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Thumbs up: Starissa and Mario Stevens are German Champions.

A horse for the future

Starissa is considered one of the most promising young show jumpers in Germany. In Balve, he became the German Champion with Mario Stevens. The powerfully jumping nine-year-old traveled to Aachen with a gold medal in his luggage.

By Britta Züngel

In Balve, Starissa and Mario Stevens did not make a single mistake in either class. None of their competitors managed to do that. Thanks to this performance, they were the winners without a jump-off. "Starissa is a great horse, we have been in the top four in every Grand Prix recently. I found the first round really difficult today, and in the second round, I felt the pressure. But my horse did a great job," said Mario Stevens after the awards ceremony. Due to a spelling mistake on the entry form, Starisso is now called Starissa. He now owns his hope. "No, the gelding, who is only nine years old, is not for sale," Mario Stevens affirmed. This was his second title win after 2018. "It's agreed upon within the family with my parents. I'm not even going to start talking about it any more, that would just cause trouble."

"Starissa has made an incredible development," raves Mario Stevens, who started riding him just over a year ago. At that time, Starissa and Sebastian Elias had already achieved placings up to 1.45 metres. He had to skip the international Youngster Tours; many international competitions were cancelled because of Corona. It didn't take very long and the new horse-rider combination celebrated a victory in the Grand Prix of Herzlake/GER in July 2021. And so the success story began. A third placing in the Grand Prix of Leipzig/GER in April of this year earned him a five-figure sum for the first time. One week before the German Championships, Starissa showed what he is capable of finishing fourth in the highly endowed Grand Prix of Hamburg/GER. Mario Stevens gets help from Marco Kutscher. "I tend to be hot-blooded, he doesn't have to motivate me, rather calm me down a bit," said the 39-year-old. The big goal was Aachen. The bay horse mastered the debut at Aachen's Soers with flying colors. Neither in the Prize of Europe nor in the Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia, he had a jumping fault. He had a few time penalty points, but you can forgive a nine-

year-old for that at the most prestigious competition in the world. In the Grand Prix, Starissa had one jumping fault in the first round and finished on a brilliant eleventh place.

On the trail of the "Extra-terrestrial"

Almost exactly 20 years ago, Starissa's breeder Albert Sprehe from Essen had bought the Landadel/Servus-daughter Lady Larissa (breeder: Heinz Grade, Twistringten) out of the line of Jadara. She was supposed to be a sport horse for René Tebbel, who rode for the Sprehe-stable at that time. He always had the idea in the back of his mind to use her for breeding later on. The breeder hit the bull's eye with Lady Larissa. Her dam Selinda is the right sister of the mare Stella, whose grandson is Hugo Simon's legendary E.T. FRH. The bay mare did not only score 9.0 for character, willingness to perform and rideability, but also a 10 for scope. Sören Pedersen rode Lady Larissa at the Bundeschampionat, before René Tebbel rode her into placings in Nörten-Hardenberg/GER, Gothenburg/SWE and in Aachen in 2001. It was to only be a short intermezzo; the following year, she was taken out of the sport and gave birth to Queen Larissa in 2004. Her sire was Quidam's Rubin, who had won the stallion performance test and spent his first years on stud at the Breeding Farm Sprehe. Logically, Queen Larissa was also always bred to stallions from Sprehe. It was Saturday, April 6, 2013, when her Stakkato Gold-son Starissa was born, who is now preparing to emulate E.T. FRH.

Mario Stevens, meanwhile, can't quite yet grasp Starissa's fantastic successes. "The fact that everything is happening now and that Starissa is jumping like this with me in a sold-out stadium and that he handles the pressure so well – it is amazing! My goal was Aachen, I achieved that. He has to stay healthy, then we'll see what will happen next. He's only nine years old." ■



In the Grand Prix of Aachen Starissa demonstrated his spectacular scope

Photos: Lafrentz



Four masterpieces in Balve!

The "yield" at the German Championships in Balve from a Hannoveraner and a Rhineland point of view is enormous: Four gold medals, four times silver and once bronze.

By Sina Stahlsmeier

The German Champions Showtime FRH with Dorothee Schneider, Starissa with Mario Stevens and Cascadello-Boy RM with Katrin Eckermann (from left to right)..

Dorothee Schneider and the Sandro Hit/Rot-spon-son Showtime FRH (breeder: Heinrich Wecke, Stadthagen) were leading the way in the dressage arena. In Balve, the dressage rider from Framersheim presented her "Showie" for the first time since the Olympic Games. The gelding had suffered an injury, had to take a longer break and then be gently brought back. Starting back into competitions could not have been better for this pair. With top scores in the Grand Prix and in the Special, Dorothee Schneider won her first gold medal at the German Championships since 2019 and her third medal overall with Showtime FRH. Tears of joy streamed down her face as she left the dressage stadium. "It had been uncertain, if we would make it here. That was an incredible ride," Dorothee Schneider said after the competition. With no other horse, she shares as many memories and

successes as she does with Showtime FRH. In the press conference after the competition, she described herself and her gelding as being "rather introverted": "As a younger Grand Prix-horse, he always tried to hide a bit and sometimes he became narrow in the neck. Now he is just proud of himself and leads with his ears." Showtime FRH did not compete in the freestyle final; instead Dorothee Schneider tacked up her Falsterbo/Forrest xx-son Faustus (breeder: Heino Bruns, Gödenstorf) and placed fifth.

Somewhat surprisingly, Duke of Britain FRH (breeder: Sarah and Tony Pidgley, Windsor/GBR) and Frederic Wandres won the silver medal ahead of DSP Quantaz and Isabell Werth. With this performance, the chestnut gelding by Dimaggio/Rubinstein and his rider Frederic Wandres, who rides for

Hof Kasselmann, earned a spot on the Olympic squad. The pair showed in Balve that they have grown together to form a strong unit and that they were able to significantly improve the level of their performance at championships. With scores of nines and tens for the piaffe and passage, the 15-year-old chestnut and his rider were assured the silver medal in the Special. "We are here for the third year now, maybe all good things come in threes," said Frederic Wandres. In the first year in Balve, 2020, Duke of Britain FRH bit his tongue and the pair had to end the competition early, even though the test had been very good. Last year, both had to settle for tenth place in the Special and ninth place in the freestyle. The fact that it worked out with the medal in 2022 makes the dressage rider especially happy for his horse: "He just absolutely deserves it because he always delivers consistent performances, and I am delighted for his sake." They are not new on the scene, however, the fact that they did so well in a championship is quite a novelty.

We are talking about the 14-year-old Fidertanz/Alabaster-son Franziskus (breeder: Elisabeth Albers, Löningen) and Ingrid Klimke. In the Grand Prix-freestyle on Sunday, they improved their result from the previous day earning bronze with riding to music by Alvaro Soler. The judges were very pleased with this ride especially with the extended trot of the stallion. The judge at M even saw this pair in second place. But once again, Frederic Wandres and Duke of Britain FRH did not allow themselves to be disputed. On Sunday, they even broke the 80 percent mark and received 83.375 percent for their ride and the well-deserved second silver medal. DSP Quantaz and Isabell Werth became the German Champions.

Since 2021, Germany's Dressage Champions in the U25 age group are crowned in Balve. Within the framework of the Piaff-Förder-Prize, they determined their medallists in the Grand Prix and the freestyle. On Friday, the young dressage riders rode the U25-Grand Prix. In the end, the silver medal was won by a pair, of which the horse's name has often been in the top ranks, but not yet the rider. Helen Erbe, one of three sisters in the sport of dressage, took over the 15-year-old Rhineland horse Carlos FRH (breeder: Franz Reinartz, Eupen) from her sister Hannah at the beginning of the year. The Carabas/Weltmeyer-son, who had been gently trained by Hannah Erbe, often showed his quality at championships in the past. The ride meant a lot to Helen Erbe, because being able to fully take over her sister's family horse made her very happy and proud, just as the fact that she is able to show good form in the Grand Prix. Gold went to Paola and Alina Schneider, bronze went to Entertainer

Win T and Paulina Holzknecht. With winning the silver medal on Friday, Carlos FRH and Helen Erbe also qualified for the freestyle. The pair won gold riding to "Gold" by Spandau Ballet. "The freestyle music with songs from the 1980s has always been music I loved. I've always looked forward to riding to that music." Behind Carlos FRH, Paola came in second with Alina Schrader and Zaire-E finished third with Selina Söder.

Meanwhile, in the show-jumping stadium, the male and female show-jumpers were fighting for the medals. The Stakkato Gold/Quidam's Rubinson Starissa (breeder: Albert Sprehe, Essen) and Mario Stevens jumped a fast, clear round in the first round of the men's competition on Friday. Only seven riders completed the demanding course without any penalties. The rider from Molbergen finished closely behind SIG Hawkeye and Felix Haßmann. When medals were at stake, the grandstands in Balve filled up. No rider was able to get past Starissa in the final, which consisted of two rounds. The nine-year-old gelding showed insane quality at the jumps and Mario Stevens, who had already once secured the title in 2018, kept his nerves and catapulted himself into first place. They were the only pair to have a "clean slate" and relegated Casallco with Philip Rüping and A la Carte NRW with Marcus Ehning to the places. "Super that it worked out," Mario Stevens said in the interview. "He just jumped superbly. I think that this is a horse that we can rely on in the future. Awesome, is all I can say."

And there also was reason to cheer in the women's class: The nine-year-old Rhineland Cascadello-Boy RM by Cascadello/Balou du Rouet (breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) and Katrin Eckermann won the black-red-gold championship sash. Like Starissa and Mario Stevens, they were the only pair that did not allow themselves a single penalty point. The show jumper was enormously pleased, as she had only just missed out on a medal the previous year: "Finally German Champion in the Senior Division, that's just great!" In 2009 and 2011, she had already won gold in the Young Riders. Of course, she was given the champagne shower and the champion's bath in the water ditch. Clueso by Canstakko/El Bundy (breeder: Ute Blanken, Grasberg) and Tina Deuerer celebrated winning the silver medal. The pair remained clear in the final and took the lead for a while, but in the jump-off, the stallion briefly lost his concentration and a pole fell. Clueso came to Tina Deuerer's stable at the age of four and she accompanied him from his first show-jumping class to the final of the German Championships. Calvino and Verden's former auction rider Angélique Rösen finished in third place. ■



After silver in the Grand Prix, Carlos FRH and Helen Erbe became German U25 Champions in the freestyle final.
Photos: Lafrentz



Duke of Britain FRH and Frederic Wandres became double German Vice-Champions.



On the road to success

Three starts – three times in the top ten. **Count me In** and **Connor Swail** were among the best on the stadium course at their debut in Aachen.

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Count me In by **Count Grannus** is on a fantastic success track. In Aachen he was placed with **Conor Swail** in each of his starts.

Regesbostel) jumped into the money. In the first qualifier (1.55 metres) for the Grand Prix, she finished eighth with Marcus Ehning. In Saturday's main jumping competition (1.50 metres), the pair took the lap of honor in ninth place. Calanda also proved to be a "ribbon-winning pony" at the CSI3* in Knokke/BEL, where she finished eighth in the Grand Prix (1.50 metres).

Carim

Three Hannoveraner were among the top ten horses in the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) of Ebreichsdorf/AUT. The Calido/Frappant/Akrobat-son **Carim** (line of Anitschke; breeder: Stefan Aust, Armstorf) and Anna Rantner finished eighth.

Cador

IB Chica

In the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) of the CSI3* in Ommen/NED, **IB Chica** by **Cador**/Escudo/Calypto II (line of Kandare; breeder: Hauke Schmidt, Hänigsen) and **Tim Rieskamp-Goecking** finished in ninth place.

Cascadello

Cascadello Boy RM (Rhld.) (VA)

The "CHIO Rotterdam Prize" (1.50 metres) had two beaming winners: Ex aequo, **Cascadello Boy RM** by **Cascadello**/Balou du Rouet/Polydor (line of Willkür; breeder: Josef Ruyter, Rees) with **Katrin Eckermann** and **Vestmalle Des Cotis** with **Hans-Dieter Dreher** shared the victory.

Christian

Caya

The **Christian**/Quintender/Escudo II-daughter **Caya** (line of Schluppera; breeder: Wilhelm Schwierking, Barver) has found a new home in Canada. At the CSI2* in Spruce Meadows, Calgary/CAN, she finished third in a difficult jumping competition with **Shauna Cook**.

Clitschko

The 2013-born **Clitschko** by **Christian**/Check In/Quo Vadis (line of Majorin; breeder: Bernd Hickert, Borntosten) arrived at the 1.55 metre-classes. At the CSI5*-GCT in Stockholm/SWE, he jumped with **Patrick Duffy** into se-

Showjumping



Abke

Casper Speed Jumper

The speedy **Casper Speed Jumper** by **Abke**/Lemon xx/Aga Khan (line of Florettwelt; breeder: Christina Martens, Ringstedt) finished third in the U25-Grand Prix with **Alexandra Linda Hornakova** at the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE. During the entire competition, he did not have any jumping faults and also finished third in the second qualification.

Acorado

Acuero

In Lichtenvoorde/NED, **Acuero** by **Acorado**/Catoki/Graf Grannus (line of Steingilde; bree-

der: **Gundi Engfer**, Rosengarten) celebrated a victory. He won the Winning Round-jumping competition with **Annelies Vosselmans**.

Acorado's Ass

Alejandro (Rhld.)

The **Acorado's Ass**/Continue/Grannus-son **Alejandro** (breeder: Friedhelm Tillmann, Grevbroich) is on a tour through Europe. At the CSI05* in Rotterdam/NED, he finished sixth in the first qualifier (1.55 metres) for the Grand Prix with his Irish rider **Shane Sweetnam**, who lives in the USA.

Calido

Calanda

In her two starts at the CSI05* in Rotterdam/NED, **Calanda** by **Calido**/Chasseur/Glockenklang (line of Segelta; breeder: Heinz Lorenz,

venth place in the main jumping competition (1.55 metres) on Sunday. He then traveled to the Côte d'Azur, where Clitschko finished tenth in the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) at the CSI5*-GCT in Monte Carlo/MON.

Catoki

Chagori

For many years, the Catoki/Zacharias/Calypto II-son Chagori (line of Lemberg; breeder: ZG Friebe and Schoolmann, Sellstedt) and Michelle Fleming have been a permanent fixture on the show grounds in South Africa. In June, they attracted international attention, when Michelle Fleming rode the 15-year-old into second place in the World Cup-jumping competition (1.50 metres) at Shongweni/RSA.

Campbell

As luck would have it, two sons by Catoki were at the top of the result lists of the World Cup-jumping competition (1.50 metres) in Shongweni/RSA. Chagori was second, while Campbell by Catoki/Laptop/Acord II (line of Schligrune; breeder: Henry Perl, Ringstedt) finished tenth with Lisa Williams.

Comme il faut

Chao Lee (Rhld.)

Chao Lee by Comme il faut/Chacco-Blue/Kannan (line of Schliesserin; breeder: Otmar Eckermann, Kranenburg) and Katrin Eckermann crowned their first appearance at the Aachen Soers with a ninth place in the two-phase jumping competition (1.50 metres) on the opening day.

Chacco-Blue

Chatinus

After a fifth placing in the qualification (1.50 metres), Chatinus by Chacco-Blue/Argentinus/Sudan xx (line of Notkerine; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) and Richard Spooner finished eighth in the Grand Prix of the CSI3* in Ocala/USA with three time penalties.

H5 Chacco-San

In the 1.50 metre-jumping competition on the final day of the CSI3* in Knokke/BEL on the last weekend in June, H5 Chacco-San by Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Padarco van het

The Diarado son Decurio and Linda Heed (archive photo) were top placed in Stockholm.

Hertsfeld (line of Nalcoza; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) finished ninth with a fast, clear round. The bay, born in 2011, was ridden by the Mexican rider Carlos Hank Guerreiro, who celebrated his 22nd birthday two days later. The competition continued the following week on the Belgian coast with a CSI05*/3*. In a 1.45 metre-class, H5 Chacco-San jumped into second place.

Chaccolina D

At the end of the CSI2* at Spruce Meadows in Calgary/CAN, the Chacco-Blue/Quantus/Emigrant-daughter Chaccolina D (line of Adeliza; breeder: Training Facility Duchac, Hann. Münden) and 21-year-old Charlise Casas finished third in a 1.45 metre-class in the All Canada-Ring.

Check In K (Rhld.)

The Chacco-Blue/Ferragamo/Milan-son Check In K (breeder: Johann and Hanno Klinken, Mönchengladbach) competed for the Netherlands at the Future Champions in Hagen. In the individual jumping competition for juniors, the Rhinländer, born in 2008, finished third with Milan Morssinkhof.

Hann.Pr.A. Corina Blue

With a fifth placing in the free-jumping competition in Verden and with a score of 10 for scope in the mare performance test, Hann. Pr.A. Corina Blue by Chacco-Blue/Sandro/Prinz Gaylord (line of Jolante; breeder: Kurt-Heinrich Böttcher, Brüningshorstedt) set out to cause a sensation in international competitions. The nine-year-old impressively succeeded in doing so at the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE. With her owner Sérgio Neuppmann Jú-

nior, who had already ridden her in classes for young show jumpers when she was six years old, she took a brilliant fifth place in the final (1.50 metres) of the Diamond Tour.

Dublin

While H5 Chacco-San is achieving top results in Europe, his right-hand sister Dublin by Chacco-Blue/Sandro Boy/Padarco (line of Nalcoza; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) is successful at Spruce Meadows/CAN. In the opening jumping competition (1.50 metres) of the CSI5* "North America", she finished tenth with Patricio Pasquel.

Cinsey

Charly Brown

At the CSI2* in Riesenbeck/GER, Charly Brown by Cinsey/Peter Pan/Pik König (line of Cadarina; breeder: Marc Kottke, Essel) and Katrin Eckermann won the speed class for the Youngster Cup.

Clinton

Charlyn

In the two-phase jumping competition of the Gold Tour at the CSIO3*-W in Prague/CZE, Charlyn by Clinton/Escudo/Cashman (line of Mafera; breeder: Bodo Zumbruch, Wangerland) and Kamil Papousek jumped into third place.

Codex One

Condor One Z (Rhld.)

Third place in the second qualification of the Youngster Tour in Stockholm/SWE was awarded



ded to the Codex One/Berlin/Polydor-son Condor One Z (breeder: Heiner Dückers, Lindlar) and Christian Ahlmann.

Count Grannus

Count Me In

Before the plane left for Aachen, Count Me In by Count Grannus/Sherlock Holmes/Mahon (line of Maritim; breeder: Friedrich Lüßmann, Neustadt) and Conor Swail finished second in the Grand Prix (1.60 metres) in Calgary/CAN, which paid out high prize money. One day earlier, the successful horse-rider combination had finished seventh in the main jumping competition (1.50 metres) with two time penalty points. Two weeks later, Count Me In placed in each of his classes at the Aachen/GER Soers. After an excellent third place in the Prize of Europe (1.60 metres), the 15-year-old finished tenth in the Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia (1.60 metres) and eighth in one of the most prestigious competitions in the world, the Grand Prix of Aachen (1.60 metres).

Commissario

Commissar Pezi

One of the youngest horses in the Allianz-Prize (1.55 metres) at the CSIO5* in Aachen/GER was the 2013-born Commissario/Lord Pezi/Fly High-son Commissar Pezi (line of Ambella; breeder: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück). Even though he and his rider Martin Fuchs did not participate in the winning round, they finished eighth with a clear first round.



Contentro

Contendros

Contendros by Contentro/Drosselklang II/Glückspilz (line of Neapenda; breeder: Wilhelm Berghorn, Stolzenau) and Andres Azcaraga were in third place on the podium for their performance in the Grand Prix (1.55 metres) at Valkenswaard/NED.

Cornado

Cool Feeling (Rhld.)

The Cornado/Lancer II/Silvester-son Cool Feeling (breeder: Ulrich Pütz, Wermelskirchen) made his mark on the winners' list at his home event in Riesenbeck. The 2008-born horse from the Rhineland won the second qualification of the Medium Tour with Ludger Beerbaum and finished second in the final.

Cornet's Balou

Crack Balou

The Cornet's Balou/Chacco-Blue/Carthago-son Crack Balou (line of Lunda; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) won a two-phase jumping competition with Emanuele Gaudio on the opening day of the Global Champions-Tour competition in Monte Carlo/MON.

D'Inzeo

Darquito

Sixth place in the qualifier (1.50 metres) for the Grand Prix of Ocala/USA went to Darquito by D'Inzeo/Contefino/Stakkato (line of Ka-

lunda; breeder: Dieter Köneke, Nienhagen) and Andrew Bourns from Ireland.

Contagio

Coby

The Contagio/Escudo/Pik König-son Coby (line of Kurheim; breeder: Jürgen Geffken, Lillienthal) and Philipp Weishaupt finished the Prize of Europe (1.60 metres) at the CSIO5* in Aachen/GER in eighth place.

Diarado

Decurio (VA)

Decurio by Diarado/Cornet Obolensky/Ramiro's Son II (line of Jelora; breeder: Johann Djuren, Neuschoo) entered Verden's auction stage first as a foal and then as a riding horse. Auctioned off to Sweden in January of 2016, he was successful with Linda Heed at the CSI5*-GCT in Stockholm/SWE. The pair finished seventh in the second jumping competition (1.55 metres) of the Global Champions League.

Dicas (Rhld.)

Michigan is a good spot for the Diarado/Casini/Lancetto-son Dicas (breeder: Karl-Heinz Girkes, Viersen). At the show series in Traverse City/USA, he won the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) with Margie Goldstein-Engle in mid-June. He had already won the qualification. 14 days later, the pair was fourth in the next Grand Prix (1.50 metres) at the same venue.

Dillinger NE

With Mark Edwards, Dillinger NE by Diarado/Carismo/Grafenstein (line of Jabita; breeder: Roslyn Palmer, Littleton-Upon-Severn/UK) jumped into third place in the two-phase show jumping competition of the Youngster Tour at CSI2* in Harthill/GBR.

Eurostar

On the first day of the CSI5* in Spruce Meadows/CAN, the Diarado/Chacco-Blue/Domino-son Eurostar (line of Sedalia; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) finished seventh in the "Pepsi Challenge (1.55 metres) with the Australian rider James Arkins. In the "Queen Elizabeth II Cup" (1.60 metres), which paid out 500,000 Dollars in prize-money, the pair finished in eighth place.

Charly Brown by Cinsey and Katrin Eckermann (archive photo) won the speed jumping class of the Youngster Cup in Riesenbeck.



The Quintender son Quick Step won the Final of the Medium Tour in Poznan with Jaroslaw Skrzyczynski. Photo: Tworkowska

Dollar du Murier

D Mark

In the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) at Gorla Minore/ITA, D Mark by Dollar du Murier/Cordobes II/Chasseur (line of Isolde; breeder: Thomas Heineking, Nendorf) and Massimo Grossato had to accept one jumping fault in the exciting jump-off finishing eighth in the final standings.

Diacontinus

Dialektro

In his first international show season, the Diacontinus/As di Villagana/Ramiro's Son Il-son Dialektro (line of Sabimara; breeder: Anja Behnke, Henstedt-Ulzburg) enjoyed a second place in the Youngster Tour-final at the CSIO3*-W in Prague/CZE. Ales Opatrny rode the seven-year-old.

Dizzy Mizz Lizzy

Dizzy Mizz Lizzy by Diacontinus/Stolzenberg/Chamonix (breeder: ZG Meyer and Aller, Midlum) and the Austrian Felix Koller earned a third place in Saturday's Youngster Tour-class at the CSI2* in Deurne/NED.

Escudo

Europa H

The successful Hannoveraner trio at the CSIO3* in Ebreichsdorf/AUT included Europa H by Escudo/Alexis/Goldlack (line of Nerita;

breeder: Hermann and Hans-W. Hensel, Ortenberg). Ulrich Hensel from Germany rode the bay into ninth place in the Grand Prix (1.50 metres).

Grey Top

George

At the first international start of his career, the Grey Top/Wessex/Pilot-son George (breeder: Dr. Reinhard Koop, Neetze) finished third in the opening jumping class at the CSI2* in Montefalco/ITA with Julia Alberto Suarez.

Get To

At the CSI2* in Tryon/USA, Get To by Grey Top/World Diamond G/Graf Sponeck (line of Schluppera; breeder: ZG Herbolt and Nese-mann, Stöckse) and Taylor Land placed third in the international show jumping competition on Thursday.

Grey Chester

At the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE, Grey Chester by Grey Top/Picard/Wintertag (line of Isobare; breeder: Cornelia Peters, Südbrookmerland) won the first 1.50 metre-jumping competition of his career. With Harm Lahde, he took the victory in the final of the Diamond Tour.

Gavi

Gunther S

At the Summer Event in Valkenswaard/NED,

the rankings report a seventh place for the Gavi/Rabino/Wendekreis-son Gunther S (line of Landpracht; breeder: Hartmut Struß, Sor-sum) and Marta Bottanelli from Italy in the main jumping competition (1.50 metres) on Saturday.

Heartbreaker

Oak Grove's Heartthrob

In week one of the Knokke Hippique Summer Circuit, Oak Grove's Heartthrob by Heartbreaker/Artos Z/Ramiro (line of Fairness III Z; breeder: Breeding Farm Eichenhain, Varste) and Kendra Claricia Brinkop won the Youngster Tour-final. In week two, they took third place in the final for six-year-olds.

Lord Fauntleroy

Let's Go FZ (VA)

In the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) of Ebreichsdorf/AUT, Let's Go FZ by Lord Fauntleroy/Stakkato/Escudo (line of Schneiderin; breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) and Giacomo Casadei rode into an excellent second place.

Looping Luna (VA)

At the CSI4* in Milan-San Siro/ITA, the Lord Fauntleroy/Calido/Gambler's Cup xx-daughter Looping Luna (line of Juka; breeder: Andreas Middelkamp, Grönloh) and Richard Vogel made it onto the podium, when they placed third in the jumping competition with winning round.

Lord Pezi

Lady Lulu

The only German-bred horse to place in the Grand Prix (1.50 metres) at the CSI3* in Royan/FRA was the Lord Pezi/Cordalme/Almé-daughter Lady Lulu (breeder: Hermann Hölscher, Gehrde). She finished ninth in this competition with the female French rider Margaux Rocuet.

Ludwigs As

Lagavulin

The 2009-born Ludwigs As/Stakkato Gold/Graf Grannus-son Lagavulin (line of Steingilde; breeder: Dr. Linus Camitz, Glumsö/Denmark) and Mathieu Billot won a two-phase jumping competition at the CSIO3* in Deauville/FRA with a lead of almost three seconds.

Numero Uno

Never Mind

If that is not a reason to celebrate: Never Mind by Numero Uno/Drosselklang II/Acord II (line of Narmata line; breeder: Günter Wellmann, Brockum) and Hannah-Michelle Wilken won the opening jumping class of the CSIOY in Hagen/GER.

Montender

Maicon (Rhld.)

On the last weekend of June, the Peelbergen Horse Centre hosted the Midsummer Tour. In the first qualification of the Medium Tour, Toni Haßmann rode his proven Maicon by Montender/Pythagoras Z/Ixion x (breeder: ZG Krause-Kootz and Unterfeld, Lindlar) into third place.

Messenger

H5 Messentus PS

Two Messenger sons, which were bred by Paul Schockemöhle, were successful at the CSI3* in Knokke/BEL. The Messenger/Cento/Latus-son H5 Messentus PS (breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) placed third with Enrique Gonzales in the main jumping class (1.50 metres) on the final day of week one of the "Summer Circuit".

Messtauer PS

Messtauer PS is three years younger than H5 Messentus PS. At the CSI3* in Knokke/BEL, Messtauer PS by Messenger/Centauer Z/Grannus (line of Jedlita; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) faced tough competition in the Youngster Tour. With rider Alexis Borrin, he placed third in a speed class.

Mylord Carthago

Mackay

Mackay by Mylord Carthago/Quidam de Revel/Landadel (line of Denkerin; breeder: Dieter Scherwitz, Holdorf) and Stephanie Hennequin left the CSI2* in Fontainebleau/FRA as winners. They won the small final.

Quaid

Quintus-H

Paris/FRA celebrated a Hannoveraner victory on day one of the CSI5*-GCT. Quintus-H v. Quaid/Werther/Gotthard (line of Julianca, breeder: Jochen Schrader, Königslutter) and Tobias Meyer won the two-phase jumping competition.

Hann.Pr.St. Quatinka (VA)

The tenth (!) rider to celebrate international top placings with the Quaid/Perigueux/Stakato-daughter Hann.Pr.St. Quatinka (breeder: Manfred Schäfer, Köchingen) is the

young Dutch rider Lars Kersten. At the CSIO5* in Rotterdam/NED, the pair only competed in the "CHIO Rotterdam Prize" (1.50 metres). Their penalty-free performance was rewarded with a fifth placing.

Perigueux

Policeman

In the first competition (1.55 metres) of the Global Champions League at the CSI5* in Stockholm/SWE, the Perigueux/Acord II/Ramiro-son Policeman (breeder: Heinz Sprenger, Fritzlar) convinced with a clear round placing tenth. Omer Karaevli from Turkey, who lives in Nettetal on the Lower Rhine River, was the rider.

Quadam

Quadira

The renowned Stud called Staj Mustang from the Czech Republic discovered Quadira's dam Darling as a foal at the spring auction in Verden's Niedersachsenhalle. At the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE, less than 100 kilometres away from her birthplace, Quadria by Quadam/Diarado/Drosselbart (breeder: Staj Mustang, Lucina/CZE) celebrated a huge success at her debut at this level. The nine-year-old placed third in the final (1.50 metres) of the Diamond Tour with her rider Lucie Strnadlová.

The German Dressage Derby: Hamburg celebrates Hannoveraner



Hampton Court and Kathleen Kröncke

As the winner of the Derby, Kathleen Kröncke was rewarded the blue ribbon. She had made it into the final with Hampton Court by Hochadel/Walt Disney (breeder: Dieter Bührig, Schiffdorf). This was her second victory after 2011. At that time, she rode her successful horse Wonder FRH by Werther/Maat (breeder: Eberhard Königs, Wallmoden).

"I really didn't expect it," said Kathleen Kröncke. "It was incredible, the horses in the final were great to ride and they made it very easy for me." The best horse in the Dressage Derby was the Bertoli W/Cavan Blue Hors-son Bricco Barone (breeder: Christian Heinrich, Staff-



Bricco Barone and Hendrik Lochthowe

horst), who had qualified with Hendrik Lochthowe, who participated in the Derby for the first time. In the final, he scored the highest with each rider obtaining more than 70 percent each time. "Bricco Barone proved his excellent rideability when it came to changing riders. He was really motivated and beautifully prepared for this weekend," raved the dressage trainer from Butzbach in Hesse. Third in the group was Frederic Wandres, who brought Dom Perignon by Dimaggio/De Niro (breeder: Christiane and Maik Wernicke, Plattenburg) to Klein Flottbek. Like his rider, Verden's former auction horse finished second.

The arena had already been a Hannoveraner stronghold one day earlier in the U25- Derby with Alina Schrader achieving the best results with her own horse, the only seven-year-old

Quintender

Quick Step

At the CSI4* in Poznan/POL, Quick Step by Quintender/Calido/Werther (line of Lobrede; breeder: Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer, Duszniaki/Poland) won the Medium Tour-final with Jaroslaw Skrzyczynski. The breeder Marta Roszkiewicz-Heizer was especially pleased with this victory, since her family is the patron of the high-class event.

Quinn Lord

At the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE, every second top-placed horse in the final (1.50 metres) of the Diamond Tour carried the Hannoveraner foal brand. Behind Grey Chester (1st), Quadira (3rd) and Corina Blue (5th), the Quintender/Lord Pezi/Carbid-son Quinn Lord (line of Noria; breeder: Marcel Heithaus, Drentwede) finished in seventh place with Michael Kölz.

Stakkato

Emily

The Stakkato/Burggraaf/Sable Rose-daughter Emily (breeder: Fabio Caselli, Sermazzoni/Italy) was born in Italy. At the CSI2* in San Remo/ITA, she and 42 years-old Simone Paciotti from Italy celebrated winning the second-place ribbon in the speed class of the Youngster Tour.

Stakaya

At the Future Champions in Hagen/GER, Germany won the Nations Cup for Juniors. The team included the Stakkato/Clearway/Sir Dancer xx-daughter Stakaya (breeder: Kai Gattermann, Rehburg) and Fabio Thielen.

Stakkato's Highlight

Veyron (DE)

At the Nations Cup in Gorla Minore/ITA, the Stakkato's Highlight/Anton/Rubin Star N-daughter Veyron (DE) (line of Nachnahme; breeder: ZG Lohrey, Büdingen) and Axel van Colen won the third-place ribbon in a 1.45 metre time-and-fault class.

Stakkato Gold

Solero

He has a famous big brother with the same name and the same rider: Solero by Stakkato Gold/Graf Grannus/Lord Liberty G (line of Adena; breeder: Stud Sprehe, Benstrup). At the CSI3*-W in Olomouc/CZE, he set out to follow in the latter's great hoof prints. With Jörne Sprehe, the seven-year-old finished third in the two-phase jumping competition of the Youngster Tour.

Stakkorado

The second successful Stakkato Gold-son in Moravia was Stakkorado (breeder: Heinz

Hackmann, Esterwegen), whose dam is by Acorado/Wildfang. The 2005-born bay, who competed with Michal Kazmierczak at the European Championships in Göteborg, won the two-phase jumping competition of the Gold Tour with the Polish rider Malgorzata Koszucka.

Stanley

Hann.Pr.A. Sally (VA)

After placing third in the introductory class of the Gold Tour at the CSI3-W in Olomouc/CZE, Hann.Pr.A. Sally by Stanley/For Edition/Dupon (breeder: Hermann Rosenbrock, Bredorf) won the Silver Tour-final with Finja Bormann.

Stolzenberg

Hello Shelby (VA)

You can always rely on Hello Shelby. At the CSI5*GCT in Stockholm/SWE, the Stolzenberg/For Pleasure/Großglockner-son (line of Iphigenie; breeder: Susanne Führer, Großmoor) and Scott Brash finished the 1.50 metre-jumping class on the final day in third place.

Salt'n Peppa (VA)

Behind Quatinka and Lars Kersten, Salt'n Peppa by Stolzenberg/Escudo/Goldfasan (line of Einfuhr; breeder: Heinrich Zettel, Neustadt) and the British rider Jodie Hall McAteer jum-



Flavió and Alina Schrader Photos: Hellmann

Flavió by Fahrenheit/Don Henrico (breeder: Johann Aldag, Ahlerstedt) and with the horses of her fellow competitors. "I was actually calmer today than in the qualification. Worst case scenario, I would have finished third," said the rider from Hamburg laughingly. The best horse could not have had a more fitting

name: Reine Freude (Pure Joy). Born in 2005, the state's premium candidate by Rotspon/Werther (breeder: Heinz-Jürgen Schreiber, Einbeck) was by far the most experienced horse. She had already competed in Nations Cups for Young Riders with rider Vivien Köcher. "I am bursting with pride. We have had



Reine Freude and Vivien Köcher



Darino Dackelblick and Lilli Richter

the horse from the time she was a foal and together we worked our way up to the junior squad," said the rider. Both Darino Dackelblick by De Niro/Stedinger-Sohn (breeder: Christian Lippegau, Sarstedt) and his rider Lilli Richter took second place in the rider and horse classifications. ■

ped into sixth place in the "CHIO Rotterdam Prize" (1.50 metres).

Seed (VA)

The Stolzenberg/Glückspilz/Werther-son Seed (line of Norm; breeder: Helmut Habermann, Hänigsen) and Selma Hammarström qualified for the U25-Grand Prix (1.50 metres) in Stockholm/SWE with a third placing in the qualification (1.50 metres). There they rode to win, a pole fell down and the pair finished sixth.

Serendepety

For Serendepety by Stolzenberg/Escudo/Calyppo II (line of Schutzsiegel; breeder: Jennifer Lee, The Plains/USA), two third placings in the first two jumping classes of the Youngster Tour at the CSI4* in Valkenswaard/NED were more than just a "lucky coincidence". The chestnut mare showed her great talent on the jumping course with rider Darragh Kenny from Ireland.

Sweet Dreams

In both qualifications of the Youngster Tour in the first week of "Vilamoura by Summer", Sweet Dreams by Stolzenberg/Adlantus As/Landor S (line of Nosamita; breeder: Matthias Schäffer, Bremervörde) and Jorge Juan Ruiz Ramirez won second-place ribbons.

Valentino

Vincel

After finishing second in the first jumping class of the CSY-B in Flyinge/SWE, Vincel by Valentino/Fabriano/Lanthan (line of Petra; breeder: Nicole Nemitz, Garlstorf) and Mie Stuhr-Petersen won the second class for young riders. Only two riders delivered two clear rounds. Vincel had a lead of just under five seconds over the second-placed horse.

Valut (VA)

A Hannoveraner was the winner of the opening class at the CSI3* in Sariego/ESP. Valut

by Valentino/Foxhunter/Traunstein (line of Nordika; breeder: Sönke Siems, Barum) and Jesus Garmendia Echevarria won the time-and-fault competition.

Vescovino

At the CSIOY in Hagen/GER, the Valentino/Fly High/Sandro Song-son Vescovino (line of Fliese; breeder: Heinrich Ronne, Altenmelle) and Sönke Fallenberg crossed the finish line of the individual competition for young riders with the second fastest time earning the second-place ribbon with this performance.

Voodoo

In the middle of June, Spruce Meadows hosted the "National CSI5*/2*". For Voodoo by Valentino/Carismo/Egerländer (line of Flimmerkind; breeder: Walter Rohlf, Bremen) the show had a good start: He finished a time-and-fault class in second place with John Perez Bohm.

Van Helsing

Ventago

At the CSI3* in Ommen/NED, the Van Helsing/Scendix/Dorian-son Ventago (line of Arma; breeder: Stefan Trentelmann, Rastede) and Tim Rieskamp-Goedeking finished third in a jumping competition with winning round.

Voltaire

L.St.S Venice Beach

After two years of abstinence, Rodrigo Pessoa brought his Voltaire/Escudo/Calyppo II-daughter L.St.-S Venice Beach (line of Dallas; breeder: Carsten Meyer-Nordhorn, Raddestorf) back to Europe and competed her for the first time in Aachen/GER. The debut was crowned with success, the performance mare-jumping finished second in a time-and-fault jumping class.



La Boum and Heidemarie Dresing (archive photo) became German Champions in Grade II.

Photo: Lafrentz

Gold for La Boum

After a two-year break, the German Championships for Para-dressage riders took place in Munich-Riem. La Boum by Londontime/Crazy Classic (breeder: Dirk Radeke, Verden-Walle) and Heidemarie Dresing defended their title in grade II. The Don Juan de Hus/Dauphin-daughter D'Agustina (breeder: Prof. Dr. Karsten Harms, Rosdorf) and Dr. Angelika Trabert won silver in grade III. The very successful Hannelore Brenner won silver in grade IV aboard the Rhineland horse Belissima M by Belissimo M/Weltmeyer (breeder: Peter Moskopp, Ketzig). The newcomer Staatslegende (Rhld.) by Statesman/Lanciano (breeder: Frank Gondert, Brohl-Lützing) and rider Noah Kuhlmann won bronze. Fabricio By Nymphenburg by Fürst Nymphenburg/Hohenstein (breeder: Henning Herbst, Wittbeck) and Mona-Sophie Bimmel earned bronze for their performance at grade V.

Dressage



Ampere

Adora Nightingale

With 18-year-old Mary Sophie Haid Bondergaard, Adora Nightingale by Ampere/Regazzoni/Weltmeyer (breeder: Pernilla Ström, Sjöbo/Sweden) won the three classes for juniors at the CDI3* in Flyinge/SWE.



Burlington

Bodyguard (VA)

Bodyguard by Burlington/Pik L./Grande (line of Nigretti; breeder: ZG Frieling, Balge) celebrated his tenth consecutive victory in Achleiten/AUT. With Paul Jöbstl, the former premium stallion set the standard in the division for young riders. After obtaining the best result in the team competition, he also won the individual test.

Connery

Connery Junior

On the podium of the individual test for young riders at the CDI4* in Achleiten/AUT, Bodyguard got Hannoveraner reinforcement: The Connery/Rohdiamant/Akzent-son Connery Junior (line of Notlage; breeder: Jordan GbR, Ehra-Lessien) finished third with Felicita Simoncic from Austria.

D-Online

Diamond Donaldo D

Diamond Donaldo D carries the finest Hessian blood. Internationally, the D-Online/Rodgau/Gomez-son (breeder: Walter and Gerhard Dietz, Sinnthal), is an unknown quantity. At the Schafhof's Youth Festival in Kronberg, his first success was recorded, when he placed third in the individual class for juniors with Lena Rex.

Dimaggio

Del Curto

The Dimaggio/Wolkentanz II/Brentano II-son Del Curto (line of Alite; breeder: Hendrik Moss, Neuenhaus) is a new face on the international scene. He made his debut in the dressage arena at the CDI4* in Aachen/GER, where he finished third in Prix St. Georges with Andrina Suter from Switzerland.

Auheim's Del Magico FRH (VA)

Auheim's Del Magico FRH by Dimaggio/Feinbrand/Akzent II (line of Kanonenfutter; breeder: Stefan Hermann, Imbshausen), who had been awarded the Weltmeyer-Prize some time ago, won Inter I at the CDI4* at Fritzens-Schindlhof/AUG with Stephanie Daering after placing second in Prix St. Georges.

Duke of Britain FRH

Frederik Wandres brought home to the Teutoburger Forest two 1st-place ribbons, four 2nd-



Participating for the first time in Aachen: Del Curto by Dimaggio and Andrina Suter.

place ribbons and the award as Aachen's 2022 Dressage Champion. He obtained the victories aboard his young horse Quizmaster FRH. With Duke of Britain FRH by Diamaggio/rubinstein/Don Primero (line of Klaseta; breeder: Sarah and Tony Pidgley, Windsor/Great Britain), Frederic Wandres placed second in the Grand Prix, the Special and in the freestyle. They also were the best pair in the Nations Cup, in which the team with the German eagle on the saddle pad won silver.

Don Primus

Don Primus (VA)

The judges had the Don Primus/Weltmeyer/Eldorado-son Don Primus (line of Antjedine; breeder: ZG Holborn, Bovenden) and his Spanish rider Judith Sarda Mañe in third place in the Grand Prix Special at Grote-Brogel/BEL.

Don Frederico

Dolcetto (VA)

Three starts – three victories. With this flawless result, Dolcetto by Don Frederico/Wolkentanz/Amerigo Vespucci xx (line of Osberta; breeder: Ludwig Eiken, Aurich) and Natalia Plata triumphed in the junior classes at the CDI3* in Brno/CZE. They then traveled on to the Schafhof in Kronberg/GER, where they

finished second in the individual test and snatched away the next victory in the freestyle.

Edward

Exklusiv (VA)

In the middle of June, the attention was on the young riders at the facility of Family Kaselmann in Hagen/GER. With a personal best performance, Exklusiv by Edward/Wolkenstein II/Werther (line of Grubenfahrt; breeder: Carl Graf von Hardenberg, Nörten-Hardenberg) and Carolina Miesner obtained second place in the freestyle for juniors.

Fahrenheit

Flynn (VA)

Sold as a foal to a renowned breeder in Verden, then sold to Belgium via the stallion sales and now successful in the international arena: Flynn by Fahrenheit/Sir Oldenburg/Davignon (breeder: Anton Muhr, Bad Rappenau) experiences a dream career. With Flore de Winne, the eight-year-old passed and placed his way into third place in the Grand Prix and in the Special at the CDI3* in Jardy/FRA.

Fidertanz

Auheim's Feliciano

So far successful in the junior and young rider classes, Auheim's Feliciano by Fidertanz/De Niro/Volturno (line of Scherentje; breeder: Mareike Arens, Meppen) now successfully competes at the CDI3*-level. In St. Margarethen/AUT, he celebrated a double victory in Prix St. Georges and Inter I with 21-year-old Chiara Pengg.

Feedback (Rhld.)

The former privately owned stallion Feedback by Fidertanz/Sandro Hit/Contender (breeder: Johannes Baumeister, Kranenburg) is competing with Emma Caecilia Lienert in the division for young riders. At the CDI3* in Meerle/BEL, the 15-year-old stallion finished third in the individual competition.

Franziskus

For the first time, a female rider competed in two Nations Cups in different disciplines at the CHIO Aachen/GER. In addition to her eventing performance, Ingrid Klimke impressively demonstrated with Franziskus by Fidertanz/Alabaster/Rubinstein (breeder: Elisabeth



With the German team, Franziskus v. Fidertanz and Ingrid Klimke came second in the Nations Cup of Aachen.

Albers, Löningen) just how versatile she really is – and that at the highest level. The riding master finished second with both German teams.

For Compliment

Fernandell (VA)

Fernandell by For Compliment/Londonderry/De Niro (line of Juggema; breeder: Hans-Heinrich Brüning, Ochtmannien) and Febe van Zwambagt were among the best U25 pairs at the CDI3* in Meerle/BEL. Two third places in the Grand Prix and in the freestyle followed a second place at Inter II.

Foundation

ZINQ Founder FH

In the junior classes in Hagen/GER, the Foundation/Sarkozy/Rosario-son ZINQ Founder FH by (line of Antipathie; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) was one of the best in his class. With Lana-Pinou Baumgürtel, the bay finished second in the team test and in the individual test and third in the freestyle.

Fürstenball

Future of W (Rhld.) (VA)

Future of W by Fürstenball/Windspiel As/Brentano II (line of Noprara; breeder: ZG Werth, Moers) left Germany for the first time. At the CDI3* in Meerle/BEL, the bay won the individual class for juniors with Anna Nesheim and placed third in the freestyle.

Lemony's Nicket

Hawtins Lirica

Sara Jane Lanning rode the British-bred Hawtins Lirica by Lemony's Nicket/Dimaggio/Brentano II (line of Schliesserin; breeder: Judith Davis, Staunton/GBR) into third place in the Prix St. Georges at the CDI3* in Hartpury/GBR.

Londontime

Libertad (VA)

In Hagen/GER, Weltmeyer-Prize recipient Libertad by Londontime/San Remo/Wolkentanz (line of Derma; breeder: Mona Diekmeier, Warmsen) was a member of the winning German team in the Nations Cup for juniors. Allegra Schmitz-Morkramer presented the 2012-born black horse. The pair produced the best result in the team test. In the subsequent individual test, they finished third.

Quasar de Charry

Quizmaster FRH (VA)

Quizmaster FRH by Quasar de Charry/Velten Third/Argument (line of Favors; breeder: Klaus Küver, Wohlenbeck) is still undefeated at the international level this year. With Frederic Wandres, he won both tests of the Small Tour at the CDI4* in Aachen/GER. Together with his stable neighbor Duke of Britain FRH, he helped his rider to win the award "Dressage Champion" as the best dressage rider at Aachen's Soers.

Quaterhall

Quarlito By Nymphenburg (VA)

As one of the top horses at the elite auction in October 2016, Quarlito By Nymphenburg by Quaterhall/Rotspon/Wolkenstein II (line of Liebeslaube; breeder: Werner Rademacher, Flögel) had moved to Spain. On the Iberian Peninsula, he arrived at the Grand Prix-level. Juan De Dios Ramírez García rode him into third place in the Grand Prix at the CDI3* in Segovia/ESP.

Quater Girl

The Quaterhall/Don Henrico/His Highness-daughter Quater Girl (breeder: Johann Aldag, Ahlerstedt) has made her way to the top with Antoine Nowakowski from France. First milestone: The victory in the Grand Prix Special at the CDI3* in Jardy/FRA. In the Grand Prix, the nine-year-old had obtained the second highest score.

Rubin-Royal

Hawtins Rossana

The British breeder Judith Davis entered two successful Hannoveraner horses in the CDI3* in Hartpury/GBR. While Hawtins Lirica was third at Prix St. Georges, Hawtins Rossana by Rubin-Royal/Werther/Wiesenbaum xx (line of Adadonda) placed second at Inter I with David Harvey. In the freestyle-final, the chestnut mare, whose dam once came to the UK via the broodmare auction, obtained third place.

San Amour

St.Pr.St. Saphira Royal (Rhld.)

Nicole Wego-Engelmeyer just recently started riding the San Amour/Monteverdi/Mackensen-daughter St.Pr.St. Saphira Royal (breeder: Herbert Werth, Moers). She replaced Kristina Bröring-Sprehe, who became the mother of a second daughter. At the CDI05* in Rotterdam/NED, the pair danced into second place in the Grand Prix Special. Their next destination: Tyrol. At the CDI4* in Fritzens-Schindlhof/AUT, Saphira Royal was third in the Grand Prix and in the Special.

Sandro Hit

Salvino

In the Grand Prix of the CDI4* in Aachen/GER, Salvino by Sandro Hit/Donnerhall/Brentano II (line of Fata Morgana; breeder: Joachim Essink, Nordhorn) and Adrienne Lyle

delighted judges and spectators alike and finished second.

Scolari

Hann.Pr.St. Schöne Scarlett FRH

At the beginning of the CDIJ in Hagen/GER, Hann.Pr.St. Schöne Scarlett FRH v. Scolari/Londonderry/Metternich (breeder: Dr. Heidi and Wilfried Bouws, Scheden) and rider Shona Benner made it onto the podium in the FEI team competition for juniors with a third placing.

Sir Donnerhall

Serenade MF

The US-Americans had sent two Sir Donnerhall-descendants to the Nations Cup in Rotterdam/NED. Besides Valentine, Serenade MF by Sir Donnerhall/Don Principe/Rotspoon (line of Firuza; breeder: Maryanna Haymon, Columbus/USA) and Alice Trajan were part of the team that won silver. In the final Grand Prix Special, the pair obtained third place.

Smirnoff (VA)

The judges saw the Sir Donnerhall/Florencio/Landadel-son Smirnoff (line of Jüngferlein; breeder: Eggerk Groenewold, Holthusen) and Anastasia Rosa Baumgartner in second place in the introductory class for juniors at the CDI3* in Meerle/BEL.

Valentine

In Rotterdam/NED, the international star of the Sir Donnerhall/Ragazzo/Fidelio-daughter Valentine (line of Erlenklette; breeder: Ricarda-Maria Heidmeyer, Rahden) rose. The twel-

ve-year-old, who eats her oats on the farm of four-time Olympian Ashley Holzer in Florida, finished third in the Grand Prix and helped the US team to win second place in the Nations Cup-standings with this top result.

Soliman de Hus

Sultan des Paluds FRH

Sultan des Paluds FRH by Soliman de Hus/De Niro/Plaisir d'Amour (breeder: Pablo Bouillot, Maussane des Alpilles/France) and Annabella Pidgley participated in the CDIOJ in Hagen/GER as individuals. Their performances were rewarded with two 2nd place-ribbons in the team and individual competitions as well as a 3rd place-ribbon in the freestyle final for juniors.

Eventing



Coolio

Callisto R

For the first time, Callisto R by Coolio/Asti's Amsterdam/Silvio (line of Nervanda; breeder: Hagen Reinbeck-Grube, Wolfsburg) and Liv Elin Gunzenhäuser stood on the top of the podium in Strzegom/POL. The pair won the two-star long test.

Contendro

ChinTonic

The 2015-born ChinTonic by Contendro/Heraldik xx/Ramiro (line of Farina; breeder: Wolfgang Lutz, Völkersen) and Julia Krajewski returned from Strzegom/POL to their stable

at the DOKR in Warendorf with a 2nd place in the two-star short test.

Diacontinus

Double Diamond C

In Adamstown/USA, the Diacontinus/Le Pri-meur/Bit of Elegance xx-son Double Diamond C (breeder: Laurie Cameron, Stockton/USA) decorated his first three-star competition with a white ribbon for third place. Maya Black rode the seven-year-old.

Fidertanz

St.Pr.A. Fifty-Fifty

The hosts won at the Swiss Nations Cup-show in Avenches/SUI. The Swiss team included St.Pr.A. Fifty-Fifty by Fidertanz/Friedensfürst/Lancetto (breeder: Kai Baumgartner, Wulkau) with rider Patrick Rüegg.

For Edition

Fantastic Frieda

For many years, the For Edition/Pinkus/Don Carlos-daughter Fantastic Frieda (line of Sporthaus; breeder: Sonja and Klaus Jung-claus, Engelschoff) has been successful with the Polish rider Joanna Pawlak. In Strzegom/POL, they were part of the winning team of the hosting Nations Cup-event.

Graf Top

Little Fire

The victory in the Nations Cup in Aachen/GER went to Great Britain. With a seventh placing in the individual competition, Little Fire by Graf Top/Heraldik xx/Kronenkränich xx (line of Ordalie; breeder: Prof. Dr. Volker Steinkraus, Ollsen) and William Fox-Pitt contributed to this success.

Viscount

Vidalgo

Vidalgo by Viscount/Sandro/Cor de la Bryère (line of Juromette; breeder: ZG Stoltenberg, Stafstedt) stormed onto the international sports pages in DER HANNOVERANER with a victory. The nine-year-old won the CCI3*-S in Avenches/SUI with the Australian rider Kevin McNab. ■

The winning British team in Aachen included Little Fire by Graf Top and William Fox-Pitt.



The Winners in May/June

The July issue of DER HANNOVERANER was the anniversary issue "100 Years of the Hannoveraner Verband". From mid-May to mid-June numerous Hannoveraner and Rhineland horses were successful on show grounds around the globe. For reasons of space and topicality, only the victories are listed on the following pages and not – as it is usually the case here – the victories and placings.

Show Jumping

Carrico

Carrisma (VA)

At the CSI3* in St. Tropez-Grimaud, the Carrico/Eiger/Airport-daughter Carrisma (breeder: Henrik Plass, Neustadt) won a two-phase jumping competition with Victor Bettendorf from Luxembourg.

Chacco-Blue

Chacball

The Chacco-Blue/Baloubet du Rouet/Drosselklang II-son Chacball (line of Dichterschloss; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) won the World Cup-show jumping competition (1.50 metres) in Tsaratsovo/BUL with Angel Niagolov, after the pair had already won the qualification. They continued on to the CSIO3*-W in Athens/GRE, where they won a jumping class on the final day.

Chapilot

A Hannoveraner double victory in the Grand Prix of Puebla/MEX: Chapilot by Chacco-Blue/Pilot/Waldlöwe (line of Tante; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) won the competition with Rodrigo Lambre, while Pandora and Arturo Parada Vallejo finished second.

Clinton

Charlyn

The Clinton/Escudo/Cashman-daughter Charlyn (line of Mafera; breeder: Bodo Zumbruch, Wangerland) and Kamil Papousek won a two-phase jumping competition at the CISO3* in Bratislava/SVK.

Contagio

Catch me Marathon

At the Nations Cup in St. Gallen/SUI, Catch me Marathon by Contagio/Werther/Gotthard (line of Julianca; breeder: Heinz Tiedje, Bontendorf) won a two-phase jumping competition with Francisco José Mesquira Musa from Brazil.



Souper Shuttle and Chloe Reid win the Grand Prix of Redefin. Photo: Lafrentz

Contendros

Conquistador

In Budapest/HUN, Conquistador by Contendros/Chacco-Blue/Carthago (line of Lunda; breeder: Stud Lewitz, Mühlen) and Tamás Dömse won the Grand Prix.

Plot Blue

Palina Keeps ZL

On the first day of the Derby in Hamburg/GER, Palina Keeps ZL by Plot Blue/Chacco-Blue/For Keeps (line of Sudette; breeder: Dr. Jürgen Lehner, Müggendorf) made it onto the winners' lists. She won the opening jumping competition of the Classic Tour with Laurenz Buhl.

Perigueux

Pandora

The Perigueux/Lordanos/Athlet Z-daughter Pandora (breeder: Christel and Helge Deuber, Hünfelden) won the qualifier for the Grand Prix at the CSI2* in Puebla/MEX with Arturo Parada Vallejo.

Primus vom Neumühler Hof

The Perigueux/Livello/Windhauch xx-son Primus vom Neumühler Hof (breeder: Bruno Gericke, Tangeln) and David Will celebrated a victory in the Grand Prix of Munich/GER.

Quintender

Quin-Ba-Lou

In Wiesbaden/GER, Quin-Ba-Lou by Quintender/Balou du Rouet/Contender (line of Emsbuche; breeder: Karl Rumpke, Wagenfeld) and Jörg Oppermann won the final of the Small Tour.

Quintet (VA)

At the Nations Cup in Drammen/NOR, Quintet by Quintender/Stakkato/Contender (line of Nagiaza; breeder: Tessa Pfeil, Elmlohe) was victorious with Benedikte Sergistad Endresen in a 1.40 metre-jumping competition.

Stakkato

Hann.Pr.A. Souper Shuttle

The Stakkato/La Zarras/Fantus-daughter Hann.Pr.A. Souper Shuttle (breeder: Andrea and Norbert Wulf, Schillsdorf) celebrated her first Grand Prix victory (1.50 metres) with Chloe Reid at the CSI3* in Redefin/GER.

Susanne

Susanne by Stakkato/Landfriese/Watzmann (line of Imortelle; breeder: ZG Bartonek and Appel, Hinte) and Patrick Bülle won the opening class of the Big Tour at the CSI3* in Redefin/GER.

Stolzenberg

Hello Shelby (VA)

At the CSI5*-GCT in St. Tropez/FRA, Hello Shelby by Stolzenberg/For Pleasure/Großglockner (line of Iphigenie; breeder: Susanne Führer, Großmoor) took the lead in a 1.45 metre-class with Scott Brash.

Vincel

The beaming winners in the Grand Prix of the CSI-U25YJ in Copenhagen/DEN were Vincel

by Valentino/Fabrizio/Lanthan (line of Petra; breeder: Nicole Nemitz, Garlstorf) and his 19-year-old rider Mie Stuhr-Petersen.

Stakkato's Highlight

Veyron (DE)

In the glamorous seaside resort of Deauville/FRA, Veyron (DE) by Stakkato's Highlight/Anton/Rubin Star N (line of Nachnahme; breeder: ZG Lohrey, Büdingen) and Axel van Colen, who competes for France, won two 1st place-ribbons in time-and-fault classes.

Voltaire

L.St.S Venice Beach

The fastest horse-rider combination in a well-funded show jumping competition at the CSI4* in Devon/USA were the Voltaire/Escudo/Calypto II-daughter L.St.S Venice Beach (line of Dallas; breeder: Carsten Meyer-Nordhorn, Raddestorf) and Rodrigo Pessoa.

Eventing

Bertoli W

Monkeying Around

The winners of the four-star long competition in Bramham/GBR were Monkeying Around by Bertoli W/Donnerhall/Weltmeyer (line of Mafra; breeder: Christian Heinrich, Staffhorst) and rider Izzy Taylor.

Stolzenfels

Miss Lulu Herself

Miss Lulu Herself by Stolzenfels/Nobre xx/Laptop-daughter (breeder: Sandra König, Magdeburg) and Boyd Martin won the CCI3*-L in Bromont/CAN.

Dressage

Benicio

Bounty

In Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, Bounty by Benicio/Calypto II/Freiherr (line of Nuwara; breeder: Hannes Brüning, Ochtmannien) and Augustin García Garrido won the final freestyle of young riders.

Burlington

Bodyguard (VA)

Paul Jöbstl and Bodyguard by Burlington/Pik L./Grande (line of Nigretti; breeder: ZG

Frieling, Balge) won the three classes for young riders at the CDI3* in Compiègne/FRA.

Dancier

Dujardin d'Arx

The highest score in the introductory class for juniors at the CDI3* in Ornago/ITA was recorded for the Dancier/Akatschi/Grenadier-son Dujardin d'Arx (line of Jandine, breeder: Manfred Klingebiel, Frelsdorf) and Layla Schmid.

Detroit

Decor

At the CDIU25 in Camarma de Esteruelas/ESP, the Detroit/Herzensdieb/Wolkenstein II-son Decor (line of Aslaug; breeder: Marten Hillmann, Groß Henstedt) won Inter II and the Grand Prix with Alejandro Oliva Lazaro.

Dante Weltino

Dante's Herzchen

Dante's Herzchen by Dante Weltino/Hochadel/Akzent (line of Gralsgöttin; breeder: Ilse Knief-Meyer, Syke) won the Prix St. Georges at the CDI2* in Compiègne/FRA with rider Lyndal Oatley.

Falsterbo

Faustus (VA)

In the dressage arena of the CDI5* in Mu

nich-Riem/GER, Faustus by Falsterbo/Forrest xx/Walzertraum (line of Schlingry; breeder: Heino Bruns, Gödenstorf) and Dorothee Schneider delivered an impressive performance and won the Grand Prix-freestyle.

For Compliment

Fernandell (VA)

The For Compliment/Londonderry/De Niro-son Fernandell (line of Juggema; breeder: Hans-Heinrich Brüning, Ochtmannien) won the U25-Grand Prix in Exloo/NED with Febe van Zwambagt.

Quotenkönig

Hann.Pr.St. Querida Mia (Rhld.)

At the Derby Park in Hamburg/GER, Hann.Pr.St. Querida Mia by Quotenkönig/Ravallo/Frühlingstraum II (line of Jucking; breeder: Tobias Schult, Hünxe) and rider Lukas Fischer celebrated a double victory in Prix St. Georges and Inter II. Querida Mia's dam is the highly decorated mare Reine Freude.

Romanov Blue Hors

Thranegaardens Rostov

Thranegaardens Rostov by Romanov Blue Hors/Diamond/Belucci (breeder: Jens Riishede Jensen, Brønderslev/DEN) won the Grand Prix-freestyle in Aalborg/DEN with Lone Bang Larsen. ■

Goodbye Du Soleil

Kristy Oatley-Nist officially retired her Olympic partner Du Soleil from competition in front of the festive backdrop of the castle of Biebrich. She did it with the drum roll as the winner of the Grand Prix and the freestyle. Born 18 years ago on the farm of Sven Karens in Langwedel, this son of De Niro/Caprimond had participated in the Bundeschampionat with Saskia Lieben-Seutter. He finished the World Championships for young dressage horses in eleventh place, before moving to the barn of Australian rider Kristy Oatley-Nist. In addition to numerous international successes, Du Soleil participated in the World Equestrian Games in Tryon/USA and in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro/BRA. "He simply is a wonderful horse that has never let me down! A true partner, we clicked from the first moment on!" said Kristy Oatley-Nist. ■



Du Soleil and Kristy Oatley-Nist Photo: Lafrentz

Eventers changed location

After the debut in Mechterzen last year, the Hannoveraner eventing horse Championships moved to a magnificent setting at the facility of Family Philipps in Rüspe.

By Britta Züngel



Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino won the Hannoveraner Championships for four-year-old eventers with Wiebke Jaspers.

Photo: Züngel

He was the eye-catcher among the four-year-olds: Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino (breeder: Heinrich Reisinger, Gersten) was the clear leader in the suitability test with cross-country jumps with a score of 8.5. Wiebke Jaspers confidently guided the chestnut, which has very good and powerful basic gaits, through the test finding the right rhythm over the colored poles as well as over the cross-country jumps. "He always wants to do everything right. He is rideable, but needs his work," said the successful trainer, who had already ridden her Schwarzrotgold FRH to become Vice Champion in the six-year-old class last year. While looking for a young horse, Wiebke Jaspers discovered Booze Buddy at his breeder's last year. "He moved phenomenally and his jumping was just as good," she recalls. Actually, she didn't want a chestnut, but his qualities quickly convinced the 32-year-old. Dam Vallerie is registered in the Hannoveraner breeding program for show jumpers; so Wiebke Jaspers travelled to the free jumping competition in Verden in March this year. "He was still very shy then and made himself a bit small in the big arena." Booze Buddy is far away from that now. His goal for next year: the Bundeschampionat.

Runner-up in the four-year-old class was Cascarlia by Cascador/Stakkato (breeder: Breeding Farm Lichtenmoor, Heemsen) with Johanna Sophie Ewald. Through Cascarlia's veins flows the sought-after blood of Heraldik xx, who is her great-grandfather. "Cascarlia is super ambitious, totally brave and has a real fighter's heart," says her rider, who has a very special connection to her mare. "It's really noteworthy, I'm the only one who has ridden her so far. She has great, positive self-confi-

dence and always stays cool." In doing so, the bay mare "killed two birds with one stone" and passed her sport test-eventing at the same time. "As a native Hessian, I feel that I belong to Hannover since the Hessian brand no longer exists," says the journalist. She entertains the idea of raising a foal out of Cascarlia one day.

Crossbow by Colman/Stolzenberg (breeder: Hermann Nehus, Haren) was awarded bronze. Stephan Dubsky had bought the bay, which received a good shot of Thoroughbred blood from his great-grandsire Likoto xx, at the stallion sales in Verden. Crossbow already proved that he can do well in the show jumping-ring with earning placings in tests for young show jumpers. Furthermore, his half-sister is none other than Hann.Pr.St. Charlize by Chacoon Blue, the champion mare of the Herwart By der Decken-Show 2020, who had passed her mare performance test with the dream score of 10 for free jumping. Crossbow's rider could not participate in the award ceremony, since he was already sitting in the saddle of the next horse which he competed in a cross-country class at the A***-level. This class took place at the same time and decided the Hannoveraner Championships for five-year-olds. Overall, the championships for four-year-olds deserved more attention. There only were four Hannoveraner from the vintage of 2018 among the 19 participants. The reason might have been that the sport test for mares was scheduled at the same time and caused some confusion with the entries.

Like father like son

The park-like grounds were the perfect setting for the cross-country horse trials. The yellow and white winner's sash in the division for five-year-olds was awarded to Gentle WillowBee H by Gentleman/White Star (breeder: Eventerzucht Hansen, Salzhausen). With Antonia von Baath, the bay received a score of 9.0. With this score, they not only won the Hannoveraner Championships, but also a division in the overall competition. The bay cannot deny his sire. Canter and style remind us of the two-time Bundeschampion. This year he already won competition for young eventing horses and achieved top placings in show jumping and dressage tests. Gentle WillowBee H also inherited sporty genes from his dam. Trained by Michael Meier, she was successful in cross-country competitions with Sandra Auffarth.

At the sport test for mares, Deliah IOH by Diacanthus/Escudo (breeder: Ira and Olaf Hagemann, Bützfleth) finished second in her division. She had just been awarded the Hannoveraner Premium candidate-status and now was Hannoveraner Vice

Champion. Nadine Marzahl was her rider. She obviously felt very comfortable aboard the typy grey mare and was awarded a score of 8.8. The successful trainer would have liked to take part in the L-level test, but the breeders Ira and Olaf Hagemann were more interested in the mare test and the premium. Deliah's pedigree is versatile in the truest sense of the word. Dam and granddam produced dressage and show jumping horses, great-granddam Arica by Abajo xx competed in eventing herself.

Third place was awarded twice. As the penultimate rider, Stephan Dubsy snatched away the white ribbon in the five-year-old class after already obtaining third place in the four-year-old class. Once again it was a Perigueux-son that he led to success. Last year he won the six-year-old class with Peppermint Patty FRH; in Rüssel, he rode Porto Cristo B by Perigueux/Lamberk (breeder: Andreas Habben, Cuxhaven). The bay out of the line of Griseldis already celebrated victories in tests for young show jumpers. Ludwig, the full brother of his dam, successfully competes in 1.45 metre-classes. Porto Cristo B himself is on his direct way to Warendorf; four hours later, he again placed third in the cross-country competition at the L-level. The second bronze medallist was Best Buddy by Blockbuster/Cascadello, bred by Gerd Neukäter in Voerde, and presented by his wife's granddaughter Anna Lena Schaaf, who also rode his dam Carlotta in jumper classes up to the M*-level. The 20-year-old European vice champion of young riders moved into stables at the DOKR in Warendorf. Two years ago, Porto Cristo B and Best Buddy already proved that they are almost equal in their performances, when they both finished seventh in their division at the free jumping-competition in Verden.

Dexter best six-year-old

In the Hannoveraner Championships for six-year-olds, the Diarado/Contendro-son Dexter (breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer) galloped to victory. 9.0 was the result for the wiry dark bay,

who comes from the same breeding farm as Michael Jung's five-star-winner fischerChipmunk FRH. "Dexter is characterized by his willingness to perform," said breeder Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff. In the saddle of Dexter was Calvin Böckmann, who is a member of the DOKR's perspective groups for eventing and show jumping. Last year Dexter had already been a finalist at the Bundeschampionat with Stephanie Böhe. The change of rider worked out well, and the first competition in Langenfeld was crowned with a victory. Rüdiger Meyer could hardly stop beaming. His son Frederic became Hannoveraner vice champion with the home-bred Meyer's Conte by Comte/Heraldik xx. "He is a real 'family project'," said Rüdiger Meyer. He is responsible for the daily training and presented the bay in tests for young dressage horses. 28-year-old Frederic climbs into the saddle for cross-country and show jumping competitions and already celebrated two victories in April. In the overall rating, Meyer's Conte was second in the first division, one tenth ahead of the newly crowned Hannoveraner champion of five-year-olds, Gentle WillowBee H and Antonia By Baath.

Nadine Marzahl is known for the many successes she achieved with descendants of Valentino. Now it seems to be Diacontinus whose daughters particularly suit the successful event rider. After finishing second with Deliah IOH in the five-year-old class, she finished third in the six-year-old class aboard Dia Divina FRH by Diacontinus/Ryon D'Azex AA (breeder: Dr. Susanna Kleindienst, Vienna/AUT), last year's title winner. "Both have a very good attitude and are always on their game. Otherwise they are completely different horses," said Nadine Marzahl. "Dia Divina FRH is almost a show jumper. She always pushes off powerfully and jumps using her entire body, while Deliah IOH, who appears very blood-influenced, moves in a very light-footed way." Both are still owned by their breeder, both are awarded the status of Hannoveraner premium candidate and both are expected to go into breeding after the sport. "It is a lot of fun to ride horses of such owners!" ■



Gentle WillowBee by Gentleman/White Star and Antonia von Baath took the title in the five-year-old class. Photos: Jahnke



Hannoveraner Champion of the six-year-olds became the Diarado/Contendro son Dexter and Calvin Böckmann.

Hannoveraner Championships of young event horses

Four-year-olds

1. Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino

Breeder: Heinrich Reisinger, Gersten
Rider: Wiebke Jaspers

2. Cascarlia by Cascador/Stakkato

Breeder: Gestüt Lichtenmoor, Heemsen
Rider: Johanna Sophie Ewald

3. Crossbow by Colman/Stolzenberg

Breeder: Hermann Nehus, Haren
Rider: Stephan Dubsy

Five-year-olds

1. Gentle WillowBee by Gentleman/White Star

Breeder: Eventerzucht Hansen, Salzhausen
Rider: Antonia By Baath

2. Deliah IOH by Diacontinus/Escudo

Breeder: Ira und Olaf Hagemann, Bützfleth
Rider: Nadine Marzahl

3. Best Buddy by Blockbuster/Cascadello

Breeder: Gerd Neukäter, Voerde
Rider: Anna Lena Schaaf

3. Porto Cristo B by Perigueux/Lamberk

Breeder: Andreas Habben, Cuxhaven
Rider: Stephan Dubsy

Six-year olds

1. Dexter by Diarado/Contendro

Breeder: Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff, Behlmer
Rider: Calvin Böckmann

2. Meyer's Conte by Comte/Heraldik xx

Breeder: Rüdiger Meyer, Bremervörde
Rider: Frederic Meyer

3. Dia Divina K by Diacontinus/Ryon D'Azex AA

Breeder: Dr. Susanna Kleindienst, Wien/AUT
Rider: Nadine Marzahl



The "foal producer"

The demand for foals from the breeding program of Ulrich Heitmann from Hagenah has been increasing steadily for years. The 58-year-old farmer specializes on breeding and marketing foals.

By Jürgen Stroscher

Ulrich Heitman from Heinbockel with Hann.Pr.St. Queeny by Quasar de Charry/De Niro. Photos: Stroscher



Ulrich Heitmann and his partner Petra Hoops with Hann.Pr.St. Tequila by Totilas/Sandro Hit and her colt by Bonds.

On the spacious pastures around the potato farm in Heinbockel, a district of Hagenah in the county of Stade, the foals of the 2022 vintage are frolicking, while being closely watched by their breeder Ulrich Heitmann. He is particularly taken with the offspring of Despacito and Ogano Sitte. "They should be tpy and long-legged and move lightly. That's just how they have to look," the 57-year-old farmer couldn't describe his breeding goals any better. The Hannoveraner Verband seems to see it the same way, because the two young offspring from the Heitmann-breeding station have once again been accepted to participate in the next foal auction in Verden. At last year's auction, the filly Dark Secret by Despacito was very popular. For a five-figure bid, the elegant foal finally found a new owner. The chances of a repeat are not bad, because this year's Despacito-son is in no way inferior to his full sister in terms of charisma. His six-year-old dam, Hann.Pr.St. Milka by Millennium/De Niro, represents Heitmann's dressage bloodline very well. The dam of the foal by Ogano Sitte is 19-year-old Conny by Contendor/Chasseur, who is responsible for the jumping-oriented offspring.

Both dams have one thing in common – they go back to the line of Gotenprobe from 1938, which was started by Ulrich Heitmann's grandfather. The mare Gotenprobe v. Gmunden/Forscher, bred by father Hans-Hinrich in 1957, was the first mare to be registered by name. She stands at the beginning of pedigrees of all seven broodmares, which currently make up the broodmare band on the farm. In 1996, the Hannoveraner breeding program in Heinbockel was on the brink of extinction.

When Hans-Hinrich Heitmann suddenly passed away, the future of the traditional horse breeding program was in question. "Actually, as the person responsible for the agricultural business, I was not that interested in the horses. This changed abruptly when I had to decide overnight on the importance of the horse breeding program," Ulrich Heitmann recalls. However, when Hans-Heinrich Fricke from the State Stud Celle helped him and the first successful sales materialized, the skepticism quickly vanished.

"Now I am happy to have the horses. Without them I would be missing something. They provide peace in my life and offer the best balance to the long and stressful working days." Let's see what path his two sons Hannes (18) and Lukas (28) will choose. Like his father, the eldest has a master's degree in agriculture and is integrated in the family business, but he lacks the "necessary access" to the horses. Ulrich Heitmann, on the other hand, does not do things half way. He is very familiar with specialization. In his search for a niche in farming, he came up with potatoes. "Thanks to the cooperation with other farmers, I can offer different varieties of table potatoes every harvest. Besides, we are among the few marketing our products ourselves and offer them for sale right on the farm."

The slogan "direct marketer" also applies to the breeding program in the broadest sense. "My father already sold the foals directly off the farm. I built upon that and tried to perfect the breeding program with the quality of the horses." In the past 25 years, Ulrich Heitmann has gained a good



reputation in the horse scene and developed into a true "foal producer". "His feeling for the very young horses and for suitable sires is impressive," says life partner Petra Hoops. "We've known each other for ages; and through the breeding of horses, we became closely acquainted." As a former rider, the 52-year-old also breeds Hannoveraner on a small scale on her farm in the neighborhood.

With gut feeling and passion

For all his market orientation, the farmer also has an emotional side. "Especially in the breeding of horses, I sometimes let my gut feeling guide me. When I am convinced of something, I can get very passionate." Since there are always seven or eight broodmares in the stable in Heinbockel, times for the breeder become restless in the spring. "Via my mobile phone, I know exactly what condition the mares are in. Someone is present at every birth to be able to intervene if necessary. From the first day on, the little ones have to get used to people. Especially with the jumping-oriented foals, contact is particularly important."

Like with the son of Ogano Sitte who was just born or with Balotelli by Balou du Rouet who was born in 2010. There were no problems at all then. From the very beginning, the bay stallion impressed with his extraordinary movements. Conny is the dam of both. The dam and her son have an interesting story. Ulrich Heitmann wanted to "phase out" the jumping line and had sold the mare. The quality of Balotelli not only made the horse breeder rethink his decision, but it made him buy the mare back. "Conny has not only produced four more highly talented show jumpers, she has also passed on her tough and healthy Hannoveraner genes in the best possible way. Now I hope that she will give birth to another filly next year." Balotelli moved to the horse-oriented Family Plate at an early age and was trained there. After participating in the World Championships for Young Show Jumpers, Julia Plate celebrated her first international victory at the 1.45 metre-level in Braunschweig in 2019. Balotelli then sold to the USA to Georgina Bloomberg, the youngest daughter of New York's mayor Michael Bloomberg. There he continued his international career with the English rider Matthew Boddy and competed in difficult courses up to a height of 1.60 metres this year.

Through his granddam, St.Pr.St. Amarille (1978), the bloodline of the foundation stallion Argentan flows through Balotelli's veins. Argentan has a very special significance in the breeding program of the Heitmann family. Amarille's dam is the Gopenprobe-daughter Dunda by Duden II, born in

1969, who gave birth to a total of 16 foals, 15 of which were by Argentan. "My father relied on the stallions of the state stud and was loyal to the Bargstedt breeding station." With the full sisters Amarille and Argunda (1982), the course was set at that time: away from a dual predisposition to specializing in jumping and dressage bloodlines. Amarille continued to provide the jumping genes through her daughter Cinderella by Chasseur (1993) and her daughter Conny. The dressage stallions Giscard, Eklatant, Davignon, Hohenstein, Lauries Crusador xx and Rubinstein were used for St.Pr.St. Argunda. The broodmare not only proved her good fertility, but also passed on the genes of the different sires excellently.

"For the first time, my father used a privately owned stallion for Argunda. It was Rubinstein, and he hit the bull's eye right away. It is impossible to imagine our breeding program without Ribana, who was born in 1993." Her daughters Destiny by De Niro and Shane by Sandro Hit, together with their offspring Hann.Pr.St. Queeny by Quasar de Charry, Hann.Pr.St. Tequila by Totilas, Hann.Pr.St. Milka by Millennium, Hann.Pr.A. Daiquiri by Don Nobless and Hann.Pr.A. Queensberry by Quaterback, strongly influenced today's mare band. Ribana also gave birth to two licensed sons by De Niro. Don Niro, born in 2000, was sold directly to the USA where he competed at the highest level in the dressage ring. DeBy Heir, who was born one year later, also found a new owner in the USA at Verden's foal auction. Ribana's daughter Shane gave birth to a licensed stallion. Born in 2015, Don Machiavelli by Don Nobless does well in the dressage ring with Esther Maruhn. As a licensed stallion, he sold to Felix-Ferdinand Becker via the stallion sales.

An extraordinary number of horses from the Heitmann breeding station made it into advanced show jumping and, especially in recent years, into international dressage competitions. "Obviously the horses have to get into the right hands to be successful in competitions. Especially the jumping-oriented foals are late developers. But if the conformation is right and the pedigree is promising, you can recognize the potential early on," Ulrich Heitmann is sure. The high demand proves him right, even regular customers from England regularly come to the farm to make sure they don't miss out on any promising foals. In addition, breeding products from the Heitmann stable have significantly enriched the collections of Verden's auctions over the past 25 years. ■

Fashion Freak VP by Fidertanz/De Niro has arrived at Inter level with Vivien Lou Petermeier.



With Julia Plate, Balotelli by Balou du Rouet/Contendro was internationally successful up to 1.50 metres before he was sold to Georgina Bloomberg in the USA.

Photos: Lafrentz





Take care Fit for Fun

She was one the best jumpers in the world – Fit for Fun was retired from competitions at the CHIO in Aachen in July.

By Britta Züngel



Luciana Diniz said goodbye to her Fit for Fun in Aachen (above), with which she competed at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Photos: Lafrentz

Fitty, Thank you so much! You taught me lightness, simplicity, love and gratitude. I love you! You're the best horse in the world. Many thanks to everyone who has been part of this journey, Fit For Fun, my family and the Jünger family!" This was the emotional farewell of Luciana Diniz, when she said goodbye to her For Pleasure/Fabriano-daughter Fit for Fun at a well selected, most suitable location. Ath the CHIO in Aachen, between the two rounds of the Grand Prix, the chestnut mare, who was born on March 1, 2004, presented herself to the enthusiastic audience for the very last time. Along side of her, her colt by Eldorado van de Zeshoek, meanwhile named Emotion for Fun, and her owner Ralf Jünger. Not there: her breeder Sigrid Crome-Sperling and the Hannoveraner Verband. "We cannot include you in the farewell for Fit for Fun because we have to keep to a very strict schedule," was the terse statement from the organizer.

The powerfully-jumping chestnut mare looks back onto a fantastic career. Highlights were her participation in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro/BRA and the European Championships in Aachen/GER and Gothenburg/SWE as well as her victory in the Global Champions Tour in Doha/QAT and victories in the Grand Prix of St. Gallen/SUI, Al Ryaan/QAT, Basel/SUI and Rotterdam/NED. In addition, Fit for Fun placed second twice in Aachen and once in Paris and in Sopot. Before she came to the stable of the female Brazilian, who competes for Portugal and has lived in Germany for many years, her owner had ridden "Fitti" from victories in tests for young show jumpers to her first successes over 1.40 metres between 2010 and 2012. In June 2012, he still rode her in the small German town Kurscheid, and just three weeks later, Luciana Diniz already competed the mare in Aachen, at that time still in the supporting program. Ralf Jünger discovered Fit for Fun as a foal and never sold her to this day. He had her pass the mare performance test in Meppen – with a 10 for scope and technique –, sent her to the show in Alsfeld and bred her because she was awarded the State Premium candidate-status. This was also successful: The privately owned sire Camargo by Canturo entered the winner's lists in Calgary in 2018 with Luciana Diniz.

"She already was very special as a foal," recalls Jan Crome-Sperling, the son of the breeder. Fit for Fun's first success was winning the foal show of the Hannoveraner Jumper Breeding Program in Hohenhameln. "She moved super and was alert." And she aroused desires; a short time later, she left her birthplace in the foreland of the Harz-mountain range. From there, Crome-Sperlings followed her worldwide career. "Olympia was already extraordinary and, of course, when Fit for Fun won the Global Champions Tour. You don't have a horse like that too often," says Jan Crome-Sperling – big emotional outbursts of joy are not his thing. His grandfather Heinrich Sperling brought the Abhang III/Weiler-daughter Auster to the farm at the end of the 1970s. Her daughter, St.Pr.St. Patricia by Pik König, was the champion mare at the Louis Wiegels-Show in Nienburg in 1981. "The beauty and charisma of this mare lie in her featherlight, elastic movements," wrote the then breeding director Dr. Walter Hartwig. To this day, these qualities are anchored rock solid in the line of Willkür, to which also top show jumpers like Calvaro and the newly crowned German champion Cascadello-Boy RM belong. Fit for Fun's full-brother Flight of Ikarus not only won the free jumping-competition in Verden at the time, but also set off to true heights on stadium courses with Kai Schäfer and Justine Tebbel. ■

Serengeti leads the statistics

The uniform collection of Verden's Auction Online in July presented itself at a very good level. Serengeti was the top seller realizing 40,000 Euros. For 50 riding horses, an average of 21,100 Euros were paid.

By Anne Baden

Even before the final bid-up had begun, the Secret/Don Primero-son Serengeti (breeder/exhibitor: Hartmut Struß, Elze) was in high demand. The four-year-old, dark bay stallion out of the highly successful line of Blenna sold for 40,000 Euros to a dressage rider from the Rhine-Main area. His dam line already produced the licensed stallions Soliman de Hus by Sandro Hit and Talisman by Totilas. Serengeti's great-grandam St.Pr. St. Alhambra sired Sir Donnerhall's son Silvaro, who was successful in advanced (S*) level dressage with Marc-Patrick Fritz.

Two highly talented and extremely charming mares, which sold to Switzerland, remained just below the top sale price: Desiree by Don Index/Don Vino (breeder/ exhibitor: Bernhard and Johannes Achter, Haren) obtained 39,000 Euros and Lisann by Libertad/Rubinero (breeder: Johannes Finger, Bunde; exhibitor: Volker Neuhaus, Mühlheim) 38,000 Euros. Both mares, together with the already six-year-old Fürsten-Look/Sir Donnerhall-daughter Favourite Girl (breeder/exhibitor: Christina Spissak, Hollenstedt), who also sold to Switzerland for 31,500 Euros, will continue to be promoted in dressage by the French championship-rider Charlotte Chalvignac.

In addition to young horses of good quality, the buyers in July were looking for rideability and "beautiful types". Equipped with a jumper pedigree, the strikingly marked Boss Orange by Balou Peggio/Catoki (breeder: Richard Junglaus, Drochtersen; exhibitor: Johann Rosenberg, Vechelde) convinced above all with his outstanding rideability and his versatile talents for dressage and jumping. A customer from Belgium invested 35,000 Euros for the colorful chestnut gelding. A buyer from Italy also invested 35,000 Euros for the par-

ticularly beautifully marked, dark chestnut gelding Frangelico by Farrell/Fidertanz (breeder: Almuth Rickfels, Wangerland; exhibitor: Elke Born, Wangerland). The four-year-old Palomino gelding Qareshma by Qaside MD/Royal Doruto (breeder/exhibitor: Doris Hoffmann, Zeven) was the only representative of the Rhineland Stud Book in this collection. He was worth 23,500 Euros to his new owners and will soon start his journey to the neighboring country Denmark.

A successful competitor and a regular customer from Lower Saxony secured the five-year-old, grey mare Chelsea PJ by Cristallo/Escudo (breeder: Horse Breeding Dr. Jacobs GbR, Bierbergen; exhibitor: Assisihof GmbH, Friedeburg) for a sale price of 25,500 Euros, the most expensive horse of the jumping cadre. The grey mare from the line of Schwersella mastered the tasks with heart and mind. She has two successful half-siblings in international show jumping: St.Pr.St. Qui Rit PJ by Quintender with Dieter Smitz (1.50 metres) and

Statistics

Riding horses

Offered for sale	50 horses
Horses sold	50 horses
Net proceeds	1,055,000.00 Euros
Average price	21,100.00 Euros
Top price	40,000.00 Euros
Lowest price	9,500.00 Euros

Price range

8,000 to 10,999 Euros	4 horses
11,000 to 14,999 Euros	8 horses
15,000 to 24,999 Euros	24 horses
25,000 Euros and more	14 horses

Sold to areas

Germany	28
Belgium	2 Chile 1
Denmark	1 Finland 2
France	1 Italy 1
Sweden	1 Switzerland 3
Spain	1 USA 5
Uzbekistan	1 Austria 3



The Secret/Don Primero son Serengeti was auctioned off for 40,000 Euros to a customer from the Rhine-Main area. Photos: Beelitz/Gerstenkorn



Chelsea PJ by Cristallo/Escudo found a new owner for 25,500 Euros (left). A striking appearance was Boss Orange by Balou Peggio/Catoki. The final bid was 35,000 Euros.



Special One by Stakkato with Tobias Meyer (1.60 metres). The five-year-old Brantzau/Quaid-daughter Bold Type, bred by Hendrik Schäfer from Vechelde, followed close behind with a sale price of 25,000 Euros. Her half-siblings Copycat and Cartwright, both by Cador, already found new owners at Verden's auctions in 2020 and 2018 and prove their ability on stadium courses.

A strong homogeneity characterized the collection. 38 out of 50 dressage and show jumping talents brought their exhibitors sale prices of over 15,000 Euros. 22 riding horses left Germany. Most of them were auctioned off to other European countries. Five auction horses will make their way to the USA, one found a buyer in Chile and one in Uzbekistan. ■

Verden's Foal Spring

Foal-Auction Online May 25th – Status Quo II: "Whatever you want!"

Statistics

Foals

Offered for sale	29 foals
Foals sold	29 foals
Net proceeds	268,500.00 Euros
Average price	9,258.62 Euros
Top price	40,500 Euros
Lowest price	4,000 Euros

Price range

4,000 to 7,999 Euros	16 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros	5 foals
10,000 Euros and more	8 foals

Sold to areas

Germany	16 foals
International	13 foals



Status Quo II by Secret/Sandro Hit Photo: Fellner

Since the online bidding started, Status Quo II by Secret/Sandro Hit advanced to the top seller of the third auction of Verden's Foal Spring. "Whatever you want," the expressive colt brought all honor to his name sake Status Quo, when he sold for 40,500 Euros. 29 talented hopefuls obtained an average price of 9,259.62 Euros.

The tpy, chestnut foal Status Quo II received 56 bids, which ended with a sale price of 40,500 Eu-

ros. Foals out of the breeding program of the late Willi Sauerland from Rhade, who passed away last year, are well-known on Verden's auction stage. Three years ago, he presented Status Quo, who sold for 25,000 Euros. The great interest in his full brother very quickly became apparent. A customer from Canada proved to hold out the longest in the final bid-up. The celebrated premium stallion Rom presented his first foal vintage on Verden's auction. Rio by Rom/Stedinger (breeder/exhibitor: Holger Wills GbR, Hinte) convinced a renowned dressage trainer from Hesse to invest 14,000 Euros. Big Future by Big Star/Contendro (breeder/exhibitor: ZG Eggerking, Brinkum) became the most expensive, jumping-oriented foal. Equipped with a first-rate jumper pedigree, the impressive colt convinced customers from Argentina. When the time was up, the virtual gavel dropped at 15,500 Euros.

International customers from Canada, the USA, Spain, Finland, Argentina, Croatia, Denmark, France and Austria bought a total of 13 foals, while 16 foal will grow up in Germany. ■

Foal-Auction Online June 9th – Second top foal to Canada



Sir Colorful by Shu Fu/De Niro Photos: Fellner

Sir Colorful received 43 bids. At the end of the fourth online auction of Verden's Foal Spring was definite: As the top seller, the colorful chestnut colt found a new owner in Canada for 21,500 Euros. Hannover's youngest cost on average 8,146.55 Euros.

The interested parties made the final bid-up of the four online auction of Verden's Foal Spring exciting. When it came down to the wire on Thursday night at 7 PM, a lively back and fourth of bids started. 13 prospective customers were interested in the Shu Fu/De Niro-son Sir Colorful (breeder/exhibitor: Holger Dierks, Hamburg). The final bid was 21,500 Euros. He will grow up in the vicinity of Quebec together with the top selling foal from the previous foal auction, Status Quo II. Haily by Hardrock Z/Vigo D'Asouilles (breeder/exhibitor: ZG Janssen and Schubert, Niederlangen) became the highest priced jumper foal. The expressive, small filly sold for 13,500 Euros to a client in Hungary, who bought a horse in Verden for the first time.

The international interest in the foals was very high overall. In addition to both top-selling foals, another 14 out of 29 will change their nationality. Three foals sold to Belgium, two each to Argentina and Hungary. ■

Statistics

Foals

Offered for sale	29 foals
Foals sold	29 foals
Net proceeds	236,250.00 Euro
Average price	8,146.55 Euro
Top price	21,500.00 Euro
Lowest price	4,500 Euro

Price range

4,000 to 7,999 Euros	20 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros	3 foals
10,000 Euros and more	6 foals

Sold to areas

Germany	13 foals
International	16 foals

Foal-Auction Online June 23rd – Champagner at the finale



Veuve Clicquot by Valdiviani/Sir Donnerhall

The last of the five online auctions of Verden's Foal Spring ended with a very good result. The 32 selected representatives of the vintage from 2022 cost on average 10,320.31 Euros. With the befitting name of a well known champagne brand, Veuve Clicquot obtained the highest sale price. Ten customers were interested in the powerfully moving Valdiviani/Sir Donnerhall-son (breeder/exhibitor: Hans-Dieter Erfkemper, Borken). After almost 30 minutes, he sold for 33,500 Euros to regular Hannoveraner customers from Spain. This was not the first reason for the breeder to celebrate. Just a few weeks ago, Veuve Clicquot was pronounced Champion Foal of the foal show in Hünxe. Veuve Clicquot will not travel alone to Spain. The second most expensive foal, Franco's Hitparade by Franco Nero/Sandro Hit (breeder/exhibitor: Stefan Herr-

mann, Northeim) sold for 24,000 Euros to Andalusia as well. The highest priced foal with jumper genes will travel even further to get to his new home. Buyers from the USA bought the Conthargos/Chacco-Blue-daughter Candora (breeder/exhibitor: Marion Menck, Rübhorst). The bay filly out of the line of Naturkind sold for 13,500 Euros. She is the 32nd foal of the breeder, which found a new owner through Verden's auction program.

Verden's Foal Spring closed with a very satisfactory finale. Twelve representatives of the vintage from 2022 obtained sale prices with five digits. 18 out of 32 foals will most likely leave Germany. The largest contingent by far – a total of seven foals – sold to Spain. ■



Franco's Hitparade by Franco Nero/Sandro Hit

Statistics

Foals

Offered for sale	32 foals
Foals sold	32 foals
Net proceeds	330.250,00 Euro
Average price	10.320,31 Euro
Top price	33.500.000 Euro
Lowest price	4.000 Euro

Price range

4,000 to 7,999 Euros	17 foals
8,000 to 9,999 Euros	3 foals
10,000 Euros and more	12 foals

Sold to areas

Germany	15 foals
International	17 foals



Vice-World Champions

Hannover's young breeders became Vice World Champions; the senior team won the title in Ermelo/NED in July.

By Henrike Gehrdau-Schröder

The Hannoveraner young breeders became Vice-World Champions behind the Irish Sport Horse team.

Photos: Brüggemann

At the beginning of July, the WBFSH World Championships for Young Breeders took place in Ermelo, the Netherlands, after a two-year break due to the pandemic. 139 participants at the ages of 15 to 19 (juniors) and 20 to 25 (seniors) represented 22 breed associations from Belgium, Canada, France, Lithuania, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands and Germany.

The competition started on Thursday with the theory test and the opening ceremony in the arena called Amaliahal of the Nationaal Hippisch Centrum Ermelo. So the team set off very early from Verden to the Netherlands. After getting a first impression of the conditions and the tent accommodations at the facility, the competition started directly with completing an oral examination in English. The aim was to create a good basis for the final result with making as few mistakes as possible. The experienced seniors Merlin Campe, Wiebke Poppe, Sarah Scheerer and Laura Schuldt succee-

ded extremely satisfactorily. But also the young juniors Monja Ahlf, Jette Fischer, Karl Hendrik Rollwage and Rike Sander, who were inexperienced at the international level, laid the foundation for the later success. Afterwards, the WBFSH World Championships were officially opened. All teams received a festive welcome in the opening ceremony.

Loved by all: The in-hand presentation

On Friday, the sub-disciplines with a focus on judging were on the agenda. It started with the judging of free-jumping and free-running of seven horses in the arena called Amaliahal. First, two of the horses were pre-judged by the judges, i.e. the judges awarded marks, which gave the competition participants the opportunity to adjust to the judges' assessment. Merlin Campe, Rike Sander, Laura Schuldt and Sarah Scheerer proved to have a good eye and good intuition and took second, fourth and twice tenth place. Immediately afterwards, the conformation of two horses was pre-

judged and the conformation judging part began for the juniors with four horses. At the same time, the seniors prepared the horses in the stables. All participants had to braid manes and tails as neatly and evenly as possible, make the coat shine and grease the hooves. Turning out the horses is an additional competition, and does not count towards the overall ranking of the World Championships. After the presentation of the horse in front of the judging team, the starter teams changed disciplines.

In the conformation evaluation, Wiebke Poppe adjusted best to the judges and took a good twelfth place in a close ranking. The final presentation of the well-turned-out horse of the juniors marked the end of an exhausting day of competition. The highlight of the evening was the "fun competition", in which for instance mixed teams had to cover a distance hopping in BigBags, negotiating an obstacle course in the shortest possible time, and had to throw horseshoes as accurately as possible. Later in the evening, more conversations were entertained and, for a short period, the participants danced.

Saturday was all about the supreme discipline: Presenting horses in-hand. On two triangles, the juniors and seniors performed at the same time, which was not always easy for the coaches. All participants had great, convincing rounds. This was not an easy task at all, because some of the young horses broke away during the performances in the adjacent preparation area enjoying their short-lived freedom. Fortunately, all Hannoveraner participants finished the rounds with their four-legged friends in-hand and without any major incidents. Especially for the young junior team, it was by far the most exciting day. Laura Schuldt and Sarah Scheerer demonstrated their skills in the in-hand presentation, a discipline loved by all, and took sixth and ninth place in a strong field of competitors. For the Hannoveraner it remained exciting until the end. Laura Schuldt and Sarah Scheerer won bronze in the overall individual classification.



Yannick Pferdmenes became World Champion in the seniors. Together with Charlotte Annas and Leon Pferdmenes, he collected further top placings for the Rheinland.

The junior team, which was competing in its first major competition, finished in a great tenth place. To everyone's absolute delight, the senior team then took the victory and thus gold for Hannover. They could, however, only rejoice about winning the Vice World Championship-title in the overall ranking of both teams on the way home, because - due to a calculation error - the wrong rankings were announced. A great weekend ended with absolutely proud and happy coaches Dominik Brüggemann, Lisa Kurtz, Henrike Gehrdau-Schröder, Fiona Koch and Hanna Westermann. The young breeders from the Rheinland returned to Wickrath with an incredible result. With just four people, Leon Pferdmenes, Charlotte Annas and Yannick Pferdmenes and their trainer Stefan Baehren obtained various placings. The reward for hard work and huge commitment: Yannick Pferdmenes became World Champion in the division for seniors. As a rising leader at the equestrian centre, he is responsible for advising breeders. ■

The „Junior“ team (from left to right): Jette Fischer, Monja Ahlf, Karl Hendrik Rollwage and Rike Sander (top). Merlin Campe, Wiebke Poppe, Laura Schuldt and Sarah Scheerer (from left to right) became world champions in the senior team classification.

