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EDITORIAL

IN THE EYE OF HELLO SANCTOS



All off a sudden, on the giant screen of the indoor arena of the Geneva CHI in Palexpo, I saw only this.... Broad, dilated, sometimes haughty, distant and then, in the next second, soft, confident, calm. Meanwhile the hand of his rider who never ceased to caress his neck had become more insistent, urging.

The union that evening, was once again total – the union? The communion between two beings so different but so complementary: horse and man.

Everything was in the glance, in the eye, the pupil on which the cameraman – likely also fascinated – was zooming in: the bright eye of Hello Sanctos, standing completely still under the saddle of his rider, Scott Brash.

An eye that spoke volumes. An eye that could carry everyone back to the early times, when the first man approached the first horse. An eye that also recorded that this first horse was tamed in the first instance by a human.

From the eyes, hearts, bodies and personalities who have walked and evolved together in the fields, on the roads, from village to village, and also to the ends of the earth, in travel or in war, parading through – what is only seen today as equestrian sport – more than 30 centuries.

On this particular evening of December 14, in front of the audience in Geneva, Hello Sanctos had come to say his final 'goodbye' to competition. Born Sanctos van het Gravenhof, from the joining of the stallion Quasimodo van den Molendreef and the mare Nasia van het Gravenhof – a daughter of Nabab de Rêve – Hello Sanctos took us on a journey of remembrance, where he wanted us to go.

Perhaps to the so-called 'flat country' of Flanders, to the home of his breeder Willy Taets (now 82 years old), who had never imagined that he would breed such a phenom.

That's what Breeding News correspondent Jo de Roo, reminded us in 2015 when Hello Sanctos – of the sBs stud-book – was awarded as their best horse of the year after he carried Scott Brash to victory in the CP International Grand

Prix presented by Rolex at Spruce Meadows, Calgary, in September 2015, and in so doing became the first winners of the Rolex Grand Slam, following their victories in Geneva (December 2014) and Aachen (May 2015).

De Roo reminded us also about the story of Willy Taets and his love and passion for horses "Willy Taets was born among horses. August, his father, was a farmer and horse trader. In 1961, Willy married Mariette de Meyer and took over his mother-in-law's farm, starting with eleven cows and buying one draught-horse mare. Like many Belgian farmers, Taets bred a few horses, but suffered some bad luck when his draught mare died of colic 10 days after giving birth. So Taets bought a tractor and more cows! However, as his farm expanded, he started breeding showjumpers".

In conversation with De Roo, Taets recalled that, "During the extremely hot summer of 1976, Clement Vereecke sold a white Lipizzaner dam to me. He'd bought her from the horse market in Molenbeek. Out of this mare I bred several foals, including Dina (Guignolet) who became one of my foundation mares".

De Roo also quoted Jean Luc de Mayer who bought Sanctos from Willy Taets as four-year-old: "He was very easy and quiet to ride and, yes, even a little bit lazy, but once he was in the arena he changed into a great worker. His trumps are his mentality, prudence and zest for work. The prudence is a quality that he inherited from his sire, the performance blood and scope from his dam".

During these moments looking into the eye of Hello Sanctos in Geneva, this is all that crossed my mind: both the evidence and the improbability, the impossibility that a jumping horse, derived from a Lipizzan strain and considered a bit lazy, could in one moment incarnate the dream of a breeder, of all the breeders that we are.

It is so, in the eye of Hello Sanctos, on this Christmas Eve, that I pick the ink to write these lines with the lightness and conviction necessary to formulate our best wishes to all of you, dear breeders, dear readers, for 2020.

Xavier Libbrecht



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A SUCCESSFUL 25 YEARS



As 2019 drew to a close, we could take a look back at the year that marked the 25th anniversary of the WBFSH. This milestone was fittingly celebrated during the memorable WBFSH Annual Meetings held in Saumur France. We can say that the last 25 years have been successful. And almost the whole breeding world is now connected under the umbrella of the WBFSH, which attests to the necessity of an international organisation, and the projects it undertakes.

The development of International Estimated Breeding Values (IEBVs) is an interesting perspective for the future. The beginning of the IEBVs goes back 15 years, to a project called InterStallion, where the pros and cons of international breeding values were heavily debated between the WBFSH board, its executive committee, and representatives of the InterStallion group.

Politically it was a sensitive topic with conflicting opinions between stakeholders. It ultimately resulted in the decision that the WBFSH should step back from the project. The WBFSH was not, and still is not, in a position to force any of its members to participate in projects they do not want to be a part of. Fast-forward 15 years, and time allows for opinions to change as the breeding world changes. Evolution cannot be stopped. And it seems that from a political perspective, the international breeding world is now ready for collaborating in the development of IEBVs.

The WBFSH network consists of members that range from the big, powerful studbooks with a long history and tradition, to smaller, younger studbooks that are breeding horses to international standards. As an organisation that endeavours to support the development of all its members, the limitations that smaller or emerging studbooks have in terms of resources cannot be ignored. An exciting prospect has arisen for the

WBFSH to coordinate studbook data services through the online EQUIS Studbook Management Platform. This presents a significant opportunity for small studbooks who must currently limit their service offerings in order to control costs. By cooperating through the WBFSH these studbooks may realise some of the advantages enjoyed by the larger organisations.

The last 25 years have not been without its difficulties. But also, the future will see challenges that threaten the industry. New reproductive technologies increase breeding evolution and drive the market. But possible long-term economic impacts cannot be ignored. The globalisation and international traffic and sale of fresh and frozen semen, of embryos and ICSI

embryos have become very complex. Mare and stallion owners increasingly face problems of traceability of genetic material of their breeding stock. The WBFSH needs to help protect the industry and is working with a task group consisting of studbook representatives and stallion owners on developing a system of traceability for frozen semen, which might have the potential to extend to the traceability of embryos and oocytes as well.

In the end, the entire WBFSH network rests on the presence and passion of the breeders. Which is why the perfect ending to the year, was the Longines WBFSH Breeder Awards. The celebration of the WBFSH breeders of the year 2019, which took place for the first time in Lyon, France, was memorable and moving.

We now look forward to 2020 with hope, and with the motivation to rise the challenges that the future brings.

Wishing all our studbooks and breeders a bright start to a prosperous New Year.

Jan Pedersen
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(This commentary is intended to provoke discussion on elements of the sport horse breeding industry. It does not reflect a position of World Breeding News or of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses.)



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BRIEFS

German Sport Horses (DSP) come out on top in Ellwangen, as Coupiko wins the loose jumping competition. It's a tradition that in December the loose jumping competition is held in Ellwangen Röhlingen for three- and four-year-old sport horses. And the 2019 competition, that was truly international, was dominated by the German Sport Horses. A total of 20 three-year-old horses competed, in which the judges – Josef Weishaupt, Günther Karle, and Helmut Hartmann – saw high quality. In the final reckoning, it was Duplo, a son of Diarado's Boy out of a Canonicus dam was considered the best. He was bred by Georg Bojecznan and is proudly owned by Ina Odak. Duplo jumped every height with ease, and the bay gelding achieved the highest score of 9.40. Second, by just one-tenth of a point, was Cataleya di Cabri (Celestial x Colander), bred and owned by Tina Bernstein.



Coupiko (Photo: Doris Matthaes)

The winner of the four-year-old age-group had also been victorious during the 2019 German Sport Horse licensing in Munich. Coupiko (Coupie xKonkorde), bred by Bettina Winkler and owned by Klaus Isaak (Stud Spitzenhof), demonstrated for the second time this year, that he is a master of loose jumping. Always relaxed, he played with the heights and showed outstanding class. With a 9.50 for capability, 9.00 for technique for a 9.50 total, he topped the group of 11 presented horses. Second was another top-quality horse, a son of Naldo out of a dam by the Thoroughbred Rupue Star xx, bred and owned by Carmen Seuffer. **S.G.**

Licensing of the heavier Warmblood stallions from Sachsen-Thürigen: A total of 20 top quality young stallions were presented in Moritzburg to the licensing commission, of which nine were approved. The winner was the beautiful Elbfürst (Elbcapitän x Ellington x Geronimo), bred and owned by Christian Fischer from Burgstädt. Elbfürst will henceforth be standing at the Moritzburg stud. Reserve champion was the brother of last year's winner Claudius, whose father, Capitano, goes back to Lombard on the dam's side. The dark brown stallion was bred by Hilmar Hetmank from Ossling and was presented by Martin Rabe from Deuna. A further premium son of Edelstern out of the premium brood-mare Venja von Fireder was also licensed, alongside, Efeu, Effekt, Estephan, Lexter, Lombard and Löwenherz. **S.G.**

Two newcomers, Follow Him's Schönweide and Armison, shone as the celebrated Oldenburg main premium winners. When deciding which stallion is to receive a main premium, not only the stallion's achievements in sport but also the result of his performance test and, even more important, the quality of his first foal crop, are deciding factors. The celebrated main premium winner of the Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OL) was Follow Him's Schönweide, born 2015, by Follow Me out of Bellissima PJF by Sir Donnerhall I x Rohdiamant x De Niro, bred by Jürgen Fetzer, Zimmern, and owned by Hengststation René Tebbel. The dark brown was the 2017 premium stallion at the Oldenburg licensing. Last year, the stallion completed his 14-day test with a final dressage score of 8.38, receiving nines for his interior, character, motivation, rideability, and third-party rider. He recently completed his 50-day test with an overall score of 8.51, earning a 9.00 for his walk. Follow Him's Schönweide has already been successful in dressage tests for young horses under the saddle of Pascal Kandziora. The silver medal went to Fürst Toto, born 2015, by Fürstenball out of Thery by Totilas x Londonderry x Sandro Hit, bred and owned by Paul Schockemöhle's Gestüt Lewitz. The stallion was licensed in 2017. Last year, the dark bay completed his 50-day-test with a final score of 8.46, receiving nines for his interior, character, motivation and walk. Bronze was awarded to La Vie, born 2015, by Livaldon out of Sarafina by Scolari x Wolkenstein II x Ritual, bred by Heinz Gerdes, Hude, and owned by Dressurpferde Leistungszentrum Lodbergen. At the beginning of the year, La Vie completed his sports test and finished with a final score of 8.24. Under Therese Nilshagen the chestnut stallion had already been victorious in dressage tests for young horses at class A. Victory in the main premium of the Springpferdezuchtverband Oldenburg-International (OS) went to Armison, born 2014, by Armitage out of Just Me D by Cicero Z x Skippy II x Feo, bred by Pierre van der Linden, Belgium, and owned by Henrik Klatte, Klein Roscharden. The stallion was licensed in 2016 in Vechta. The chestnut stallion finished his 14-day-test in 2017 with a jumping final score of 9.28. Last year, Armison got a final score of 8.08 for the first part of his sports test, and this year he got an 8.73 for the second part, with a score of 9.20 for his jumping ability. Armison was this year several times successful in showjumping medium classes under the saddle of Sebastian Elias.

The South German Breeding Association has announced that Fritz Fleischmann (39), the former sales manager for the Baden-Württemberg Horse Breeding Association will take over the vacant position of marketing manager in Leutershausen. Having won his Golden Equestrian Badge, Fleischmann completing his riding master training under the watchful eye of Hubertus Schmidt. A degree in business administration completed his professional training, as well as practical experience as an auction rider and sales manager of the Marbach weekend. His national and international network is expected to boost the riding horse marketing for SGA.



Clinton (Corrado I - Urte x Masetto) ridden by Dirk Demeersman

Clinton: The true value of pure Holstein ancestors

BY ADRIANA VAN TILBURG

PHOTOGRAPHY: PETER LLEWELLYN, AND PERSONAL COLLECTION

To understand the pedigree of a mare or stallion it is important that you know the ancestors. If we look at Clinton's pedigree below, at first glance we might think that he's 100% Holstein – bred by Rudolf Wieck and belonging to Stamm 8829. Indeed, the Stamm number – beginning with the number '1' – already indicates a late-registered mare line, according to the first ever book that recorded mare line families which was published in 1886.

The younger the mare line, the higher the number. Currently the Holsteiner Verband has about 9,000 Stamma, many of which are no longer active.

The Trakehner mare line of Leonore

The mare Brischka (Raimond - Loni x Lachteufel, bred by Rheder Thormählen) has a Trakehner dam, and the fourth dam on his maternal side is also Takehner.

If you read the literature about English Thoroughbreds, it is often said that you should look at six generations. So what are these two other generations? I have asked myself this question for several years. Although online databases show the motherline with several generations, I couldn't find information about it. In this case, however, it is not only about bloodlines, it also bring a black page in history and culture to the table and, thanks to Neel Heinrich Schoof, the son of a well-known Holsteiner breeder, who now works for the Trakehner Verband, I got in contact with Erhard Schulte. A passionate man who knows a lot about Trakehner horses, who was on the board of directors for a long time, and is still an honorable member of the Trakehner Verband. He organizes journeys to the old East Prussia to discover more about the history of this fascinating breed.

So, let's take a step back in history. In 1944 the Russian Army advanced closer to East Prussia, what was then a part of

Germany. After the First World War, it was separated from Germany with an area belonging to Poland in between. By January 1945 the situation had turned very dangerous, and several very tragic incidents had already occurred.

At that time, Trakehnen was once the biggest breeding farm in Europe with 1,200 horses, as well as privately owned mares totalling 25,000, and 1,000 stallions. Suddenly, forced to evacuate, and a desperate journey to the west started – more than 1,000 kilometres, including 80 kilometres over the frozen East Sea (including das Fisches Haff).

Reports vary about the number of horses that eventually survived, but it was apparently between 1,000 and 1,500, one of whom was the mare Leonore (Bürge - Lola x Pirol, bred by M. Jonat). Alongside another mare, she pulled a wagon and made it to Schleswig-Holstein, where other horses from this trek died. What is even more astonishing is that she was in foal, kept the foal, and gave birth to a healthy filly christened Loni (Lachteufel, bred by I. Niemann) who was born in 1945.

In East Prussia, Leonore had already become a highly rated premium mare, born in the Tilsit-Ragnit district in the central breeding area of Trakehner horses on the Memel, and likely sold as a foal to the Niemann family from Kobylinnen, in the district of Lyck. In West Germany, in addition to the mentioned Loni, she produced three more foals, of which Lore, born in 1947 by the Holsteiner Notruf, and the Trakehner daughter Libelle von Heidedichter, born in 1949,

CLINTON (1993)	CORRADO I HOLST (1985)	COR DE LA BRYÈRE SF (1968)	RANTZAU XX THOROUGHBRED (1946)	FOXLIGHT XX (1935) RANCUNE XX (1940)	FOXHUNTER XX - CHOUJA XX CAVALIERE D'ARPIP XX - ROCKELLA XX
			QUENOTTE SF (1960)	LURIOSO (SF: 1955) VESTALE DU BOIS MARGOT (SF: 1942)	FURIOSO XX - RIQUETTE (SF) LANDAU (SF) - KRISTINE DU BOIS MARGOT (SF)
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			EMITA HOLST (1968)	COLONEL (HOLST: 1961) VOLTE (HOLST: 1961)	COTTAGE SON XX - PIAVE (HOLST) LOGGER (HOLST) - HAESIN (HOLST)
		OHRA HOLST (1977)	LANDGRAF I HOLST (1966)	LADYKILLER XX (1961) WARTHBURG (HOLST: 1962)	SAILING LIGHT XX - LONE BEECH XX ALDATO (HOLST) - SCHNEENELKE (HOLST)
			BRIKSCHA HOLST (1965)	RAIMOND (HOLST: 1960) LYCK (HOLST: 1952)	RAMZES X (AA) - INFRA (HOLST) TOTILAS (TRAK) - LONI (TRAK)

whose branch is now extinct.

Lachteufel was a respected state stallion in Rastenburg and was born at the private Birkenfeld stud where Gimpel, the two-time Berlin 1936 Olympian and team Olympic dressage champion was bred.

Bürge was a state stallion in Georgenburg, born in Götzhofen in Memelland, where the legendary Dampfroß was raised, and was one of the best sires in East Prussia, as well as his ancestor, Pirol, who also worked as a main stallion in Trakehnen. All three of them were renowned because they took top positions in the supply of remonten – young cavalry riding horses. It was only the very early years of high performance sport.

Luna the last Trakehner mare

The mare Loni gave birth to a filly, Luna (Modekönig or Totilas, bred by W. Badel) born in 1952. Because all the official papers state that she is by Totilas I, that's the path I've followed. The sire Totilas (Pythagoras - Tonteube x Pilger, bred by the Hauptgestüt Trakehnen) was approved as a three year old and was at the state stud Georgenburg. He also survived the trek as a seven-year-old stallion and became a very important sire. He has 91 listed offspring, and I also found an online article written by Dr. Horst Willer that mentions 60 registered Trakehner-bred daughters. He reached the very respectable age of 27, and I quote from the book *Adel Verpflichtet* written by Claus Schridde, page 61: "Totilas was an outstanding improver of the type and gave his offspring especially an unmistakably beautiful face."

In the same trek were also Semper Fi and Abglanz. Semper Fi is the sireline of Stakkato while Abglanz is the sireline of Arko III (Argentinus). Unfortunately, the Totilas stallion line no longer exists but, for a long time in the Netherlands, for both the Gelderlander horse and KWPN, his stallions were active. For instance, the stallion Wagenaar, who jumped at Im60.

Coincidentally, Luna was competing under the saddle of a very young Harm Thormählen, while Loni was jumping at Im20 and Im30 level in 1959, and later also competed under the same saddle. Thormählen recalls: "That mare was so special. I still have a photo from when I was jumping her in the German championships in Berlin. This was just before the time when the wall came, there was so much chaos. Luna already jumped at Im40 because my father bought her for me to become my junior horse. She was a very clever horse, super to ride and I remember she had a very good mouth. I remember that my father used Raimond for her and I am sure her Frivol xx daughter was also born here because Frivol xx was stationed close to our farm." Luna gave birth to three fillies, Lucretia (Frivol xx) who jumped successfully at Im40, her

sister Legende (Marlon xx), and a third, Brischka.

The line continues in Holstein

Brischka produced several sporthorses who jumped at the Im20, the best being a Landgraf I daughter, Ohra, who was known in sport as Olympia 24.

Peter Claussen, who was the breeding manager at the Haidkoppel studfarm, recalls: "We purchased Brischka from the horse dealer Reimers. Harm Thormählen rode her mother with quite some success. Brischka's daughter Ohra was an outstanding mare, she had a beautiful type and was very modern for her time. She competed at Im50 level under the saddle of Karsten Huck and Dirk Schröder and we then brought her back from sport. We sold her daughter Urte I (Masetto) as a youngster to Rudolf Wieck, and when Clinton was a foal we bought him from Wieck – his breeder. We sold him again quite soon, and with a few detours he was sold to Belgium."

Karsten Huck remembers Ohra very well, saying: "I rode her in 1984 and in 1985. She was a beautiful, tall mare and had a great character. Dirk Schröder rode her after me and she jumped very well with him. She had a very positive willingness to perform, she always wanted to be clear and she had a lot of scope. Her canter could have been better and with the jump she was a bit straight in the back."

Rudolf Wieck, Clinton's breeder remembers: "I purchased Urte I as a foal from Heinz Heinike. She had a good character and was a modern horse. Almost all her offspring went to Belgium, including Urte I. Also the full sister of Clinton, was a modern type of horse."

Clinton was sold to Georg Claussen as a weaned foal and was later purchased by Team Nijhof. And so began the next chapter of the Clinton line in the Netherlands. Currently only one mare is still registered in the Holsteiner Studbook, while others have spread their wings to Belgium and Westfalia.

MNS Franziska – Clinton's full sister

Clinton has one full sister, MS Franziska. She was leased to Hubert Hamerlinck when she was four years old, at which time she was covered by Concept (Concerto II - Florina I x Langata Express xx, Stamm 275) with the resulting offspring being Contact van de Heffinck. Eight years ago MS Franziska she moved to Belgium, to Stefaan Delabie, who recalls: "I'd already known MS Franziska since she was a foal, because after Henk Nijhof and Hubert Hamerlinck purchased Clinton we visited the breeder. There we met Clinton, his mother Urte I, and MS Franziska. We kept in touch with the breeder and made the agreement that if he ever wanted to sell MS Franziska he should call me. That is exactly what happened. Later I went



Luna, jumping with young Harm Thormählen

back to get Urte I and brought her to Hubert Hamerlinck. Unfortunately he had no luck with her, but I am very happy with MS Franziska. She is now 26 and has already given one approved son here in Belgium: Prestige van het Kluizebos (Halifax van het Kluizebos). So the two lines that I have are combined in this stallion, because I am also the breeder of Halifax van het Kluizebos.”

The line blossoms also in the Westfalian Studbook. Kerrin II (Carthago - Urte I x Masetto, bred by Rudolf Wieck) was sold to the owner of Cornet Obolensky and Comme il faut: Zhaskiv Equestrian. Alongside Kerrin II, some daughters were also sold to Zhaskiv Equestrian, and a stallion was presented at this year's Westfalian stallion approvals showing Kerrin as the fourth mother.

So, the line went from the Trakhener Studbook, to the Holsteiner Studbook, to the BWP, and is now also active in Westfalia.

The remarkable Clinton

Clinton was first co-owned by Henk Nijhof and Hubert Hamerlinck, and was raised in Belgium for the approvals by the latter. Melanie Hamerlinck recalls: “Clinton was of course very special to us, together with Fuego du Prelet and Orlando he put our company on the world map a bit more. In the end, stallions like Clinton and Heartbreaker meant a lot in breeding, especially in Belgium, and we owned both stallions. We still have the BWP-approved stallion Prestige van het Kluizebos from his dam line, whose dam is a full sister of Clinton that we co-own with a friend.”

Naturally, the eyes of Henk Nijhof Snr, and Jeannette Nijhof start to glow when they are being asked about Clinton, who they agree was a once-in-a-lifetime stallion. “Clinton had a lot of character, already as a young horse. This made him unsuitable for the KWPN system so we sent him to Hubert Hamerlinck, just as we had done with Heartbreaker. Clinton needed a special rider who was Dirk Demeersman. When we called Dirk to tell him that Clinton was having health problems he came right away. We sat together in front of his box and recalled fond memories. Did you know that Clinton had to have a special way of flying? That he should be alone in a box? When he had to go to the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004 this was not organized at the airport. Dirk Demeersman did not load Clinton onto the plane, but put Clinton him on the truck and drove him to the Olympic Games, and then to finish fourth shows the bond between these two and the strength of Clinton.”

Stefaan Delabie adds his own commentary to this partnership: “These two were made each other, Dirk was the perfect rider for Clinton. I think it would have been very difficult to find a different rider with whom he would have had the same results. Clinton was a genius and his qualities were unbelievable and Dirk knew how to make him shine, even if it was not an easy journey.”

Today, Clinton's offspring are well known and their information can be found on several websites. But the story

behind Clinton is not so familiar. Seventy-five years ago his ancestors had to escape from the Second World War. It was a journey survived by only the fittest horses, of which Leonore was one, and also in foal. Her strength and character was inherited by Clinton. ■

I am very grateful for the help I received from the Trakehner Verband, from Neel Heinrich Schoof and Erhard Schulte.

In Dirk Demeersman's own words

I rode Clinton for the first time when he was five years old. At the first jump I thought that with this horse I want to go to the Olympics! That was not very realistic because he had a very strong character, and a special mouth, contrary to what many people think, he was very soft and sensitive in the mouth.

We did the five-year-old cycle and, as a six-year-old I rode him again and jumped a few times internationally with varying success. He sometimes dared to strike, and 'no' was 'no' with Clinton.

When he was seven, Aachen organized a stallion competition in January, when the first day he jumped his first 1m50.... And how! Clear round, clear in the jump-off, and fifth place among all the older stallions. It was a great feeling which was confirmed again when he did national and small international shows. During that winter I took him to competitions such as Vienna, London-Olympia, Mechelen, as second or third horse, and he always came home with prizes. As an eight year old he was fully employed in breeding. Then, in October, he jumped his first Grand Prix competition in Helsinki, and from then on I regularly rode him in bigger classes.

When he turned nine the real sport started with very varying success. Most of the time he stayed at Van de Heffinck's Stud and I drove 240 kilometres a day to ride him. That same summer a new groom started working for me and two days before the competition he drove with me to get to know Clinton. During our trip I told him what an amazing stallion he was and that I could go to the Olympics with him. The following weekend, in a big class during the second day of the competition, three fences down, and he parked himself 30 metres from the ditch [water jump] – so no chance! When I came out of the ring – and this is a good one – the groom said 'do you want to go to the Games with something like that?' Fortunately the following competitions were better and they became close friends, so together we went to the Olympic Games. He had to respect you otherwise you couldn't do anything with him.

He also didn't like transportation, one time I had to stop on the way back from Spain to call a vet to give him something to calm him down because he was renovating the truck. Later we arranged the truck differently and he traveled super. So well that he even went to the Athens Games by truck. I have had not much luck with his offspring that I have ridden. One had a bit too much Clinton level but not the qualities he had, the other had not a good health. Ugano Sitte approached his father closely with qualities with a much softer character, but unfortunately faith decided otherwise and he died very young. I am sure that Ugano was a real winner.

So to say in short, Clinton was very special for me.

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Carthago Sun I legacy to CWHBA on his passing

BY CHRIS GOULD / CWHBA

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In late 2019, the important and influential Canadian Warmblood breeding stallion, Carthago Sun I (Carthago - Davos x Schampus xx) passed away. Born in 1996, he spent his breeding years in Alberta. Carthago Sun I was bred by Joe Selinger founder of JES Breeding Farm and St Georges Stable in Calgary.

Joe Selinger and his wife Edda stood 'Sunny' on their farm throughout his entire career, where he sired over 100 offspring. This number may seem small by European standards, but in the Canadian context it is very large.

His dam, Davos, imported by Selinger from Germany, was one of his foundation mares, bringing the valuable blood of Julio Mariner xx and Landgraf I to Canada. An early adopter of frozen semen, Selinger used stallions such as Calido, Coriander and Carthago I on Davos. However, it was Carthago that really clicked, producing three sons, two of which went on to be the approved stallions Carthago Sun I and III. Carthago Sun III continues at stud in Alberta with Wachter Horses.

In spite of losing his right eye early in life, Carthago Sun I, after becoming champion stallion at the CWHBA stallion performance test, went on to have a successful sport career competing up to 1m30. Many of his offspring, such as Cataline (Carthago Sun I x Power – Pilot) under the saddle of Tayah Sobie, and Condor II (out of Colibri x Caletto I), followed him into the jumper ring at Spruce Meadows and venues across Canada.

Jennette Coote, CWHBA studbook committee member, followed his career from the beginning. "As one of the early



Chile (Carthago Sun I - Cicada x Ferro)

Canadian-bred stallions to be approved, he had a huge impact. A high percentage of his offspring were mares and very athletic performers."

To emphasize this point, consider the full sisters Cera 99 and Cita 2000 out of Colibri (Caletto I). Both were CWHBA riding test champions. Cita 2000 was then exported to Germany where she competed successfully in five- and six-year-old young horse classes. Cera 99 was the first of many Sunny offspring that Calgary rider and trainer Andrea

Harris competed on over the years. Prominent on the list is Chile (Cicada x Ferro) a mare she competed to 1m30. In Harris's words; "Sunny was a remarkable stallion. I can't think of a single one that did not exceed expectations and I have had many. Chile was special; she was fast and careful, maybe too careful. Now she is an excellent broodmare producing for us."

Clearly the longer term impact of this stallion will be through his daughters. With a significant number of registered daughters – many already entered and active in the breeding books – the future effect will be long lasting. The CWHBA offers condolences and thanks to JES Breeding Farm, for the outstanding contribution Carthago Sun I has made to the Canadian breeding program. ■



Carthago Sun I, competing at Spruce Meadows, Calgary

Auction prices soar during the end-of-year sales

BY AURÉLIE COVINI

No fewer than six horses exceeded the one million euro price mark in auctions this year, all during the last quarter. And, if new auctions are now confirmed, traditional sales like PSI or those that take place during the various approvals in Germany always represent safe values and react well to a constantly changing market. And a stallion like Chacco-Blue, with a turnover close to five million euros for his offspring has never been seen before!

If the number of horses sold has continued to increase over the whole year, the volume sold in the last quarter of 2018 has been eclipsed in 2019 – a massive 36% increase: 1,614 horses sold from in the quarter ending December 2019, compared to 1,187 sold in 2018).

The increase in online sales has now also been consolidated, and new concepts are emerging. For example, we are now seeing more rhinestones and sequins in the pedigrees of the horses themselves, with blue-blooded ancestral papers. Similarly, impressive in the last quarter were the prestigious shows hosting auctions, such as the ‘Auction by Arqana’ at the Bouglione Circus in the French capital during the Longines masters of Paris in early December. Very glitzy and glamorous events, with a limited number of exclusive horses for sale in the same conceptual vein as ‘The Ten Auction’ when specialists draw up the selection of horses to be sold.

This tradition is still widely accepted and, indeed, expected with the PSI sale which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year, and which again posted great results that produced seven of the top 10 prices of this quarter.

The promoting of ‘self made’ stallions is an important part of the sales work and, if, thanks to ICSI, not all Chacco-Blue offspring are sold in sales linked to PSI, the various sales have contributed towards creating prominent stallions thanks to famous German promotion, such as Messenger, Conthargos, Vivant van de Heffinck, or even London, who was listed in the PSI catalogue a few years ago.

Great investments

During this 40th PSI Auction, V-Plus Gold (Vivaldi), a full brother to Harmony’s V-Plus, the top price of the 39th PSI edition, was sold for €1.3 million to lucky new owners, the Luxembourg-based stable Dressage Grand-Ducal. Frederic Wandres will continue riding this exceptional stallion with the goal of qualifying for the world championships for young dressage horses. V-Plus Gold was also one of the personal highlights for dressage PSI co-founder Ulli Kasselmann. “I know all the horses very well, but V-Plus Gold in particular has developed enormously over the past few months and is now going into the best of hands. They have been great friends of PSI and have also given us the opportunity to

continue his further training and preparation for the big sport.”

Brisbane (Bordeaux x Sir Donnerhall) was the second most expensive dressage horse which was sold to American Leslie Malone of Harmony Sport Horses for €1.05 million. This stable also bought Zomancier (Zonik x Fürst Romancier) for €350,000.

The highest selling jumping horse, Chacco’s Lando

DRESSAGE STALLIONS RANKED ACCORDING TO TOTAL SALES

Stallion	Total sales	Volume	Average
Dream Boy	1,911,040	2	955,520
Cadeau Noir	1,904,000	2	952,000
Vivaldi	1,594,000	7	227,714
Bordeaux	1,486,000	4	371,500
Zonik	1,363,990	4	340,998
Fürstenball	1,345,000	15	89,667
Vitalis	1,258,620	16	78,664
Bon Coeur	1,005,000	9	111,667
Fürst Romancier	960,500	7	137,214
San Amour I	895,040	8	111,880
Dimaggio	734,000	6	122,333
Borsalino	725,500	16	45,344
Morricone I	719,000	7	102,714
For Romance I	627,250	13	48,250
De Niro	523,000	15	34,867
Foundation	485,000	6	80,833
Benicio	470,500	9	52,278
Asgard's Ibiza	453,500	8	56,688
Sir Heinrich	436,000	11	39,636
Totilas	419,500	7	59,929
Governor	413 800	2	206,900
Don Nobless	404,000	9	44,889
Quantensprung	386,000	14	27,571
Danone I	384,500	9	42,722
Bon Bravour	335,000	2	167,500
For Romance II	318,000	4	79,500
Livaldon	298,500	8	37,313
Finest	271,000	15	18,067
Fürsten-Look	262,500	6	43,750
Scuderia	260,000	5	52,000
Millennium	247,000	10	24,700
Danciano	242,000	2	121,000

(Chacco-Blue x Lando) followed soon after. This exquisitely bred stallion is closely related to Ukato, who has gained great success with Willem Greve, or the amazing Explosion W with Ben Maher. Chaccos Lando sold for €1.25 million, while another jumping horse, Chadonia PS, sold for precisely €1.00 million.

The 2019 PSI Auction delivered the highest total turnover in the event's 40-year history, setting a new record at €19.15 million. The dressage collection sold for a total of €9.59 million with an average price of €383,960. The jumping collection achieved a total of €9.56 million, an average price of €398,333.

Paul Schockemöhle himself commented on the quality of the collection; "There are several horses, who have the talent to make it to the very top in sport. I can't name a particular favorite, but I owe a great deal of success to a horse that no longer stands in the public spotlight – Askan.

Catalogue number 39, Chadonia PS, is from the same family and has the potential to follow in her famous relative's footsteps. I am sure we will see her again." However, two other horses eclipsed Chadonia's price at the PSI Auction.

Hanoverian sensation

One of the major sensations of the quarter came from the Hanoverian Stallion Licensing and Stallion Sales 2019, on October 26. A total of 63 stallions were licensed, 15 of whom were awarded a premium. The licensed stallions that were sold achieved an average price of €91,632 at the subsequent sale. The first stallion to enter the Niedersachsenhalle was a son of Cadeau Noir from a Licosto mare, bred by Walter Wöhlke, Geestland. The expressive bay from the dam line of Schwaby, who is equipped with everything a great dressage horse needs, eventually sold for €1,890,000. However, it wasn't only the quality of the stallion that the audience will remember, but also the knock-down itself, which initially caused considerable irritation and forced auctioneer Bernd Hickert take up the bidding again. Finally, the sale to Mrs. Gutman, head of Gestut Bonhomme did not make everybody happy, however. Andreas Helgstrand and Paul Schockemöhle, who partnered to acquire the famous stallion, considered that the auctioneer had quite simply ignored their bidding on several occasions. For this reason they left the auction-room and explained their dissatisfaction in a press release a few days later.

But Andreas Helgstrand was able to console himself a few weeks later during the Westfalian stallion licensing in Munster-Handorf at the end of November. In a bidding duel, he and his long-time investor, Hanni Toosbuy Kasprzak, became the new owners of Dynamic Dream (Dream Boy x Sir Donnerhall) for €1.9 million. This beautiful Dutch-bred stallion was named the champion of the 2019, and although he was bred in the Netherlands by Mr Van der Laan, he was registered with the Westfalian studbook.

Embryos still popular

The trend for embryos is still very high, particularly for special damlines, and centred on a few families such as Usha van't Roosakker and all her daughters, as well as Diamantina van't Ruytershof, Emerald's full sister, and the Tabelle van Sombeke damline is also very bankable even if a buyer has no other information other than a glossy paper pedigree.

Stallions like Chacco-Blue and Heartbreaker are still very successful with ICSI, and their embryos are being offered more in auctions, but with very high average prices. Will the ever-increasing supply thanks to new reproductive techniques slow down the embryo market? Perhaps 2020 will provide something of an answer. ■

The tables feature sales rankings occurring between September 26 and December 20, 2019, with 1,614 horses sold: 621 dressage, 993 showjumping.

JUMPING STALLIONS RANKED ACCORDING TO TOTAL SALES			
Stallion	Total sales	Volume	Average
Chacco-Blue	4,950,600	23	15,243
Cornet Obolensky	1,113,170	52	21,407
Messenger	1,050,000	5	10,000
Conthargos	979,550	15	65,303
Emerald	844,500	14	60,321
Vivant van de Heffinck	717,000	8	89,625
Kannan	692,000	18	38,444
Casall	640,000	23	27,826
Cabachon	612,900	4	153,225
Vigo d'Arsoailles	606,250	4	151,563
Elvis ter Putte	600,000	1	600,000
Urlevant du Bary	560,000	1	60,000
For Pleasure	524,000	8	65,500
Cornet's Balou	471,000	3	57,000
London	440,750	6	73,458
Stakkatol	427,500	4	106,875
Centadel	400,000	2	200,000
Chopin VA	400,000	1	400,000
Don Diarado	332,000	2	166,000
Heartbreaker	330,500	8	41,313
Eldorado van de Zeshoek	323,500	6	53,917
Million Dollar	296,820	10	29,682
Diamant de Semilly	293,820	15	19,588
Diarado	290,260	13	22,328
Cristallo II	287,900	3	95,967
Cantolar	270,750	2	135,375
Diatendro	270,000	2	135,000
Comme Il Faut	263,900	14	18,850
Balou du Rouet	256,720	10	25,672
Diacontinus	243,500	10	24,350
Stolzenberg	222,500	10	22,250
Cumano	220,000	1	220,000
Nabab de Reve	209,500	5	41,900
I'm Special de Muze	197,000	4	49,250

SPORT HORSES SOLD FOR €300,000 AND MORE (TOTAL OF 1078 HORSES SOLD) :

Name (YOB/Studbook/gender/sire/dam/damsire)	Orientation	Price	Sale/Auction
Dynamic Dream (2017/Westf/st Dream Boy - Safira x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	1,900,000	14 th Westfalian
Cat #54 (2017/Hann/st Cadeau Noir - Lilly Fee x Licosto)	Dressage	1,890,000	Hanoverian Market
V-Plus Gold (2015/Oldbg/st Vivaldi - Farah x Fürst Romancier)	Dressage	1,300,000	PSI
Chacco's Lando (2013/OS/st Chacco-Blue - Leonie Landa x Lando)	Jumping	1,250,000	PSI
Brisbane (2015/Oldbg/m Bordeaux - Sondra x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	1,050,000	PSI
Chadonia PS (2012/Hann/m Chacco-Blue - Chidina Z x Chicago Z)	Jumping	1,000,000	PSI
Zantana (2014/Oldbg/m Zonik - Sondra x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	955,000	PSI
Chato-Lou PS (2013/OS/g Chacco-Blue - Celoubette x Cento)	Jumping	770,000	PSI
Chalouries PS (2014/OS/st Chacco-Blue - Bangolan x Baloubet Du Rouet)	Jumping	770,000	PSI
V-98 (2017/Hann/st Vitalis - Black Baccara x Bon Bravour)	Dressage	720,000	Hanoverian Market
For Romance II (2013/Oldbg/st Fürst Romancier - Gesina x)	Dressage	700,000	PSI
Saniola (2015/Oldbg/m San Amour I - Fürstin Fantasia x Fürst Romancier)	Dressage	700,000	PSI
B-40 (2017/Oldbg/st Bon Coeur - Liva x De Niro)	Dressage	660,000	Körung Vechta
Mesquidam PS (2013/OS/g Messenger - Romance de Pleville x Quidam de Revel)	Jumping	650,000	PSI
Elvaro-Star PS (2014/OS/g Elvis ter Putte - Casarena x Calvaro Z)	Jumping	600,000	PSI
Vigakata PS (2012/OS/m Vigo d'Arsoilles - Stavari x Stakkato)	Jumping	570,000	PSI
Dakota de l'Ardrais (2013/SF/g Urlevent du Bary - Quistinic Kergroas x Elan de la Courquistinic Kergroas)	Jumping	560,000	Auction by Arqana
Chacsara OLD (2013/OS/m Chacco-Blue - Sarastra Louba x Baloubet du Rouet)	Jumping	490,000	PSI
Vicco Blue PS (2014/OS/st Vivant van de Heffinck - Chacozette x Chacco-Blue)	Jumping	410,000	PSI
Corblue PS (Corney's Balou - Chacanne x Chacco-Blue)	Jumping	405,000	PSI
Gin Tonic (2015/Oldbg/g Governor - Diamond's Girl x Diamond Hit)	Dressage	400,000	PSI
Chincher (2017/Holst/st Chopin VA - Camara VA x Clarimo Ask)	Jumping	400,000	Holsteiner Stallions
Noortje van het Houterhof (2013/BWP/m Emerald - Cevina van het Houterhof x Orlando)	Jumping	400,000	Auction by Arqana
Belle Petit (2015/Hann/m Bordeaux - Soraya x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	370,000	PSI
Foundizia OLD (2016/Oldbg/m Foundation - Honiza x Blue Hors Hotline)	Dressage	370,000	PSI
Zomancier (2014/Oldbg/g Zonik - First Diva x Fürst Romancier)	Dressage	350,000	PSI
Bon Gregoria PS (2015/Oldbg,m Bon Bravour - Zaubermaus x Don Gregory)	Dressage	320,000	PSI
Flavour II OLD (2015/Oldbg/st Fürstenball - Lola x Lauries Crusador xx)	Dressage	320,000	PSI
Today's Hit (2015/Oldbg/st Totilas - Destination x Don Gregory)	Dressage	320,000	PSI
F-48 (2017/Hann/st For Romance I - When I Dance x Vivaldi)	Dressage	300,000	14 th Westfalian
Fürst Ampere (2016/Hann/st Fürstenball - Fidenza x Ampere)	Dressage	300,000	PSI
Chagolando PS (2014/OS/st Chacco-Blue - Colanda x Conthargos)	Jumping	300,000	PSI
D-22 (2017/OS/st Don Diarado - Carla x Conthargos)	Jumping	300,000	Körung, Vechta

AUCTIONS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

October 26:	Hanoverian stallion market, Verden (GER)
November 2:	Holsteiner Stallion Auction, Neumunster (GER)
November 23:	Stallion Körung Auction, Vechta(GER)
November 27:	14 th Westfalen Stallion Auction, Munster (GER)
December 5:	The Auction By Arqana-Cirque Bouglione, Paris (FRA)
December 8:	40 th PSI Elite Auction, Ankum (GER)

FOALS AND EMBRYOS SOLD FOR €24,500 AND MORE (TOTAL OF 536 FOALS AND EMBRYOS SOLD)

Name (YOB/Studbook/gender/sire/dam/damsire)	Orientation	Price	Sale/Auction
Big Brand (2019/Oldbg/c Bonds - Silent Night x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	57,000	91st Oldenburg
Embryo (2020/? Chacco-Blue - Lady D van't Roosakker x Diamant De Semilly)	Jumping	41,000	Z Embryos Online
Embryo (2020/? Comme Il Faut - Gatoucha van't Roosakker Diamant De Semilly)	Jumping	40,500	Z Embryos Online
Q-Acht (2019/Hann/c Q-Sieben - Cinderella W x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	40,000	Medingen
Quite Shiny (2019/Oldbg/f Q-Sieben - Weijana x Fürst Heinrich)	Dressage	40,000	Medingen
Embryo (2020/? Tobago Z -Baby Fee des Hazalles x President)	Jumping	36,000	Z Embryos Online
Especiale (2019/KWPN/f Zirocco Blue - It's Especiale x Chacco-Blue)	Jumping	36,000	Limburgse Foals
Bella-Borsalina (2019/Hann/f Borsalino - Divina DKG x Lantino)	Dressage	35,000	Medingen
Embryo (2020/? Baloubet du Rouet - Babouchka de Hus x Levistan)	Jumping	33,000	Z Embryos Online
Breakdancer (2019/Hann/c Borsalino - Stella x Stedinger)	Dressage	32,000	Medingen
Quenisha (2019/Hann/f Q-Sieben - Romaria x Christ)	Dressage	32,000	Medingen
Embryo (2020/? Chacco-Blue - Hera van't Roosakker x Wandor van de Mispelaere)	Jumping	32,000	Fences Online
Faithful YL (2019/SWB/c Franklin - Etopia C x Sandro Hit)	Dressage	31,280	SWB Elite
Embryo (2020/? Untouchable - Diamantina van't Ruytershof x Diamant de Semilly)	Jumping	30,500	Fences Online
Euer Ehren (2019/Westf/c Escolar - Suomi x Sir Donnerhall I)	Dressage	30,000	58 th Westfalian
Quentchen Gluck (2019/Hann/c Quantensprung - Donna Bella x De Niro)	Dressage	30,000	Medingen
Corvette ZG (2019/Z/c Cornet Obolensky - Elanoir ZG x Diamant de Semilly)	Jumping	30,000	Limburgse Foals
Good Luck Chuck (2019/SWB/c Chacco-Blue - Lucky Star x Cassini II)	Jumping	27,600	SWB Elite
Embryo (2020/? Chacco-Blue - Cordiana Hero Z x Cornet Obolensky)	Jumping	27,000	Woodlands
Embryo (2020/? Cornet Obolensky - Goya x Kannan)	Jumping	26,500	Ekestrian
Embryo (2020/? Kashmir van Schuttershof - Goya x Kannan)	Jumping	26,500	Fences Online
Optimal CML (2019/SWB/c Total Hope OLD - Tivoli CML x Ampere)	Dressage	25,760	SWB Elite
Embryo (2020/? Chacco-Blue - Quaranca de Muze x Nabab de Reve)	Jumping	25,500	Z Embryos Online
Benedikt (2019/Hann Borsalino - Diamantina x Diamond Hit)	Dressage	25,000	Medingen
Embryo (2020/? Chacco-Blue - Arodana M x For Pleasure)	Jumping	25,000	Z Embryos Online
Only Especiale (2019/KWPN/f Luigi d'Eclipse - Go On Especiale x Chacco-Blue)	Jumping	25,000	Limburgse Foals
Embryo (2020/? Toulon - Quasibelle du Seigneur x Rubens du Ri d'Asse)	Jumping	25,000	Woodlands
Embryo (2020/? Heartbreaker - Hera van't Roosakker x Wandor van de Mispelaere)	Jumping	24,500	Fences Online

f = filly/female – c = colt/male

AUCTIONS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER:

September 25:	Limburgse Foals Auction, Kessel (NED)
September 27:	SWB Elite Foals and Young Horses Dressage Auction (SWE)
September 27/28:	Autumn Auction, Klosterhof Medingen (GER)
October 5:	91 st Oldenburg Elite Auction, Vechta(GER)
October 6:	58 th Westfalian Elite Auction, Munster (GER)
October 19:	Woodlands International Sale, Azelhof (BEL)
October 30:	Elite Online Auction-Ekestrian (FRA)
November 4:	Fences Online Embryos and Broodmares Auction (FRA)
November 19:	Zangersheide Online Embryos Auction, Lanaken (Bel)

fischerChipmunk: Breeding is about knowing bloodlines

BY ADRIANA VAN TILBURG

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At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 WBFSH breeder rankings year, Dr. Hilmer Meyer-Kulenkampff was honoured with the top eventing award for fischerChipmunk (Contendro I - Havana 71 x Heraldik xx) – who has, to date, enjoyed a splendid competition career that began with victories in young horse classes.

In fact, his career was launched as a five-year-old when he won the German young-horse championship at the Bundeschampionate in Warendorf in 2013 under the saddle of Julia Krajewski. She got him under saddle when he was four-and-a-half, and built him into a world championship contender at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon in 2018. Remarkable results that have since continued in the hands of the German eventing magician, Michael Jung.

More than 100 years of breeding history

This bloodline has been in the family of Dr. Meyer-Kulenkampff for over a century, and counting...

◆ What can you tell us about this damline?

This damline can be traced back to 1906. The Trakehner mare who started the line was purchased by my great-grandfather. Forty years later war refugees came to the farm in Lower Saxony for shelter, including the Graf Dönhoff family who brought two Trakehner mares with them. One of these mares was in foal and gave birth to a colt, which my father purchased. This colt matured quite early and when he was only two put a grand lady (Schwalbenflug x Firmis x Schwalbenflug, old Hanoverian blood) in foal. She was



l-r: Jan Pedersen, eventing breeders of the year Dr. Milmer and Ilse Meyer-Kulenkampff, and Matthieu Baumgartner from Longines

already an old mare, and produced a top filly.

When I finished my pony time I had great success with her at shows in my area in jumping and dressage. We took her out of sport to let her be covered and she stayed in our family. My godfather, Tonne, bred her first foal because I wasn't yet 18. However, when I reached my 18th birthday I became right away a member of the Hanoverian Studbook. I then also took over the mare for breeding, and when I was 22 I had my first horse in the Elite Auction in Verden. So my first foal was a really good foal. She produced also a top filly and I am breeding now with the eighth generation out of this line. The foundation of this line is a mix between Trakehner, Hanoverian, and Holsteiner blood (Ramiro).

◆ What does breeding mean to you?

I would like to answer this question in two parts. First, the philosophical approach for me is nothing more than a rational and accelerated evolution. That is how my understanding of breeding is, about how to reach a breeding goal. Evolution will continue, and with my breeding I am directing this in a certain way. Will I breed a dressage horse or a jumping horse? This has been evolution for the past 200 years.

Previously, breeding was very limited because of the distance to the stallion station, so everything was very local. So you had a stallion that was used at a distance of 50 kilometres around the stallion station. Now breeding has become much more international and I personally see stallions in France that I want to use.

The other approach is that my grandfather and my father have always been breeders. The farm had already been in our family for 700 years, and a farm was always a form of breeding. In my grandfather's time, and earlier, the horse was always an economic factor until it was replaced by the tractor. I still remember personally from when I was 10, that my grandfather had six Belgian cold-blooded horses and ten Oldenburgers, as well as some lighter built horses. Like, for example, the Trakehner mare that was purchased by my great-grandfather. The Belgian horses had to do the hardest work, while the Oldenburgers were used for lighter work.

We all knew what we had with this motherline that comes from the Trakehner mare because my family has built up the line over generations. Through the covering of the Trakehner colt on the Hanoverian mare the line received

another infusion of Trakehner blood. Than we really realized what kind of quality had. My grandfather made very clear that we had to cherish and to take care of this motherline. For me it is also important that I try to keep the best genetics in Germany. For fischerChipmunk I had many offers from outside Germany, but I want to keep him in Germany. Also with my recently approved Diamant de Semilly x Sandro stallion I have received many offers from outside Germany, but I want to keep him in Germany.

◆ **What have the Trakehner genetics contributed to this line?**

My grandfather always said that my great-grandfather purchased a Trakehner mare in 1906 for himself as a riding horse. Including the generation that my godfather bred, I have now bred eight generations. My godfather used the Hanoverian stallion Welf, who was a very strong and healthy stallion and who passed on jumping ability. His daughter was a very modern type and was very good in jumping and dressage. I crossed the Welf mare with Diskus, in whose damline we find the stallion line of the Trakehner Semper Idem (Dampfross). The Trakehner stallion that covered too early was castrated after the got our mare in foal, but my father was impressed by his energy, so he had a special carriage for him and took him out on long trips. There was really a special kind of hardness and energy and I still see that in my horses.

◆ **What is important for you when you select stallions?**

In the first place I look at the pedigree. For me it is really important to have a genetic balance in the pedigree. I use line breeding very specifically, so positive genetics will find each other again. That I inject a dominance in certain genetics. I still breed today like this. I am looking now at a few stallions to read their pedigree. I am playing, because I need musical notes to make a melody. I try to create from my notes – the genetics of my mares – a composition with a stallion that I don't now really well, but I can judge relatively well the genetic package. There is less risk as we know this damline very well through personal experience so we can



fischerChipmunk ridden by Michael Jung

select the right stallions.

In the past there was no internet and I studied agriculture, specializing in horse genetics. My grandfather has told me a lot about the history of the older generations. I started to purchase the English Thoroughbred Studbooks from Weatherbys. I am very keen on the blood of Nearco xx (Pharos xx - Nogra xx x Havresac II xx) and Hurry On xx (Marcovil xx - Toute Suite xx x Sainfoin xx). They have had and still have a very influential role in Warmblood breeding, which is how I bred Chipmunk, who carries five times Nearco xx and three or four times Hurry On xx. This, mixed with Ramiro-Ramzes blood brings the willingness to perform, power for jumping, and rideability. I still look today for Nearco xx and Hurry On xx in the pedigrees.

Then we come to Contendro I (Contender - Bravo x Reichsgraf, breeder: Manfred Birchler), who has Ramzes blood five times. I liked Contendro I because of his willingness to perform and his rideability, as well as his total package and the connection with Thoroughbred blood. I really bred Chipmunk for the purpose of eventing, which was my intuition. I had already bred five full brothers and sisters to Chipmunk and still have a really good full sister to continue the line with her.

◆ **With how many damlines are you breeding?**

I breed with two damlines and with five mares, and from those five mares are four by Contendro I. Chipmunk has a huge stride in his canter and he is very easy to ride. This is a characteristic of his damline, all the horses are easy to ride. He's made his career in the eventing sport but I think he could have become a top jumper too.

One stallion from my other damline was this year at the Hanoverian Studbook approvals: Diamant de Semilly x Sandro x Ramiro x Alme (in this horse is already six times Ultimate xx). This stallion has now been leased by State Stud Celle.

I especially went to Normandy a few years ago to meet Anne-Sophie Levallois and I asked her if it would be possible to see Diamant de Semilly. She arranged that I could see him and I was very, very impressed. I have in both lines Ramiro x Sandro. Through my foundation with studying the bloodlines I try to make double crosses to very important Thoroughbreds. With Sandro I have the very important blood of Sacramento Song xx who appears in many important Holsteiner bred horses.

◆ **What kind of advice would you have for young breeders and new breeders?**

It would be very good to look over the shoulder of older successful breeders, to learn more about their breeding concepts. Personally, I would never breed horses purely on feeling, because if it turns out to be an average product you might lose interest in breeding and stop altogether.

It also takes a lot of knowledge about bloodlines and conformation. I would look over the shoulder of a successful breeder for one or two years, if he allows. Learn from him, go with him to events. That's the best idea. ■

HSI celebrates the success of its breeders in 2019

BY ANTONETTE DORAN / HSI

PHOTOGRAPHY: HSI

Horse Sport Ireland hosted their biannual Coaching and Breeding conference on December 3, with over 400 delegates in attendance. The day promised to be full of insightful tips from the esteemed panel of guest speakers: Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, Judy Reynolds, Richard Waygood MBE and Comdt. John Ledingham.

The conference theme focused on the best methods to produce young horses in line with their developmental stages. This information was then supported by a practical coaching session demonstrating the appropriate strategies, empowering riders to deliver these training programs.

Dr. Gerd Heuschmann

Dr. Heuschmann presented an excellent session discussing the philosophies of classical riding and the application of these theories from an equine biomechanical perspective. He explained that 'good riding' is driven from culture and good breeding. This was then expanded to look at the musculoskeletal development of the horse and how correct or incorrect training techniques affect equine development and welfare. Further to this, emphasis was applied evaluating the horses' natural balance and how to develop self-carriage in the absence of artificial tools or tie downs.

Comdt. John Ledingham

Judy Reynolds' horses were then stripped and presented to the delegates where Comdt. John Ledingham demonstrated the linear profiling method used in studbook breed inspections. Delegates were invited to complete their own linear profiles contained in the conference packs,

where Ledingham discussed the reasoning behind his scoring and he and Reynolds highlighted how these conformation traits would effect the rideability of each individual horse, and how training methods could be used to assist their development as young horses. This further enhanced the

musculoskeletal and conformation discussion Dr. Heuschmann presented.

Richard Waygood MBE

Irish Olympian Judy Reynolds returned aboard her eight-year-old old up-and-coming competition horse, discussing how, as observed during the linear profiling session, this horse is built a bit downhill. She explained the value and importance of transitions in creating uphill movement in this particular horse. Reynolds and Waygood then reflected on their preference for a horse with a good character over exceptional talent. Their ideal horse has just enough talent to get by but plenty of character, and it is this character which helps the trainability and rideability. Both agreed that the perfect balance of both is rare to find, but what the breeders should strive for.

The breeder achievements of 2019 were recognised and awarded by Michael Slavin and HSI's Breeding & production Chairman Mr Edward Doyle. The following Breeders received awards.

WBFSH rankings

Breeder of the Highest Placed ISH in the WBFSH Eventing Rankings 2019

• Ballaghmor Class (ISH) 2007 gelding by Courage II (Holst) out of Kilderry Place (ISH) – Breeder: Noel Hickey

Breeder of the Highest Placed ISH in the WBFSH Eventing Rankings 2019

• Vanir Kamira (ISH) 2005 mare by Camiro De Haar Z (Zangersheide) out of Fair Caledonian (WNTR) by Dixi xx (TB) – Breeder: Kathryn Jackson

Breeders of the Highest Placed ISH in the WBFSH Eventing Rankings 2019



Ronan Byrne and Edward Doyle



Tom Brennan and Edward Doyle

- Ivar Gooden (ISH) 2007 gelding by Young Convinced xx (TB) out of Ballybrohan Diamond (ISH) by Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH) – Breeder: Pat Coffey

Breeder of the Highest Placed ISH in the WBFSH Showjumping Rankings 2019

- Loughnavatta Indigo (ISH) 2009 gelding by Luidam (KWPN) out of Loughnavatta Sabrina (ISH) by VDL Arkansas (KWPN) – Breeder: Rory Costigan

Lanaken 2019

Breeder of the ISH Gold Medal Winner at Lanaken 2019

- Cuffesgrange Cavadora (ISH) 2012 mare by Z Wellie 72 (KWPN) out of Cuffesgrange Cavalidam (ISH) by Luidam (KWPN) – Breeder: Eamonn Sheehan

Breeder of the ISH Gold Medal Winner at Lanaken 2019

- Rockwell RC (ISH) 2014 mare by Kannan (KWPN) out of Urban Sea (ISH) by Guidam (SF) – Breeder: Ronan Byrne

Breeder of the ISH Silver Medal Winner at Lanaken 2019

- MHS Cardenta (ISH) 2013 mare by Cardento (Holst) out of Willow Point (ISH) by Diamond Serpent (ISH) – Breeder: Tom and Sinead Brennan

Le Lion d'Angers

Breeder of the ISH Silver Medal Winner

- Cooley Moonshine (ISH) Cobra (HOLST) and out Kilpatrick Duchess (ISH), by Kings Master (ISH) [TIH] – Breeder: Michael J Kavanagh

Breeder of the ISH Bronze Medal Winner Brookfield •

- Benjamin Bounce (ISH) by Nazar xx (TB) and out of Ashmores Zoe (ID), by Grange Bouncer (ID) – Breeder: Stuart Collier

Showing

Breeder of Top Irish Sport Horse Showing Mare 2019

- Parkmore Evita (ISH) 2010 by Ghareeb xx (TB) out of Parkmore Sunrise (ISH) by Coolcorran Cool Diamond (ISH) – Breeder: Patrick Wafer

Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare 2019

- Strictly Come Bouncing (IDC1) 2011 mare by Moylough Bouncer (IDC1) out of Robeen Lass (RID) by Glenagyle Rebel (IDC1) – Breeder: Sean Ruane

Outstanding contribution to the Irish Sport Horse Sector, the late Harold McGahern

The equestrian world was deeply saddened by the passing of Harold McGahern who passed away just this time last year, but the memory of his vision and dedication to the Irish Sport Horse Breeding industry and Irish Horse Sport lives on.

He was husband to Margaret and father to Joy, Angela, Una, and Aonghus. A teacher and farmer by profession, but quality mare owner, breeder, and producer of young horses

by choice. He went on a student visa to the USA in order to get the money to buy his first mare and his equestrian foundation was cemented.

During his lifetime he bred some wonderful jumpers, like the Army's star mare Rincoola Abu (Cruising). Her daughter Rincoola Rua (Diamant de Semilly) and Will Wimble (Touchdown) jumped to the top level with the Butler family. The recent International Grand Prix winner here at Cavan for Kenneth Graham also came from him. This is Beir Bua (Lancelot), out of a Cruising dam.

During his lifetime McGahern also gave of his many talents for forward thinking, innovation, and a great deal of voluntary time to the betterment of the Irish Sport Horse industry. He was a Horse Board member for many years, Lanaken committee chairman and always spoke his piece. Along with Ronnie MacMahon he created the superb Future Event Horse League which is still going strong in today's industry. He helped found the Longford Pony Club. He was a member of the RDS Equestrian Committee for a number of terms and a RDS Council member. He also had a very visible presence at the RDS as steward of the Irish Field Breeders Championship and Young Event Horses. McGahern was also a hunting enthusiast, who was proud to have hunted with every pack in Ireland and he always looked forward to a great day's hunting.

The Irish Sport Horse breeding sector will for years to come benefit from McGahern's insightful thinking, innovative initiatives, willingness to teach and encourage, and the ability to progress both horses and students to international level. His overall passion and love for the Irish equine industry will be deeply missed by all.

With complete justification, Harold McGahern's name has been now rightly added to the illustrious list of stalwarts in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the Irish Sport Horse industry. ■



Eamonn Sheehan and Edward Doyle



Harold McGahern

MJT Nevados S: The most popular Polish-bred stallion

BY AGATA GROSICKA

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Since his victory in the 2015 showjumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses in Lanaken in the seven-year-old age-group under the saddle of Belgium's Gregory Wathelet, it's become clear that the Polish-bred MJT Nevados (Calvados Z - Nestia S sp x Romualdo [KWPN]) is a horse of great potential.

Bred in 2008 by the late Stanislaw Szurik in Liszkowo Horse Stud in the north-western part of Poland, this powerful grey was already competing successfully and winning medals at the Polish championships for young horses under his then rider Jacek Zagor. His breeder then decided that Gregory Wathelet – one of the best and most experienced Belgian showjumpers – would be the one to present the horse in the international showjumping arenas. Did he make the right decision? The answer is pretty simple.

I had a pleasure of watching team Wathelet-Nevados on a couple of occasions, including their gold medal ride during the team competition at the 2019 European championship in Rotterdam. They were the team's anchor duo, and in order to preserve the gold medal for Belgium, could only afford one fence penalty – but eventually went clear in exceptional style.

This is how Gregory Wathelet described the performance of his stallion: "Right now he is a great fighter and gives 100% or even more. During the second round of the team contest I could feel that he was there with me completely and I was really confident we could do it.

I started riding Nevados when he was six years old. I knew from the very beginning that he was a horse of the great potential. He is very careful, yet very sensitive so I gave him more time to mature. One-and-a-half years ago I started trusting him over the big fences and it became easier to resolve small problems."

No wonder MJT Nevados S is currently one of the most popular stallions among Polish breeders and is also gaining recognition abroad. His first generations of offspring, now between the ages of three and five years, have already been competing at various breeding championships throughout Poland presenting the powerful showjumping genes.

And what genes exactly are we talking about? His sire is Calvados Z – an excellent showjumping stallion out

of Chellano Z, while his dam is the chestnut mare Nestia S sp 2004 (Romualdo). Still active in breeding, this elegant mare is living proof that it is the mares you breed with who are the most important part of the breeding equation.

Nestia S has also produced other talented colts with high potential, including Notting Hill S (Cornet Obolensky) who, at the age of three months, reached the price of €44,000 during the last Flanders Foal Auction in Belgium, and Nottingham S (Glasgow van't Merelsnest), who won the 2018 Jaruzyn Breeding Championships in the category of foals with mother. Both colts were bred by Hubert Szurik, the son of the late Stanislaw Szurik.

The Liszkowo Horse Stud was established by Mr Stanislaw Szurik in 1996 and from the very beginning it's focus was on showjumping horses. Right now the herd comprises 22 horses, with six broodmares, including such gems as Nestia S, and the full sister of MJT Nevados S, Nevada S. Their main stallion is Fabregas S (MJT Nevados S - Fabreggia S x Redel) – a beautiful four-year-old grey who won the first edition of the 2017 Polish National Warmblood Horse Championships in Free Jumping.



MJT Nevados S, ridden by Gregory Wathelet (BEL)



**Liszkowo Horse Stud main stallion Fabregas S
(MJT Nevados S - Fabreggia S x Redel)**

According to Rafal Narloch who presented Notting Hill S at the Flanders Auction and has been working with the stud for many years; "Now it's much cheaper to promote our horses because we know what we have. Thanks to MJT Nevados S the door to foreign clients has opened. It is the merit of the horse, his current owner, Rafal Jerzy from the Makrum Jumping Team, and of course his rider Gregory Wathelet."

In conclusion, he added; "There aren't many mares who are so repeatable, but the line of Nestia S and her daughter is. as every horse from that line is willing to jump. In general some mares demand faster and more active stallions – they may be strong but lack the flexibility. We breed by combining certain features and excluding the opposites".

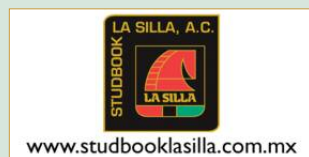
Certainly, the list of horses marked with letter S is getting longer and becoming more popular among breeders and potential clients. It also includes a two-year-old full sister to Notting Hill S – Nelly Furtado S (Cornet Obolensky - Nestia S), and Coolio S (ComilfoPlus Z - Calvada S) – a two year old colt and a runner-up at the Third National Warmblood Horses Championship in Free Jumping at Cavaliada 2019. He lost championship title by just 0.2 points due to the lesser quality of his canter, which was still missing a little uphill tendency compared to the winner, but his

jumping was impressively high and powerful.

Interestingly, another offspring of MJT Nevados S – a mare Capella (out of Celyna x Landor) bred by Adam Mroz, was the runner-up in the three year old category. This same age-group saw another 'S' horse – the mare CoronaS (MJT Nevados S - Cravenna Z x Chicago I Z) bred by Stanislaw Szurik.

The four-year-old mare Donna Neva S (MJT Nevados S - Donvelta S x Weltstein) who won the Second National Warmblood Horses Championship in Free Jumping at Cavaliada 2018, has already confirmed her quality under the saddle. Last September, ridden by Daria Kobiernik, Donna Neva S won the championship title during the Polish Championships for Young Horses in Strzegom, in the four-year-old category. Naturally, her owner, Eliza Karpus couldn't be happier with the progress of this talented partnership, and said that next year they are planning to go international and compete outside Poland.

And what about the hero of this story himself? A 12-year-old champion, MJT Nevados is taking some well-earned time off having just completed a very successful showjumping season. However, the obvious goal for the coming year is the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – so let's keep our fingers crossed for him. ■





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CDI-W Pacific wins for Don Amour

BY SALLY REID

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After recovering from a nasty virus, the NZ Hanoverian gelding, Don Amour MH (Don Frederico - Adelheid MH x Anamour) became the Australian dressage champion at the Sydney CDI-W, setting a new Australian record (76.16) as well as claiming the Pacific League title.

Don Amour is owned and ridden by environmental engineer, Wendi Williamson of Kumeu, near Auckland

'Donny' returned to New Zealand following that victory, and Williamson had no plans to contest the Pacific League Final in Boneo, Melbourne, for which she had qualified. However, a late change of mind saw the pair heading back across the Tasman. Their arrival, thanks to flight delays, was a day behind schedule, but the horse was seemingly untroubled by any lost preparation time. He and Williamson were second in the Grand Prix, then produced a wonderful performance in the Freestyle, to win the solitary Pacific League invitation to the 2020 World Cup Final in Las Vegas.

It's the second time that Williamson has qualified for the final, and all of New Zealand will be hoping that, if she goes, she will have much better luck than she had in Las Vegas in 2017. She was there as the country's first-ever finalist, riding Don Amour MH's half-brother, Dejavu MH (De Niro - Adelheid MH x Anamour). 'DJ' bit his lip during the GP, and the resulting blood in his mouth meant automatic elimination, but far greater heartbreak was in store the following year, when colic claimed the life of this wonderful horse.

Both Don Amour and Dejavu were certainly bred to perform. Their sires, Don Frederico and De Niro, are currently sixth and fourth in the WBFSh rankings. Their dam, Adelheid MH, has all-European bloodlines and has produced several other champion

offspring. One of these is Don Amour's full brother, Don Vito MH, the 2019 NZ level four champion and recent winner of the advanced title at Auckland-Manukau dressage championships. He is now seven years old, and is also with Wendi Williamson.

Adelheid's own dam, the German-bred SPS Wel Kantje (Weltmeyer - Pikantje x Pik Bube), is from Claus Schridde's Hannover Stutenstamm 1189102 (Schridde 231). Her sire, Anamour, (Aalborg - Lucille x Lombard) is from Stutenstamm 1189109 (Schridde 439), and a superstar of New Zealand performance pedigrees.

Whether Don Amour MH and Wendi Williamson will undertake the long journey to the USA has yet to be announced.

Second place at Boneo went to the 16-year-old German-bred Warmblood mare Tacita 2 (Dionysos - Tazia x Rex Graziano), who was the winner of the Grand Prix, with her owner Fiona Selby. Tacita was bred at Stiftung BHLG, Neustadt. ■



Don Amour MH (Don Frederico - Adelheid MH x Anamour) with Wendi Williamson

Danish Warmblood stallion pre-selection for Herning

BY THOMAS BACH JENSEN / DWB

At the Danish Warmblood pre-selection, the breeding committee have selected a total of 42 colts to go forward to the stallion licensing that will take place in Herning from March 4-8, 2020. The group comprises 24 dressage youngsters and 18 showjumpers.

Herning has earned the well-deserved reputation of being a European final as so many of the best stallions from the German and Dutch licensings are purchased by Danish stallion keepers. The many newly licensed young stallions that have thus been imported will meet the 42 young stallions who have not yet been through the licensing process.

Among them are several representatives of the first crop

by former world champion Revolution, and one of them is out of a full sister to the triple world champion Sezuan.

Regarding the 42 Danish Warmbloods, not all of them were bred in Denmark. Some have been imported and not yet presented at a stallion licensing such as, for example, the chestnut colt which is a Dutch-bred full brother to the renowned stallion Vitalis. ■

Name	Sire	Dam Sire	Breeder/Owner
Cornet's Cormint	Cornet Obolensky	Cormint	Henrik Hansen
Chicago Z	Cornet Obolensky	Diamant De Semilly	Michael Weisbjerg
Fernando	Favorit Ask	Lord Z	Federikke Hougaard
Fontarney	Favorit Ask	Carano	Anette and Christian Gjørup
Fairplay Nexen	Fairbanks	Jazz	Stutteri Nexen
Fransico	Franklin	Blue Hors Romanov	Henrik Hansen
Global Connect	Grand Galaxy Win	Blue Hors Don Schufro	Blixenkroner/Hansen & Helgstrand
Gørklintgårds Royal	Revolution	Sunny-Boy	Jørgen Ravn
CA'S Selected	Sezuan	Fürstenball	Schilbred Family
Højgaardens Zacksmir	Blue Hors Zack	Sir Donnerhall I	Stutteri Højgaardens Heste
Friedenball	Blue Hors Farrell	Rosentanz	Paarup & Vedel I/S
Alaska	Bøgegårdens Apollo	Carrico	Mie Nielsen and Theo de Vos
Go For Love	Bøgegården Gladiola	Heartbeat	Lene Ibsen/Freddy Meyenburg
Hesselhøj Captain Morgan	Casalco	Credito	Anders Uve Sjøbeck Hoeck
Casper Ask	Ci Ci Senjor Ask	Kannan	Stutteri Ask
Bøgegården Ci Ci Junior	Ci Ci Senjor Ask	Bøgegårdens Apollo	Stina and Jørgen Schmidt
Caligula-Vitz	Complete	Cosmeo	Lone Sørensen/Ib Kirk
Cordento II DWB	Cornet Obolensky	Cardento	Linus Camitz/Jan List Christensen
Covington Lj	Cornetus	Tailormade Stardust	A.M. L. Johansen/Jessica Toelstang
Gracieux H.A.P.	Grim St. Clair	Casir Ask	Helene and Kim Pedersen/Ib Kirk
Orlando Love Z	Orlando	Stakkato	Lene Ibsen
Quinto Ask	Quarz Ask	Ci Ci Senjor Ask	Stutteri Ask
Vincenzo Ask	Vagabond de la Pomme	Cosmeo	Thue Uhre/Stutteri Ask
Quartel du Mazes	Mr. Blue	Surcouf De Revel	Toelstang Family
Hubert	Humberto Ask	Carpaccio	René Fredslund
Iron	Asgard's Ibiza	Hohenstein	Nedergaard/Helgstrand Dressage
Stenagers Ben Hur	Borsalino	Florenciano	B. & M.B. Christensen/Stutteri Tegloven
Hesselhøj Dancing Donkey	Hesselhøj Donkey Boy	Tailormade Lancelot	Dorthe and Hans Jørgen Hoeck
Fabrication	Blue Hors Farrell	Tailormade Temptation	Svendsen & Klausen, and Krabbe Family
Heiline's For Diamond	Blue Hors Farrell	Diamond Hit	Stald Heiline
Evergreen's Frontline	Franklin	Blue Hors Don Romantic	Linda and Poul Erik Frederiksen
Slangerupgaard's Flottenheimer	Franklin	Scolari	Slangerupgaard
Fuga	Fürst Wilhelm	Desperados	Germany/Blue Hors
Review	Revolution	Fürst Heinrich	Germany/Helgstrand Dressage
Straight Horse Ramses	Revolution	Blue Hors Zack	Straight Horse/Helgstrand Dressage
Radius	Revolution	00 Seven	Lena Nyström/Helgstrand Dressage
Rock A Billy	Revolution	Blue Hors Hertug	Jane and Erik Bech Jensen
Agedrupgaard's Reniro DWB	Revolution	De Niro	Lyngø & Lorenzen/Gestüt Pallerhaff
Stenagers Watson	Wilkens	Sandro Hit	Bjarne and May-Britt Christensen
Triumph Villa	Vitalis	Blue Hors Zack	Triumph Dressage/Jonas Elvebakk
Zanderry Danheat	Blue Hors Zack	Londonderry	Mette Birkholm
NN	Vivaldi	D-Day	The Netherlands/Helgstrand & Grønberg



- #1 – The pale grey Fairplay Nexen (Fairbanks x Jazz) from the same dam line as Olympic dressage horse Digby
- #2 – Cordento II DWB, one of the price highlights at the DWB Elite Foal Auction 2017, due to the damline's unusually high performance
- #3 – Højgaardens Zacksmir is a cross of two highly influential sires; Blue Hors Zack and Sir Donnerhall I
- #4: Showjumper colt Cornet's Cormint, bred by Henrik Hansen, who also bred triple world champion Fiontini and Oldenburger champion stallion Global Player
- #5 – Hesselhøj Dancing Donkey is out of a strong dam line that has produced many top horses
- #6 – Straight Horse Ramses is a son of Revolution, out of a full sister to Sezuan, Straight Horse Ascenzione, ridden by Helen Langehanenberg



Successful first Holsteiner Winter Chance sale

BY ADRIANA VAN TILBURG

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For the first time, the Holsteiner Verband held an auction where they sold 71 of their own horses. They varied in the age from two to eight years, and most had been selected as foals but failed to attend the approvals for diverse reasons. An interesting observation from several people was that the quality of the horses was very good.

One breeder even stretched so far as to say: "For me, the quality here is even better than what I saw on average at the latest approvals. These horses have not been trained for months to be prepared for this." It will be very interesting indeed to follow the career of these horses, bearing in mind that Quel Homme de Hus (Quidam de Revel - P-Hawaii x Candillo, Stamm 4847, bred by Dr. Andreas Kosicki) was also purchased as a foal by Norbert Boley on behalf of the Holsteiner Verband. He wasn't approved, was sold to France, and, to date, his best result was winning the team gold medal with Belgium at the European championships in Rotterdam in 2019!

There were many familiar faces at the sale, in other words customers who attended this first Holstein Winter Chance in the Elmshorn Fritz Thiedemann Hall. But also new customers had found their way across the Elbe to secure a Holsteiner. A total of 70 horses, from international level down to the age of two, came from the holdings of the Holsteiner Verband Marketing and Auction GmbH and the Holsteiner Verband Hengsthaltungs GmbH. They were for

sale and auctioneered by auctioneer Hendrik Schulze-Rückamp at an average price of €16,264 to customers from Chile, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Thailand and Hungary. "We were not only highly satisfied with the auction," said auction manager Roland Metz. "Above all, we were delighted, of course, at the 100-percent sales rate."

The top selling price was not unexpectedly for Casaltino (Casall - Palida x Carthago, Stamm 5064, bred by Manfred von Allwörden). This eight-year-old has already been successful in international youngster competitions under the saddle of Rolf-Göran Bengtsson and is now expected to pave the way for a junior from Thailand. "The two fit very well together, we noticed during the trying out", Metz said when Casaltino sold for €130,000.

Customers from Denmark were successful in another top offer: the BWP bred Picasso VD Zwartbleshoeve (Cornet Obolensky - Kalinka VD Zwartbleshoeve x Zidane, breeder: Wim Bode), who had successfully passed his 50-day test with an 8.38, went for €66,500.



*Eight-year-old Casaltino (Casall - Palida x Carthago)
ridden by Rolf-Göran Bengtsson*

For the most expensive 'young men', in other words the two-year-olds, €35,000 had to be invested. On the one hand, this was the Diarado x Casall son bred by Timm Peters, whose maternal grandmother had once brought the 'jumping king' Quick Nick I to the Holstein approvals, and the Million Dollar x Caretino daughter Mien Deern, bred by Peter Diedrichsen. Also this mare can show a providential relationship. Her half-brother Glock's Cognac Champblanc (Clearway) represented Dutch colors at international championships under Gerco Schröder, while H&M Chilli Willi (Casall), who descends from Mien Deern's grandmother, was one of the best jumping horses in our neighboring country Belgium in the hands of Nicola Philippaerts. ■

Diverse NZ eventing pedigrees at Puhinui

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The sires and dams of 2019's Puhinui three-day-event place-getters ranged from ster pref KWPN to Kaimanawa – about as dissimilar as equine backgrounds can be. And in case you're wondering, the Kaimanawa is a wild horse found only in New Zealand, standing on average only around 14hh (142 cms)!

In true New Zealand eventing style, however, Thoroughbreds won the top two classes, although one of them was bred in Australia. Nonetheless, Thoroughbreds were in the minority among the highly placed horses, numbering just four altogether.

A New Zealand Warmblood was the winner of the two-star, while the one-star went to a beautifully bred KWPN import. Other top-placed imports included an Irish-bred ISH, another KWPN from the Netherlands, as well as a Hanoverian from Australia. The latter studbook was the most represented from among the Warmblood breeds.

Young-horse title to Hanoverian mare

Puhinui's young horse honour is normally awarded to

the best-placed seven- or eight-year-old in the two-star CCI. However, this year's winner is only six! She is a young Hanoverian mare, Henton Audacious (Anamour - Distancia x Distelfink), bred by Henton Lodge Hanoverians and ridden by Abigail Long, who is the joint owner with Clive Long. This lovely chestnut has already had two wins and a runner-up at one-star level, but Puhinui was her first full two-star competition where she finished 10th in the big field, with good dressage, a fast, clear cross-country, and just one unlucky showjumping rail.

It's worth mentioning that another of Henton's progeny, Henton Ambassador, finished fifth in this class (see separate CCI-2* report below), and DSE Henton For Glory (For Edition), was reserve young event horse at last season's Taupo three-day event. The stud uses only licensed and



Watermill Hadley and Clarke Johnstone (jumping during HOY 2019)

performance-tested German Hanoverian sires, and mares who have been classified by the NZ Hanoverian Society. Audacious's dam Distancia, a Grand Prix showjumper, is also the dam of Balmoral Henton (Contendro I), who was sold to Australia, competed at two-star horse trials there, and is now jumping at World Cup level.

Top honours to Australian TB

Aces High xx (Another Warrior xx - My Fairytale xx x King Ivor xx) won the four-star CCI for Clarke Johnstone, who has had the 10-year-old Australian-bred gelding since April 2009 and has, so far, competed him only lightly. The pair had their first FEI start at Taupo in November (three-star CCI) where they finished second.

Aces High is owned by Clarke Johnstone and his parents, Rob and Jean Johnstone. He was bred in Australia, although the breeder's name is unrecorded, and was produced to advanced level there by Madeline Wilson. His sire, Another Warrior, was a black-type winning racehorse but, unusually for racing stallions, is owned by Australian eventers Shane and Niki Rose. Another Warrior was also the sire of Shanghai Joe, Rose's international eventer who died in a heart-breaking accident at Badminton in 2017.

Second place in the four-star went to the baby of the field, Acrobat (ES Centavos) and his owner/rider Monica Oakley. The nine-year-old New Zealand Sport Horse gelding was bred by Kate Bird, from a Thoroughbred mare whose name is unrecorded. He finished fourth in the Puhinui two-star in 2018, and was third in the four-star at Kihikihi in April 2019. This consistently good performer is seldom far from the top placings, and his score at Puhinui was just one point behind the winner's.

Deo Volante (Tolan R - Selien prest ster pref x Mermus), an 11-year-old KWPN gelding, finished third, despite a few hi-jinks in the dressage phase with rider Clarke Johnstone, who describes the handsome dark bay as 'highly talented, highly strung; a real character'. Deo Volente is from Merrieliijn 81, Fokfamilie 183, and was bred by E.J. Tijink in the Netherlands. He was second in the National three-star championship at Taupo in May 2019, and fifth in the four-star CCI-S at the same venue last November. He is owned by Rob and Jean Johnstone, Paul Crompton and Paula Milburn, and is equally at home in the jumping ring, with a Grand Prix win at Woodhill Sands, plus a very competitive 1m30 victory. Deo Volente was 11th after dressage at Puhinui, but superb in the other two phases.

A gorgeous-looking liver chestnut, Thunder Cat (Littorio - Allie Cat x Otis xx), bred and ridden by Christen Lane, was fourth. The 12-year-old NZSH gelding was the first foal of his dam Allie Cat, a crossbred mare who is worthy of some attention. Daughter of a palomino stock horse and a Thoroughbred stallion, she had wins at the former three-star level with Christen Lane before becoming a broodmare. Her second foal, a filly called Wild Cat (Prestige VDL) was born a year after Thunder Cat, and is now in Lane's broodmare

band, but had eventing placings as well as a jumping win at Woodhill Sands. Allie Cat's last foal, the very promising Tom Cat (Lordano), was born in 2011; the mare died just a few months later from a tumour. Tom Cat was the national four-year-old champion at Taupo in 2016, and third overall in the national young event horse championship with Lane. He died just one month later, breaking his leg as he stood up after a simple surgery. So, a lot of tragedy but triumphs too, for the Allie Cat family. Let's hope Wild Cat's progeny provide untroubled times in the future.

Thunder Cat's sire, Littorio (Lord x Carneval x Lorenz), a Holsteiner from Stamm 3558, was the 1995 Verband grand champion and has many winners here, including the five-star eventer Ricker Ridge Rui, winner of the Kihikihi four-star last season. He is also the sire of the good jumpers Awatuna Jonesy, Maddox Letino and Lavello, and the three-star eventer Verdelho – to name just a few.

Fifth went to the handsome grey Rubinstar HH (Royal Diamond - Emiral x Flyinge Amiral), a 14-year-old NZ Warmblood, ridden and owned by Renee Faulkner and bred by C. and A. McKay. This gelding was particularly impressive in the dressage, and held the lead after that phase. His dam, Emiral, is a Swedish Warmblood mare (SWB-5) imported by the McKays, and his sire, the Oldenburg Royal Diamond (Rubenstein x E.St. Elektia V x Inshallah AA), was a younger full brother of Rohdiamant, so there is plenty of dressage talent in his blood.

In sixth place was the New Zealand-bred Thoroughbred gelding DSE Mendoza xx (Scaredee Cat xx - Megan's Dream xx x Marquetry xx) for Donna Edwards-Smith. He was bred by Eion and Megan Kemp of Kilgravin Lodge, and was having his first four-star start. The gelding is owned by Donna and Elise Edwards-Smith, and Ross and Kim Keown.

Thoroughbreds to the fore in three-star CCI

The bay gelding Artist xx (Guillotine xx - Maxamore xx x Volksraad xx) bred by Windsor Park Stud, ridden by Monica Oakley, and owned by her and Mary Petersen, won this class in superb style. He also won the three-star CCI short format at Puhinui last March.

Artist is just eight years old, and was fourth in the three-star championship at Taupo last May when he was only seven. In November, also at Taupo, he won the three-star, beating Clarke Johnstone's Aces High – this year's four-star Puhinui winner. He really is a lovely horse: look out for him as he moves up to the next level.

Another excellent eight-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, Good Timing (Nom de Jeu xx - Baloushe xx x Black Minnaloushe xx), finished second, ridden by Amanda (Muzi) Pottinger. This horse was bred by Goodwood Stud, a major producer of racing Thoroughbreds here. He was third in the seven-year-old showjumping title class at Horse of the Year last season, and won the one-star CCI (old format) at Puhinui in 2018. He also finished third in the 2019 two-star CCI national eventing championship at Taupo. Good

Timing is owned by The Volunteer Syndicate.

Next place was filled by an 11-year-old New Zealand Warmblood mare, Mi Focus (Ramazotti - Chrialka Redwood x Chrialka Zibu), ridden by Renee Faulkner. She is owned by Maree and Aleisha Collett, who purchased her dam, Chrialka Redwood, in foal at the time, from veterinarian and breeder Sylvia Friend. Chrialka Redwood had previously been with showjumper Tracy Bublitz, who used Ramirez over her to breed 2011's supreme performance-bred ridden five-year-old, and supreme ridden sport horse of the year, Romariz. The latter, herself, now has progeny, including a mare, Corletta, by Corofino II.

Part-owner Aleisha Collett produced Mi Focus and is her usual rider; they have had many good results together. The mare's sire, Ramazotti (Ramiro Z - Bilytha x Joost), was an outstanding KWPN stallion imported from Holland by Jody Hartstone. He was bred by Stal Meulemeesters in Boekel.

The bloodlines of Mi Focus and the fourth-placed horse, Pioneer Brass Monkey (Pioneer Aragon - Ginger Nut x sire unknown), are literally poles apart. Brass Monkey is a 12-year-old homebred gelding, ridden by Ashleigh McKinstry and bred at the McKinstry family's Pioneer Stud. He has Kaimanawa, Clydesdale and Thoroughbred in his make-up; exact details unknown, but he's fast and clever – and good-looking!

Fifth went to another 12-year-old gelding whose background also differs greatly from Pioneer Brass Monkey's: the Rheinlander-cross, Donner XS (Donnerwind - Belmont Ballerina x Gruehorn du Trichon), ridden by his owner, Alena Dorotich. This horse was bred by Jody Hartstone, who stood Donnerwind (Donnerschlag x Voltaire x Heidelberg) at stud here and competed him successfully in Grand Prix dressage.

An Australian Thoroughbred, Shillings xx (Encosta de Lago xx - Cashier xx x Danehill xx), owned and ridden by Bundy Philpott, was sixth. This horse was bred by Austramore Pty Ltd, Cashier Syndicate and Roncon.

Warmbloods star in two-star division

Warmbloods filled the top six spots in this division. The win went to a Hanoverian cross, World Famous (Worldwide PB) and young Ella Morshuis, who is still at school and only one year older than the 14-year-old gelding! He is owned by her mother, Deborah Morshuis. The very cute and handsome little chestnut's dam is not recorded, and neither is his breeder, but plenty is known about his sire, the Verband licensed German-bred Worldwide PB (Weltburger - Bella x Brentano II), from Stamm 1190309, Schridde 579.

This stallion was imported to New Zealand in 1996 by Bernie Maubach of Vollrath Stud, and sold 10 years later to Claire Seidl-Wickins in Australia, with the aim of providing him access to more mares. He has good offspring on both sides of the Tasman, including a young ACE-classified stallion, TS Wicked, who stands at Tennyson Stud in New South Wales. The wonderful Worldwide went on to become

a para-dressage horse (ungelded) for Joann Formasa, and won gold in Grade 1B at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

An imported Irish Sport Horse, Cruising Guy (Loughehoe Guy xx - Thornfield Gwynne x Cruising), was second in the two-star CCI for Abigail Long. The 11-year-old gelding was bred by Clement Stapleton in Ireland, and has also competed in North America. He has some very nice blood through Cruising, of course, but also through his sire, the ISH-approved Thoroughbred Loughehoe Guy xx, who stands at Watervalley Stud in Galway.

Another imported gelding, Bing Bong (Cyrkon xx - Z-Courouche x Carlos DZ), was third for Jock Paget. He is an impressive, eight-year-old Holsteiner from Stamm 1947, bred in Germany by Frank Bade of Braderup. Bing Bong, who is owned by Alex and Joe Giannamore, is certainly in the right hands for a serious competition career: Jock (Jonathan) Paget is an Olympic eventer and has the distinction of having won Badminton at his first attempt. He is aiming high with the talented young Holsteiner, who he himself bought as a three-year-old in Europe. The pair were reunited when the Giannamores purchased and imported Bing Bong to New Zealand. They have already had five wins and a long string of good placings here.

The fourth-placed horse, Ricker Ridge Pico Boo (Pico Bello - Pegs xx x Spectacular Love xx), is a KWPN-Thoroughbred cross, bred by Judy Dwyer and ridden by Greer Caddigan. This 15-year-old gelding competed at the former three-star level with Samantha Lissington, who is now in the UK. His sire, Pico Bello (Calvados), was bred by B. Huybregts in the Netherlands, and imported from Belgium to New Zealand by Mount View Sport Horses. He was later sold to Australia, where he jumped successfully at Grand Prix and World Cup level with David Dobson.

Henton Ambassador (Anamour - Delphi x Distelfink), an eight-year-old Hanoverian, was fifth. This gelding was bred and is owned by Henton Lodge Hanoverians, and is ridden by Matthew Grayling, another NZ Olympian. Ambassador has been produced quietly to allow time for development, and is showing plenty of promise. In fact, this handsome horse has a lot to live up to: his full brother is Henton Attorney General, a prolific winner in New Zealand and also winner of Boekelo (the Netherlands) in 2013. Ridden by Lizzie Green (née Brown), Henton Attorney General beat some of the world's best, including Michael Jung and fischerRocana and Ingrid Klimke with Hale Bob.

The sire of H. Ambassador and H. Attorney General, the German-bred Anamour (Aalborg x Lombard), was one of the most important stallions New Zealand has ever had, and their dam, Delphi, bred by Vollrath Stud, was a foundation mare at Henton Lodge. Hers was the top jumping/eventing family of the 2013 Hanoverian Verband tour, under classifier Dr. Ludwig Christmann. Her daughter, Henton Evita Xtreme (El Bundy), is the only mare in NZ to date to score two 10s for free-jumping in her mare performance test, and was given 'elite' status in 2013. She had a number of jumping wins and placings, and is in Sharlene Workman's Xtreme

Sport Horses broodmare band. Evita's sire, El Bundy, was the Verband's 2001 performance test winner. So, young Henton Ambassador is indeed an ambassador for some very impressive bloodlines.

Another Hanoverian, but this time a mare, was sixth in the two-star. She is the lovely CHS Royal Genie (Royal Blend - Dynamic Genie V x Dynamit), bred by CHS Hanoverians, ridden by Samantha Mynott and owned by Chris Sorrell. She, too, has family expectations to live up to. Her sire, Royal Blend (Rotspon), who died in 2018, won the 2005 Hanoverian young dressage horse championships. He was bred by Reinhard Grothmann, and was sold to Canada in 2017. Before leaving Germany he sired 31 state premium mares and five licensed sons. CHS Royal Genie's dam-sire Dynamit (Dynamo - Elfi x Eger) was bred in Germany and imported by Berny Maubach as the foundation sire of Vollrath Stud. His blood is still prevalent in performance pedigrees here.

KWPN import wins one-star CCN

The winner of 2019's CNC105 one-day-event championship at Taupo, Watermill Hadley (Carambole - Vanorella ster pref x Guidam), added the one-star Puhinui title to his victory tally. He was bred in the Netherlands by De Watermolen Stud, is owned by Amanda Furby-Walker, and ridden by Clarke Johnstone. Hadley is the younger full sibling of Watermill Glenneagle, who won both the one-day and three-day two-star NZ eventing championships in 2019 with Johnstone. The two geldings are from Fokfamilie 385, and have full siblings in Europe.

Second place went to Kinnordy Gallilee (Gymnastik Star - Dancing x Daktylus), a 14-year-old imported Hanoverian gelding, bred by Dean Hewettson of Kinnordy Stud in Australia, and owned and ridden by Francesca Masfen. This horse has also had Level 4 dressage wins and placings.

Another 14-year-old gelding,

Absolou (sire unrecorded - Alibi x Aberlou xx) was third for his owner/rider, Amber Scott. This horse was bred by eventing rider Kate Lambie, who competed his dam, an Irish Sport Horse (Aberlou xx - Della Rose x Kingsway Diamond IRD) and finished fifth on her at Badminton in 2002. Della Rose had pure IRD blood on both sides of her pedigree.

Fourth place went to a very valiant nine-year-old pony, Kabo Pongo (Kabo Tonto), ridden by his 15-year-old owner, Charlotte Treanery, and bred by Kabo Stud. Pongo also competes at pony Grand Prix jumping and, despite his diminutive 148-centimetre height, was in runner-up position after the cross-country; ironically, a showjumping rail put him back to fourth.

The lovely, up-and-coming grey mare Charlton Cabaret (Charlton Javelin - Abbaucus xx x Aberlou xx), an eight-year-old bred by Charlton Stud, owned by Rosemary Edwards and ridden by Charlotte Edwards, was fifth. She is a New Zealand Sport Horse; her sire, Charlton Javelin (Oldenburg - Vulcan's Eyes xx x Vulcan's Air xx) was a Grand Prix show-jumper who had more than 75 percent Thoroughbred blood, not only from his dam's side, but through his sire, Oldenburg (Oldenburger Stamm 92, fokfamilie 738), who was by the Ango-Arab Ishallah.

Sixth place went to Mirrabella Piper (Destiny's Donegal Dude - Mirrabella Molly x Cornflake), a nine-year-old mare whose breeder is unrecorded. Her dam, Mirrabella Molly, is a Clydesdale cross whose breeder is also unrecorded. Mirrabella Piper is owned and ridden by young Charlotte Treanery. She is a very handy jumper and won the 1m10 title at the North Island showjumping championships in November.

So, 2019 was a Puhinui whose pedigrees were nothing if not varied! The most represented sire was Anamour, with two offspring, both bred by Henton Lodge Hanoverians. ■



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The crème de la crème of New Zealand's young crop

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East Coast Performance Horses' annual NZ Young Horse Show in Hastings is one of the most exciting on New Zealand's competition calendar: a real exhibition of the rapidly improving quality of locally bred jumping stock. Some of these babies are destined for eventing, others for breeding purposes, but the majority are being aimed at serious showjumping careers.

This year, based on the success of all a represented stallion's progeny in the age-group series classes, the winner was, once again, Corofino II (Corrado I - StPrSt Valeska IV x Fernando I), who has won this title on three previous occasions: 2015, 2016, and 2018. He stands at Xtreme Sport Horses, and has so many champion progeny here that a list is out of the question. However, there's one absolute standout: the NZ Warmblood, Windermere Cappuccino (Corofino II - Vespa x Voltaire II), who won all of his age-group series, and followed these up with a win in the NZL World Cup League as an eight-year-old. Cappuccino is now nine, and the current leader of this year's World Cup and Premier League standings. You will be reading plenty more about this horse.

Corofino II himself arrived in this country in 2009, with 28 wins and 105 placings on his European jumping record – and sired talented progeny there too. He is a full brother of Corofino I.

BWP import wins leading mare

The beautiful bay Belgian Warmblood, Lanice van de Heffinck (Plot Blue - Hades van de Heffinck x Contact van



*Leading mare, Lanice van de Heffinck (Plot Blue - Hades van de Heffinck x Contact van de Heffinck)
ridden by Jaime Tiller*

de Heffinck), won this title, which is presented to the top performer in the show's 1m30 mare class. There was a good-sized field in the class, and five in the jump-off. The lovely Lanice was bred by Van de Heffinck BVBA and ridden by Jaime Tiller, for owners Takapoto Estate. She was imported from Belgium as a foal, and has so far competed up to 1m40. Through her grandsire, Contact van de Heffinck (Concept - Ms Franziska x Corrado I), she carries the blood of the great Clinton: Ms Franziska is that legend's full sister.

Runner-up in the mare class was an NZ Sport Horse, Be Mine NZPH (Untouchable M - Xena NZPH x Cacao Courcelle), bred by New Zealand Performance Horses and owned and ridden by Duncan McFarlane. Third place went to Henton Serenade (Satisfaction - Distancia x Distelfink) bred by Henton Lodge, who are having a great season in all disciplines. H. Serenade is owned and ridden by Bailey Rutter.

Leading breeder: Takapoto Estate

This year's top breeder award went to Takapoto Estate, an operation that has made a big name for itself in a short space of time. Takapoto's main goal is to breed horses capable of jumping at elite European levels, and it has some excellent imported mares in its band, including several who have proven themselves internationally: the Hanoverian Claire (Chasseur I - Mondolina x Goldstern), the BWP Estina (Heartbreaker - Secret Love Wonderland x Libero H), and the Zangersheide Cuba d'Esquelmes Z (Chellano Z - Quassie d'Esquelmes x Canadian River). There are some super Takapoto youngsters in the pipeline, and, as mentioned above, the stud's brilliant import, Lanice van de Heffinck, was the show's leading mare. She is also the dam of Takapoto China, a mare who came fourth in the four-year-old championship (see below).

Seven-year-old Diarado progeny first and third

Diarado's fabulous jumping blood (Diamant de Semilly x Corrado) made its presence felt in this

class through the talents of a gorgeous young stallion and mare. The overall champion was the licensed Holsteiner stallion, Daminos TWS (Diarado - Blanca Nieve x Cachas), who won the six-year-old title last year. Daminos was bred by Klaus-Peter Wiepert, is ridden by Vicki Wilson and owned by Vicki, Amanda and Kelly Wilson of Team WS. After last year's victory, Wilson said the horse had exceeded every expectation in his limited number of outings. At this year's prizegiving, she commented: "We've had just one class this season coming into this competition. I couldn't ask for a better little horse." His dam, Blanca Nieve, is a Bezirksprämie mare from Stamm 3488, and he has a full brother born in 2016. He also has a half-sister, Dinka Solaguayre (born in 2015, by Dinken).

Second place in the seven-year-old class went to a Corofino II NZ Warmblood gelding, Campari (Corofino II - Lillana x Littorio), bred and owned by Penny Tapley, and ridden by Tegan Fitzsimon. Campari finished fifth equal in his six-year-old class at last year's young horse show, and was also fifth in the six-year-old ESNZ series, just ahead of the lightly-competed Daminos, who was sixth.

Third place was shared by three super young mares, one of which was the Diarado daughter mentioned above. Her name is Cassina Dior (Diarado - Cassina Van de Helle x Cassini I). She a New Zealand Warmblood, bred by Pip McCarroll, owned by Sally Steiner, and ridden by Phillip Steiner. Cassina Dior was the winner of the seven-year-old style prize.

The other two mares sharing third spot were a Holsteiner and an Australian Warmblood. The Holsteiner, Nikama MVNZ (Canto - Dolche MVNZ x Oramé VDL), was bred by Mount View Sport Horses, is owned Lianne Inkster and ridden by Laura Inkster. The Australian Warmblood, Lafayette Ego Z (Lux Z - Cressida Ego Z x Carthago Z) was bred by Linda Mayer at Summersea in New South Wales. Lafayette is owned and ridden by Jasmine Sketchley, whose successful showjumping stallion, Bravado Ego Z (Balougran Z), is a half-brother of Nikama's.

Sixth place went to NZSH gelding, Clearcut Xtreme (Clearway - Legacy Xtreme x Littorio), bred by Sharlene Workman of Xtreme Sport Horses, owned by Fiona Hall and ridden by Oliver Edgecombe.

NZ Warmblood wins 6yo championship

This group's champion was Kings Larkin (Lansing - Mary Larkin x Kings Ransom), a New Zealand Warmblood gelding bred and owned by Kelly Smith, and ridden by Jesse Linton, who says, "The class was pretty tough, with big jumps; it was nice to be sitting on a very good horse; a nicely bred horse." Kings Larkin is not only nicely bred, but very nice looking: a handsome, well-built chestnut. He hasn't done a great deal of competing yet, but had a five-year-old win last season.

Kings Larkin's sire, Lansing (Landgraf I - Monoline x Roman) was a licensed Holsteiner from Stamm 8777, and

competed in the Bundeschampionart as a five-year-old.

His dam, Mary Larkin (Kings Ransom - Chianti x Brilliant Invader xx) is an Irish Sport Horse, breeder unrecorded, who has had a lot of jumping wins and places at 'open' and 'pro-am' competitions here. Her damsire, Brilliant Invader xx, was of course famous for his eventing and jumping progeny, which include Blyth Tait's Olympic gold winner, Ready Teddy xx.

Second place went to Souther Field (Sangster - Chloe x Glendevon Commander), a Holsteiner cross bred by Vicki Prendergast and ridden by her daughter, Olivia. This gelding is from a well performed line that stems from Prendergast's mare SoFee (Powerfee), who is his sire's dam. SoFee is also the dam of the very good Selena C (Corland VDL - SoFee x Powerfee). Sangster has been gelded and is now in Australia. It's also interesting to note that Souther Field's grandsire on his dam's side is a full Clydesdale, who has sired many good jumpers.

Third place was shared by two geldings: Heartline (Euro Sport Heartbreaker - Calusa x Euro Sport Centavos), and Eye Catcher NZPH (Kannan - United Blue NZPH x Mr Blue). Heartline, a New Zealand Warmblood, has not had many outings this season, but looks ready to make an impact on the series rankings. He was bred by jumping rider Daniel Webb and is owned and ridden by Heloise Tolo. His dam, Calusa, is closely related to Webb's talented gelding, Cardo, through the Warmblood stallion Abenaki Chief (Anamour x Witzbold), who was also bred by Daniel Webb and had many jumping wins and placings with him. He is Calusa and Cardo's dam-sire.

Eye Catcher NZPH, a New Zealand Sport Horse gelding, was bred by New Zealand Performance Horses and won last year's five-year-old series in grand style. This super young horse is owned and ridden by Rose Alfeld, and is sure to feature strongly as the series for six-year-olds progresses.

Fifth spot was also shared, this time by four horses, two of them sired by Corofino II and bred by Sharlene Workman's Xtreme Sport Horses. One of these was the mare Carbon Xtreme (Corofino II - Ngahiwi Chrome x Corland VDL), who is owned by the stud and ridden by Logan Massie. The lovely grey was also the winner of the style prize. This was judged by Australian Michelle Strapp, who has produced jumpers to the highest level. She says, "I understood that a lot were very spooky in the atmosphere; I judged it out of 10 first for canter, next for scope, then rideability. There were two horses I absolutely adored."

The other Corofino II horse in fifth place was Casanova Xtreme (Corofino II - JK Looks Good x JK Lucas), a Holsteiner gelding owned by Takapoto Estate. He was ridden by Takapoto's Jamie Tiller and is one to keep an eye on; the pair finished second in last season's five-year-old series.

Also in fifth spot were the pretty Thoroughbred mare Chicago Fire xx (El Hermano xx - Zevita xx x Zeditave xx) whose breeder is unrecorded, and Beau Balou (Balou du Rouet - Vertical Horizon x Pride of Kellina xx), an Australian import whose dam jumped at World Cup level across the

Tasman. Chicago Fire, who is on the market at present, was ridden by Emma Watson, who describes her as an 'absolute pleasure'. Beau Balou was bred by Amelia Spoelder of Tullyard Farm in Australia, and is owned and ridden by Kate Herdson. His dam, Vertical Horizon, competed at World Cup level in Australia.

Zero faults for 5yo Florence

Despite its large number of entries, the five-year-old competition was a close-fought battle. Eleven horses were on zero faults after the first of the three qualifiers, and eight were still faultless after qualifier number two. However, the fabulous grey mare Florence (Lord Lorino LS - Molly x Double J Repicharge), was the only horse to go fault-free in the final round.

Florence was bred and is owned by Massie Agri Business, and ridden by Logan Massie. She also won the style prize. "I was quietly confident that she would do well," Massie says. "Every round she has jumped this year has been double clear but the tracks here were bigger than ever. It's tough jumping at this show to get four clears out of a five-year-old over courses that get slightly tougher each day."

Florence finished second in the four-year-old championship last year. Her sire, Lord Larino LS, is by the KWPN Keur stallion Larino (Concorde) from Merrieliijn 47, fokfamilie 95, and her dam was bred by the Massies. Her damsire, the excellent Double J Repicharge (Voltaire II) is out of Replica, who jumped at World Cup level.

Progeny of JJ Repicharge have given the Double J prefix plenty of exposure in the jumping rings here, but he was not the sire of the Double J youngster who finished second in this championship: Double J Hurricane (Euro Sport Heartbreaker - Double J Breeze x Voltaire II), although the Voltaire II blood is there. Double J Hurricane is co-owned by Wendy Jacobs of Double J and rider Samantha Carrington. The sire of this NZ Sport Horse gelding, ES Centavos, is an imported Hanoverian who has proved very influential since his arrival on the NZ breeding scene. Double J Hurricane is a full-brother of the mare Double J Breeze On who was third for Samantha Carrington in last year's seven-year-old championship and had a win for her the in the junior rider class this show.

BMW Braveheart (Bravado Ego Z - Belcam Aarcadia x Aachen), a Warmblood gelding bred by Jasmine Sketchley and owned and ridden by Michelle Wakeling, was the third-placed five-year-old. This horse's sire, the Zangersheide Bravado Ego Z, competes here at World Cup level with Sketchley and has also jumped successfully with her in Australia. Braveheart's damsire, Aachen, was bred in Europe and registered there as Azzaro. His dam is also the mother of



*Florence (Lord Lorino LS - Molly x Double J Repicharge)
ridden by Logan Massie*

Australian Grand Prix dressage horse, Adloo Richard. So, young Braveheart has some very good blood.

The beautiful LT Holst Freda (Colman - LT Holst Andrea x Casall Ask), currently second in the ESNZ five-year-old series, was fourth, ridden by her owner Julie Davey. She was bred by Ewen Mackintosh at Lake Taupo Holsteiners. Her dam, who was bred in Germany by Hans-Joachim Gerken of Hammoor, has been the ESNZ's EquiBreed and VDL top ranking mare for the last two years. She competes at World Cup level and is jointly co-owned by her rider Brooke Edgcombe and Ewen Mackintosh.

Another from the Takapoto Estate stables, Takapoto Lombardi (Andretti - Zoe CSNZ x Cervelt MVNZ), ridden by Oliver Croucher, was equal fifth, sharing the honours with a mare, ME Joy Ride II (Euro Sport Centavos - Filly x sire unrecorded) bred and owned by Gemma McKay, and ridden by her daughter Shanae McKay. ME Joy Ride II is in third place on the five-year-old series leaderboard at present. Her dam, Filly, who is now deceased, was out of an Appaloosa mare, Tiger Lily, and had several nice progeny. One of these is a full brother to Joy Ride: the gelding ME Little Shogun.

Evenly matched 4yo talents

Five youngsters shared first place after the first qualifier in this championship, and five in the second qualifier too – although the list was not identical. The final showed some evenly matched talent as well, with two sharing third place, and three sharing sixth.

However, there was an outright winner: Off The Cuff (Colombia xx - Cufflink x LioCaylon), a bay New Zealand Sport Horse mare bred by Sonya and Tayla Mason, owned by Sonya Mason, and ridden by Anna Trent.

Off The Cuff is a half-sister of the very good nine-year-

old gelding Popeye (Cardento) who is now jumping in Europe and was instrumental in NZ's qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, with a clear round in the Group G qualifier at Valkenswaard in August. He also finished sixth in the five-star CSIO Nations' Cup in Gijon that same month, ridden by his owner, Tom Tarver-Priebe, and won a two-star CSI in Bonheiden in July.

Off The Cuff's sire, Colombia, was one of the most expensive yearlings ever sold at New Zealand's annual Karaka Sales, and comes from the world-famous Eight Carat racing family. He did not race, and spent time as a sport horse sire at Longspring Sport Horses. Cufflink, the dam, had a number of age-group wins here and many good placings in open classes.

The reserve champion four-year-old was also a mare: Takapoto Cartier (Cartell GNZ - Claire x Chasseur I), ridden by Jaime Tiller. This young NZ Warmblood has a lovely pedigree. Her dam, Claire, is a Hanoverian bred by Fenna Schulte-Landwehr in Germany, who competed in Europe with Samantha McIntosh. She is now in the Takapoto broodmare band. The sire, Cartell GNZ (Casall Ask) is a very impressive young Holsteiner stallion, bred by Goldengrove Stud. Takapoto Cartier was the winner of the four-year-old style prize.

Third place was shared by a mare and a gelding. The mare is an interesting prospect from Matthews Hanoverians: Guilia MH (Graf Top - Ma Mojo Padale xx x Grosvenor xx), bred by Judith Matthews, owned by Angela Miller, and ridden by Logan Massie. Ma Mojo Padale is the dam of four other promising young horses from Matthews Hanoverians, two sired by 2019's Hanoverian stallion of the year, Stolzenberg, one by the super-successful Cornet Obolensky, and the other by Guilia MH's illustrious sire, Graf Top. Guilia MH also won the show's best performing Hanoverian prize.

The gelding who shared third place with Guilia is a New Zealand Sport Horse, Martin ECPH (Corofino II - Phoebe Nimmerdor ISH x Ephebe Forever), bred by East Coast Performance Horses, sponsors of the show itself. He is a big black fellow with lots of presence, ridden by Jeremy Whale and owned by Tootill Equestrian, who also own his dam. And, of course, he is another Corofino II representative.

Takapoto China (Cassiano - Lanice van de Heffinck x Plot Blue), a daughter of the show's leading mare, was fifth; she was bred and is owned by Takapoto Estate, and was ridden by Oliver Croucher. China was the reserve champion mare of last year's NZWA classification tour. Her sire Cassiano (Cassini x Calypso II x Maestoso xx), was the most prominent sire of major Horse of the Year placegetters in 2019, and is a licensed Holsteiner who stands at Xtreme Sport Horses – home of Corofino II.

Sixth place was a three-way tie between Moritz (Blitz - Huia x Red), a New Zealand Sport Horse gelding owned and ridden by Caroline Coop; Takapoto Sienna (Euro Sport Centavos - Belize di Cantero x Clinton), a New Zealand Warmblood mare bred and owned by Takapoto Estate, and

ridden by Jaime Tiller; and the very tall, handsome NZSH gelding Kiwi Royal (Cartell GNZ - Kiwi Majestic x Corlando) bred and owned by Graeme Hart of Fernhill Stud, and ridden by Ashley Hart. Kiwi Royal is one of two well-placed Cartell GNZ progeny in this class: the other is the mare Takapoto Cartier, who was reserve champion and winner of the style prize.

Cartell GNZ (Casall Ask - Yetar Springs Jane x Jadalco) is definitely emerging as a stallion to watch. Yetar Springs Jane is out of a Corrado I mare, Coral, and was bred in Australia. She is now in the Goldengrove Stud broodmare band. Cartell GNZ has a full sister, Catalina GNZ, who was sold to Brad Cunningham in Australia and recently had a win there at 1m30.

NZ World Cup and Premier update

The simply fabulous Windermere Cappuccino (Corofino II - Vespa x Voltaire II) bred by Windermere Equestrian and ridden by Tegan Fitzsimon, has leapt to the top of the NZL World Cup rankings with 65 points. Cappuccino was the winner of this competition last year, as an eight-year-old, and looks almost certain of victory again.

In second place with 59 points is the imported Holsteiner mare LT Holst Andrea (Casall - Palaune x Lavaletto), bred by Hans-Joachim Gerken of Hammoor and jointly owned by her rider Brooke Edgecombe and Lake Taupo Holsteiner's Ewen MacIntosh. Just behind her on 58 is 2018's Horse of the Year, Veroana (Indoctro - Strawberry x Roman Off), ridden by owner Briar-Burnett Grant, and bred by Linda Taylor.

Another imported Holsteiner mare, LT Holst Bernadette (Askari - Tamara XVI x Casall) bred by Reimer and Detlef Hennings of Bendorf, is fourth on 56; she is owned and ridden by Robert Steele, but was imported by Ewen Mackintosh of LT Holsteiners. Cera Cassina (Cassini II - Caletta x Caletto I), also an imported Holsteiner mare, is fifth on 26 points. She was bred by Kerri Parker of Cera Performance Horses in Australia, and won a World Cup leg on her second outing at that level. Cera Cassina is 10 years old, and ridden by her owner Kimberley Bird. Logan Massie's big NZSH gelding, Intellect (Lio Caylon - Wilma x King Gamlett), bred by Kim and Greg Best, is sixth with 25 points. He is 10 years old.

Windermere Cappuccino also tops the Premier League standings with 85 points; Veroana is in second place with 54, and LT Holst Andrea third with 51. In fourth spot is last year's Horse of the Year, Belischi HM xx (Chateau Istana xx), bred in Australia and owned and ridden by Emily Hayward. LT Holst Bernadette is fifth on 40 points, while the imported BWP mare, Joligne de Carmel (Vagabond de la Pomme - PM Van de Helle x Calando), bred by Dirk Willaert, imported by Matilda Shutter-Davies, and ridden by Julie Davey, is in sixth place on 34. This series has a lot more jumping ahead, but the World Cup will be decided this month in Dannevirke. ■

Igor: Landbouwleven Horse of the Year 2019

BY JO DE ROO

PHOTOGRAPHY: FEI, PERSONAL COLLECTION

On the occasion of the Mechelen 'Christmas Showjumping Memorial Eric Wauters', the extraordinary showjumper Igor was crowned as Landbouwleven Horse of the Year. In partnership with Jos Verlooy, Igor has caused a furore in the international showjumping world, including the individual bronze medal and the golden Belgian team medal at the 2019 European Championship in Rotterdam.

Born in 2008, the BWP-registered Igor was bred by Maarten Van Waes. He is the result of combining legendary showjumper/progenitor Emerald van't Ruytershof (Diamant de Semilly - Carthina Z x Carthago) with Tinica (Nabab de Rêve - Inica x Gibramino). And, according to his rider, Jos Verlooy, "Igor has all qualities a top showjumper needs".

Jos Verlooy talks about Igor

◆ How did Igor come to join your stables?

Maarten Van Waes, Igor's breeder, called us and asked if we were interested in Igor. At that time Igor was four-years-old and a product of Emerald's first vintage. As we are Emerald's owners, my father Axel was interested. He and Harrie Smolders went to see Igor. Harrie rode him, but the demonstration was not easy. Igor was quite a character, and rather opinionated. My father said to the breeder: 'Ride the horse for one more year. If he becomes a little bit easier, we

have a deal'. One year later, Van Waes called my father and said 'I think Igor is ready for it.' We tested the horse. We were impressed and bought him. Igor is such a talented showjumper.'

◆ You only started to ride Igor at the age of nine?

Formerly, Igor was ridden by some of our stable riders. I started to ride him at the moment that I felt he was ready to perform, and started him at international showjumping tournaments at a high level. He had made good progress.

◆ Tell us about Igor's particular showjumping qualities?

He has a brilliant, unique technique. He has the kind of technique that every rider or owner is looking for. Moreover, he has great suppleness, he can easily jump wide fences, etc. Igor has all the qualities a top showjumper needs. He is a complete horse.'

◆ And what about his character?

Igor does have a special character, so I have to show him that I am the boss. Each top horse has a bit of character. I think that a top performer needs that, and Igor has a strong character. I have to admit that he has made me sweat for some years. It feels like he knows that he is special. Now, thanks to his experience and age, it's becoming better and better. I can see the positive evolution. Igor is developing in an outstanding competitive showjumper.'

◆ Tell us about your results?

My best until now is undoubtedly the performances at the European championship. When we sold 50% of Igor to Mrs. Graziella Janssen, I said that Igor will be very special in my career. He is so special, and I think I will never have a second Igor. I hope that I'm wrong as I'm still young. Igor is a great performer and is ready to collect medals at great tournaments. At the Rotterdam European championship we claimed two medals and it's only the start of our career. The best is yet to come, but in 2019 I felt that his experience is really starting to show. I learned several things from our participation at the Tryon WEG (2018), so in Rotterdam I had great self-confidence, and in the coming years Igor will only become stronger. He will definitely improve with age.'



l-r: Igor's co-owner, Graziella Janssen, Igor, Jos Verlooy, Marie Van Miert



*Igor (Emerald van't Ruytershof - Tinica x Nabab de Rêve)
ridden by Jos Verlooy (BEL)*

◆ **What's your dream?**

Performing with Igor at the Olympic Games. If I will get this chance, I will do all I can and try to achieve a marvellous result. And of course, winning the Calgary or Aachen GP is also on my bucket list.'

Rik Van Miert: "Igor and Jos will be surprising"

In Mechelen, we also interviewed the 77-year-old Rik Van Miert, who has been a member of the organizing committee of showjumping Mechelen since 1981, and president of the auction during 12 of the years. Van Miert is also a co-founder of the WBFSh. 'At that time I was invited by Princess Anne to Buckingham Palace. I have been a vice president and the treasurer of the WBFSh, but nowadays I'm holding an advisory role.'

Twelve years ago, Van Miert also founded the Corsondonck Dressage Cup. "In Belgium there was a lack of performance testing for young dressage horses. In our first

edition we attracted 30 participants, nowadays it's 90. This year we had to refuse around 20 combinations because 90 is our maximum capacity.' In the past, Van Miert was also rider and breeder. "Six years ago, I stopped my breeding activities, but my daughter-in-law now makes use of my stables. We have some 35 ponies and 12 horses. I have to admit that I want to start breeding horses again. I own two dams, one by Casall x Type d'Elle and one by Lissaro van de Helle."

◆ **Igor has been elected as horse of the year, so is he your favourite?**

Absolutely. Without hesitation. My whole family, including my 13-year-old granddaughter Marie Van Miert and 17-year-old grandson Marnicq Van Miert, is supporting Igor and Jos. We are great fans of Igor, but also of Jos. Igor is brilliant. It's a kind of Emerald story that will last for many years. It's similar to Darco, it's a never-ending story.'

◆ **What makes Igor unique?**

His zest for work, mentality and readiness. Moreover, Igor is strong and very competitive.

According to Van Miert, Igor means a lot for the Belgian equestrian world: "He makes a lot of publicity. A dream came true. Each studbook or country is hoping to have such an outstanding horse. And we have to take into account that Jos Verlooy is a very young rider. It's just like a fairytale. In my

opinion, we will be surprised in the future with the performances of Igor and Jos. We are looking ahead to the Olympic Games, World Cup classes, great five-star tournaments, etc. I expect that they will compete during the next three years at the highest level."

The Verlooy family organised a party to celebrate the medals collected at the European championship, at which you were one of the guests. "First of all, I want to say that the things the Verlooy family is doing, are brilliant. They involve colleagues, breeders, and friends in celebrating the medals. The guests could talk to the Verlooy family, take pictures of Igor, and so on. We enjoyed huge hospitality, and it's setting an example. I have known this nice family for many years. Several decades ago, when I rode horses, I was competing against Jos's grandfather. Graziella Janssen, Igor's co-owner, is also a brilliant person. Her father is Dr. Paul Janssen, founder of Janssen Pharmaceutica, and I know this family very well. It's great that Graziella has become the co-owner." ■

Breeding and sport: Hand in hand during Mechelen show

BY JO DE ROO

PHOTOGRAPHY: FEI/LUCASZ KOWALSKI

Once again, during the Mechelen 'Christmas showjumping memorial Eric Wauters' breeders and riders gathered together on December 27 and enjoyed diverse breeding highlights, including the final of the free jumping for two-year-old horses, an auction for two-year-olds, showjumping classes for six- and seven-year-old stallions, and the famous Léon Melchior showjumping class.

Starting with the final of the free jumping competition for two-year-old horses, the jury comprised Olympic team bronze and European team gold medal winner Pius Schwizer, alongside Belgian top rider Karel Cox. There were 40 participants, selected during the semi-final, although nearly 800 two-year-olds took part in the selection trials that were held all around the country. Some 210 were invited to contest the semi-final which took place last December 8 at the equestrian centre Azelhof in Liege. The organising committee of the Mechelen auction then selected 21 two-year-old horses who didn't jump during the final, but only during the auction.

Overall victory was claimed by the BWP registered Requiem J&F Champblanc (Quaprice Bois Margot - Hanky Panky x Calvaro), bred by J. and F. Van Dijck. In the final Requiem formed a nice parabola over the fences and demonstrated great scope and a quick foreleg technique. Hanky Panky's dam, Love Love-CR (Heartbreaker), is the grandmother of STB Fleuri van de Koekelberg. This 2005-born Winningmood daughter is nowadays performing at international three-star level, in partnership with Steven Vermeir. In 2013 and 2014 STB Fleuri van de Koekelberg even jumped at five-star level with Dirk Demeersman in the saddle. This damline also produced several international showjumpers, amongst them Vagabond/ex Barough CR and Rapsodi-CR. Requiem J&F Champblanc received a wild card in order to participate at the Mechelen auction, and was the first horse into the arena – finally going under the hammer for €60,000 to Hilton Stables.

Several other horses were also sold at high prices, such as Burlletta vd Donkhoeve Z (Bingo des Sequoias Z - Leona vd Donkhoeve x Heartbreaker) who sold for €46,000, and Rock'N Roll MXL (Denzel van't Meulenhof - Olivia MXL x Elvis ter Putte) at €38,000. The latter was, in fact, sold to Poland.

In the final of the free jumping competition the BWP registered Rosy vd Bisschop ranked second. Rosy was bred by Tom De Craene by crossing Chacoon Blue with the dam Ilydi vd Bisschop (Kashmir van Schuttershof - Troica x Lys de Darmen). Rosy scored 92 out of 100, just one point behind the winner. Currently, Ilydi is performing in showjumping

classes, in partnership with the very young rider Emma De Craene.

Rosy's damline produced several approved stallions (such as Gandy vd Bisschop, Qornet vd Bisschop and Grafiti van den Bisschop), as well as several international showjumpers, including Flinstone van't Eigenlo, Foica van den Bisschop, Iloica vd Bisschop, Gandy van den Bisschop and Jaap vd Bisschop.

Three horses received a score of 91/100: Rite 'Ter Elzen' (Gino H - Orite ter Elzen x Hunters Scendro, bred by Werner Heuninckx-Van Hoornycck); Royal Touch vh Schaeck (a son of Untouchable out of Gin Tonic de Muze, the dam of the approved stallions Million Dollar and Odarco van het Schaeck, bred by Perry de Winter, BWP dam line 34); and Alexia Bormes Rm Z (Arezzo VDL - Daskia Bormes x Perhaps vh Molenvondel, bred by Ruben Mulders).

Smoldering Smolders wins 6yo stallion class

Only five stallions qualified to participate in the jump-off of the showjumping class for six-year-old stallions. The first combination out of the gate was Dayro Arroyave riding Cascol Z (Casall) who, unfortunately, waited until the final fence to make one error in a time of 39.68 seconds. Next into the ring was Pieter Kenis riding Nector vd Bisschop (Echo van Spievelde - Kelly vd Bisschop x Darco) who, like the first duo, also faulted at the last fence, clocking a much faster 36.72.

The first faultless round went to James Peeters in the saddle of Nadal Hero & DB (Kannan - Krista x Polydor), a half-brother to Taloubet Z. Peeters and Nadal had a good season in 2019, finishing 24th in the six-year-old final of the showjumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses (WBCYH) in Lanaken.

With two combinations to go, who could do better? The penultimate pairing was Dutch rider Harrie Smolders riding Nixon van't Meulenhof (Denzel van't Meulenhof - Carthina Z x Carthago, bred by Mariette van Lombergen). Nixon is a half-brother to a great number of international showjumpers such as Diamanthina and Emerald van't Ruytershof, Fragile, Gucci, Ilusionata, and l'Innocence van't Meulenhof.

In 2019, Smolders and Nixon celebrated several

honourable placings, including finishing 10th in the six-year old WBCYH final, and fifth in the Knokke one-star Grand Prix. However, here in Mechelen they recorded a faultless round in a jump-off time of 38.97, which was sufficient to secure victory ahead of the last to go, Jeroen Appelen, riding Nero de Semilly N (Diamant de Semilly) – another faultler at the final fence in 38.75 seconds.

Best 7yo stallion, Mr Uno-K van't Kattenheye

A total of 13 combinations started in the showjumping class for seven-year-old stallions – three fewer than last year – in which only four qualified for the jump-off.

Jan Vermeiren and Mr Uno-K van't Kattenheye (Numero Uno - Eloubet van de Doorndonkhoeve x Kannan, bred by Tony Raman and Annemarie Strobbe) were in the unenviable pathfinding position, but jumped impeccably in 39.62 seconds.

They were followed by Pieter Clemens riding A Golden Boy Hero Z (Aganix du SeigneurZ - Baluka Hero x Carthago), who also exited the ring with zero faults, but in a much slower time of 43.93 seconds – which was good enough to claim the runners-up spot in the final reckoning.

Each of the remaining two jump-off pairings recorded one fault: Escape Z (Emerald van't Ruytershof - Promesse x Heartbreaker – Escape being a half-brother to Untouchable), and Mr. Idol S (Plot Blue - Idole 111 x Darco). A daughter of Cassini I, M.Unellie, the grand-dam of Mr. Idol S, produced outstanding showjumpers, including: Winningmood; Chippendale Z; Richi Rich 111; Leonie 111 Z; Idole 111; Dr Max Think Twice 111 Z; and Pistol Pete 111 Z.

The winning stallion, Mr Uno-K van't Kattenheye, is a very clean showjumper who celebrated several victories and honourable placings as a youngster. He is a half-brother to the international showjumpers Indoktro K van't Kattenheye (Indoctro - Eloubet van de Doorndonkhoeve x Kannan), Jappelou K van't Kattenheye (Toulon), and Moncherie-K van't Kattenheye (Action-Breaker), all bred by Tony Raman and Annemarie Strobbe.

Léon Melchior prize to Zampano Z

The Léon Melchior prize, a five-star 1m45 table A class with one jump-off, was the apotheosis of this breeding day. In 2018 we counted 30, this year 22, of whom 14 qualified for the jump-off, so suspense was guaranteed.

Finally, six of the fourteen combinations jumped faultlessly in the jump-off round, including Olivier Philippaerts riding the five-star level KWPN stallion H&M Extra (Berlin - Wucinda x Heartbreaker, bred in the Netherlands by G. van de Winkel), who finished fourth in the final ranking.

Jens Vandenberg and Faldiano were also faultless. Faldiano is by Heartbreaker out of the Jus de Pomme dam, W de Pomme – a maternal bloodline that produced outstanding showjumpers, including the 2004 Olympian O de Pomme, ridden by Stanny van Paesschen. Niels Bruynseels and Di

Cantero van ter Hulst Z (Diamant de Semilly - Noah x Corrado I) also realized a clear jump-off round to finish fifth, ahead of Faldiano in sixth.

Gudrun Patteet also did a very good job with Sea Coast Valdelamadre Clooney (Centauer Z - Coral de Ibio x Quantum, bred in Spain by Yeguada Valdelamadre), a partnership that in 2019 collected

several top-10 placings in five-star showjumping classes, including Knokke and Göteborg. They were also members of the Belgian team that won the five-star, 1m60 Nations' Cup in Sopot, Poland, last June. Clooney belongs to a very strong damline that produced successful showjumpers, such as: Andretti S (Corland); Eminentie-S (Corland); Long Lankin (Lancer II); Wladimir S (Numero Uno); Typhoon S (Calvados); Una Bella HS (Calvados); Arc de Triomphe (Triomphe de Muze); Baretta S (Triomphe de Muze); Ciao Bella S (Triomphe de Muze); Sir Corland (Corland); Wilhelmus-S (Emilion); Veubelle S (Oramé); Zeuchelle S (Rash R); Dittorio S (Vittorio); and Fellini S (Vermont).

Patteet and Sea Coast Valdelamadre Clooney recorded an extremely fast jump-off round in 36.25 seconds to finish third.

The next faultless combination in the jump-off was Diesel GP du Bois Madame (Cassius - Ultika de Septon x Heartbreaker), ridden by Marlon Modolo Zanotelli. During 2019, this pair finished second in Paris, Helsinki and Lanaken, and seventh in Oslo, so it was great to witness the turn of speed this pair produced in the jump-off. There was no doubt about their winning goal, but they had to be satisfied with the runners-up position again.

This meant that it was the final combination who were motivated to do a better job. When they qualified for the jump-off, it always has to be remembered that he rides very fast and invariably jumps clear. We're talking about German international Christian Ahlmann. On this occasion he was riding the 2011-born Zampano Z (Zandor Z - Chinatown x Cocktail Jet), bred by Christian Ahlmann Sportpferde. In the past, Ahlmann also rode Zampano Z's grandmother, Little Queen (Lorenz - Ladelle x Domspatz) who, in 1998, carried him into fifth place in the Speed and Handiness showjumping class at the All-England Course in Hickstead.

During 2019, Ahlmann and Zampano Z collected several victories and top 10-placings in five-star tournaments, including London, Verona, Wolvertem, and Berlin. In Mechelen, he added a new victory to this growing list.

Ironically, as Christian Ahlmann is married to Judy Ann Melchior, it meant that the trophy was kept in-house, and will undoubtedly warrant pride of place in their home. ■



Gudrun Patteet riding Sea Coast Valdelamadre Clooney during the Sopot Nations' Cup in 2019

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

August 5-9: FEI-WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses, Verden (GER)

September 16-20: FEI-WBFSH Showjumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses, Lanaken (BEL)

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WBFSH SIRE RANKINGS

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SHOWJUMPING

1	Chacco-Blue	36,237	41	Douglas	3,621
2	Diamant De Semilly	22658	42	Heartbreaker	3,482
3	Casall	17,302	43	Colman	3,477
4	Toulon	14,150	44	Indoctro	3,403
5	Cornet Obolensky/ ex Windows vh Costersveld	13,456	45	Larino	3,338
6	Kashmir van Schuttershof	12,735	46	Ogano Sitte	3,333
7	Nabab De Reve	11,104	47	l'Arc de Triomphe	3,198
8	Cardento 933	10,186	48	Ugano Sitte	3,191
9	Berlin/ex Caspar	9,758	49	Quintender	3,148
10	Mylord Carthago	8,671	50	Quidam's Rubin	3,131
11	Quidam de Revel	8,409	51	Jarnac	3,001
12	Verdi	7,964	52=	Calido I	2,934
13	Tangelo vd Zuuthoeve	7,908	52=	Cornado I	2,934
14	Balou du Rouet	7,872	54	Canturano	2,933
15	For Pleasure	7,861	55	Quasimodo Z	2,785
16	Kannan	7,821	56	Contendro Ii	2,727
17	Calvaro Z	7,494	57	Air Jordan Z	2,718
18	Cicero Z van Paemel	6,844	58	Eldorado vd Zeshoek	2,700
19	Numero Uno/ex Norton	6,667	59	Emerald van't Ruytershof	2,688
20	Diarado	6,514	60	Luidam	2,656
21	Baloubet du Rouet	5,855	61	Lordanos	2,596
22	Clinton	5,818	62	Contagio	2,580
23	Quaprice Bois Margot/ ex Quincy	5,703	63	Contact van de Heffinck	2,535
24	Lord Pezi	5,313	64	Querlybet Hero	2,509
25	Contendro I	5,273	65	Ukato	2,499
26	Lord Z	5,213	66	Ustinov	2,491
27	Catoki	5,190	67	Quick Star	2,449
28	Clarimo	4,779	68	Stakkato	2,448
29	Thunder vd Zuuthoeve	4,686	68	Vigo d'Arsouilles	2,401
30	Zirocco Blue	4,467	69	Wandor van de Mispelaere	2,398
31	Cassini I	4,458	70	Lupicor	2,390
32	Quintero	4,257	71	Perigueux	2,331
33	Mr Blue	4,248	72	Nintender	2,275
34	Cassini II	4,182	73	Carambole	2,255
35	Canturo	3,920	74	Cartani	2,248
36	Namelus R	3,870	75	Apache d'Adriers	2,245
37	Clearway	3,691	76	Vingino	2,220
38	Cantos	3,678	77	Corland	2,213
39	Darco	3,645	78	Allegreto	2,170
40	Andiamo Z	3,635	79	Flipper d'Elle	2,124
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1	Jazz	21,578	26	Zack	4,895
2	Johnson	20,468	27	Aromats	4,779
3	Sandro Hit	20,050	28	United	4,644
4	De Niro	18,388	29	Danone I	4,476
5	Quaterback	12,856	30	Sancisco	4,437
6	Don Frederico	12,825	31	Rubi	4,368
7	Fidertanz	12,496	32	Dr Doolittle 45	4,271
8	Rubin Royal	12,195	33	Spielberg	4,260
9	Vivaldi	11,534	34	Damon Hill	4,240
10	Don Schufro	10,937	35	Dressage Royal	4,108
11	Florencio I	10,496	36	Farewell Iii	3,943
12	Stedinger	10,487	37	Estobar	3,912
13	Diamond Hit	10,078	38	Desperados	3,797
14	Rousseau	9,228	39	Londonderry	3,671
15	Dimaggio	9,018	40	Weltmeyer	3,524
16	San Amour I	8,208	41	Contango	3,466
17	Gribaldi	8,157	42	Ferro	3,410
18	Sir Donnerhall	8,026	43	Osmium	3,404
19	Romanov	7,007	44	Samarant	3,340
20	Hotline	6,524	45	Michellino	3,290
21	San Remo	6,513	46	Voice	3,279
22	Dancier	6,002	47	Florett As	3,222
23	Breitling W	5,781	48	Royal Diamond	3,195
24	Belissimo M	5,440	49	Painted Black	3,191
25	Sandro	5,419	50	Negro	3,048

EVENTING

1	Contendro I	1,688	27	Windfall	386
2	Grafenstolz	1,207	28	Garrison Royal	380
3	Jaguar Mail	855	29	Heraldik xx	374
4	Quite Easy 958	738	30	Camiro de Haar Z	370
5	Courage II	664	31	Womanizer	351
6	Diarado	644	32	Lasino	350
7	Ars Vivendi	607	33	Moravia	349
8	Valentino 240	573	34	Chilli Morning	348
9	Limmerick	552	35	Verdi	337
10	OBOS Quality 004	535	36	Contender	334
11	Diamant de Semilly	490	37	Clover Echo	326
12	Jumbo	487	38	Quality 9	314
13	Master Imp	470	39	Casantos	300
14	Shannondale Sarco	463	40	Vigo d'Arsoailles	297
15	Kannan	447	41	l'Arc de Triomphe	296
16	Ricardo Z	430	42	Radolin	286
17	Fidertanz	426	43	Indoctro	284
18	Mylord Carthago	424	44	Chacco Blue	274
19=	Balou du Rouet	423	45	Carrico	268
19=	Ramiro B	423	46	Contendros Bube	267
21	Mighty Magic	407	47	Littorio	265
22	Landos	403	48	Winningmood vd Arenberg	263
23	Betel xx	399			
24=	Jack of Diamonds	398	49=	Arkansas	261
24=	Ustinov	398	49=	Captain Fire	261
26	Puissance	391			



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