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LIVER CHESTNUTS IN A DOUBLE PACK

Hannover's liver chestnut stallions celebrated a double victory at the Longines FEI/WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Ermelo/NED. Life Time FRH and Charlott-Maria Schürmann became World Champions in the seven-year-old class, while Vitalos FRH and Leonie Richter took the silver medal for the third time in a row.

By Britta Züngel



World Champion Life Time FRH and his team (from left to right): owner Claude Niedner, breeder Johann Hesselink, rider Charlott-Maria Schürmann and her sister Johanna Schürmann. Photo: Lafrentz

They have already competed three times at the Longines FEI/WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Ermelo/NED, and the third time they managed a fantastic performance: Life Time FRH by Livaldon/Fürstenball (breeder: Johannes Hesselink, Emlichheim) and Charlott-Maria Schürmann have been crowned

World Champions of seven-year-old dressage horses. The two of them were in top form in the final and dominated the field with an incredible 93.40 percent for quality and a total score of 84.129 percent. It was a Hannoveraner one-two victory for two liver chestnut stallions. For the third time, Vitalos FRH by Vitalis/De Niro (breeder: Josef Bramlage, Sögel) and Leonie Richter were Vice World Champions.

Lifetime FRH's performances were spectacular. "I can imagine that the rider felt great in the saddle today – we also had a great feeling watching," said judge Ulrike Nivelle immediately after the new world champion's test. Trot (9.0), walk (9.5), canter (9.2), submission (9.5) and perspective (9.5) – he received top marks across the board. Life Time FRH has developed so much strength and has become more self-confident, said his rider Charlott-Maria Schürmann. Breeder Johannes Hesselink also had faith in the liver chestnut stallion: "After his victory in the qualifier, I secretly expected a medal. Being here today, sharing the excitement and seeing him win gold is something very special. We still have his dam and also some offspring from this line. Who knows what the future will bring." Johannes Hesselink discovered dam Fipsy at the foal auction in Bassum. He liked his movement and his papers. "She was owned by 'Frau Bürgermeister' (Mrs. Mayor)," he recalls with a grin. "The mare was a very easy and calm horse. Life Time FRH is just as calm, and so are his foals." The breeder sold Life Time FRH when he was a foal.

"He has always been very good," says Johannes Hesselink, and talks about the great interest shown by his fellow breeders. Thomas Berger sold Life Time FRH to the Luxembourg businessman Claude Niedner, who sent him to Pascal Kandziora in Spelle for training. In 2019, the young movement artist became the Reserve Champion at the stallion licensing in Münster-Handorf. At his 50-day test in Schlieckau in 2020, he received the green light for Hannover. As winner of a riding horse test, Life Time FRH moved into the care of Charlott-Maria Schürmann. After top placings in dressage horse tests, he qualified for Ermelo at the age of just five. He came in 13th place in the five-year-old class and ninth in the six-year-old class. "I'm now looking forward to the Nürnberger Burg-Pokal, we'll all be going there again," says breeder Johannes Hesselink.

For two-time Vice World Champion Vitalos FRH, more would have been possible in Ermelo. He received the highest score of 10 for his perfect trot. "We love his trot, active hind leg, beautiful rhythm and great submission and balance. When everything radiates harmony, you deserve the 10," said Ulrike Nivelle. "Vitalos FRH is a very expressive and light-footed horse." The 7.9 for the walk, in which, according to the judges' comments, a few 'artificial' steps had crept in, along with the out-

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It was an incredible feeling and Life Time FRH did his best. He is very consistent in the test, I can always rely on him. He is a real showman in the dressage arena, but overall very relaxed.

Charlott-Maria Schürmann

standing scores for canter (9.5), submission (9.0) and perspective (9.5), meant second place overall. This Sunday in September will not be forgotten by his breeder Josef Bramlage in a hurry: almost at the same time, a horse bred by him, Veuve Clicquot, won silver at the Bundeschampionat in Warendorf in the class for six-year-old dressage horses. The bronze medal in Ermelo went to the Toto Jr./Bretton Woods son Glock's Massimo (KWPN) and Hans Peter Minderhoud, who, after winning the title last year with My Toto, rode a second son of the current Grande Price winner to a podium finish. With Mac Toto USB (ninth place) and Majestic Taonga (tenth place), two further Toto Jr. offspring were placed in the final. The third horse to compete for Germany also bore the initials of the Supporter's Club for Hannoveraner Sport Horses: Blue FRH by Buckingham/Locksley II (breeder: Andrea Bentes, Boitzenhagen). Last year, the Hannoveraner premium candidate and Tessa Frank became Bundeschampion of six-year-old dressage horses; this year they achieved an excellent eighth place at the World Championships. In doing so, they had to take the detour via the small final.

Segantini best German horse

Segantini by Secret/Fidermark (breeder: Dr. Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE) had qualified for the final of six-year-old dressage horses in second place. At the beginning of the year, master rider Dorothee Schneider took a seat in the saddle of the stallion, who was the 2022 Bundeschampion and won the Weltmeyer Prize. When it mattered, Segantini was then too impressed by the atmosphere and did not manage to perform the relaxed walk, which, despite the perfect 9.0 for canter and submission, left him in fifth place. This made the two the best German pair. With Shakeela FRH (dam's sire: Royal Blend, breeder: Wilfried Putz, Wiesentheid) and San to Alati FRH (dam's sire: Belissimo M, breeder: Lena-Marie and Kerstin Klose, Burgwedel), two more sons of the privately owned stallion Secret competed in the final. After her victory in the Hannoveraner Championships for Dressage Horses last year with the name affix FRH honoured, Shakeela FRH and rider Lydia Jordan finished eighth in their first international start.

San to Alati FRH, who already took 14th place last year with Stefanie Viehoff-Wolf after winning the small final, has more experience. As twelve months ago, his path led him through the small final, in which he finished second. On the final day, he completed the lap of honor in eleventh place. The Quaterhit/Fassbinder daughter Quinn G. (DWB) with Fiona Bigwood was able to defend her title. Her granddam Lausanne by Lauries Crusador xx/ Wendekreis was born at Hermann Meyer's in Allwörden and then sold to Denmark. Second place went to Alkaline (DWB), a son of Secret/Zalmiak Firfod, with Merita Hagren, and third place to Nice Touch W (KWP), a daughter of Dettorio/Florencio, with Charlotta Rogerson.

Four Hannoveraner and one Rhinelaender were among the 15 finalists of the 2019 crop. The Vitalis/Fidertanz son Voundation (breeder: Rhenania Pferde, Alpen), ridden by Ann-Christin Wienkamp, just missed the podium in fourth place. The judges had already placed the expressive bay, whose dam Hann.Pr.St. Frau Pigge is the full sister of the Grand Prix-successful privately owned stallion Foundation, fourth in the qualifier. The Escolar/ Don Juan de Hus son Enrico de Hus (breeder: Xavier Marie, Petit Mars/FRA) was born in France. He represented Germany in Ermelo with Jennifer Stein. He was still in a promising fifth place in the qualifier, but finished eighth in the final. After a promising start (ninth place), Galleria's Fancy Fergie by For Romance/Catoo (breeder: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannen) and Charlotte Tollhopf finished 14th in the final, one place ahead of Belcanto HB by Benicio/Rascalino (breeder: Helmut Bäßmann, Meitze) and Mafalda Galiza Mendes, who had traveled to the Netherlands with four consecutive victories in international dressage horse tests. Two years ago, he took third place at the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships with Kira Goerens-



Vice World Champion for the third time: Vitalos FRH by Vitalis/De Niro and Leonie Richter. Photo: Lafrentz

Riphoff. The liver chestnut is the young prospect of the Portuguese Grand Prix rider, who has already taken part in the World Equestrian Games in Lexington/USA. Belcanto HB's dam line Sudette is one of the most successful in Hannover. Among others, he has produced the privately stallion Secret, who has been on everyone's lips not only since the World Championships, but also the former World Champion of six-year-old dressage horses in 2017, Lordswood Dancing Diamond. The Romanov/Sir Sinclair son Red Viper (KWP) with Bart Veeze took a start-finish victory. Glamdale WP NRW by Glamourdale/Millennium and Stefanie Ahlert took second place ahead of the Secret/

Rubinrot son Severucci HT (SWB) and Jeanne Hogberg.

The four-year-olds also had their big moment in the supporting program. Once again, it was a Secret offspring that was among the best. So Special by Secret/Bon Coeur (breeder: Pia Sophie Wahlers, Visselhövede), the reigning Hannoveraner Champion, and Jessica Lynn Thomas were awarded a silver ribbon in the final. For Royalty by For Romance/Franziskus (breeder: Berthold Schoemaker, Emlichheim) and Mette Sejbjerg Jensen finished fifth. The liver chestnut stallion had left the Verden licensing as a premium stallion. 

Seven years of age

1. Life Time FRH ♂ by Livaldon/Fürstenball
breeder: Johannes Hesselink, Emlichheim
rider: Charlott-Maria Schürmann/GER

2. Vitalos FRH ♂ by Vitalis/De Niro
breeder: Josef Bramlage, Sögel
rider: Leonie Richter/GER

3. Glock's Massimo (KWP)
by Toto Jr./Bretton Woods
rider: Hans Peter Minderhoud/NED

Hannoveraner placing

8. Hann.Pr.A. Blue FRH by Buckingham/Locksley II
breeder: Andrea Bentes, Wittingen, rider: Tessa Frank

Six years of age

1. Quinn G (DWB) by Quaterhit/Fassbinder
rider: Fiona Bigwood/GBR

2. Alkaline (DWB) by Secret/Zalmiak Firfod
rider: Merita Hagren/DEN

3. Nice Touch W (KWP) by Dettorio/Florencio
rider: Charlotta Rogerson/SUI

Hannoveraner placings

5. Segantini by Secret/Fidermark
breeder: Dr. Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE
rider: Dorothee Schneider/GER

8. Shakeela FRH by Secret/Royal Blend
b.: Wilfried Putz, Wiesenthal, r.: Lydia Jordan/GER

11. San to Alati FRH by Secret/Belissimo M
breeder: Lena-Marie und Kerstin Klose, Burgwedel
rider: Stefanie Viehoff-Wolf/GER

Five years of age

1. Red Viper (KWP) by Romanov/Sir Sinclair
rider: Bart Veeze/NED

2. Glamdale WP NRW (Westf.)
by Glamourdale/Millennium, r.: Stefanie Ahlert/GER

3. Severucci HT (SWB) by Secret/Rubinrot
rider: Jeanna Hogberg/SWE

Hannoveraner/Rheinländer placings

4. Voundation (Rhld.) by Vitalis/Fidertanz
breeder: Rhenania Pferde, Alpen
rider: Ann-Christin Wienkamp/GER

8. Enrico de Hus by Escolar/Don Juan de Hus
b.: Xavier Marie, Petit Mars/FRA, r.: Jennifer Stein/GER

14. Galleria's Fancy Fergie by For Romance/Catoo
breeder: Hof Brüning, Ochtmannen
rider: Charlotte Tollhopf/GER

15. Belcanto HB by Benicio/Rascalino
breeder: Helmut Bäßmann, Meitze
rider: Mafalda Galiza Mendes/POR

Four-year-old riding horses

1. Proud James (KWP) by Jameson RS2/Johnson TN
rider: Maxi Kira von Platen/GER

2. So Special by Secret/Bon Coeur
breeder: Pia Sophie Wahlers, Visselhövede
rider: Jessica Lynn Thomas/SWE

3. Hexagons Power Dutch
by Toto Jr./Hexagon's Double Dutch
rider: Anke van Moer/NED

Hannoveraner Platzierung

5. For Royalty by For Romance/Franziskus
breeder: Berthold Schoemaker, Emlichheim
rider: Mette Sejbjerg Jensen/DEN



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MEDAL TRIUMPH IN VERSAILLES

Fourteen days after the Olympics, the Paralympics took place in Paris, and once again it was a huge success. In the Para Equestrian events, four riders and their Hannoveraner horses won gold medals.

By Britta Züngel

The first winner of the Para Equestrian events in the Palace Park of Versailles was Floratina by Fidertanz/Rubin-Royal (breeder: Dr. Susanne Rauth, Holzminden). She carried Rebecca Hart from the United States to gold in Grade III. Two more gold medals were to follow – with the US team and in the freestyle final. The 16-year-old bay mare, out of the dam line of Debbie McDonald's Olympic horse Brentina, had success in advanced (S*) level dressage in Germany before coming to the stable of Canadian dressage rider Lindsay Kellock in 2015. In 2019, Floratina won team gold at the Pan American Games in Lima/PER. Last year, Rebecca Hart took over the mare and has since been one of the favorites with 26 consecutive victories. The 39-year-old suffers from a degenerative disease of the spinal cord. For her, this is her fifth Paralympic Games and her first gold medals. A second Hannoveraner contributed to the triumph of the US team, the first non-British team since the beginning in 1996: the in Grade II competing De

L'Or/Wolkentanz-son Diamond Dunes (breeder: Klaus-Dieter Mansholt, Jemgum). He also won three gold medals with Fiona Howard. The eleven-year-old chestnut stallion only made his international debut in March of this year – and immediately took a triple victory in Florida. Before a muscle disease made it impossible, Fiona Howard was internationally successful in the western riding discipline of reining. The grey mare Vianne (AHS) by Vitalis/Ramiro's Bube (breeder: Catherine Hadad/USA) and Kate Shoemaker were the fourth competitors with the stars and stripes on their saddle pad. After a poor start in the first decision – the only eight-year-old had gotten carried away and bucked in the arena, costing them both a team place – they were pleased with the bronze medal in the freestyle final. Last year, Vianne and Australian Hope Beerling came tenth at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Ermelo. And another won double gold and lived up to her role as favorite: In Grade V, Best Of by Boni-

fatus/Maurice (breeder: Dirk Radeke, Verden-Walle) delivered with Belgian Michèle George and won with an outstanding performance. It is the third Paralympic gold medal for the 2010-born bay and her 50-year-old rider, who has been struggling with paralysis in her left leg since a riding accident.

Best Of was a guest at the Niedersachsenhalle twice: at the 2014 Winter Auction, she changed ownership to the Netherlands, and two years later, she was sold to a buyer from the USA. The mare remained in Germany and was successful up to Prix St. George with Jasmin Nussbaumer and Hartwig Burfeind. In 2019, Michèle George discovered Best Of at the stable of Isabell Werth, and a dream pair was found. Since then, they have celebrated an incredible 38 international victories. Championship genes are firmly anchored in Best Of's pedigree, her third dam Antigone is the granddam of Susanne Lebek's 2009 European Championship horse, Potomac by Prince Orac xx/Wenzel (breeder: Friedrich Lührs-Behnke, Verden).

Keystone Dawn Chorus (BHHS), a Dimaggio/Escudo (breeder: S. Lavendera/GBR) registered with the British Hanoverian Horse Society, was born in Great Britain. Since Tokyo three years ago, she has been a permanent member of the British para team with Natasha Baker. The pair won two bronze medals in Grade III. The dam of the mare, who comes from the renowned dam line of Norm, came to Great Britain via the October Elite Auction in 2003. At the Olympic Games in Beijing, the pair had already won two individual silver medals in addition to team gold. This year, the British team, accustomed to success, came away empty-handed in the team competition. ☺



Best Of by Bonifatius/Maurice
and Michèle George. Photos: FEI/Gregg



Floratina by Fidertanz/Rubin-Royal
with Rebecca Hart



Keystone Dawn Chorus by Dimaggio/
Escudo with Natasha Baker



Diamond Dunes by De L'Or/Wolkentanz
with Fiona Howard



Vianne by Vitalis/Ramiro's Bube
with Kate Shoemaker

PARIS 2024



THREE GOLD MEDALS

Three gold medals, one silver medal and one bronze medal – That is the result for Hannoveraner riding horses at the Warendorf young horse show.

By Antonia Heise

Both Bundeschampions of four-year-olds came from Hannover. The modern-looking brown Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie/De Kooning kicked off the medal decisions for four-year-old mares and geldings. Four weeks earlier, she had won the Ib Prize at the Herwart von der Decken Show in the class for four-year-olds, which was offered for the first time. Hann.Pr.A. London Eye, who was born at Kathrin Wassmann's in Badbergen, had only come fourth in the qualifier, but was beaming

on the Saturday of the finals with the sun. She impressed with her wonderfully active hind leg in all three basic gaits. She swung dynamically through her body with a very rhythmic trot and radiated an incredible sovereignty (9.0). She presented a very balanced canter, always jumping in rhythm beautifully uphill. The judging trio of Wolfgang Egbers, Peter Mannheims and Catrin Wingerter honored this with 9.5. She received 8.5 for the walk, always striding in a relaxed manner, with

a far-reaching forehand. She showed a high level of concentration and incredible balance with both her rider Hermann Burger and the test rider Carina Scholz. The judges gave her 9.0 for rideability. The elegant mare thus conjured up a perfect start to the Warendorf event, achieving a final score of 9.0 and setting a score that was not to be matched. "This victory means an incredible amount to me! The London Eye has always been very special to us, we have taken her into our hearts. Today I am



Three Hannoveraner Bundeschampions were celebrated among the riding horses (from left to right): *Senorita la Bonita* by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen with Sina Aringer, *Lindenbergs* by Libertad/Destano with Jacob Schenk and *London Eye* by La Vie/De Kooning with Hermann Burger. Photos: Reckl, Fellner

also thinking of my father, who unfortunately can no longer experience this success, he made this dam line possible for me, it is really very emotional!" said Kathrin Wassmann after the championship ceremony.

The winner of the final qualifier, Hann.Pr.A. Flower by Fürst Toto/Dancier (breeder: Manfred Kregel, Laatzen), also failed to take the lead from Hann. Pr.A. London Eye. Last year's winner of her class at the Herwart von der Decken-Show is a representative of the dam line of Claudine, which is also the origin of the new Vice Bundeschampion of five-year-old dressage horses, Endorphin. Her dam, St.Pr.St. Däncy, has two licensed sons that are successful in advanced (S) level dressage: D'Olympus by Don Olymbrio and First Dancer by Fürstenball. However, the elegantly presented liver

chestnut mare was unable to quite match her form from the qualifier and appeared somewhat lethargic. Nevertheless, she showed a trot with a lot of rhythm and an expressive side view. The mare and her rider Janina Tietze also presented themselves very balanced and uphill in canter. Hann.Pr.A. Flower received a final score of 8.2, narrowly missing out on the bronze medal, which was won by Because of you OLD with Beatrice Hoffrogge. Snickers F (DSP) and Carina Harnisch achieved the second-best score.

Lindenbergs takes the lead

The four-year-old stallions' lap of honor was led by the licensed Libertad/Destano son Lindenbergs and his rider Jakob Schenk. The elegant and athletic bay stallion, bred by the Maak breeding partner-

ship in Hamburg, was still on course for silver after the final qualification, but was able to improve in the canter and took the lead. Judge Wolfgang Egbers raved: "A stallion that could hardly be more beautiful!" The stallion from Tobias Schult's stallion station in Hünxe, celebrated the trot with light-footedness and plenty of shoulder freedom. He always took active steps and was pleasing to the eye (9.0). In the canter, he already showed good collection with ground-covering forehand. One could have wished for a little more submission and uphill tendency, as shown in the extensions (8.5). A little restless at the beginning of the walk, the stallion settled down more and more during the test, presenting himself with a relaxed and accurate walk (8.0). With test rider Lisa-Marie Koch, he was performance willing and gave a very good riding feeling. The final score of 8.8 made him the

LINDENBERG: BLACK BEAUTY IS ALIVE

"It doesn't get much better than this," said judge Wolfgang Egbers, summing up. "Black, beautiful, a star on his forehead – Black Beauty is alive and now a Bundeschampion." The Libertad/Destano son was born at Sabine and Hans-Heinrich Maak's in Hamburg. The breeder had purchased his great-granddam Santina when she was three years of age. "At the time, I really wanted a grey mare," he recalls. He liked everything about the former privately owned stallion Libertad, who became Vice European Champion last year with junior rider Allegria Schmitz-Morkramer: "He is my type!" However, Lindenberg did not quite live up to his breeder's expectations when he was young, and Hans-Heinrich Maack sold him as a one-and-a-half-year-old from the stallion pasture.

So the black came into the ownership of Annelie Brunckhorst and Dr. Frederic Bünger. Accepted to the licensing, Lindenberg dropped out two days before the trip to Verden and had to take the appointment in January. He was broken in at the Brunckhorst stables and, with the Hannoveraner Championships in mind, came to be ridden by Jacob Schenk. He was immediately impressed, won



The owners Annelie and Willi Brunckhorst (left) and Dr Frederic Bünger are delighted with Lindenberg and Jacob Schenk. Photo: Fellner

the riding horse competition in Alvern with the stallion and came third at the Hannoveraner Championships in Verden. Word got around about the stallion's quality, Willi Brunckhorst got into

conversation with Tobias Schult, and the first stud station for Lindenberg was found in Hünxe. "Lindenberg has three exceptional basic gaits, and riding him feels phenomenal," says Willi Brunckhorst. You don't often come across horses like this, he says, praising his active hind leg. "He convinced us at every presentation!" At his sport test part I in Münster-Handorf at the beginning of the year, he received a 10 for his trot and a 9.50 for his overall impression. No question about it, his owners have also had mares inseminated by Lindenberg.

Before his triumph in Warendorf, Lindenberg was Hannoveraner Vice Champion in August, behind So Special, who competed in the tests for four-year-olds in Ermelo/NED at the same time as Warendorf. "His positive ambition to work, his will to perform every day. In Warendorf, too, he actually got better every day," says Jacob Schenk, describing his model student. Lindenberg's breeder, Hans-Heinrich Maak, was unable to be in Warendorf. But he, too, has had two mares inseminated by Lindenberg: "If you're lucky enough to breed a stallion, you have to use him!" Britta Züngel

Bundeschampion of four-year-old stallions. DSP Birkhof's Elocin with Anna Casper and the Westphalian Franz Herrmann from the Hannoveraner

line Nebenkunde, ridden by Johanna Klippert, followed in the other medal places.

Neck-and-neck race

After the final qualification, everything pointed to a Hannoveraner neck-and-neck race for the medals in the three-year-old mares and geldings. While the dark chestnut gelding Boccaccio by Bonds/Dancier (breeder: Hans-Jürgen Hollmann, Geveshausen) led the results list after the qualifier, the beautifully presented Hann.Pr.A Senorita la Bonita by Sir Heinrich/Westernhagen (breeder: Axel Windeler, Verden-Walle) gave nothing away in the final. Both horses have one thing in common: their close relatives include Bundeschampionat medal winners. Boccaccio's great granddam, St.Pr.St. Donauperle, when bred to Christ, produced both Boccaccio's granddam, Hann.Pr.St. Chianaperle, and Coal Diamond, a premium stallion at his licensing, two-time Hannoveraner Vice Champion, Vice Bundeschampion and now successful up to Grand Prix. The dam of Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita, Western Lady, produced Borgia by Benetton Dream, the 2017 Vice Bundeschampion of three-year old riding horses.

In the final, the three Hannoveraner aspirants opened the fight for the medals together. Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita trotted in front. The strikingly marked chestnut mare, beautifully constructed in an uphill manner, celebrated her energetic movements on the Warendorf parquet floor, which was



Hermann Burger rode Majestic Day by Majestic Taonga/Desperados to a bronze medal in the four-year-old stallions.



LONDON EYE: FAMILY-OWNED FOR OVER 100 YEARS

The success of Bundeschampionesse Hann.Pr.A. London Eye fills her breeder, Kathrin Wassmann, with particular pride. The Nietfeld family has owned the dam line of Dodica since 1887, with the first owner being Kathrin Wassmann's great-grandfather. Since then, the line has passed through four farms in Artland. In the 1970s, Kathrin Wassmann's father Ulrich Nietfeld wanted to advance his smaller line of the family, so he bought the filly Lotosblume by Lungau/Fürst Ferdinand in 1979. The third dam of this mare, St.Pr.St. Flügelmeer, had left the Nietfeld breeding farm 30 years earlier. When Ulrich Nietfeld retired and handed over the horses to his two daughters, St.Pr.St. Andorra by Abajo xx came to Kathrin Wassmann. "But my father still made the breeding decision for Weltmeyer," Kathrin Wassmann recalls. This decision should prove to be a real hit. With the Ampere son Abu Dhabi, the St.Pr.St. Walhalla, who had been highly decorated up to the Ratje Niebuhr show, produced a dressage horse that was successful at S level. The breeder came across the privately owned stallion De Kooning as a father through the advice of Heinrich Ramsbrock, who has already given her many valuable tips. Debby,



Bundeschampionesse London Eye with the happy breeder Kathrin Nietfeld. Photo: Fellner

born in 2010, produced the Warendorf state stud stallion Selectric by Sezuan. Her last foal was Deja Vu, London Eye's dam, born two years later. Trot and canter were rated 9.0 at her performance test, and 9.25 for rideability. "She was incredibly rideable," recalls Kathrin Wassmann. She has passed

this trait on to her offspring. In 2020, the year of the coronavirus, Hann.Pr.A. London Eye was born. "Our children Chiara and Niclas were at home and 'Franzy' was a horse of the heart from the first moment. She was always beautiful, always something special, from the very beginning. We wanted to keep her for breeding and therefore wanted to do everything right in terms of testing and showing." After Chiara Wassmann had gently broken in London Eye at the age of three, the liver chestnut mare came to Hermann Burger in March of this year. The experienced trainer has always appreciated the horses from the Nietfeld line, and in 2023 he had come third in the Hannoveraner Riding Horse Championships with London Eye's full sister La Memoria. In May, London Eye took her mare performance test, and she received the dream score of 10 for trot, canter and rideability three times. "We always believed that she was a great horse. But nobody can plan for it to go all the way to the Bundeschampionat. Everything has to fall into place! The final of the Hannoveraner Championships was really cool, and in Warendorf there was another success 'on top'!" says Kathrin Wassmann happily.

Britta Züngel

a joy to behold. When trotting, she energetically lifted her entire body and swung her forehand widely, with accurate push-off in the extensions. Judge Jürgen Uthoff enthused: "We couldn't find anything that could have been better," and announced the ideal score of 10. In the canter work, the mare and Sina Aringer also presented a consistently uphill appearance and received another

10. The step could be carried out with even more submission, but the rhythm and effort were good (8.0). The mare appeared highly satisfied and concentrated during the test, accepted the stretch in the rein and was given a 9.0 for rideability. The final score of 9.1 set the standard right at the beginning of the test. Boccaccio trotted in second place behind Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita. The

likeable liver chestnut impressed with good riding horse points. At the trot, he presented himself with a swinging body, a well-swinging forehand and an active hind leg (8.5). In the canter, he celebrated his potential with his rider Danica Duen, jumping uphill in a very balanced and round manner (9.0). In the walk, he strode calmly with good traction, striding far and stepping out well (9.0). This com-

RESULTS BUNDESCHAMPIONAT FOR RIDING HORSES

Three-year-old mares and geldings

1. Hann.Pr.A. Senorita La Bonita

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

2. Boccaccio

by Bonds/Dancier
breeder: Hans-Jürgen Hollmann, Geveshausen
rider: Danica Duen

3. Gut Neuenhof's Maxima (Westf.)

by Maxim/Estobar NRW, rider: Danica Duen

Hannoveraner placing

5. Hann.Pr.A./Ext+ Vision L

by Vitalis/Fürstenball
breeder: Günter Lindwehr, Althausen
rider: Alexandra Rövekamp

Three-year-old stallions

1. Bentheim

(Westf.) by Belvedere DB/Rock Forever
rider: Danica Duen

2. Mon Chateau OLD by Morricone/Don Romantic
rider: Shereena Satzer

3. Majestic Day by Majestic Taonga/Desperados
b.: Anna Genfors, Förslöv/SWE, r.: Hermann Burger

Hannoveraner placing

6. Vienna Ninja (VA) by Viva Gold/Bodyguard
breeder: ZG Slink, Großheide, rider: Daniela Graé

Four-year-old mares and geldings

1. Hann.Pr.A. London Eye by La Vie/De Kooning
breeder: Kathrin Waßmann, Badbergen
rider: Hermann Burger

2. Snickers F (DSP) by Secret/Carabas
rider: Carina Harnisch

3. Because of you OLD by Benicio/Dimaggio
rider: Beatrice Hoffrogge

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4. Hann.Pr.A. Flower by Fürst Toto/Dancier
breeder: Manfred Kregel, Laatzen, rider: Janina Tietze

9. Ferrari by Fürst Samarant/Desperados
breeder: Aloys Ewers, Meppen, r.: Antonia Holtmann

Four-year-old stallions

1. Lindenbergs by Libertad/Destano
breeder: ZG Maak, Hamburg, rider: Jacob Schenk

2. DSP Birkhof's Elocin by Escamillo/Fürstenball
rider: Anna Casper

3. Franz Herrmann (Westf.) by Franziskus/Sir Heinrich
rider: Johanna Klippert

Hannoveraner placing

6. Global Hope by Global Player/Fidertanz
breeder: ZG Werth, Moers, rider: Jacob Schenk





Vice Champion of three-year-old mares and geldings: Boccaccio by Bonds/Dancier and Danica Duen. Photo: Beelitz

posure was also reflected in his rideability, with Jürgen Uthoff giving him a score of 8.5. With a final score of 8.7, Boccaccio took silver behind Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita. The third in the all-Hannoveraner division was the Champion mare of the Herwart von der Decken-Show, Hann.Pr.A/Ext+ Vision L by Vitalis/Fürstenball (breeder: Günter Lindwehr, Alphausen). Her granddam Dorina by

De Niro produced Facilone FRH by Fürstenball, who was successful at Grand Prix level and also competed in the final of the National Championships for Riding Horses in 2016. Hann.Pr.A/Ext+ Vision L showed great accuracy and active use of the hind end in the basic trot sequence (8.5). She performed the canter in a balanced manner and with an appropriate uphill tendency (8.5). Jürgen

Uthoff highlighted the walk as the highlight of the performance with 9.0, always striding calmly with a very good ground coverage. With Alexandra Rövekamp, she showed herself to be balanced and with a pleasant basic contact, and her rideability was rated 8.0. In the end, this meant a fifth place in the final. Contrary to the saying "the last will be the first", the first starters were still the first at the end. Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita became Bundes-champion before Boccaccio. Danica Duen also won bronze with the Westphalian Gut Neuenhof's Maxima.

The bronze medal in the three-year-old stallions class was won by the dark bay licensed stallion Majestic Day by Majestic Taonga/Desperados. His dam is none other than St.Pr.St. Doris Day, the Champion mare of the Herwart von der Decken-Show 2010. A few weeks later she became Bundeschampion in Warendorf. Hermann Burger presented the majestic stallion, born at Anna Genfors in Förslöv/SWE, swinging confidently in the trot and in close contact (8.5). He demonstrated an uphill canter with good collection, although he could gain a little more ground in the extensions (8.5). He showed accuracy of the body and good scope in his walk (8.0). The judges Carsten Munk, Tim Koch and Jürgen Uthoff also gave him a clear "good" for rideability. With a final score of 8.2, he took the bronze medal. Gold went to the Westphalian Bentheim, whose third dam is a full sister of Dr. Reiner Klimke's legendary Ahlerich. This meant that his rider Danica Duen had completed her set of medals. Silver went to Mon Chateau OLD with Shereena Satzer in the saddle. **XX**

SENRITA LA BONITA: "SHE IS JUST SOOOO RIDEABLE!"

From Hannoveraner Champion in August to Bundeschampion in just a few days: Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita has got off to a flying start. "She is just soooo rideable," enthused Sina Aringer after winning the title in Warendorf. "She is naturally very good, a lot of fun and has an incredibly sweet character."

The colorful chestnut mare was born at Axel Windeler's in Verden-Walle. This is not the first success in Warendorf for the passionate breeder. In addition to several podium places, his Don Juan de Hus/Benetton Dream son Don Martillo, who later became World Champion of five-year-old dressage horses, won in the four-year-old stallions eight years ago. Her first public appearance was at the mare show in Tarmstedt in July of this year. It was her third birthday, when she was awarded the la Prize and the Hannoveraner Premium candidacy. She also attracted attention at the Herwart von der Decken Show and took second place in her strong ring, behind the later Reserve Champion



Bundeschampionesse Senorita la Bonita by Sir Heinrich Westernhagen with Sina Aringer. Photo: Fellner

Mare. Due to her high quality, she also qualified for the final ring. Three days later, her big moment

came when she became Hannoveraner Champion in impressive style with Sina Aringer – ahead of Boccaccio, as she was at the Bundeschampionat.

Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita's dam Western Lady had already won riding and dressage horse tests and competed in the Hannoveraner Championships. Her first filly, Borgia by Benetton Dream, was the 2017 Vice Bundeschampion of three-year-olds. What is special about her pedigree is that both her sire Benetton Dream and dam's sire Westernhagen were bred by Axel Windeler.

One of the most successful Hannoveraner dam lines is behind Hann.Pr.A. Senorita la Bonita. In addition to the Olympic horses Beauvalais by Bolelo/Grande and Pozitano by Polydor/Waidmannsdank xx, the foundation mare Alferate can be traced back to the influential stallions Garibaldi I and II by Grande/Marcio xx, Brentano I and II by Bolelo/Grande and Wolkenstein I and II by Weltmeyer/Wendekreis. **XX**

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD

Three golds and two silvers in the dressage horse division – an unparalleled record. Hannover provided the Bundeschampion in every age group of dressage horse.

By Juliana Küspert

They already led the award ceremony in the final qualifier for five-year-old dressage horses and they did not give up this place in the final either: Hann.Pr.St Felice (breeder: Rene Janzen, Wischhafen) and Greta Heemsoth. The Fürst Samarat/Riverside mare improved from 8.62 to 9.0 in the final. "In the first test, she was still a bit shy, and I always ride a bit more cautiously in the first test so that the horses get a good feeling in the arena," the rider reported. The dark bay took this good feeling into the final and delivered. "That was an extraordinary, elastic trot work. One step like the next, like a metronome through the trot tour," summarized judge Nicole Nockemann. Felice received 9.3 for the trot. The last bit of submis-

sion was missing in the walk for a more productive striding (8.2). The tall mare already showed a very good canter, with good collection and good balance (9.3). "Naturalness and submission in beautiful harmony," said Nicole Nockemann, explaining the 9.0 for submission. With 9.2 for perspective, the overall rating was an even "very good" and the well-deserved title of Bundeschampion of five-year-old dressage horses.

Double reason to be happy

Felice's owner Ingo Pape had two reasons to celebrate: in addition to the gold medal, his home-bred stallion Endorphin took the silver medal, also

with Greta Heemsoth. "He was really distracted on the first day and kept looking towards the warm-up area. But he is a little performer," said his rider. The licensed son of Escolar/Don Nobless had to take the detour via the small final. From competition to competition, he arrived at the show grounds more and more and was able to show the large crowd what he was made of on Saturday. "He is quite the macho and wants to show off," said Greta Heemsoth. As the first starter in the competition, Endorphin set a score that only his stablemate was able to top later. The elastic, dynamic trot with a good cadence was rewarded with 9.0. The walk was characterized by accuracy of rhythm and ground coverage; the judges

Felice by Fürst Samarat/Riverside and Greta Heemsoth were crowned Bundeschampions in the class of five-year-old dressage horses. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn





would have liked to have seen more effort for a higher score (8.5). The uphill canter also showed regularity and elasticity (8.8). "Excellent work in the mouth, always supple contact, beautiful silhouette, sensitive rider – this was truly at the highest level," commented Nicole Nockemann. One fault in the second simple change prevented a higher score (8.4). With a final score of 9.0 for perspective, the overall score for Endorphin and Greta Heemsoth was 8.74. Thus, the duo was able to take home the silver medal, just like last year. DSP Dante's Sunrise S by Dante Weltino/Fürstenball and Ines Fleischmann took bronze. Of the 15 horses placed in the final, nine came from Hannover. Three Hannoveraner carried the blood of Escobar, two went back to Fürst Heinrich. Secret was the sire of two placed finalists.

Be Sure (breeder: Ludwig Fuchs, Meinerzhagen) improved from fourth place in the qualifier to take gold in the final of the six-year-old dressage horses. "An incredibly uphill-constructed horse, but one that also makes full use of its strengths," said Nicole Nockemann, starting to comment. The judges gave 9.0 for the significant trot work, and the walk was marked with plenty of shoulder freedom and ground coverage (8.4). The canter showed an uphill tendency with good ground coverage (8.5). A slight deviation in the walk piroette (8.8) reduced the score for submission. Be Sure received 9.0 for perspective (total 8.74). Eva Möller was in the saddle of the Benicio/Scuderia son.

Like champagne

Veuve Clicquot – this is not only a champagne, but also a six-year-old liver chestnut by Vitalis/Fürst Heinrich. "That was an example of good riding," said the judge in her comments. The trot, with good mechanics in the forehand (8.5), the walk with good willingness to collect (8.6) and the canter, which was already carried well (8.7), were characterized by the accuracy and regularity of the gaits. "We have never seen such natural, uphill and straight canter changes with such precision," continued Nicole Nockemann. With 8.6 for submission and 8.7 for perspective, the final score was 8.62. This meant that she took the silver medal in the final. Last year, Veuve Clicquot was already in Warendorf with Lars Ligu. After winning the small final, he ultimately came in twelfth. Dam Felies already produced the premium stallion Soulman by Soliman de Hus and the advanced (S*) level winner Feodora Royal by Fiderstep. One generation further back is St.Pr.St. Wendica by Weltmeyer/Abajo xx. She produced the advanced (S) level-successful Quixote Beowulf by Brentano II and the currently medium (M) level-successful Fürst Reddington by Fürst Larino. At almost the

Best seven-year-old dressage horse was the Quotenkönig/Lord Loxley son Quentin with Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock. Photo: Equitaris

same time, breeder Josef Bramlage from Sögel had another reason to celebrate with another Vitalos son: Vitalos FRH and Leonie Richter became Vice World Champion of Young Dressage Horses for the third time in Ermelo.

The silver medal was awarded not just once, but twice on the final day. After winning the qualifier with Jerome Schneiders, the Oldenburg stallion Bacchabundus by Blue Hors Baron/Dimaggio also took silver. Eight of the 17 finalists were Hannoveraner horses. Sezuan was represented three times, directly and through his son Secret, followed by Benicio with two sons. Asgard's Ibiza, Dancier and Vitalis each provided a Hannoveraner finalist.

Quentin, a Hannoveraner stallion, was the winner in both the qualifier and the final of the seven-year-old dressage horses. The Quotenkönig/Lord Loxley son, bred by Stefan Gebauer from Cologne, was presented by Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock. "Such a fantastic, good combination of submission and expression – that's beautiful riding, that's how we want to see young horses, and that was truly an excellent performance!" were the first words of the commentary by Nicole Nockemann. The seven-year-old dressage horses completed an advanced (S) level dressage test. This meant that one part of the judging panel evaluated the basic gaits, submission and perspective as a dressage horse, while the other part evaluated the technical execution of the lessons. Quentin's high-quality basic gaits were evident in his trot, which was characterized by great effort and impulsion (8.5), his walk, which was in perfect rhythm and fea-



Be Sure by Benicio/Scuderia danced to victory with Eva Möller in the six-year-old class. Photo: Fellner

QUENTIN: A SPECIAL HORSE

Quentin's granddam, St.Pr.St. Roxane by Riccione/Dimension (breeder: Hans Wingen, Wesseling), produced several gold and silver medal foals in the Rhineland through breeding to Lord Loxley. Fiorenzo by Feedback, who placed up to advanced (S*) level, is the exception to this breeding decision by Edmund Schoepges, St. Vith/BEL. The two S***-successful horses Jack by Johnson and Affinity by Abanos come from the further dam line.

In 2021, breeder Stefan Gebauer, Cologne, sent Quentin to the Elite Auction. From there he made the journey to Austria. The owner, Viktoria von Braunmühl, who followed the tests in the arena in Warendorf with great emotion, discovered Quentin together with her trainer Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock at Sina Aringer's.

Sina Aringer had presented Quentin when he was five and six years old and had ridden him to eighth place in the Bundeschampionat final last year.



Sashes for the winners: Quentin and Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock. Photo: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

"This success means an awful lot to us, we are very proud of Quentin and of course of Bianca too, and I'm very excited about the future." The owner's beaming smile remained undimmed even after the award ceremony.

Looking ahead, Quentin is destined to become Viktoria von Braunmühl's junior horse one day. The owner and rider report that Quentin is a somewhat special horse. "He is a bit afraid of other horses when warming up, so I always look for a quiet spot. But otherwise he is a sensitive, attentive horse that is incredibly trainable and, as we saw today, really enjoyed the applause in the arena at the end," reports Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock. "I am totally happy with how he has developed in such a short time. To be able to deliver at the Bundeschampionat like this is just amazing! I'm really, really happy and I think that with a little more time and work, this horse could achieve even more."

Juliana Küspert



Two Vice Bundeschampions: *Veuve Cliquot* by *Vitalis/Fürst Heinrich* finished second with *Lars Ligus* behind *Be Sure* in the class of six-year-olds (left) | *The Escarol/Don Nobless* son *Endorphin* took the silver ribbon in the five-year-old class. Much to the delight of his breeder Ingo Pape, who is also the owner of the Bundeschampionesse *Felice*.

Photos: Beelitz, Fellner

tured a recognizably accurate collection (8.5), and his canter, which covered a lot of ground (8.5). With 8.8 each for submission and overall impression and 74.696 percent for technical execution, the pair was the undisputed winner with a total of 80.447 percent. Silver went to Greta Busacker and the Westphalian mare Frieda by For

Dance/Fidermark, and bronze to Lisa Marie Koch and the Oldenburg Fille D'Or OLD by St. Schufro/Fidermark. Five Hannoveraner competed in the final. The sires were very diverse, with Quotenkönig, Sezuan, Rock Forever, Fahrenheit and Belantis each providing an offspring. Overall, more attention would have been desirable for the final dressage horse competitions. The award ceremony for

six-year-olds took place in front of an almost empty tribune. The quality of the horses on the final days could have been reflected in the quantity of visitors. Nevertheless, this does not change the excellent success of the Hannoveraner dressage horses, and it will be interesting to see how the participants in this year's Bundeschampionat perform in the future. ☺

BE SURE: PLAN B HAD TO BE FOUND

The privately owned stallion *Be Sure* is the first offspring of Hann.Pr.St. *Susi Sorglos* to be born at Ludwig Fuchs' stud in Meinerzhagen. *Susi* herself was the class winner at the Großenwörden mare show when she was three years old and was awarded the Ib Prize at the Herwart von der Decken Show. Her dam St.Pr.St. *Lady Laurie* by *Lauries Crusador xx/Donnerhall* was a two- and three-year-old class winner and half-blood winning mare in Elmlohe, second in the Louis Wiegels Show as a two-year-old and won the Ic Prize at the Herwart von der Decken Show as a three-year-old.

The show successes are also reflected in the pedigree of the bay stallion from the dam line of *Sebimara*, who was awarded the coveted title "Premium Stallion" at his licensing and sold at a top price at the subsequent Stallion Sales. Since the beginning of the year, *Be Sure* has been stationed at Helgstrand Germany in Syke-Legenhausen. At a young age, he was already the most used stud



A matter of the heart: *Be Sure* and Eva Möller.
Photo: Fellner

stallion in Denmark, after he had also left the licensing in Denmark as a premium stallion and later as the DWB Champion Stallion. He took silver at the Danish Dressage Championships. Last year, he came in eleventh at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses. Since moving to Germany, Leonie Richter has been riding the bay stallion. When the stallion was not nominated for the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses, but his stable neighbor *Vitalos FRH* was, a plan B had to be found. Leonie Richter was to ride *Vitalos FRH* to Ermelo and Eva Möller took the reins of *Be Sure*. "The stallion has developed tremendously this year, and it was easy for him to jump up to medium level," reports the successful rider and trainer, who had actually retired from competitive riding. "We firmly believed in the horse and in his quality. It was a matter close to our hearts to present him on the Bundeschampionat stage." They were able to qualify in Verden as the newly crowned Hannoveraner Champions.

Juliana Küspert



RESULTS BUNDESCHAMPIONAT FOR DRESSAGE HORSES

Five years of age

1. Hann.Pr.St. Felice ♂ by Fürst Samarant/Riverside
breeder: René Janzen, Wischhafen
rider: Greta Heemsoth

2. Endorphin ♂ by Escolar/Don Nobless
breeder: Ingo Pape, Hemmoor
rider: Greta Heemsoth

3. DSP Dante's Sunrise S (DSP)
by Dante Weltino/Fürstenball
rider: Ines Fleischmann

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4. Livorno (VA) by Livaldon/Dancier
breeder: Torsten Meier, Wagenfeld
rider: Dr. Annabel Frenzen

8. Silent Wings by Secret/Sandro Hit
breeder: Dr. Cord Gaus, Großmoor
breeder: Sina Aringer

9. Hildegard
by Follow Him's Schönweide/Don Frederico
breeder: Raimund Vorwerk, Klein Brockdorf
rider: Leslie Rohrbacher

10. Escadino by Escamillo/Fidertanz
breeder: W.R. Hanssen, Geleen/NED
rider: Annika Korte

11. Jupiter BC by Jovian/Fürst Romancier
breeder: Gestüt Greim, Bärnau, rider: Julian Fetzer

11. Singleton by Secret/Damsey
breeder: Saddle Me Engelke, Lindwedel
rider: Madelene Engelke

14. Emiliana HR by Escolar/Stedinger
breeder: ZG Sahlmann und Schmitz, Bleckede
rider: Katrina Lüddeke



Fourth place in the class of five-year-olds: Livorno by Livaldon/Dancier and Dr. Annabel Frenzen.

Six years of age

1. Be Sure (VA) ♂ by Benicio/Scuderia
b.: Ludwig Fuchs, Meinerzhagen, rider: Eva Möller

2. Veuve Clicquot ♂ by Vitalis/Fürst Heinrich
breeder: Josef Bramlage, Sögel, rider: Lars Ligus

2. Bacchabundus (Old.) by Blue Hors Baron/Dimaggio
rider: Jerome Schneiders

Hannoveraner placings

7. Sky (VA) by Sezuan/Sir Donnerhall
b.: Gestüt Neff, Frankenberg, rider: Hannah Laser

12. Hann.Pr.A. Dheelis by Dancier/Sir Donnerhall
breeder: Janne Schäfer, Bissendorf
rider: Annika Korte

13. Balu by Benicio/Waterford
breeder: Hof Kleemeyer GbR, Sudweyhe
rider: Christina Stricker

14. Aliissimo by Asgard's Ibiza/Belissimo M
breeder: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg
rider: Franziska Haase

Seven years of age

1. Quentin ♂ by Quotenkönig/Lord Loxley
breeder: Stefan Carl Gebauer, Köln
rider: Bianca Nowag-Aulenbrock

2. Frieda (Westf.) by For Dance/Fidertanz
rider: Greta Busacker

3. Fille D'Or OLD by St. Schufro/Fidertanz
rider: Lisa Marie Koché

Hannoveraner placings

4. Sezuan by Sezuan/Belissimo M
breeder: Fun-Dressage-GbR, Bad Homburg
rider: Sandra Kötter

6. Rock Festival by Rock Forever/Fürstenball
breeder: Joline Durand, Bramsche
rider: Joline Durand

14. Fürst Fohlenfreund
by Fahrenheit/Fürstenball
breeder: Raimund Vorwerk, Klein Brockdorf
rider: Christina Pantzar

15. Boulevard FRH by Belantis/Sir Donnerhall
breeder: Sven Graefe, Blumenthal
rider: Jacob Schenk

FELICE: A REAL FIGHTER



Three years after her success with Boa Vista, Greta Heemsoth won the title with Felice. Photo: Fellner

Hann.Pr.St. Felice's breeder, René Janzen from Wischhafen, could hardly believe the success and had not yet fully realized it when the title was celebrated later that evening in the Hannoveraner tent. He is one of the "closest and longest-standing employees" of Ingo Pape's breeding and training business. The dam was born at Pape's, belonged to the family together with Michael Klimke and initially competed. After that, she was used for breeding and went to René Janzen. She passed her mare performance test with a final score of over 8.5, with focus on dressage. St. Felice was then awarded the 1a Prize at the mare show in Dobrock. Greta Heemsoth has been in the saddle of the bay since she was four years old.

The bay mare has only been shown at a few competitions before the start of the Bundeschampionat, and she was placed every time. In April of this year, a filly by Santos was born via embryo transfer. Rougesse, the dam of Hann.Pr.St. Felice, produced Dancing Star, who qualified for the Bundescham-

pionat twice and placed in M** competitions, and Dancing Donny, who won M** competitions, in breeding to Dancing World. René Janzen is the breeder of both horses. Rougesse was bred by Pape GbR, Hemmoor. Going back one generation on the dam's side, we come across Sambuca. The Sandro Hit/Florestan daughter produced St.Pr.St. Hotpants by Hotline, a participant in the Herwart von der Decken-Show. Felice's great granddam Florence by Florestan/Rosenkavalier is the dam of Solo by San Remo, who gave birth to the mare Sommernacht. The Rocco Granata daughter was the first Bundeschampion for Greta Heemsoth in 2020. She is now successful at junior championships with Rose Oatley.

"Felice is actually a very introverted, shy horse that you always have to take by the hand at home. At competitions, she really puts her whole heart into the arena and gives everything. She's a real fighter," enthused Greta Heemsoth after her victory in the final.

Juliana Küspert



Sophie Hinnens took the title in the six-year-old class with Chacoona Cat by Chaco Blue/Stanley. She also rode the second and third placed horses.

A FURIOUS START – A FANTASTIC END

The Hannoveraner and Rhineland show jumpers got off to a furious start at the Bundeschampionat. In each age group, they provided at least one winner in the first qualifier. In the end, Chacoona Cat and Chaqueen became Bundeschampions, Comme mon père was Vice Bundeschampion, and Geoffrey and Quelle Mademoiselle each won a bronze medal.

By Ullrich Hahne

In the first qualifier for five-year-olds, the Rhineland stallion Geoffrey by George Z/Cornado (breeder: Heinrich Burmester, Brüninghorstedt) took the lead in the second class. The runner-up in the 2023 Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters was in good company, as a further seven Hannoveraner enriched the ranking list of the youngest show jumpers in Warendorf. Almost every third

rosette was won by a Hannoveraner or Rhineland. No other society provided more placed five-year-olds in the first qualifier. The Westphalians were equally strong, but did not provide a winner. It was a promising start.

The six-year-olds did not start with quite as many numbers, but they were also highly successful in

the first qualifier. Kataro by Karajan/Perigueux (breeder: Otto and Rita Sölzer, Fritzlar), who was licensed in Verden as a two-year-old, returned to the stables with a golden ribbon, as did Corlytender by Cornet's Balou/Messenger (breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen). Two other Hannoveraner also secured second places. Corlytender, who also placed in the top third in the second qualifier, had



Seven-year-old Bundeschampion: Chaqueen by Chaco Blue/Quicksilber with David Will. Photos: Beelitz

one fault in the final round. Nevertheless, he still managed to finish. Kataro also qualified for the final with a good performance in the second qualifier, but did not compete there. In the seven-year-old class, Chaqueen by Chaco Blue/Quicksilber (breeder: ZG Kruse, Walsrode), a former auction horse, delivered the fastest clear round in the first qualifier. These successes ensured a good atmosphere in the Hannoveraner tent at the show jumping arena from the very start of the Bundeschampionship.

The young Hannoveraner show jumpers have often performed well in recent years, and yet the last championship title of Chao Lee (Rhld.) by Comme il faut/Chacco-Blue (breeder: Otmar Eckermann, Kranenburg) with Katrin Eckermann in the saddle was six years ago. This year, it seemed as if the missed opportunities of the past were to be made up for. Two Bundeschampions in showjumping, a vice champion, two bronze medals as well as the obligatory further final participations are a good

testimony to the young Hannoveraner crops. After the Olympic final and Baloutinue's silver medal, they are proof that Hannoveraner show jumpers will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the future. It all started on Friday with Chaqueen and David Will. After this pair also won the second qualifier, they were undoubtedly the favorites going into the final. For once, the two did not finish the normal course as the fastest without penalty points, and in the jump-off, Greta Reinacher set an seemingly unbeatable time with the Westphalian mare Fiorucci JH, which Chaqueen and David Will then managed to beat by two tenths of a second. After six years, the Hannoveraner breeders celebrated a Bundeschampion again. Bronze went to the Holsteiner Davis and Rolf-Göran Bengtsson. Three generations of the Kruse breeding partnership from Walsrode were on site to enjoy this special moment. Together with the rider and discoverers of the mare, they celebrated this special former Verden auction mare, who stands out for her quick reactions, courage and spirit, in the Han-

overaner tent. Diabolo FRH by Don Diarado/Grey Top (breeder: Eduard Voss, Eydelstedt) with Dieter Smitz also qualified for the jump-off. After reaching the final last year, participating in the World Championships for Young Show Jumpers in Lanaken/BEL and the Global Studbook Trophy in Valkenswaard/NED, and winning the Hannoveraner Show Jumping Masters, he has now reached another final at the Bundeschampionat, finishing in eighth place. A frustrating mistake at the last obstacle prevented a better result in a rather cautiously ridden round.

Chacoona Cat by Chaco Blue/Stanley (breeder: Friedel Cordes, Süderwalsede) and rider Sophie Hinnens placed second and third in the qualifier, scoring 8.6 and 8.5. In the final, the grey mare then showed that she can also compete against the clock. She benefited from the wonderfully light-footed "Dagobertshausen riding style": always facing forward with trusting and attentive jumping horses. In this final, Sophie Hinnens could only beat herself. She had qualified three horses for the jump-off and finally took first, second and third place. Sophie Hinnens' triple success also includes the former Verden Auctions horse Quelle Mademoiselle by Quaid/Fidji du Fleury (breeder: Martina Zilinska, Czech Republic). The mare, which is only 1.61 metres tall, was part of the Elite Auction lot last fall, jumped effortlessly, always with pricked ears and good efficiency. This performance was rewarded with the bronze medal. She comes from a small but fine Czech Hannoveraner breeding program centered around the Mustang stud farm in Lucina. Sophie Hinnens took silver with the Holsteiner mare La Claina. Marco Kutscher also qualified for the jump-off with a clear round with Peacemaker by Perigueux/Acord II (breeder: Simone Kossel, Fritzlar) and finished eighth in the end. His rider was once successful at the World Championships for Young Show Jumpers in Lanaken/BEL with his full brother Policeman.

Consistent performance

Among the five-year-olds, Comme mon père by Comme il faut/Quintender (breeder: Heinz-Wilhelm von Thaden, Stade) performed very consistently. Even before the final, it was clear that the DSP stallion Arezzo Man by Arezzo/Last Man Standing with Sophie Hinnens in the saddle could only be beaten if he made a mistake. He did not do the competitors the favor in the final, and so he became Bundeschampion in a sovereign manner. Comme mon père finished both qualifications as the second-placed horse. Like Quelle Mademoiselle, he was sold at the Elite Auction last fall and is thus the third Verden Auctions horse to leave the course in Warendorf with a medal. With Tanja Fink, the powerfully cantering and jumping stallion also managed two sovereign rounds in the final. In addition to the Bundeschampionat Vice-Championship title, he also secured – just like Arezzo Man – the positive licensing decision of



Third place in the five-year-old class went to Geoffrey by George Z/Cornado and Birgit Gärtner-Döller (left) / Sophie Hinnens completed her set of medals in the six-year-old class with Quelle Mademoiselle by Quaid/Fidji du Fleury in third place (centre) / Comme mon Père by Comme il faut NRW/Quintender with Jana Fink in the saddle became Vice Bundes-champion of five-year-olds.. Photos: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn

the Hannoveraner Verband this weekend. The bronze medal was won by Geoffrey (Rhld.) and Birgit Döller-Gärtner. After a good start in the first qualifier, the otherwise accurate jumping brown horse made a mistake in the second qualifier. But when it mattered, he was back on form and confirmed his performance from the beginning of the championship week. The final was decided in two

rounds according to score. Sebastian Elias also qualified for the second round with Vet+ Quick Lady by Quickthago/Catoki (breeder: Alfred Bruch, Winsen), another Verden Auctions mare from the fall auction in 2023. She finished fifth in the final. The Hannoveraner Show Jumping Champion Ginger nut by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko (breeder: Ulf Plate, Oldendorf) also secured a

place in the final with Julia Plate. Unlike the evening, dressage and riding horses, the Hannoveraner show jumpers have not been spoiled by success at the Bundeschampionats in Warendorf recently. Their exceptionally good results complete the triumph of the breeders of the Hannoveraner Verband. ☺

CHACOONA CAT: SHE HAS SPIRIT

The story of the two Bundeschampions Chacoona Cat and Chaqueen is closely linked to Martina and Bernd Herbert. As so often in recent years, the two, who run a training stable in Viernheim, have discovered excellent young horses in and around Verden, sent them to their former trainee Richard Vogel and his partner Sophie Hinnens in Dago-Bertshausen at the right time, and then sent them to major competitions.

This is also the case with the Chacoon Blue/Stanley daughter Chacoona Cat. Breeder Friedel Cordes from Süderwalsede had given the powerful grey mare, who made her first public appearance at the free-jumping competition of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program, to Christian Twellmann for training. Her dam, St.Pr.St. Sarosa, also competed in the Niedersachsenhalle, where she came second. As the winning mare of the Ratje Niebuhr Show in Sandbostel, she was awarded the Ic Prize at the Herwart von der Decken Show. Granddam St.Pr.St. Arosa can look back on three



Bundeschampion Chacoona Cat and Sophie Hinnens with the complete set of medals. Photo: Fellner

S-successful offspring: Leo Pizzaro by Lord Pizzaro, Earl IV by Embassy and Corvin by Contendro.

Martina Herbert, who was an auction rider herself for many years, discovered Chacoona Cat at Heinrich Luttmann's training stables in Klein Heins. "I saw her and immediately really liked her. It was a gut feeling," she recalls. "She has spirit and an incredible attitude." Although she has not been shown in many competitions, Chacoona Cat was already at the starting line in Warendorf last year with Richard Vogel and came fourteenth in the final after two fifth places in the qualifications. Two other horses from the Cordes stud, Calea by Colman/Couleur-Rubin in the six-year-old show jumping class and Secret's Dancer by Secret/Floriscount in the six-year-old dressage class, were also in Warendorf. Friedel Cordes was only able to be in Warendorf on Saturday, but watched the final on TV. "For me, this was a great success," says the very happy breeder.

Britta Züngel



CHAQUEEN: AUF DEISTER'S FOOTSTEPS

In 1999, on the first weekend in September, Inge and Helmut Kruse from Schneeheide near Walsrode discovered the Wolkentänzer/Freiherr daughter Welfin (breeder: Wolfgang Thiele, Bergen) at the Luhmühlen foal auction. Almost exactly 25 years later, her granddaughter Chaqueen became Bundeschampion of seven-year-old show jumpers. Welfin's sire Wolkentänzer by Wolkenstein II/Cavalier was only used for breeding for one year, and no more than eight foals were born. At the beginning of her pedigree is the foundation mare Schildamsel, whose genes achieved world fame through Paul Schockemöhle's three-time European champion Deister.

Intended for dressage, St.Pr.St. Welfin surprised everyone at her mare performance test with the ideal score of 10 for scope and a 9.0 for technique. After giving birth to seven foals, the mare was sold as a show jumper and, with Marco Löw and Sarah-Sophie Bexten, collected victories and placings up to 1.40 metres until she was 18 years old. That made her a performance mare in show jumping. At the Kruse family's stables, she produced, in addition to Chaqueen's dam Queen Silva, the advanced (S) level Cocum M by Contendro, who, like all young horses, was broken in by Stephan Kruse and made his first competition starts. The 55-year-old has now founded the Kruse breeding partnership with his parents Inge and Helmut and his daughter Isabeau. Queen Silva was to find



Everyone was present at the award ceremony of Chaqueen: Stephan Kruse (2nd from right) and his parents Inge and Helmut. Photo: Equitaris

a new owner at the Verden November Auction when she was four years old. However, she was withdrawn, Stephan Kruse swung himself into her saddle and achieved placings in show jumping competitions before she was used for breeding. She gave birth to three foals. The only filly was Chaqueen, born on March 7, 2017. She was beautiful and a bit difficult to ride when she was broken in, Stephan Kruse remembers. Convinced of the quality of his grey mare, he sent her to the Elite Auction in October 2022, a bit "green" and

without show experience. Hans Zewe recognized the raw diamond, bought the mare at auction and sent her to be trained at the stables of Martina and Bernd Herbert in Viernheim, who had drawn his attention to the great talent. As recently as July this year, she jumped three 1.30 metre show jumping competitions with Richard Vogel in Lichtenvoerde/NED and came in eighth at her first 1.40 metre start. Because of Richard Vogel's start in Spruce Meadows, David Will took over the reins for two 1.30 metre competitions in Lier/BEL just one week before Warendorf – that was all in preparation for the Bundeschampionat. "I am totally surprised myself," said David Will after his ride. "Chaqueen and I haven't been together that long. Four months ago, she was still jumping at A and L level because she was so nervous. She has never jumped a course as demanding as the one in Warendorf! It's really incredible how she completed the tasks here, I am completely amazed by her attitude, fighting spirit and intelligence at the jump. It was insane."

Stephan Kruse had found out about Chaqueen's start in Warendorf rather by chance. After her victory in the first qualifier, he set off with the whole family. "It's hard to describe the feeling. We've been breeding for many years. It was important to me that my parents were still alive to witness this success. It was a highlight!" he says, still unable to quite believe it himself.

Britta Züngel

RESULTS BUNDESCHAMPIONAT OF SHOW JUMPING HORSES

Five years of age

1. Birkhof's Arezzo Man FBW

by Arezzo/Last Man Standing
rider: Sophie Hinnens

2. Comme mon père (VA) ✕

by Comme il faut NRW/Quintender
breeder: Heinz-Wilhelm von Thaden, Stade
rider: Jana Fink

3. Geoffrey (Rhld.) by George Z/Cornado

breeder: Heinrich Burmester, Brüninghorstedt
rider: Birgit Gärtner-Döller

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5. Vet+ Quick Lady (VA) by Quickthago VDL/Catoki

breeder: Alfred Bruch, Winsen
rider: Sebastian Elias

14. Ginger nut

by Glasgow van't Merelsnest/Canstakko
breeder: Ulf Plate, Oldendorf
rider: Julia Plate

17. Beastly Boy PJ (VA) by Balou du Rouet/Cassus

breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen
rider: Sophie Hinnens

17. Carikato by Carridam/Stakkato

breeder: Fritz Smolka, Wagenfeld
rider: Riad Landoulsi

24. Coleman by Chacfly PS/Quaid

breeder: Heinrich Hacke, Seershausen
rider: Sebastian Elias

Six years of age

1. Chacoona Cat ✕ by Chacoon Blue/Stanley

breeder: Friedel Cordes, Süderwalsede
rider: Sophie Hinnens

2. La Calina (Holst.) by Cannavaro/Caretino

rider: Sophie Hinnens

3. Quelle Mademoiselle (VA) by Quaid/Fidji du Fleury

breeder: Martina Zilinska, Dolni Domaslavice/CZE
rider: Sophie Hinnens

Hannoveraner placings

8. Peacemaker by Perigueux/Acord II

breeder: Simone Kossel, Fritzlar
rider: Marco Kutschner

14. Corlytender PS by Cornet's Balou/Messenger

breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen
rider: Patrick Stühlmeyer

18. Quinn HW by Qualito/Lordanos

breeder: Hartmut Wilharm, Stadthagen
rider: Dieter Smitz

26. Hann.Pr.A. Big Lady ZE by Big Star/Contendro

breeder: Rolf Eggerking, Brinkum
rider: Jessica Freye

Seven years of age

1. Chaqueen ✕ by Chacoon Blue/Quicksilber

breeder: ZG Kruse, Walsrode
rider: David Will

2. Fiorucci JH (Westf.) by Franco/Arpeggio

rider: Greta Reinacher

3. Davis (Holst.) by Diarado/Casall

rider: Rolf-Göran Bengtsson

Hannoveraner placings

8. Diabolo FRH by Don Diarado/Grey Top

breeder: Eduard Voss, Eydelstedt
rider: Dieter Smitz

12. Hann.Pr.A./Vet+ Dia Fina

breeder: Diacontinus/Graf Top
breeder: Almuth von Thun, Freiburg
rider: Florian Habermann

A SAFE BET IN THE CROSS COUNTRY

The Hannoveraner eventing horses remain a safe bet when it comes to winning medals. As in previous years, they were unbeatable at the Bundeschampionat. This year, they provided a complete set of medals.

Kasparow and Calvin Böckmann became Bundeschampion in the six-year-old class, with last year's winner Booze Buddy and Pia Leuwer having to admit defeat and taking silver. In the five-year-old class, Daroca De Rioja and Libussa Lübbeke won bronze.

By Rolf Hillmann

A total of almost 70 horses competed in both age groups, a third of which were Hannoveraner. This percentage alone shows that Hannover plays a major role in eventing – Olympic champion Chipmunk FRH sends his regards. The experts were largely in agreement in their assessment of both crops. They saw the Hannoveraner Champion Kasparow by Karajan/Diacontinus, bred by Friedrich Thiesse, Steimbke, as one of the most complete horses, with good movement. With the bloodlines of Karajan, Diacontinus and Stakkato in his pedigree, he has plenty of showjumping blood and is directly connected to English Thoroughbreds.

It was noticeable that the proportion of horses with direct dressage blood in the earlier generations continues to decrease. It seems that the days when dressage horse sires produced Bundeschampions in eventing are over. Instead, rideable show jumpers dominate in combination with Thoroughbred or special blood. The two-time Bundeschampion Gentleman (three), the Rhineland stallion Alaba (two) and Karajan (three) were represented as sires of Hannoveraner eventing horses on multiple occasions. Like Kasparow, their offspring made it to the podium or were placed in the final. Otherwise, no "typical type" of eventing horse could be found; they were represented in all sizes, lighter and somewhat heavier, with powerful or rational canter, with impressive or purposeful jumping. In the final qualifier on Thursday, the Hannoveraner horses took the top places in the first class. Stine Bö v. Signum xx/Carismo (breeder:

Helmut Böttcher, Ehlbeck) and Anna Siemer took second place, but she did not make it to the final. In fourth and fifth place were two sons of Alaba, Archie CC (MV Lancer II, breeder: ZG C&C Fahnenbrück-Hoffrichter, Duisburg) with Caro Hoffrichter and Alf PH (MV Louis le Bon, breeder: Katrin Ackermans-Voelkel, Rheurdt) with Pia Leuwer, ahead of Paulo Mario Del Simone, who presented the Gentleman/Dimaggio son Gentle Gallucci (breeder: Veronica Sinz, Heemsen). The second class was dominated by the newly crowned Hannoveraner champion mares, Daroca De Rioja by Diacontinus/Con Cherry (breeder: Georg Ludzweite, Oberndorf) and Libussa Lübbeke, who qualified for the final with an impressive score of 9.3.

In the small final of five-year-olds, the Duke of Hearts xx/Contendros Bube daughter Daylight (breeder: Henning Brandt, Walsrode) took a brilliant second place. There were further placings for Hann.Pr.A. Vlic Vlac by Van Gogh/Sharp Prod xx (breeder: Miriam Meier, Selent) with Beeke Janowski, Aldera Blue by Action Blue/Heraldik (breeder: Horst Söffker, Hessisch Oldendorf) with Maj-Jonna Ziebell and Ghandi K by Gentleman/Heraldik xx (breeder: Axel Kietzmann, Lehrte) with Andreas Brandt.

Bundeschampion of five-year-old eventing horses became the Holsteiner Casanova with Ben Leuwer. The best cross-country score of 9.8, including two top scores of 10, was achieved by the Westphalian Vice Champion CoolTonic with the 2021 Olympic champion, Julia Krajewski. And then came Daroca

De Rioja with Libussa Lübbeke, who was also awarded the Animal Welfare Prize. After the show jumping and dressage horse tests on Saturday, the pair took second place ahead of the final, but had to bow to Julia Krajewski, who was awarded top marks, in the cross-country. The task for the final pairs was very demanding for five-year-old horses: 14 obstacles with 16 jumps, 1,550 metres with a best time of 3 minutes 16 seconds. The competition was judged by Dietmar Hogrefe, Robert Sirc and Hans Melzer, who also did the commentating. The cross-country courses had once again been designed by Karl-Heinz Nothofer, who, after many years of unpleasant images, refusals and premature eliminations in previous years, had brought a lot of harmony and aesthetics to the competitions with his course design. This year, however, there were two falls in the six-year-old class, which fortunately were not serious. In the five-year-old class, an open corner at the edge of the terrain in front of a kind of hollow caused major difficulties. Stine Bö and Anna Siemer ultimately also failed at this obstacle. In an interview Libussa Lübbeke talked about her Daroca De Rioja: "The mare is on a great path, she is just fun to ride and I am just happy that she is doing so well. It is a pleasure to ride her, she wants to do her job well and has complete confidence in me." In his commentary, Hans Melzer emphasized the eventing abilities of this horse: "She has many talents, a powerful, but nevertheless light-footed canter, with a real machine at the back, a great hind leg that energetically pushes off, always well balanced." The judges saw her jumping technique and behavior at the



Hannover's lap of honour: Kasparow with Calvin Böckmann (from the left) and Booze Buddy FRH with Pia Leuwer. Photo: Fellner

KASPAROW: UNGESCHLAGEN ZUM TITEL

The breeder Friedrich Thiesse was no longer able to witness Kasparow's triumph at the Bundeschampionat, as he passed away last year. The Karajan/Diacontinus son was the last foal to be born in Steimcke. "It would have been a dream come true for Friedel," says Anna-Lena Kuntzer. "People smiled at him when he used the Thoroughbred mare Dahsa's Dream xx in breeding. But he believed in his horses and wanted to have fun with them. He was always there when we went to competition." The show jumper and trainer from Eyrup has already shown Kasparow's granddam Stakita, Dahsa's Dream's last foal, in show jumping up to M*. The dark bay, whose jumping ability was rated "very good" at the test in Hoya, should have found a new owner after the birth of her only foal at the November auction in 2015. "That didn't work out, she had a mind of her own and was very 'peeky', " recalls Anna-Lena Kuntzer. Stakita's foal was named Diacontina, gave birth to Kasparow in 2018 and also went to Anna-Lena Kuntzer. She achieved M* successes with her before the mare had to be taken out of competition due to injury. Convinced of Kasparow's quality, Friedrich Thiesse sent the young stallion to Jörn Kusel in Visselhövede. He was to be prepared for the Verden licensing. "Even then, I could see that Kasparow was a top horse for eventing: he has blood, is modern and incredibly nice to work with. On top of that, he has



German colors for Bundeschampion Kasparow and Calvin Böckmann. Photo: Fellner

excellent basic gaits and outstanding jumping ability. These were his distinguishing features right from the start," said the trainer. Kasparow was not licensed, and Jörn Kusel contacted Prof. Dr. Volker Steinkraus, who has been passionately involved in the breeding and training of young eventing horses for many years. He did not miss the opportunity

purchased the dark bay and gave him to Antonia von Baath for training.

Three years later, Kasparow celebrated nine victories in show jumping, dressage and cross-country horse trials, came in third in the Hannoveraner cross-country horse trials and fifth in the Bundeschampionat. As luck would have it, the Böckmann family had their show jumpers in the stables tent across from Kasparow in Warendorf. Simone Böckmann and Antonia von Baath got to talking, interest was sparked, and at the end of last year, Kasparow came to Calvin Böckmann. "Since then, he has given us joy every day," says Calvin Böckmann about his horse 'Kaspar', as he is known in the stable. The entire Böckmann family is registered as the owner: Calvin, Roger, Simone, Liam and Jason. 'Kasparow is an incredibly sweet horse who doesn't want to do anything wrong,' says the 23-year-old military athlete, who is part of the eventing perspective group in Warendorf. In eventing horse competitions, Kasparow and Calvin Böckmann are unbeaten so far, secured the title of Hannoveraner Champion in Luhmühlen, and a start at the World Championships in Le Lion d'Angers/FRA is within reach. Britta Züngel

jump, as one of four individual scores in the cross-country, as "very good". Hans Melzer continued: "A horse with a lot of scope, a lot of push-off at the take-off, always brave." The two Alaba sons Alf PH (5th) and Archie CC (7th) with Pia Leuwer and Caro Hoffrichter also made it into the final rankings with high cross-country scores, as did Gentle Gallucci (8th) and Paulo Mario Del Simone.

The demands on the six-year-olds were significantly higher than on the five-year-olds. They had to complete 21 jumps over a course of almost two kilometres at a speed of 500 metres per minute. A wide jump in the middle of the water and the Coffin-Ein jump two were the undoing of two experienced riders like Anna Siemer and Sophie Leube – both fell and were eliminated. The judging commission consisted of Bettina Hoy, Edith Schless-Störtebecker and Thies Kaspareit, who also commented. The excitement was guaranteed because the gaps after dressage and jumping were narrow. Last year's five-year-old Bundeschampion, Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino (breeder: Heinrich Reisinger, Gersten), had qualified with Pia Leuwer in the final qualification, but was unable to place. His canter, jumping and overall impression on Thursday were highly rated, but



The bronze medal in the five-year-old class went to Daroca De Rioja by Diacontinus/Con Sherry and Libussa Lübbeke.



Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino and Pia Leuwer (left) came second behind Bundeschampion Kasparow by Karajan/Diacontinus and Calvin Böckmann. Photos: Fellner, Equitaris

the ambitious chestnut fell well short in rideability – a circumstance that would also make the difference between victory and a placing on Sunday in the final. Kasparow with Calvin Böckmann won the qualifier ahead of Karlo by Karajan/Contendro (breeder: Johann Quast, Hamburg) with Paulo Mario Del Simone, who was once part of the Verden Auctions' foal lot in March. Candy by Carridam/Escudo (breeder: Henning Schulze, Tiddische) with Ingrid Klimke was also placed and qualified for the final. However, the pair did not compete in the final after a very poor performance in the course. In the small final on Friday, Samira K by Stolzenberg/Contendro (breeder: ZG Köpp, Nörten-Hardenberg) and Svenja Eckert achieved a remarkable second place.

On Sunday, the clear favorite, the dream type of an eventing horse, Kasparow, went out onto the course with his rider, Calvin Böckmann. On Saturday, the pair had shown a course round “with room for improvement” (one pole down, 7.0) and a very solid dressage performance with the day’s best score of 8.6. From fence to fence, it was clear to every spectator that the two would not let the title slip away. The horse radiated great accuracy and courage, so Thies Kaspereit began his commentary: “A great round. You have to be a great rider to take on a course like this, which is not easy for a young horse, and complete it with such confidence.” That said it all. Because what followed was a series of superlatives, which ended in high scores for all criteria such as canter, jumping, rideability and overall impression of an eventing horse. There were three scores of 9.5 and one of 9.0 – a total of 9.3. No other horse managed to top

this single nine-point score before or after. And so it happened that what would have been possible last year, back then still under Antonia von Baath, actually happened: the title of Bundeschampion. Booze Buddy, who, after the rather mixed qualification on Thursday, announced his claim to repeat the title in dressage and show jumping (8.2 and 8.4) on Saturday, also proved his great aptitude as an international eventing horse in the final at the cross-country course. Pia Leuwer presented him very skillfully, using his huge canter and dynamics, and accepted his qualities at the jump, but she had trouble channeling his energy every now and then. And this was also reflected in the scores:

with a perfect 9 for his canter, 8.5 for jumping and 8.5 for overall impression, it would have taken a high score for rideability to endanger Kasparow’s victory – but that could not be given. And so Booze Buddy became Vice Bundeschampion. Two other Hannoveraner also made it into the rankings: Karlo with Paulo Mario Del Simone came fifth, while Glücksfee by Graf Top/Calido (breeder: Horst Nietfeld, Liebenau) and Alina Dibowski made it to seventh place. It was only in January of last year that her parents, Andreas and Susanna Dibowski, had discovered the bay at the Verden Auction. XX

RESULTS BUNDESCHAMPIONAT FOR EVENTING HORSES

Five years of age

1. **Casanova** (Holst.) by Cascadello/Contender
rider: Ben Leuwer
2. **CoolTonic** (Westf.) by Crusoe/Templer GL xx
rider: Julia Krajewski

3. **Daroca De Rioja** XX by Diacontinus/Con Sherry
breeder: Georg Ludzuweit, Oberndorf
rider: Libussa Lübbke

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5. **Alf PH** by Alaba/Louis le Bon
breeder: Katrin Ackermans-Voelkel, Rheurdt
rider: Pia Leuwer
7. **Archie CC** by Alaba/Lancer II
breeder: ZG C&C Fahnenbruck-Hoffrichter, Duisburg, rider: Caro Hoffrichter
8. **Gentle Gallucci** by Gentleman/Dimaggio
breeder: Veronica Sinz, Heemsen
rider: Paolo Mario De Simone

Six years of age

1. **Kasparow** XX by Karajan/Diacontinus
breeder: Friedrich Thiesse, Steimcke
rider: Calvin Böckmann

2. **Booze Buddy FRH** XX by Balou Peggio/Valentino
breeder: Heinrich Reisinger, Gersten
rider: Pia Leuwer

3. **Lady Ciacomo** (Westf.) by Ciacomo/Exclusiv
rider: Vanessa Böltig

Hannoveraner placings

5. **Karlo** (VA) by Karajan/Contendro
breeder: Johann Quast, Hamburg
rider: Paolo Mario De Simone
7. **Glücksfee** (VA) by Graf Top/Calido
breeder: Horst Nietfeld, Liebenau
rider: Alina Dibowski





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GOLDEN EYE WINS IN WARSAW

Golden Eye and Lars Bak Andersen have won the Warsaw Grand Prix. The show calendar is much thinner around the time of the Olympics. The current placings of the Hannoveraner and Rhinelander are published weekly in online in the news blog (only available in German).

By Britta Züngel

EVENTING



CARAMIA

Germany won the Nations Cup in Arville/BEL with ease. The Comte/Fabriano/Lauries Crusador xx daughter Caramia (dam line of Schluppera, breeder: Annelie Lübbeke, Wingst) with breeder's daughter Libussa Lübbeke was also in the team.

CRAZY CARLOTTA

Crazy Carlotta by Crazy Classic/Warkant/Archipel (dam line of Manira, breeder: Matthias Vorreier, Aulosen) came to Johanna Marloh via the Luhmühlen foal auction. Twelve years later, the pair took the lead after dressage and show jumping in the cross-country at the CCI3*-S in Langenhagen/GER and did not let go, securing not only victory but also the title of Hannover National Champion.

FE GOLDEN EYE

The Goldfever/Contendro/Falkland son FE Golden Eye (dam line of Pille, breeder: Marjorie Haus, Paisley/CAN) won the CCI4*-S in Bromont/CAN. Collee Loach from Canada was in the saddle on the back of the 2012-born bay.

SHOW JUMPING



ACTION HERO

The Action Blue/Chacco-Blue/C-Indoctro son Action Hero (breeder: Harm Wiebusch, Wedel) celebrated his first international S-victory at the Schützenplatz in Paderborn/GER. The bay won the seven-year-old final with Mylene Nagel.

BALOUTINA HB

In mid-September, Baloutina HB by Balou du Rouet/Stakkato/Grannus (dam line of Nokadere, bree-

der: Heinrich Bremer, Nöpke) and Katharina Offel took the victory in the Youngster Tour final at Sentower Park in Opglabbeek/BEL.

BALOUBETS ROSE DREE BOEKEN

Hann.Pr.St. Baloubets Rose Dree Boeken by Baloubet du Rouet/Darco/Stakkato Gold (dam line of Algave, breeder: Arend Kamphorst, Prieros) took the victory in the Middle Tour Final in Kronenberg/NED with Marcus Ehning in mid-August. Three weeks later, the nine-year-old was entered in the winners' list at the Peelbergen Equestrian Center when she won the CSI2* Grand Prix.

CALISSI

At the CSI2* Lastrup-Klein Roscharden/GER, the Cassador/Glenfiddich/Goldfinger daughter Calissi (Marritjen line, breeder: Günter Kappei, Seesen) and Wilhelm Winkeler won the opening competition of the Large Tour.

CAMPINO MR (RHLD.)

In the qualifier for the Ising Grand Prix, the winners were Campino MR by Colestus/Clinton/Quite Capitol (Blechtkä line, breeder: Marius Rittstieg, Seeburg) and Helmut Schönstetter.

CHUCK BERRY

The Chacco-Blue/Watzmann/Arsenik son Chuck Berry (dam line of Steinreiche, breeder: Wiebke Borchers, Sulingen) only competed in one class on the last day of the CSI Kronenberg/NED in mid-August, but won the two-phase special show jumping competition in the Small Tour with Olivia Chowdry.

DAME NOIR

With over a five-second lead, Dame Noir by Diamant De Semilly/Quidam de Revel/Lord Caletto (breeder: Matthias Kornes, Ettringen) and Elisabeth Meyer won a competition at the CSI2* Ising am Chiemsee/GER.

GEM OF SAIGA

Gem of Saiga by Gem of India/Satisfaction/Airport (dam line of Kandare, breeder: Pferdezucht Dr. Rowold, Haselünne) had a great start in the OWL Challenge Paderborn/GER. The black won the first qualifier for eight-year-olds with Henrik Griese in the saddle.

GOLDEN EYE

Lars Bak Andersen took over the reins of Golden Eye by Goldfever/Stakkato Gold/Vulkano (dam line of Algave, breeder: Arend Kamphorst, Prieros) in the summer. It didn't take long for the first big success to arrive: at the Nations Cup show in Warsaw/POL, the Danish/Hannoveraner combination won the Grand Prix (1.55 metres). His dam, Silverrose, is the granddam of Hann.Pr.St. Baloubets



Rose Dree Boeken, who won the Grand Prix in Kronenberg that same weekend.

LONDON'S PETITE PS

With the nine-year-old London/Balou du Rouet/Careful daughter London's Petite PS (breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Mühlen), Simone Blum was delighted to win the second class of the opening competition of the CSI2* Ising am Chiemsee/GER.

HAALAND

His two-legged namesake went from being a talented footballer to a megastar – the Hickstead White/Stakkato/Contender son Haaland (dam line of Futkell, breeder: Heinrich Ramsbrock, Menslage) is at the beginning of his career. And he could go far. At the CSI2* Lastrup-Klein Roscharden/GER, the bay won the final of six-year-olds with Tobias Meyer.

LORDIN

Lordin by Lord Pizarro/Quidams Rubin/Argentinus (breeder: Johann Niers, Twist) set his sights high at the CSI2* Brussels/BEL. The ten-year-old took the victory in the "Supercup" with Germany's Josch Löden.

PALINA KEEPS ZL

The opening showjumping event of the Global Champions Tour in Valkenswaard/NED had a Hanoveraner winner: Palina Keeps ZL by Plot Blue/Chacco-Blue/For Keeps (Sudette line, breeder: Dr. Jürgen Lehner, Müggendorf) and Francesco Turturiello came 1st the two-phase showjumping competition.

PRINZ (VA)

At the 70th anniversary edition of the CHI Donaueschingen/GER, the Perigueux/Escudo/Werther son Prinz (dam line of Nachbarin I, breeder: Volker Ebeling, Ingeln) and Ben Dreher celebrated their next victory. Both are 16 years of age and won the second qualifier of the Amateur Tour Large.

SOLIDAT (VA)

The Semper Fi/Chacco-Blue/Grannus son Solidat (breeder: Wilhelm Ovelhey, Isernhagen) won the speed jumping competition of the Big Tour at the CSI1* Esposende/POR. He was ridden by Portuguese Rodrigo Giesteira Almeida, who only took him on in July this year. A week later, Solidat won the Grand Prix at the same place – this time at a two-star CSI. Before that, he had finished first in the opening competition.

EIC SCHABERNACK

On the final day of the CSI2* Valkenswaard/NED, EIC Schabernack by Cornet Obolensky/Quidam de Revel/Grannus (breeder: Frank Plock, Borken-Trockenerfurth) and Max Kühner won a 1.40 metre competition.

SERENDEPETY

At the CSI4* North Salem/USA, the Stolzenberg/Escudo/Calypso II daughter Serendepety (dam line of Schutzsiegel, breeder: Jennifer Lee, The Plains/USA) and Darragh Kenny celebrated victory in the two-phase show jumping competition.

QUAIT FOX

On the very first day of the Chiemsee Horse Festival in Ising/GER, the Quarismo/Stakkato/Werther son Quait Fox (dam line of Nachbarin, breeder: Dr. Sabine Plaß, Burgdorf) entered the winners' lists. The ten-year-old won a jumping competition on faults and time with Michael Viehweg.

ZARA WHITE

For the first time, the Zirocco Blue/Lord Z/Alcatraz daughter Zara White (breeder: Hans Ahlers, Twist) appears on the international sports pages in DER HANNOVERANER. And she did it with a bang: the seven-year-old and Stefanie Paul won both qualifications for the Youngster Tour in Kronenberg/NED.

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GUT WETTLKAM'S D'AVIE FRH (VA)

The winners of the Grand Prix of the CDI4* Dielsdorf-Zurich/SUI were Gut Wettlkam's D'avia FRH by Don Juan de Hus/Londonderry/Walt Disney (Delicta line, breeder: Dorothee Heitmüller, Nienburg) and Lisa Müller.

VILLENEUVE (RHLD.)

In Dielsdorf-Zurich/SUI, Villeneuve by Vitalis/Dancier/Worldly (Hardine line, breeder: Edeltraud Hähn, Bergneustadt) and Eve Catherine Bartels won the individual test of the juniors. ☺

Both were born in 2008: Prince v. Perigueux/Escudo and Ben Dreher won an international show jumping competition in Donaueschingen. Photo: Lafrentz



HANNOVERANER FOR PERSONAL USE

Inga and Thomas Haneborger from Neermoor do everything they can to provide their adult children with highly talented sport horses with their Hannoveraner horse breeding. Sisters Inken and Tomke can look back on successful competition starts in both showjumping and dressage.

By Jürgen Stroscher

"Of course we wouldn't have objected to an Olympic horse," says Thomas Haneborger (54), speaking on behalf of the entire family. However, the priorities of the breeding stud in the north of Germany, near the Dutch border, are different. "At first, we bred horses for our own needs. When our children were born, our own competitive ambitions took a back seat. Later, we did everything we could to provide them with suitable home-bred Hannoveraner horses," explains Inga Haneborger (51), "although one thing doesn't have to exclude the other!"

Inga and Thomas Haneborger had been a couple for a long time before they finally got married in 2000. They met at the same riding stable in Petkum-Oldersum near Emden. Both were already ambitious riders. "At 17, I really wanted to get ahead in competitive sports, and Thomas helped

me a lot," recalls the horse breeder. "However, it took some persuasion before my parents even allowed me to learn how to ride." Thomas Haneborger's passion was showjumping, while Inga preferred dressage, but that didn't matter at all, they rather complemented each other. "We agreed from the beginning and started going to the horse shows together very early on. Our relationship developed in perfect harmony, which is still the case today and is what characterizes our whole family," the Haneborgers give the impression of being a happy couple. Their family includes son Thorben (18) and daughters Tomke (20) and Inken (22).

Thomas Haneborger grew up on a farm in Emden, which is now run by his older brother Rudolf, as is tradition. "That's why I didn't become a farmer either, but instead trained as an agricultural ma-

chinery mechanic. We used to have horses on the farm for work. For my father, they were simply part of the family, even though he didn't ride himself. He was the chairperson of the Petkum-Oldersum Riding Club for many years, and we all still compete for the club today. I was enthusiastic about horse riding even as a child, and so my first sport horses meant that horses were back on my parents' yard again."

Inga Haneborger's passion for horses, on the other hand, is based, as it is for so many young women, on the childhood dream of one day coming into ownership of a pony of her own. "Even as a girl, I spent a lot of time with the other children and horses in the riding stable. Thanks to my commitment, I was soon allowed to ride my riding instructor's horses and took part in competitions. To this day, I am still passionate about dressage

The Haneborger family from Neermoor (from left to right): Thorben, Inken, Tomke, Thomas and Inga.

Photo: Stroscher



riding." From that point on, she couldn't imagine her life without horses and equestrian sports. The 51-year-old also grew up near Emden and after school completed an apprenticeship as an office administrator at a shipyard in Moormerland, where she still works as a mini-jobber today. As their relationship with Thomas grew closer, so did their need for suitable competition horses, especially since the two of them rode in both show jumping and dressage. The idea of breeding their own horses arose for financial reasons alone. Thomas Haneborger had his father on his side, but his father has since passed away. With his tip to buy the mare Wenke by Wangenheim/Grachus (breeder: Alfred Neuber, Weener) in 1994, he was still involved in a far-reaching decision for the Haneborgers' current Hannoveraner breeding. "In order to stand on our own two feet, we naturally needed space and in 1997 we found the small farm where we now live. It took a year to renovate and remodel. Significantly, we had only planned for four boxes, because we hadn't counted on the family growing so much that we had to expand the stables again later," says Inga Haneborger. Of course, no one could have known then that the two daughters, Inken and Tomke, would be born who would follow in their parents' footsteps exactly.

"I will never give up riding. Actually, I wanted to become a trainer, but my parents talked me out of it. So I became a draftsman and during the season I can be found almost every weekend at a local horse show," says 22-year-old Inken, who is quite satisfied with her job at the district office in Aurich. There, they fully understand their employee's show ambitions and make it easier for her to manage her time. 20-year-old Tomke is probably not quite as ambitious as her sister, but she also can't imagine life without riding. "I love being around horses and the atmosphere at shows. I want to have fun and no pressure." After her training as a wholesale and foreign trade merchant, she has been living with her boyfriend in the neighborhood for half a year, but she can still be found with the horses at her parents' house every day.

Family horse with potential

Only 18-year-old Thorben 'is a little out of line'. After initially starting with the sisters' ponies, he was drawn back to football. The Werder Bremen fan is trying to make his mark in the 1st men's team of SV Neermoor and in the A-youth of Jheringsfehn for higher football tasks. But he is fully involved in driving the tractor or taking care of the horses. There was a time when everyone was on their way to the horse shows together. Father Thomas Haneborger actively presented the showjumpers until 2017. Mother Inga's riding career was limited by the births of her children. However, both are still enthusiastic riders and continue to ride in the saddle to break in and train their own breeding horses – a great advantage of the breeding farm. In addition, the young breeding horses can

grow up in the pastures directly on the Ems River at Thomas' brother Rudolf's place, who also supports the breeding farm with the entire supply of hay and straw.

"The ten-year-old mare Wenke was interesting not only because of her pedigree, but also because she was in foal to the stallion Landfries, who was in high demand at the time," says Thomas Haneborger, describing the purchase that was to turn out to be a stroke of luck. The colt Landoer was

auction as a licensed stallion. The first offspring of Chanel changed ownership as trained riding horses. These included Corofina by Contendro (2006), Harrison Ford by Hotline (2007) and Fierlefanz by Fürst Romancier (2011). All of them were able to convince in their respective sport.

"We used the money from these sales to finance the expansion of our own farm and made ourselves a little more independent, which meant that we could keep some of the next offspring for our-



Hann.Pr.A. Vorkiss by Viscount/Satisfaction collected with Thomas Haneborger and his daughters Inken and Tomke successes up to 1.40 metres. With Inken Haneborger, the black mare, born in 2013, competed in the Oldenburg Indoor Team Cup last year (photo). Photo: Lafrentz

sold at a lucrative price, and the first home-bred colt, Lancaster by Landsieger, advanced a year later to become a family horse with great potential, trained by Thomas Haneborger to M level in show jumping and presented by Inga Haneborger in dressage competitions from 2001 to 2009. Finally, in 1997, Wenke gave birth to the Charon daughter Chanel (sport name Wendy). "We were among the first breeders to accept the then four-year-old stallion Charon for breeding. The Classiker son was a perfect match for our bloodline." Chanel proved this right away with her first offspring. With the mare Sawadee by Stedinger (2004) and the stallion Sixpence by Sandro Hit (2005), she immediately produced highly talented quality foals.

Sawadee was sold as a foal and showed her excellent breeding potential not only with the licensed stallion Fürst Schwarzenberg (born in 2015, breeder: Dr. Ingo Keiper, Hochdorf). The Sandro Hit son Sixpence convinced the jury of judges in Verden in 2007 and changed ownership at the subsequent

selves," says Thomas Haneborger, who continues to work as a mechanical engineer in an industrial company, describing the way they marketed their horses. Inga Haneborger successfully competed in L-level dressage tests with Fürst Romancier's offspring Finestro (2010) and Farella (2012). The mare Farella is intended for their own dam line and is currently in foal to Viscerado. "In order to focus even more on breeding show jumpers, we bought the mare Scarlett to establish another bloodline." The Satisfaction/Espri daughter, born in 2004 (breeder: Dierk Kiehne, Gehrde), came to Neermoor as a foal and was trained there. She successfully passed her mare performance test, received the State Premium and was among the best three-year-old mares at the 2007 Herwart von der Decken-Show. Scarlett's dam Elektra (1999) also has the blood of the outstanding state stud stallion Espri in her pedigree and, through Satisfaction, that of the influential stallion Stakkato. It is therefore no wonder that Scarlett produced a foal with potential in almost every crop, thus providing her daughters Inken and Tomke with



Inken and Tomke Haneborger with their sport horses, the three daughters of St.Pr.St. Scarlett: Hann.Pr.A. Vorkiss by Viscount, Lafira by Lordanos and Hann.Pr.A. Diarado's Girl by Diarado (left). I Inga and Thomas Haneborger present the Fürst Romancier/Charon-daughter Farella with her Viscerado-foal. Photos: Stroscher

highly promising sport horses. "Due to our daughters' show ambitions, we try to keep the best horses for ourselves or suitable mares for their own dam line. Nevertheless, we will have to say goodbye to one or two breeding horses in the future for reasons of space alone."

It all began with the 2009-born gelding Quintero by Quintender, who Inken Haneborger took over from her father in 2014 and competed in show

jumping competitions up to L level. Two years later, sister Tomke gained her first competitive experience with the gelding. The same applies to the mare Diarado's Girl by Diarado, who was born in 2011. "With Diarado's Girl, I managed to ride my first advanced (S) level show jumping competition on a home-bred horse," says Inken Haneborger, proud of the performance of her own home-breds. But she also benefits from the fact that the horses grow up in the family and are trained from the

beginning. "It makes a difference when you can work with a riding horse for so long. You also have to show stamina because there is no way to change horses if things get difficult."

A down-to-earth attitude is important

A down-to-earth attitude is very important at the breeding farm, although it shouldn't be too difficult considering the performance of their own riding horses. With Hann.Pr.A. Diardo's Girl by Diarado, Quibelle by Quaid (2012), Hann.Pr.A. Vorkiss by Viscount (2013), Lafira by Lordanos (2014) and Valencio by Viscount (2018), there are five more highly talented offspring of St.Pr.St. Scarlett in the stable for the daughters. They helped their dam to be awarded three stars in the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program. Inken Haneborger has also started at advanced level show jumping competitions with Hann.Pr.A. Vorkiss and Lafira, and the development of both horses promises a lot for the future with accuracy. This is not a problem for Inken Haneborger, but rather a challenge. For her sister Tomke, it doesn't have to be quite as high, "jumping up to M level is enough for me." Tomke Haneborger's riding horses also include the mare Baroneß by Bonheur/Landsieger, who was trained in Neermoor for her breeder Heye Onken and has slowly passed into the ownership of the breeding farm. The dam line is to be expanded with the nine-year-old mare to include Farella and Scarlett and "refreshed with new blood". The record of the Haneborger breeding stud is certainly above average, and it is not a matter of course to breed for your own needs on such a large scale and at such a high level. "The family's needs come first, that everyone is satisfied and the horses are doing well." XX



Four years ago, Hann.Pr.A. Diarado's Girl by Diarado/Satisfaction and Inken Haneborger competed in the final of the HGW-Bundesnachwuchschampionat (photo) in Braunschweig. Meanwhile, the 13-year-old and Inken's sister Tomke have been successful. Photo: Lafrentz