann Gerken, Hepstedt), was convinced of the bay's exceptional quality from the very first second. He had already shown his dam Anette and half-brother C'est la vie by Contendro in cross-country tests. He bought him from his mother together with Stefan Haupt and gave him to Svenja Eckert at the age of six to be ridden by Team Thomsen in Lindewitt in the northernmost tip of Germany. Carefully trained, D'Accord FRH celebrated victories and placings from cross-country tests to CCI3\*-S. At some point, Peter Thomsen had the idea that D'Accord FRH could be a suitable horse for Christoph Wahler, who only had one older horse in his stable, Carjatan S. "We weren't necessarily actively looking at the time. He was definitely not on my radar. I had a look at him and brought him in for a test ride. It wasn't necessarily love at first sight. But he simply did good things right from the start. He has a lot of scope over the jump and good flexibility despite his size," recalls Christoph Wahler.

### Everyone has fun

After the first few competitions with varying results and getting to know each other better and better, the pair had their first really good four-star result at the 2022 German Championships in Luhmühlen, finishing in sixth place. This was followed by the first lucrative offers for D'Accord FRH. "It was clear to us that the potential is there and we all enjoy the partnership. I get on very well with the owners and am very happy that they said in the end that we would continue together," said a delighted Christoph Wahler. D'Accord FRH had a break after the German Championships. Christoph Wahler had to concentrate on preparing for the World Championships with Carjatan S and then had an operation on his intervertebral disc. "The nine-month break from competitions wasn't so



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bad for D'Accord FRH. He then did everything right last year, was in the top ten at every competition and always in time on the cross-country. He is perhaps the fastest horse I have ridden so far." After winning the CCI3\*-L in Strzegom/POL and coming second at the German Championships, he was awarded the name affix of the Supporter's Club for Hannoveraner Sport Horses. "I was particularly pleased with this recognition for the breeders," says Christoph Wahler. "D'Accord FRH is an incredible athlete. He doesn't have the easiest body in the world, nor does he have the classic versatile dispositions. Ever since we really got to know each other, he just wants to do everything right. That makes it incredibly easy for me as a rider," enthuses the 30-year-old. "Maybe D'Accord FRH still has the chance to play a role for Paris, otherwise we have our sights set on Burghley."

Christoph Wahler has another Hannoveraner eventing talent under his saddle with Steppke. The Stolzenberg/Embassy son (breeder: Heino Hergenröther, Prezelle) came to Medingen via Elmar Lesch's auction. Raised as a stallion, he had already impressed at the 2021 free jumping competition of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program for four-year-olds in Verden, "When I tried him out, I was really impressed by him and thought 'He's green and can't do anything yet, but maybe it's a really cool project'. And I think that's exactly what it is," says Christoph Wahler. So far, the pair have competed twice in a CCI1\* Intro, finished the test twice with the dressage result and placed both times.

Riding anything other than eventing never crossed Christoph Wahler's mind. His father Burkhard, once a successful eventer himself, was his role model. "I always trained with my father at home. That's the obvious thing to do. I grew up with the business and learned an incredible amount from him. Childhood is the most formative part of life," says Christoph Wahler. In 2010, at the age of 16, he competed in his first championship: the Junior European Championships in Bad Segeberg/GER with Federleicht. "She was a cool horse, the perfect junior horse. Very, very easy to handle. The only thing she didn't like was the farrier and turning in the studs. But she was really easy to ride," recalls Christoph Wahler of the Federweisser/Tumble Wind xx daughter (breeder: Friedrich Jahncke,

Bückau). Back then, Christoph Wahler was 24<sup>th</sup> in the individual ranking, but four years later in Vale Sabroso/POR with Green Mount Flight he became European team runner-up in the young riders category, and in Strzegom/POL the following year he won the bronze medal in the individual ranking in addition to team silver number two. His breakthrough in the senior division came with Carjatan S.

You will look in vain for Christoph Wahler in eventing competitions for young horses. Eventing is extremely time-consuming, and his main focus is on Klosterhof Medingen. It has been four years since the 30-year-old became the third head of the renowned family business: "I can't imagine doing anything else but working with horses. My three older siblings were happy for me to continue. So it was a relatively easy decision for me." Grandfather Eugen started the Trakehner stud



farm in the 1960s, developed it into a major stallion station with his father Burkhard and also took care of breeding, training and marketing. Caprimond and De Niro were the flagships of the Klosterhof. "I lived through our Trakehner stallions, some of which I rode myself. I know how formative they were for our business and I am well aware of our Trakehner history," says Christoph Wahler. Donaumonarch was his absolute favorite stallion. Today, it is the Global Player/Fidertanz son Global Hope (breeder: ZG Werth, Moers), Hannoveraner Champion and Bundeschampion of three-year-old stallions with Jacob Schenk. "He is somehow very special to me. When Jacob is on vacation, I even get to ride him."

Despite the boss's many competition successes, eventing is not the Klosterhof's business model. "The breeding station, customer contact, the auction business and horse trading are the things that keep our company going," says Christoph Wahler. He hasn't turned everything inside out since 2020. "We've acquired incredibly interesting horses and have developed further with the stallions. In the summer, we have a new program item with our big summer competition, which I organize. The auction has been given a new look. My next goals – we'll see when the time comes," says Christoph Wahler with a mischievous smile.

Six riders currently have around 70 horses under the saddle. "I want to focus a little more on competitions with the business. I'm explicitly excluding the stallion station. It will continue because I really enjoy breeding." In addition to the stallions, eleven mares are registered with the Hannoveraner Verband. He has known his mares for generations, including their offspring. He makes a gut decision about who might suit whom. Christoph Wahler also likes to buy foals. But then a lot has to fit. "I'm prepared to make compromises on one attribute when buying. But I have to like the overall package. I have to look at the foal and have an idea. I have to see the pedigree and think, 'Wow, that's interesting'". It is always important to look at the dam line and the correctness of the limbs. The body parts must fit together. "Then you're a whole step ahead!" says Christoph Wahler, who thinks it would be really cool to breed a championship horse one day.

But it doesn't necessarily have to be one for eventing. "Breeding eventing horses is not that easy. You have to have a thoroughbred mare and know exactly how she will breed. That is very, very difficult. And in the end, eventing horses are 'made'. It's also a matter of luck that the horse later comes to a rider who can develop it," explains Christoph Wahler. The days when you could be successful in competitions with a pure thoroughbred are over. Dressage and show jumping have become too important. "Of course, there are thoroughbreds that can move really well. But there aren't that many of them anymore. The modern quarter



*A cool project: The Stolzenberg/Embassy son Steppke came third in the CCI1\* Intro in Baborowko/POL with Christoph Wahler. Photo: Züngel*

to half-breed is what we need for our competitions – and preferably with good jumping." More so than with the specialists in the dressage arena and show jumping course, much more is decided later in eventing based on the riding. "At the age of five, everything is still a bit of a game with eventing horses. Things start to get serious at the age of six. At seven and eight years old, the work has to be done. Then nothing should really go wrong." In his experience, whether a horse has what it takes to be a championship horse is decided between three and four-star level.

Eventing is Christoph Wahler's passion, and the Klosterhof is both his profession and his calling. Not much has changed in his daily work with the young horses and stallions since he took over the responsibility. "Perhaps I have my own ideas about what is important, especially when it comes to keeping the horses healthy. I'm automatically quite good at that because of my knowledge in eventing. And I sometimes have a good idea for one or two young horses," he explains. In addition to the otherwise "classic" training, the horses get out a lot, go to the paddock, into the horse walker or into the aquatrainer. Exercise is the key. "We try to follow the training scale. It's not particularly complicated. The devil is in the detail, but we try to do it as well as possible." ☈



*Cydello by Cascadello/Forsyth and Richard Vogel not only delivered two clear rounds in the Nations Cup, but also won the Grand Prix of Mannheim „Die Badenia“ at top speed.*  
*Photo: Lafrentz*

## CYDELLO FLIES TO VICTORY IN MANNHEIM

*Cydello and Richard Vogel have won the traditional "Die Badenia" Grand Prix in Mannheim. Menconvio PS and Ruben Arroyave celebrated two Grand Prix victories in Mexico. In the dressage arena young riders in particular are responsible for numerous golden ribbons.*

*By Britta Züngel*

### SHOWJUMPING



#### ACUERO

In the second week of the Gorla Spring Tour in Gorla Minore/ITA, Acuero by Acorado/Catoki/Graf Grannus (line of Steingilde, breeder: Gundi Engfer, Rosengarten) and the Peruvian Alonso Valdez Prado were among the winners. The pair won the opening jumping competition of the Big Tour.

#### BALOUTINA HB

In front of the picturesque scenery of Redefin Staute Stud, the Balou du Rouet/Stakkato/Grannus

daughter Baloutina HB (line of Nokadere, breeder: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke) won the first qualifier of the Youngster Cup with Annina Nordström from Finland.

#### BANANA JOE (RHLD.)

For the first time in his young career, Banana Joe by Uriko/Quidam de Revel/Grannus (breeder: Frank Plock, Borken-Trockenerfurth) led an international lap of honor. The seven-year-old, whose half-brother is the internationally successful EIC Schabernack by Cornet Obolensky, won the first qualifier of the Youngster Tour at the Maimarkt Horse Show in Mannheim/GER with Slovakian rider Peter Kopecky.

#### BIG RED BALOU (VA)

The Balou du Rouet/Goldfever/Contendro son Big Red Balou (breeder: Johann Martens, Uplengen) presented himself impressively at the horse show in Hagen/GER after falling into the right hands at the 2017 foal auction in Verden. The tall chestnut won the final of the Youngster Tour with Germany's Richard Vogel, having already won the first qualifier.

#### BURSCHI

For the first time, the Blockbuster/Zeus/Classiker son Burschi (line of Badda, breeder: ZG Mausberg, Burscheid) was the best in an international test.



The eight-year-old won the opening competition of the Youngster Tour in Linz-Ebelsberg/AUT with Maren Hoffmann.

### CANBELLA BLUE PS

There were only two penalty-free rides in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) in Arezzo/ITA, and only one horse remained clear in the jump-off: Canabella Blue PS by Cantolar/Chacco-Blue/Calypso II (line of Narenta, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Emma Emanuelsson from Sweden took the victory in this competition with prize money of 106,000 Euros.

### CATO BOY

The Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High son Cato Boy (line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Berßenbrück) celebrated the biggest success of his career to date in Windsor Castle Park/GBR. The son of the 2023 Hannoveraner Mare of the Year and full brother of Martin Fuchs' Commissar Pezi won "The Pearl Stakes" at CSI5\* with Irish Shane Breen.

### CHACCO'S GIRLSTAR

On the first weekend in May, Sentower Park was all about Chacco's Girlstar. The Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Quick Star daughter (line of Anela, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) won the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) at the CSI3\* Opglabbeek/BEL with Emanuele Camilli, having already taken victory in the qualifier (1.50 metres).

### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (VA)

The Chaman/Chasseur/Graphit son Champions League (line of Adda, breeder: Gerald Wiese, Ottersberg) and Khurshidbek Alimjanov won the two-phase special jumping competition at the Eurasian League World Cup competition in Tashkent/UZB.

### CHRISTIANE K

Switzerland won the Nations Cup in Gorla Minore/ITA. Christiane K by Christian/Chambertin/El Bundy (line of Jedlita, breeder: Johann and Johannes Krull, Dörpen) and rider Eva Gautschi contributed a clear round in their first appearance for the Swiss.

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*In Kronenberg/NED, the Kannan/Casall son Kansall and David Will took victory in the Grand Prix.*

*Photo: Archive/Lafrentz*

## CLASSIC BALOU (VA)

With the Czech rider Lucie Strnadlová, the Clinton's Heart/Balou du Rouet/Picard son Classic Balou (line of Wespe, breeder: Stall Wacholderheide, Himbergen) flew to victory in the final of the Medium Tour of the CSI2\* Boguslawice/POL.

## COMMISSAR PEZI

First place in the second qualifier (1.50 metres) of the Big Tour of the CSI3\* Gorla Minore/ITA went to the Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High son Commissar Pezi (line of Ambella, breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück) and Martin Fuchs.

## CONOISSEUR PWR

With his Connoisseur PWR by Cornet Obolensky/Stakkato/Escudo (line of Einfuhr, breeder: Pernilla Svensson, Broby/SWE), Irish rider Thomas Ryan enjoyed victory in the group jumping test with winning round at the CSI2\* Munich-Riem/GER.

## CONSTABLE

After his furious performance at the WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Tour in Valkenswaard/NED last year, 2018-born Constable by Contendro/Diarado/Goodman (line of Steingilde, breeder: Ilona Turowska, Sosnowica/POL) celebrated his first international victory in Opglabbeek/BEL. He and Jaroslaw Skrzyczynski won the second qualifier of the Youngster Tour on the first weekend in May.

## CORNETS IBERIO

The Cornet Obolensky/Iberio/Acorado-son Cornets Iberio (line of Steingilde, breeder: Heinrich Ramsbrock, Menslage) won the first 1.50 metre jumping competition of the derby days in Hamburg-Klein Flottbek/GER with Denis Lynch.

## CUBI CUBELLS

On the second weekend in May, victory in the first competition of the Big Tour at the CSI2\* Kronenberg/NED went to Cubi Cubells by Comme il faut NRW/Julio Mariner xx/Wanderer (line of Alferate, breeder: Ute Rosemann, Münster) and Greta Reinacher.

## CYDELLO

In Mannheim/GER, the Cascadello/Forsyth/Espri son Cydello (line of Arma, breeder: Christoph Schörnig, Dreieich) and Richard Vogel won the

Grand Prix "Die Badenia". The pair had already delivered two penalty-free rounds in the Nations' Cup, in which Germany took second place. "Winning here is a childhood dream. Cydello couldn't have fought any better and the crowd couldn't have supported me any better," said a delighted Richard Vogel, who was born in Mannheim. The pair continued on to the Baltic Sea, where they won the two-phase Medium Tour show jumping competition at the CSI4\* Hohen Wieschendorf/GER.

## EIC SCHABERNACK

One of the best young show jumpers at Pferd International in Munich-Riem/GER was EIC Schabernack by Cornet Obolensky/Quidam de Revel/Gran-nus (breeder: Frank Plock, Borken-Trockenerfurth). With Max Kühner, the eight-year-old confidently took the victories in both qualifiers of the Youngster Tour.

### *Diamaximus*

At Riesenbeck International/GER, the Diacontinus/Pro Ratio/Werther son Diamaximus (line of Femina, breeder: Zucht und Reitsport Hülsmann, Willich) confidently won the second qualifier of the Youngster Tour. In the saddle: Olympic team champion Sandra Auffarth.

## FIDELIUS G

With Kathrin Adler, Fidelius G by For Edition/Grand Royal/Argentan (line of Segelta, breeder: Johann Gerdes, Bargstedt) led the field of participants in the two-phase amateur show jumping competition in Mannheim/GER.

## FOR FRIENDSHIP VDL

The picturesque landscape of Tuscany was chosen by the For Pleasure/Stakkato Gold/Zeus son For Friendship VDL (line of Fliegerin, breeder: Günter Soltau, Hamburg) for his first international victory. The eight-year-old chestnut stallion, who once left the elite foal auction in Verden as the most expensive show jumper foal to enter the VDL stud in the Netherlands, won the two-phase special jumping competition of the Silver Tour at the CSI4\* Arezzo/ITA with Marlon Modolo Zanotelli.

## KANSALL

On the first weekend in April, Kansall by Kannan/Casall/Amigo xx (breeder: Anja van Hoorn, Leer) and David Will took victory in the Grand Prix of the CSI2\* Kronenberg/NED. David Will took over the ten-year-old from French rider Vera Benchimol at the beginning of the year.

## LET'S GO FZ (VA)

Let's Go FZ by Lord Fauntleroy/Stakkato/Escudo (line of Schneiderin, breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) and Giacomo Casadei had every reason to be "happy" in the "Happy Horse" jumping competition at the CSIO3\* Gorla Minore/ITA: they took victory in this 1.45 metre class.

## LOOPING LUNA (VA)

Since March last year, the Lord Fauntleroy/Calido/Gambler's Cup xx daughter Looping Luna (line of Juka, breeder: Andreas Middelkampf, Grönloh) has been ridden by Olympic and European champion Steve Guerdat. The first 1.50 metre victory was achieved at the CSIS\* Gorla Minore/ITA. Just one week later, the pair picked up their next golden ribbon, this time in "The Defender Stakes" (1.55 metres) at the Royal Windsor Horse Show/GBR.

## MENCONVIO PS

The Messenger/Con Air/Silvio son Menconvio PS (line of Nigretti, breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) and Ruben Arroyave celebrated two Grand Prix victories within three weeks. The pair won the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) in San Miguel de Allende/MEX at the end of April by exactly three seconds. This was followed by first place in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) in Guadalajara/MEX on Pentecost Sunday.

## MONTELLINO

Sweden won the Nations Cup for young riders in Compiègne/FRA. Best horse in the Tre Kronor team: Montellino by Monte Bellini/Cordalme/Ramino (breeder: Michael Heitmann, Dinklage) with Svea Tegnestedt.

## NEVER MIND

Never Mind by Numero Uno/Drosselklang II/Acord II (line of Narmata, breeder: Günter Wellmann, Brockumetres) and Hannah-Michelle Wilken were over a second faster than the competition in a 1.40 metre test at the CSIOY Zduchovice/CZE, taking the victory with ease.

## PERRY KHR

At the beginning of the year, Tina Deuerer got back in the saddle of her Perigueux/Kolibri/Wanderer-son Perry KHR (line of Yuminda, breeder: Karl-Henning Rollwage, Bockenemmetres) and secured the victory in a speed class of the Gold Tour in week II of the Toscana Tour II in Arezzo/ITA.

## PORTO CRISTO B

In the Hamburg Derby Park, Porto Cristo B by Perigueux/Lamberk/Contendro (line of Griseldis, breeder: Andreas Habben, Cuxhaven) won the first qualifier of the Youngster Tour with Stephan Dubsky.

## PIET

At the age of 16, Piet by Perigueux/Natiello xx/Picard (breeder: Hartmut Hopmann, Wittingen) celebrated his first international victory. The bay, whose dam St.Pr.St. Nordland VH produced two other successful advanced (S) level show jumpers, Penta and Al Pacino, won the final of the Silver Tour at the CSI2\* Stadl Paura/AUT with Anna Duff from Ireland.

## PLOT GREEN

In mid-April, Plot Green by Plot Blue/Graf Top/Pablo (line of Nab, breeder: Susanne Brinkmeyer, Bad Zwischenahn) and Leonie Pander celebrated victory in the U25 Grand Prix in Lier/BEL.

## PRINZ (VA)

Prinz by Perigueux/Escudo/Werther (line of Nachbarin, breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln) and Hans-Dieter Dreher won the opening jumping competition of the Maimarkt horse show in Mannheim/GER with a lead of over two seconds.

## SEED

The Stolzenberg/Glückspilz/Werther son Seed (line of Norm, breeder: Helmut Habermann, Hänigsen) delivered one of two penalty-free rounds in the Young Rider Grand Prix in Drammen/NOR. And he was also the fastest, taking victory in the 1.45 metre class with Sweden's Ingemar Hammarström.

## SOOPER TROOPER

Super Sooper Trooper: The Diamant de Semilly/Stakkato/Akzent II son (line of Jedraza, breeder: La Magnifica, Fauglia/ITA) won the opening class of the Youngster Tour with rider Thiago Ribas da Costa in Kronenberg/NED on the second weekend in May.

## STAKAYA

Stakaya and Fabio Thielen had reason to celebrate in northern France. The Stakkato/Clearway/Sir Dancer xx daughter (breeder: Kai Gattermann,

Rehburg) and the 16-year-old from Losheim in Saarland won the Junior Grand Prix in Compiègne/FRA.

## EIC STEPSTONE (VA)

The Stolzenberg/Quintender/Escudo-son EIC Stepstone (line of Mafera, breeder: Ulrike v. Stietencron, Emmerthal) celebrated the first victory of his young career in the Hausruckviertel. The bay, who grew up in Hunnesrück and was sold to Max Kühner at the Elite Auction three years ago, won the seven-year-old final at the CSI2\* Stadl Paura/AUT with Helmut Schönsteller.

## ELITE MARE SEMPA FIDELIS (VA)

The "Open" at two-star level also took place in Miami Beach/USA as part of the Global Champions Tour. On the second day, a jumping competition on faults and time celebrated a Hannoveraner victory. The Stakkato Gold/Concetto/Graf Grannus daughter Sempa Fideles (line of Ahnenforschung, breeder: Holger Siems, Balge) and Georgina Bloomberg snatched the golden ribbon.

## QUAIT FOX

Quait Fox by Quarismo/Stakkato/Werther (line of Nachbarin I, breeder: Dr. Sabine Plaß, Burgdorf) and Michael Viehweg from Germany took the golden ribbon in the warm-up class at the CSI3\* Hagen/GER.

## QUEESY PJ

The victorious Czech junior team at the CSIOJ Zduchovice/CZE included the Quality Time/Escudo/Werther daughter Quesy PJ (line of Norm, breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen) and Rozalie Pichrtová.

## QUERIDA

A dream came true for Querida at Horses & Dreams in Hagen/GER: The Qualito/Embassy/Landclassic daughter (line of Stange, breeder: Hans Henning von der Decken, Brocklostenbostel) won the final of the two-star CSI with Stephi de Boer.

## SHUTTERGOLD

After three years in the USA, Shuttergold by Silvio/Forrest xx/Graphit (line of Kokette, breeder: Klaus Meyer, Meppen-Apeldorn) is back in Europe. On the last weekend in May, the 14-year-old, who once competed successfully with Sandra Auffarth,

entered the winners' list of a two-phase special show jumping competition in the Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL. In the saddle was the US-female rider Taylor Kain.

## SUSANNE

The Redefin State Stud hosted a horse festival at its impressive facilities. The Stakkato/Landfriese/Watzmann daughter Susanne (line of Imortelle, breeder: ZG Bartonek and Appel, Hinter) really got going in the final of the medium tour and claimed her fifth international victory with Germany's Patrick Bölle.

## TANGASSINI

The Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve/Cassini II/Escudo son Tangassini (line of Klaseta, breeder: Ludwig and Lutz Decker GbR, Bierbergen) jumped onto the sport pages of DER HANNOVERANER with an impressive victory. The nine-year-old, who was previously presented by French rider Ines Joly, has found a new home in the USA. With Ashlee Bond, who competes for Israel, he won a 1.45 metre class at the CSI2\* Langley-Vancouver/CAN.



## VALUT (VA)

On the last Thursday of the Mediterranean Equestrian Tour at the end of April in Oliva/ESP, Valut by Valentino/Foxhunter/Traunstein (line of Nordika, breeder: Sönke Siems, Barumetres) and Jesus Garmendia Echevarria won a two-phase jumping competition in the Gold 3 Tour. The next victory came at the CSI4\* Montefalco/ITA. The 14-year-old won another two-phase jumping class in Umbria.

## VIKI VAN GOGH

The best seven-year-old at the Baltic Sea on the last weekend in May was Viki van Gogh. The Van Gogh/Now or Never M/Calido daughter (line of Sudette, breeder: Johann Duin, Holtland) took the golden ribbon in the final of the Youngster Tour with Christian Kukuk in Hohen Wieschendorf/GER.

## ZARA WHITE

The Zirocco Blue/Lord Z/Alcatraz daughter Zara White (breeder: Hans Ahlers, Twist) won the Youngster Tour Final in Munich-Riem/GER with Stefanie Paul.

## DRESSAGE



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

The new horse in the stable of Australian Simone Pearce, who set up her own business near the Swiss border at the beginning of the year, is the All at once/Fidermark/Worldchamp daughter Hann. Pr.A. All We Need (line of Erlenklette, breeder: Silke Nikolaus, Meerbusch). Having not yet made an international appearance, the ten-year-old from the line of the stamp stallion Florestan celebrated a double victory at the CDI3\* Samorin/SVK. She won the Grand Prix and Special with the Australian rider.

## BOB MARLEY

At the Aachen Dressage Days/GER, Bob Marley by Bon Bravour/De Niro/Fabriano (line of Schliesserin, breeder: Frank Lage, Dannau) danced to victory with Virginia Spönlé in the FEI team test for juniors. The former privately owned stallion was third in the Hannoveraner Dressage Horse Championships with Janine Drissen in 2018 before Jana

Freund competed at Prix St. George level with the expressive brown stallion. As a gelding, he was sold to Italy two years ago and has since been competing at junior level with his 16-year-old rider from Italy, who has already gained international merit in pony sport.

## BODYGUARD (VA)

Bodyguard's winning series continues: In Oломоуц/CZE, the Burlington/Pik L./Grande son (line of Nigretti, breeder: ZG Frieling, Balge) and Florentina Jöbstl won the young riders' team test and the freestyle final.

## CADEAU NOIR (VA)

With 20-year-old Moritz Treffinger in the saddle, the Christ/De Niro/Calypso II son Cadeau Noir (breeder: Thomas Heuer, Bienenbüttel) won the Grand Prix for U25 riders at the Maimarkt horse show in Mannheim/GER.

## DENALI

Jessica Jo Tate celebrated Denali's first international victory at the CDI1\* Lexington/USA. The ten-year-old Don Nobless/Scolari/Werther son (line of Cabanda, breeder: Dres. Eva and Uwe Pape, Emsdetten) won the Prix St. George.

## DON VITO MH

The track record looks fantastic: In March, the Don Frederico/Anamour/Weltmeyer son Don Vito MH (line of Delfina, breeder: Matthew Hannoveraners/NZL) celebrated six victories. Numbers seven to nine were added at the CDI3\* Sydney/AUS. The twelve-year-old, whose granddam Wel Kantje was exported to New Zealand almost 30 years ago, won the Grand Prix, Special and Freestyle with Wendi Williamson.

## DONNA ERIKA (VA)

The Don Frederico/Wolkentanz/Amerigo Vespucci xx daughter Donna Erika (line of Osberta, breeder: Ludwig Eiken, Aurich) celebrated her first international victory in Munich-Riem/GER. The 2014-born liver chestnut mare, who represented the Regional Society Lüneburg at the Herwart von der Decken Show in 2017, put in the best performance in the Inter I at the Olympia riding facility with Julia Giner in the saddle.

*Cadeau Noir by Christ/De Niro and Moritz Treffinger won the U25 Grand Prix in Mannheim.  
Photo: Lafrentz*



## DUKE OF BRITAIN FRH

At the Nations Cup in Compiègne/FRA, Duke of Britain FRH by Dimaggio/Rubinstein/Don Primero (line of Klaseta, breeder: Sarah and Tony Pidgley, Windsor/GBR) and Frederic Wandres danced to victory in the Grand Prix.

## FAVIOLA

In Lombardy, the Foundation/Weltmeyer/Donnerhall daughter Faviola (Lunda line, breeder: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) and Sabrina Rietker had reason to celebrate. The pair won all three junior classes at the CDI3\* Verolanuova/ITA. The dark bay mare competed with Nadine Husenbeth at the World Championships for young dressage horses seven years ago.

## FEUERDORN VB (VA)

At the CDIJ Compiègne/FRA, the Fidertanz/De Vito/Andiamo son Feuerdorn VB (line of Paninka, breeder: Gerd Pigge, Lastrup) and the young French rider Ines de Koninck won the individual junior test. The 14-year-old is a full brother to Grande-Prize winner Foundation.

## PHENOMENON

The only seven-year-old Phenomenon by Franz-Ferdinand/Scolari/Sunlight xx (line of Sefaza, breeder: Harald Oellrich, Osten) and Tia Rose McKenzie

bid farewell to the CDI3\* Sydney/AUS with a victory in the junior freestyle.

## ISTERBERG V

The Instertanz V/Belissimo M/Rotspon son Isterberg V (line of Nortene, breeder: Gestüt Letter Berg, Coesfeld) brought home a golden ribbon from his first trip abroad: The nine-year-old privately owned stallion won the Prix St. George with Carina Scholz at the CDI1\* Sint-Truiden/BEL.

## QUARTAR (VA)

Music is in his blood: The Quantensprung/Laurentio/Weltmeyer son Quartar (breeder: Ralf Zierke, Braunschweig) won the Grand Prix freestyle with Juan Antonio Jimenez Cobo at the CDI3\* Exloo/NED.

## LONDON EYE

On the last weekend in May, London Eye by London Baron/Converter/Watzmann (line of Neapenda, breeder: Sara Maattola, Kaunainen/FIN) and Coco Roine won the junior team test in Pärnu/FIN.

## BLUE HORS QUINTANA

One pair was unbeatable in the U25 classes in Compiègne/FRA: Blue Hors Quintana by Quantensprung/Desperados/Rotspon (line of Florettwelt,

breeder: Steffen Brunkhorst, Parnewinkel) and Sophia Ludvigsen. The Danish/Hannoveraner combination won the Grand Prix and Freestyle in Northern France.

## QUIZMASTER FRH (VA)

The CDI1\* Hagen/GER was a triumph. In Prix St. George and Inter I, the first five places were taken by Hannoveraner horses. Leading the field was the Quasar de Charry/Velten Third/Argument son Quizmaster FRH (line of Favora, breeder: Klaus Küver, Wohlenbeck), who won both classes with Frederic Wandres at his home event.

## LEMEN'S STAR (VA)

Seven years ago, Lemen's Star by Lemony's Nicket/Davignon/Caprimond (line of Laack, breeder: ZG Demuth, Dudenbüttel) was sold at the January auction in Verden to a customer from Madrid. Now the chestnut stallion's new hometown reports a first place in the junior team test of the CDI1\*. In the saddle was 16-year-old Martina Delgado Portillo.

## ROYAL THUNDER (VA)

The experienced champion Royal Thunder by Royal Highness/Londonderry/Davignon (line of Alferate, breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) won the individual test for young riders with Mireia Luz Kovalova in Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP.



*In preparation for the Paralympics, the Fidertanz/Rubin-Royal daughter Floratina (breeder: Dr. Susanne Rauth, Holzminden) and Rebecca Hart (photo left) made their way to Europe. In Mannheim, they took two individual victories in Grade III and won the Nations Cup with the US team (photo center left). The De L'Or/Wolkentanz son Diamond Dunes (breeder: Klaus-Dieter Mansholt, Jemgummetres) with Fiona Howard and the US-born Vianne by Vitalis/Ramiro's Bube (breeder: Catherine Haddad) with Kate Shoemaker were also part of the team with the star banner on the saddlecloth. The 2016-born Vianne (photo center right) was also best in both Grade IV Grand Prix tests, Diamond Dunes won Test*

## RUBINELL (VA)

The 2009 foal auction in Verden took the Romanov Blue Hors/Don Larino/Warkant daughter Rubinell (line of Lobelle, breeder: Dr. Birgit Drexler-Germann, Neustadt) to the other side of the world. She has given birth to two foals in Australia and is competing internationally for the first time this year with the junior Maddison Vallender. She celebrated two victories in team and individual tests in Sydney/AUS.

## SEMPRE MEO (VA)

He was unbeatable in Lower Silesia: Sempre Meo by St. Moritz/Brentano II/Walt Disney (line of Königsheldin, breeder: Birgit Finck, Padigbüttel) won all three young rider classes with Maike Springmeier in Gosciszow/POL.

## BLUE HORS ST. SCHUFRO (VA)

The St. Moritz Junior/Don Schufro/Atatürk son Blue Hors St. Schufro (line of Kati, breeder: Joachim Wahlers, Reebumetres) and Nanna Skodborg Mørk contributed to the Danish team's victory in the Nations Cup in Compiègne/FRA with top results.

## VILLENEUVE (RHLD.)

The Vitalis/Dancier/Worldly son Villeneuve (line of Hardine, breeder: Edeltraud Hähn, Bergneustadt) and Eva Catherine Bartels won the individual test

for juniors in Exloo/NED on his international debut. Six years ago, the chestnut had been Vice-Wolrd Champion of six-year-old dressage horses with Laura Strobel.

## GLOCK'S TOTAL U.S.

Two starts – two wins: Glock's Total U.S. by Totilas/Sir Donnerhall/Don Schufro (breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen) won the Grand Prix and Special with Edward Gal at the CDI3\* Exloo/NED.

## EVENTING



## AEVOLET M-A-F

For the second time in his career, Aevolet M-A-F by Abke/Heraldik xx/Hohenstein (line of Schutrzöte, breeder: Marco Fischer, Parthenstein) stood at the top of the podium in a CCI3\*-S. The ten-year-old won the competition in Orp le Grand/BEL on the Whitsun weekend with Pauline Knorr.

## CRAZY CARLOTTA

Crazy Carlotta by Crazy Classic/Warkant/Archipel (line of Manira, breeder: Matthias Vorreier, Aulosen) celebrated one of her greatest successes to date in Strzegom/POL. The bay, who was discovered at the Luhmühlen foal auction, won the CCI3\*-L with Johanna Marloh.

## ST.PR.A. FRH BUTT'S AVONDALE

With her proven 17-year-old St.Pr.A. FRH Butt's Avondale by Nobre xx/Heraldik xx/Sir Shostakovich xx (line of Ordalie, breeder: Prof. Dr. Volker Steinkraus, Ollsen), Anna Siemer won the four-star-short event in Sopot/POL.

## FE GOLDEN EYE

The Goldfever/Contendro/Falkland son FE Golden Eye (line of Pille, breeder: Marjorie Haus, Paisley/CAN) stood at the top of the podium in a CCI4\*-S for the first time. The twelve-year-old won with Colleen Loach from Canada in Mill Spring/USA.

## PERSEVERANCE EXTRAVAGANCE

With Perseverance Extravagance, the Hannoveraner Stallion of the Year 2023, Edward, has crowned his eventing heredity. The chestnut mare (breeder: Hoswitha Buchner, Bad Harzburg), who has a Wolkentanz/Volturno dam, won the CCI3\*-S Sopot/POL with Louise Romeike.

## VERY SPECIAL

The Viscount/Nobre xx/Fabriano daughter Very Special (breeder: Ulrike Edel-Heidhues, Bad Harzburg) had reason to celebrate in Oudkarspel/NED. The nine-year-old won the three-star short test at the North Holland Horse Trials with Brandon Schäfer-Gehrau. 



*A Grade II. On the final day of the Maimarkt horse show, Sailor's Blue by Swarovski/Arogno (breeder: Dr. Claus Clausen, Winsen) and Pepo Puch from Austria won the Grade II Freestyle. The pair had previously finished third with the team from the Alpine republic in the "international match". The quartet was made up entirely of Hannoveraner horses: In addition to Sailor's Blue, the team included Heinrich IV by Heinrich Heine/De Niro (breeder: Petra Kerschbaum, Vienna/AUT) with Julia Sciancalepore, Bequia Simba by Bequia/Sandro (breeder: Hubertus Poll, Gilten) with Valentina Strobl (photo right) and Bellagio by Belissimo M/Davignon (breeder: Nicole Nehm, Bergen) with Bernd Brugger. Photos: Lafrentz*

## ROSENSTOLZ BECOMES TEACHER

Following his gold medal at the Asian Games in Hangzhou/CHN, Mohd Ambak Dato'Mahamad Fathill has retired his four-legged partner Rosenstolz from international competition. The Malaysian took part in the Asian Games twice with the Rotspon/De Niro son bred by Christian Soetebeer, Wendhausen, winning a total of one gold and four silver medals. Rosenstolz had previously won two titles with Ambak's sister Quzandria Nur.

Before Mohd Ambak Dato'Mahamad Fathill got into the dressage saddle, he was highly successful in the show jumping ring. There, too, it was a Hanoveraner with whom he achieved his greatest successes. With the Stedinger/Fürstenreich daughter 3Q Qalisya (breeder: Günter Heilshorn, Wulsbüttel), the 44-year-old won team gold and individual silver at the 2017 Asian Games in Kuang Rawang/MAS. The bay, born in 2009, was sold and is now on the road with the young French rider Noa Verel. While the horses are trained and coached by Dennis Fisker and Lars Bak Andersen in Denmark, their rider only comes to Europe occasionally.

The entrepreneur runs the 3Q Equestrian Center north of Kuala Lumpur, which was founded by his father and named after the three siblings Quzier Ambak, Qabil Ambak and Quzandria Nur. Among other things, the facility was the venue for the equestrian competitions of the Southeast Asian Games, which took place in Malaysia's capital in 2017.



With Mohd Ambak Dato'Mahamad Fathill, Rosenstolz by Rotspon/De Niro won a gold and a silver medal at the 2023 Asian Games. Photo: FEI/Yong Teck Lim

Born in 2006, Rosenstolz began his career at the Verden Foal Auction, where he found Dutch buyers. He was licensed two years later. With Norwegian rider Sini Wethal Helliesen, the black stallion celebrated his first international placings before ending up in the ownership of the Dato'Mahamad

Fathill family. In ten years, he competed with a total of five riders in the Small Tour. Now Rosenstolz will be a teacher for the young Swedish rider Wilma Bornhager and help her make the step from the pony riders to the juniors. XX

## SALVINO GOES INTO BREEDING

In the USA, Adrienne Lyle has retired her Sandro Hit/Donnerhall son Salvino from competitions. "Salvino is still very fit and energetic, but Adrienne and I feel that the stress of the qualifying process and preparing for the Olympics is not in his best long-term interest. He will soon retire and continue to be ridden at home. We are also very proud to be able to offer Salvino for breeding," said his owner Betsy Juliano.

Born in 2007 at Joachim Essink's breeding farm in Nordhorn, the dark bay from the dam line of Fata Morgana began his career in Spain, where he was one of the best five and six-year-old dressage horses. In 2015, a group of owners acquired the talent and Salvino joined Adrienne Lyle's stables. Two years later, he appeared on the international stage with a victory in the Grand Prix Special at the CDI3\* Wellington/USA. A series of successes began: in 2018, the pair became team runners-up in Tryon/USA, and three years later they won team silver at the Olympic Games in Tokyo/JPN. In between were the World Champi-



Salvino by Sandro Hit/Donnerhall and Adrienne Lyle won silver with the team in Tokyo. Photo: Lafrentz

onships in Herning. Although they did not win a medal, they were sixth in the Freestyle and were the best pair with the star banner on their saddlecloth. Salvino came seventh at the 2019 World Cup Final in Gothenburg/SWE. The stallion competed four times in Aachen/GER and twice in Rotterdam/NED. He achieved his best placing in 2022, when he finished second in the Grand Prix. The two commanding World Cup victories in December 2022 and January 2023 in Wellington/USA were Salvino's last competition successes. Colic prevented him from competing at the World Cup Final in Omaha/USA, which many had been eagerly awaiting.

Licensed by the AHS, Salvino is available to breeders all over the world. "You are the best friend, teammate and partner anyone could have and you were an absolute fighter in the ring," Adrienne Lyle wrote on social media. "You taught me that if you truly believe in something, you have to put your head down and work until the rest of the world believes in it too." XX



Mount St John Freestyle by Fidermark/Donnerhall was discovered in Verden 15 years ago and has her sights set on the Olympics with Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour. Photo: Bronkhorst

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ELITE FOAL AUCTION

***On August 9, the 50<sup>th</sup> Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction will take place as an OnLive Auction in the Niedersachsenhalle. The auction will feature around 100 foals born from April 10 onwards. The selection of foals has already begun and will end on the last weekend in June in Verden.***

By Malte Kanz

The 50<sup>th</sup> Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction, another breeding highlight in the event calendar, will take place as an OnLive auction in the Niedersachsenhalle. Customers can place their bids on site or bid for their favorite foal online – all from the comfort of their own home. Breeders, riders and horse lovers from all over the world are invited to purchase the most promising foals of the next generation.

The showcase of breeding with highly interesting fillies and colts by various sires from a wide range of dam lines will be presented for the 50th time this year. The collection is completed by broodmares in foal with the best dressage and jumping pedigrees that will make breeders' hearts beat faster.

Because breeding and competition are closely linked, the auction is embedded in the Verden Championships, where former Verden Auctions foals also compete year after year. The selected foals and broodmares will be presented on the outdoor area on Friday, August 9 and auctioned off in the Niedersachsenhalle in the afternoon. Admission is free.

Foals arrived in Verden for the first Elite Foal Auction in 1975. This established itself as a permanent fixture in August each year. Many successful sport horses found their way to their new owners via the foal auction. Currently the most famous Verden auction foal is Mount St John Freestyle by Fidermark/Donnerhall (breeder: Stephan Kurz, Zöbingen), who won the Danish Championships

with the Danish rider Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour and is considered a hot contender for the Olympic Games in Paris. The dark bay, who was born in 2009, has already won two bronze medals at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon/USA with the British world-class rider Charlotte Dujardin and competed at the European Championships in Rotterdam/NED. The Verden foal auction in August 2017 saw a price attraction when Be my Beauty Queen by Bonds/san Amour (breeder: Stefan Hermann, Imbshausen) was auctioned off to Denmark for a spectacular 160,000 Euros.

The collection of the 50<sup>th</sup> Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction with videos, photos, pedigrees and dam lines will go online in mid-July. The schedule will also be published promptly online at [www.hannoveraner.com](http://www.hannoveraner.com). XX

# SOUGHT AND FOUND

*The April auction in Verden Auctions offered far more than just the sale of horses. Carla Mia achieved the top price of 55,000 Euros and found a new home in China. In addition to other sales successes for breeders and exhibitors, the USA leads the export rate.*

By Malte Kanz



*They found the right horse in Verden for the second time: Angelika Grest and her daughter are delighted to have found not only a suitable dressage horse in Maracan by Morricone/Don Primero, but also a new member of the family. Photo: Private*

The Verden Auctions Online in April was more than just a sale of horses – it was an exciting journey for breeders, exhibitors and buyers alike. Amidst the digital backdrop, Carla Mia by Carri-dam/Perigueux achieved the top price of 55,000 Euros. Her story began at the 2018 Foal Auction, where trainer and show jumper Peter Baust purchased her on the advice of the auction manager at the time, Jörg-Wilhelm Wegener. "You can't go wrong with this foal," he said at the time – and he was right. Carla Mia, raised and trained at Pe-

ter Baut's stables in Hespe, was awarded the Hannoveraner Premium candidacy and developed into a successful show jumper. Her bascule and scope at the jump were highly rated in novice and elementary class show jumping competitions for young horses. For Peter Baust, the sale of Carla Mia was another highlight of their journey together, in addition to their show successes. "Now was the right time for the sale and the April auction in Verden was the right place," explains the successful show jumper and trainer. The decision

to sell Carla Mia was well-considered – and she eventually found a new home in China. She will make the journey with two other show jumpers: Capitania T by Cape Town/Stakko (breeder and exhibitor: Hermann Tieben, Haren), who has already been successful in tests for young show jumpers and for whom the virtual auction hammer fell at 26,000 Euros, and Vet+ Oganelle by Ogano Sitte/Landstreicher (breeder and exhibitor: Bernd Nordmann, Syke), who cost 27,000 Euros. The bay's dam has been awarded two stars in the

Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program thanks to her own competition successes.

In addition to Carla Mia's success, there were also remarkable moments for other breeders and exhibitors. Breeder Heinrich Wege from Steyerberg was an exhibitor at a Verden Auctions for the first time. He exhibited the show jumper Paradox by Perigueux/Graf Top, which was sold to a regular customer in North Rhine-Westphalia for 17,500 Euros. "It was my first time selling a horse at the Verden Auctions and I am very happy with the result," says the passionate Hannoveraner breeder, noting: "My asking price was the average price and I topped that." He emphasizes the good cooperation with the Dannenbring riding facility in Hoya, where Paradox was prepared and presented for the auction. His praise also goes to the auction rider Dayra Yarmola, who rode Paradox every day as if he were her own horse.

Not to be forgotten is the long-standing connection of a family from Schleswig-Holstein to the Verden Auctions. Back in 2015, they found a dressage horse for mother and daughter in Belmondo. The Belissimo M/Weltmeyer offspring bred by Jo-

sef Brinkemöller, Georgsmarienhütte, was not only successful up to advanced dressage level, but first and foremost he became a family member. After Belmondo's sad loss, the family decided to look for a suitable riding horse again in Verden. Not as a replacement, but as Belmondo's successor. "Then as now, we were simply delighted with the service provided by the entire auction team. Everything is transparent and accessible, everyone supported us and answered our questions. We were particularly pleased with the advice and cooperation with customer advisor Andreas Homuth and the veterinary practice Dr. Wehrenpfenning, and we even won the bid for our favorite Maracan," said the dressage rider from Rehhorst. The Morricone/Don Primero son, bred by Willi Niebuhr, Emmendorf, was the second youngest horse in the collection, cost 20,000 Euros and can enjoy his life in the meadow alongside riding sessions. It is these stories that make the Verden Auctions so special. The Niedersachsenhalle is not just a place where horses and riders are brought together, it is also about trust and expertise – for buyers and exhibitors. ☯

Statistics			
Riding horses			
Number of horses			63 horses
Sold			62 horses
Net proceeds			1,158,500.00 Euros
Average price			18,685.48 Euros
Top price			55,000.00 Euros
Lowest price			8,000.00 Euros
Price range			
8,000 to 10,999 Euros			9 horses
11,000 to 14,999 Euros			15 horses
15,000 to 24,999 Euros			26 horses
25,000 Euros and more			12 horses
Sales by region			
Germany	36	Switzerland	2
USA	6	Belgium	1
France	5	Finland	1
Spain	3	Columbia	1
China	3	Mexico	1
Italy	2	Sweden	1

## VERDEN FOAL SPRING: FREUDE PUR SOLD AT 40.000 EUROS

The Foal Auction year kicked off with the first online auction on April 25. The first representatives of the 2024 crop aroused great interest. The final bid ups began every three minutes. When the last virtual bid was accepted, the average price for the 27 high-quality foals was set: 6,851.85 Euros. Zauberprinz by Zauberlehrling PS/Franz-Ferdinand achieved the top price of 20,000 Euros. There were a total of 44 bids from eleven bidders for the colt bred by Rene Zuidema, Basdahl. The USA had the upper hand in the bidding duel and secured the bay colt, whose dam and granddam have already produced several popular auction foals.



*Freude Pur by Federer/Dantes Junior was auctioned to Belgium for 40,000 Euros. Photo: Kunst*

On the eve of Corpus Christi, the Verden Foal Spring exceptionally entered its second round on a Wednesday, May 8. 25 foals found new owners for an average of 5,825 Euros. The bid board showed six bidders with 28 bids and a hammer price of 13,000 Euros for the expressive Despaciato/Millennium son Dark Passion II (breeder and exhibitor: Ulrich Heitmann, Hagenah). He is the third foal in a row by Hann.Pr.St./Vet+ Milka to be part of a foal collection of the Hannoveraner Verband. A new customer from Westphalia secured the Escanero PS/San Amour daughter Eliana (breeder and exhibitor: Holger Duveneck, Twistringen) for 10,500 Euros. Her half-sister was sold at auction in Austria last year. The best-paid foal with jumping pedigree was Dirakäthe by Diro/Casall (breeder and exhibitor: ZG Johannhardt, Bruchhausen-Vilsen). A regular customer from Sweden paid 9,250 Euros for the typey chestnut filly. The best performance blood flows through her veins,

as she comes from the dam line of the stamp stallion Contendro and Carsten-Otto Nagel's team World and European Champion Corradina.

33 future hopefuls were on offer at the third edition of the Verden Foal Spring on May 23. The filly Freude Pur achieved the top price of 40,000 Euros. It set the exclamation mark on a collection for which an average of 7,210 Euros had to be invested. Nine bidders placed a total of 70 bids for the Federer/Dantes Junior daughter Freude Pur (breeder and exhibitor: Hendrik Schäfer, Köchingen). The virtual hammer fell at 40,000 Euro for a well-known international Grand Prix rider from Belgium, who had encountered strong bidders. The blood of the 2010 team world champion, Hunters Douglas Sunrise with Imke Schellekens-Bartels from the Netherlands, runs through the veins of

the dark bay beauty from the renowned line of Schneiderin. 20,500 Euros was the final bid for O'Giulia by Opoque/Don Deluxe (breeder and exhibitor: Johannes Baumeister, Kranenburg). The dark chestnut mare with the best dressage genes is being bred in Austria with the aim of competing in international dressage. In addition, there were several versatile offerings in this collection. Darling by Duplexx/Ballybo (breeder and exhibitor: Hartwig von Holten, Engelschoff) was worth 8,000 Euros to customers and will remain in Germany for further breeding.

The filly Madeira was the pearl of the collection at the fourth edition of the Verden Foal Spring on June 6. She was auctioned 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 the run up to the final bid up that the McLaren/Rubinero daughter (breeder and exhibitor: ZG Vietor and Hinders-Vietor, Weener) would be one of the most popular offers at the fourth Verden Foal Spring. It took three quarters of an hour during the final bid up before the virtual knockdown was awarded to Brandenburg at 21,500 Euros. Two of her siblings have been part of one of the foal collections in Verden in recent years. The online auction was opened by the Fürst Belissaro/Sporcken son Fortunatus (breeder and exhibitor: Jens Fuseler, Geestenseth). Regular customers from France secured the dark bay from the dam line of Nadassina for 14,000 Euros. ☯

# WITH WIRBELWIND AND WELTWUNDER

*At first, it was mainly the mares from the Hogrefe breeding farm in Rethem that caused a sensation on the Hannoveraner horse scene. Now it is the numerous licensed stallions from Thorsten Hogrefe and his children Till and Alena that are inspiring with their above-average genes.*

By Jürgen Stroscher

We do and decide everything together. Without my family, the successes of the past three decades would not have been possible," says Thorsten Hogrefe, describing why the sense of community is so important to him. "I simply enjoy and have great fun sharing my life and my hobby of horse breeding with other people." This passion is confirmed by numerous honorary positions, be it as a breeding judge or in the Regional Society and horse breeding club. First it was his wife Kerstin, then his children Till and Alena and now his partner Kai Vatheuer. "We want to achieve the best in breeding. After all, our passion determines the success of others. In terms of breeding, we do everything we can to ensure that we produce rideable, high-quality performance horses that we can market as foals. That is why we attach great importance to ensuring that they end up in good hands. In terms of breeding, we can compensate for a lot and rely on appropriate bloodlines. The way in which the horses are then supported by their new owners and riders is no longer in our hands."

The 49-year-old grew up in his parents' home near Walsrode. "My father was a tax consultant, so the focus was on finances and horses were not impor-

tant. It was a different story with my grandfather." Grandfather Ernst Kremer bred Hannoveraner breeders on a small scale and supported his grandson in all matters relating to horses and riding. "I got my first pony from my father, and my grandfather made sure that I received good riding lessons. I rode my first horse, Loretto by Lombard/Seelöwe (breeder: Georg Wisch, Otterndorf), in advanced (A) and elementary (L) level show jumping competitions."

## Enthusiasm and drive

Because Thorsten Hogrefe spent a lot of time with his grandparents, the good relationship contributed to them passing on the small farm in Stöcken near Rethem to him. Professionally, Thorsten Hogrefe initially ended up in the office of a tax office. However, the Hogrefe married couple still had to overcome two strokes of fate before they were able to devote themselves fully to their own horse breeding. "After a serious car accident, I unfortunately had to give up active riding. In addition, shortly after we moved to Rethem in 1999, my grandfather unexpectedly had a stroke and became a nursing case. At the same time, my grandmother also contracted leukemia and died suddenly.

Kerstin and I were young and certainly a bit naive at the time. The move involved a lot of work. A lot had to be rebuilt and space had to be provided for the horses. Nevertheless, we were full of enthusiasm and drive and got through all the difficulties together," the horse breeder looks back with pride.

Privately, professionally and in horse breeding, however, the barometer of fate was to swing back to the "sunny side". In 2000 and 2004, his children Alena and Till were born, the tax office was swapped for the Hannoveraner Verband and later for Masterrind, and in horse breeding Thorsten Hogrefe often found himself in the right place at the right time. There he met trustworthy people and the right horses. He laid the first foundations for successful breeding back in 1995 when he acquired the Weltmeyer/Einklang daughter Wirbelwind. "I had placed an ad in DER HANNOVERANER: 'Looking for black filly by Weltmeyer', as I was particularly fascinated by dark dressage horses." Without further ado, he drove to the breeder Wilhelm Siekmann in Emmerthal and quickly came to an agreement with him. Four years later, Wirbelwind and her daughter Rubinja by Rubinsteiner made a successful start in horse breeding.



*The Hogrefes with their mare family "dam with two daughters": Alena with Hann.Pr.A. Liebeskind by Vivaldi/De Niro, Till with foundation mare St.Pr.St. Devinja K by De Niro/Weltmeyer and Thorsten with Landliebe by Londontime/De Niro. Photo: Stroscher*

"We were able to market the first foals very lucratively and got in touch with Verden as a result."

The Hogrefes then made a groundbreaking decision in 2000 with the purchase of the mare Weltwunder. "After my good experiences, I was looking for another Weltmeyer mare. As Kerstin and I often agreed on the choice of broodmares, four days before the birth of our daughter Alena she was prepared to travel to Heinrich Grotfendt's breeding stable in the small town of Hessen in the Harz foothills. While inspecting the eleven-year-

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touch with us.**

Thorsten Hogrefe

old mare Weltwunder, it turned out that her daughter Rapsodie was also for sale. We looked both horses in the eye and ended up buying both mares." It was particularly appealing that the mare Weltwunder by Weltmeyer/Lugano and her five-year-old daughter Rapsodie by Rohdiamant were in foal to De Niro. Both foals, which were born in 2001, turned out to be a hit. Weltwunder's daughter St.Pr.St. Devinja K has shaped the dam line of the Hogrefe breeding farm with her genes to this day. Rapsodie's daughter Dhomonica received the elite award and gave birth to two more quality foals in 2004 and 2007, the mares Dinara by De Niro and Sommermärchen by Sandro Hit. The mare Hoffnung by Hohenstein/Sandro Hit produced a premium stallion by Jovian in Redefin in 2022.

St.Pr.St. Devinja K is responsible for the stallion Luca by Londontime, born in 2017. The outstanding quality of the Londontime son, who was exhibited by Arndt Schwierking and Silke Waering, impressed the commission at his licensing in 2019, became a premium stallion and subsequently moved into Danish ownership at the Stallion Sales. Devinja's daughters Landliebe by Londontime and Hann.Pr.A. Liebeskind by Vivaldi from the renowned line of Schliesserin also shape this breeding farm's bloodline.

Thorsten Hogrefe made another successful move in 2008 when he "had his eye on St.Pr.St. Daylight by Donnerhall/Warkant bred by Joachim Schwarze in Obernkirchen." Thanks to the good contact with the breeder, it didn't just remain with the purchase of the state premium mare from the Wald line. When he was given the opportunity to purchase the dam, St.Pr.St. Wild Card by Warkant/



With Thomas Wagner, Wynton's Son FRH by Wynton/Latimer came third in the final of Nürnberger Burg-Pokal in 2022 and impressed in the final freestyle, which he won. Photo: Lafrentz

Donnerhall, he jumped at the chance. Although the chestnut mare was already 16 years old at the time, she impressed with her pedigree and many awards. She also fitted perfectly into the breeding concept, as Thorsten Hogrefe had already acquired her daughter St.Pr.A. With Me by Worldly shortly beforehand, who was later successful in the dressage arena up to Prix St. George. With these three mares, the breeder was able to present a family at the shows, with resounding success as it soon turned out. They took third place at the Herwart von der Decken show in 2009 and were named Elite Family. Three years later, the fa-

mily left the triangle as winners at the Friedrich Jahncke Show in Luhmühlen. "When you present a family, it shows that you are pursuing a specific breeding goal with a specific dam line over a longer period of time. That's what makes it so interesting for me in terms of breeding," recalls Thorsten Hogrefe. The Hogrefe breeding farm had thus gained recognition in the Hannoveraner breeding scene. "That made us known in the Hannoveraner breeding community, as we don't come from a typical breeding family. In addition to the Verden Auctions, we were able to increasingly offer our foals directly from the farm."



In 2019, Devinja K's Londontime son was licensed in Verden, awarded a premium and sold to a Danish stallion owner via the stallion sales. Photo: Schwöbel



Last year Hann.Pr.A. Liebeskind by Vivaldi/De Niro represented the Regional Society of Lüneburg at the Herwart von der Decken-Show (photo left) | Thorsten Hogrefe and partner Kai Vatheuer with the Sir Donnerhall/Latimer-daughter St.Pr.St. Schöne Aussicht. Photos: Stroscher, Hogrefe

There was also a nice side effect. "Our children have been with us from an early age and have witnessed many births, every show and negotiation," says Thorsten Hogrefe. His 23-year-old daughter Alena recently moved out and lives with her boyfriend near Walsrode. "But I like being at home very often and I also have our own breeding line with my brother Till," explains the qualified occupational therapist and active rider. Alena is also something like the manager of the breeding farm and is responsible for the professional production of videos and photos of the breeding products. Brother Till, on the other hand, is not even thinking about moving out. The 19-year-old is currently training as a carpenter, takes care of the farm's fleet of vehicles and looks after the pastures. Riding is not his thing, "but I like working with the horses and horse breeding," says the apprentice, confirming the good relationship with his father. "With his calm nature, Till has the best connection to our horses." The father sees a lot of

potential in his children for further horse breeding. That is why, not entirely unselfishly, he made Landpartie by Londonderry (bred by Ewald-Johann Wimberg, Friesoythe), who was born in 2003, available to them. The result is impressive, as her son Fraser Perring by Foundation was licensed in Verden in 2018. The black stallion Flying Scotchman by Fürst Romancier, born in 2014, and his rider Kira Laura Sodermann are well on their way to establishing themselves in the premier class of dressage, the Grand Prix. The full brother Ferrantino, licensed by many German breeding societies, celebrated eighth place at the Bundeschampionat for five-year-old dressage horses. This is the third dam line of Condera to be bred by the Hogrefes. The sire did not want to be left behind by the success of his offspring, and he actually achieved the same feat. Two more stallions from the breedings with Fürst Wilhelm and Totilas were licensed in 2017 and 2021. Both Freetown and Tamino are out of the 2012-born Hann.Pr.St. Schöne Aussicht

by Sir Donnerhall/Latimer. "I was fortunate that Schöne Aussicht's dam was stabled with us as a boarding horse and could later be transferred to my ownership." Her dam, St.Pr.St. Latifia AC by Latimer, was born in 2002 at the Struck breeders' partnership in Peine and is a representative of the successful Noria dam line.

But it is not just the breeding quality that makes the breeding farm so impressive. The success in competitions is also impressive. Not only the 2013-born Wynton son Wynton's Son FRH out of the St.Pr.St. Lattifa AC, who was third in the final of the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal with Thomas Wagner in 2022, but also the twelve-year-old gelding Sonny Crockett K by Soliman de Hus out of the St.Pr.St. Wild Card have made their way into international dressage competitions. Thorsten Hogrefe has been living with his partner Kai Vatheuer, who supports the family team as a vet, for three years, true to the motto "together we go our way". XX

### George Artur Count von Platen †

George Artur Graf von Platen passed away on March 21 in Camrose, Canada. He was 68 years old. George von Platen, born in Bad Segeberg, emigrated to Canada with his family in 1980. He had been a breeder and member of the Hannoveraner Verband for over 20 years and was a true supporter and lover of the breed. As a longtime chairperson of the "Western Canada" horse

breeding club, he was instrumental in the development of the Hannoveraner breed in Canada.

George von Platen was deputy Chairman of the Regional Society International of the Hannoveraner Verband for over eight years and was elected Chairman in Verden last year. His son Matthew Graf von Platen and his family will continue the Hannoveraner breeding in his spirit. XX



# JUGGLING DIFFICULT GENERAL CONDITIONS

*A concentrated and constructive atmosphere over a good five hours characterized the Delegates' Assembly of the Hannoveraner Verband. Difficult economic conditions, a changing market, major social challenges, GOT (Schedule of fees for veterinarians), Wolf, social license – the more than 100 Verband's delegates had a long agenda to deal with at their most important meeting of the year. With a few exceptions, the necessary votes ended with clear majorities. At the same time, despite the difficult overall environment in the equine industry, some participants wished for and called for a more positive appearance and outlook as well as a clear sense of optimism in the external image of the Verband..*

By Rolf Hillmann

Chairman Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke did not dwell on trivialities or embellishments in his report. He spoke honestly about "bad times", although "there will always be a demand for good horses". He described the wolf policy as "naïve", the removal would have been possible long ago, but instead politicians are hiding behind responsibilities. The federal government should amend the Federal Nature Conservation Act, but is playing for time. In the direction of the federal and state environment ministries, he said: "If I were plan-

ning to abolish livestock grazing, I would do the same as the environment ministries." On the subject of the schedule of fees for veterinarians (GOT), the Chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband called for an "immediate evaluation". Compared to the previous year, 16.5 percent more horses ended up at the knacker last year, "the effects are there".

In general, Dr. Lührs-Behnke noted a declining lobby for horses, breeding and equestrian sport in

society. "We should be much more self-confident, but also more self-critical about how we work with our horses."

Managing Director Wilken Treu had to cite lower key figures in almost all areas. The number of members, registered mares and coverings had decreased significantly in recent years. He pointed to the lack of new blood in the riding schools and the fact that the demand for horses is declining. Nevertheless, he did not expect equestrian sport to

## GOLDEN BADGE OF HONOR



The Delegates' Assembly was the appropriate setting for a very special award: the Hannoveraner Verband's Golden Badge of Honor was awarded four times. Hans Henning von der Decken, Brocklosenborstel, was Chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband from 2017 to 2020. Hartmut Wilking, Stemwede, was elected to the Executive Board in 2009. As Chairman of the Hannover Regional Society, he was also Deputy Chairman of the Hannoveraner Verband from 2017. Klaus Storbeck, Göttingen, has contributed his expertise to various committees since his election to the Executive Board in 2006 and, since 2011, as Chairman of the Braunschweig Regional Society. Jürgen Stuhtmann, Bahlburg, was elected to the Board in 2005 and was also a member of the breeding committee. He is regarded as the driving force behind the young breeders' work and the numerous activities in and around Luhmühlen and the Lüneburg Regional Society.



Arend Garr (left) is the new member of the the Board for Dressage. Olaf Funke was elected to the Supervisory Board.

become less important globally, by which he meant "top sport" in particular. According to Wilken Treu, the Hannoveraner horse is no longer to be found on international starting lists at the level it used to be. Nevertheless, last year Hannover was the most successful society at the Bundeschampionat in dressage and at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses. The numbers of riding horses and stallions sold at auction also declined. Instead, the Verband was able to make significant gains in foal marketing. Overall, the managing director spoke of a "strong battle" among the auction sites and private marketing initiatives. "It was a broad range of tasks that affected not just one horse breeding society, but the entire equine industry."

Breeding Manager Ulrich Hahne gave an overview of the breeding activities. Since last year, so-called "foreign mares", i.e. mares from other societies, could be presented at mare shows of Hannoveraner horse breeding clubs for the first time. 51 mares with a foreign "branding" were shown, which was around six percent of the total number of mares, "these mares can support a show", explained the Breeding Manager. However, the number of mares tested declined to 493 (2017: 665). Ulrich Hahne's assessment of the two main licensings differed: Fewer stallions were registered for the dressage stallion licensing, and the proportion of foreign stallions was eight (eleven percent). "Overall, we were not satisfied with the event," admitted the Breeding Manager openly. The trend was reversed at the show jumping stallion licensing. More stallions were registered, the proportion of foreign stallions was eleven (20 percent). "The positive trend was clearly noticeable at this event."

There will be numerous innovations in the area of breeding. The importance of correct conformation will be documented with future awards for mares that have correct conformation and limbs. Given the declining number of participants at the Herwart von der Decken-Show, classes for four-year-olds will also be offered at the Verband mare show at the beginning of August this year. There

*Our lobby in the society as a whole is dwindling. We have to stick together, because we have the competence.*

Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke

will also be a newly created foal award. "The Regional Societies can decide how the foals are to be awarded," explained Ulrich Hahne. The Breeding Manager also presented an award program for dressage mares, which is to be introduced similar to the star system of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program.

Achim Schacke answered questions on behalf of the Supervisory Board. Transparency within the Verband had been significantly increased. Five meetings and video conferences had taken place "to control and monitor the Board". The new committee structure, which has been in place for four years, is to be put to the test in order to make

improvements. Proposals and results will be presented at the end of the year. At this point, Chairman Dr. Lührs-Behnke took the liberty of pointing out that "intuitively, the committees could be leaner". Achim Schacke introduced the delegates to the new commercial and HR manager Carsten Scherf. He said that a professional controlling system had been implemented.

Good governance officer Norbert Bramlage spoke emphatically about the moral and ethical aspects of dealing with horses. In this context, he mentioned that ethics had been formulated for breed inspectors and judges in order to increase awareness in this area. With regard to black sheep, he accessed the community to influence individuals. Ethics in dealing with horses "cannot be important enough". He also called for the focus not always to be on the economic aspects, but on the welfare of the horse. "We also have to look at the moral aspects when we present horses. The public is watching us very closely."

Head of Finance and Human Resources Carsten Scherf pointed to an annual surplus of 23,800 euros. This was achieved against the backdrop of a loss of around one million euros in the previous year through restrictive cost management, close weekly controlling and figures management and "prompt/reliable accounting". The fee income resulting from auction sales had fallen significantly compared to the previous year, but this was offset by considerable savings in breeding expenses, sales events, personnel expenses and other operating expenses. Gross profit amounted to around 3.8 million Euros and was 0.5 million Euros better than in the previous year.

Christian Siemer from the auditing firm Schütte & Co. noted a "very, very solid" equity ratio of almost 65 percent. By comparison, the average equity ratio of German companies is less than half. The auditor attested to the Hannoveraner Verband's successful cost-saving course, which is reflected in the almost "black zero" after the significant deficit in the previous year. This had also made it possible to significantly compensate for the decline in turnover. However, Christian Siemer qualified that such a consolidation course could be pursued for one or two years, "after that you're going to run out of substance". In any case, all legal requirements had been met, which resulted in an unconditional audit certificate. Carsten Scherf presented the financial planning for the current year and spoke of a balanced, slightly positive result as a target. However, this is only a plan that has to be put into practice. For the first time, a detailed plan was drawn up at monthly level for the operational management of the Verband, with each individual account being planned rather than blocks of costs. This approach brings greater transparency to monthly controlling, allowing the management to react quickly to unforeseeable monetary circumstances and take



Fritz Denekas, Dr. Rudolf Drünert and Hark Arfsten (from left to right) have dedicated many years to the Hannoveraner Verband at regional and horse breeding club level. Dr. Hinni Lührs-Behnke thanked them for their great commitment by presenting them with honorary certificates. I Tessa and Philipp Lange were delighted to receive a painting of their Hann.Pr.A. Doortje, who won the Friedrich Jahncke Prize with her dam Hann.Pr.St. Chayenne and her two-year-old sister.

countermeasures. The Commercial Manager emphasized that this year was not a self-runner either. The delegates were asked to consider and vote on a number of motions. The proposers had the opportunity to explain the context and objectives beforehand. A motion by Johann von der Decken that the chairpersons of the Regional Societies should (again) become members of the Board was rejected by a large majority (82 percent). On the other hand, a motion by Jörg Clasen from the Verden horse breeding club to make the health status of stallions more transparent for breeders was accepted with a simple majority of around 62 percent; until the health database is

fully available, "other, simpler ways to improve transparency" are meant. A motion by Michael Schenk to make the admission requirements for all riding horse auctions the same as those for the stallion licensing and the Stallion Sales was rejected with 64 percent of the votes, meaning that all other breeding societies can be accepted for the Verden riding horse auctions. A motion by the Chairman and the chairperson of the Committee „loyalty to breeders“ to discontinue the "Online Members' Forum" service was approved by around 75 percent. As scheduled, the election of the Board Member for Dressage was on the agenda. Arend Garrn, Guderhandviertel, will take over

this position from Matthias Klatt, Hahausen, who was no longer standing for election. "We need to become more transparent and I would like to strengthen the sense of community again," said the passionate horseman, who also values the exchange with experienced breeders. Olaf Funke, Braunschweig, is a new member of the Supervisory Board. "I am convinced that the Supervisory Board also has the task and the right to provide impetus," said the mechanical and industrial engineer, who has been breeding Hannoveraners for 15 years. "It's time for something positive to happen again. We have lost the fire, but not the pride in our horses!" XX



Supervisory Board Chairman Henning Schmidt thanked Matthias Klatt for his work on the Supervisory Board (photo left) I Matthias Klatt has been a member of the Board representing Dressage Breeding since 2020. I Vanessa Feuerstein and Wiebke Poppe reported on the activities and successes of the Hannoveraner young breeders (photo right).  
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