

## 2001 News Archive

17 December 2001

### **Joel Performs Well In "Jumping Amsterdam" World Cup Classes**

Joel, the 10-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved stallion Ekstein, continued his fantastic jumping this past weekend in Holland.

On Friday at the important "Jumping Amsterdam" competition, Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z) jumped clear in the Qualification Competition for the World Cup and placed 8th out of 36 starters. This result earned prize money for Joel's rider and breeder, Gert Jan Bruggink, and a ticket to jump the next day.

On Saturday in the FEI World Cup class Joel jumped clear in the first round of this 1.60 metre competition and had two fences down in the jump-off. He placed 9th and once again finished in the prize money.

Earlier in 2001 Joel and Bruggink won the Gold Medal in the European Championship for Young Riders, became Reserve Champions of Holland, and lead the Dutch Team to victory in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid.

Joel is one of 12 offspring of Ekstein (Zion x Joost) jumping Grand Prix in Europe; Ekstein also has 10 offspring jumping at high levels in the USA.

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8 December 2001

### **Excellent Results for Ekstein from NA/WPN Inspections**

The North American Department of the KWPN (Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands) held their mare and foal inspections on 8 October 2001.

Two results will be of interest to followers of EKSTEIN, Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved sire.

In Class 10, Premium Grading for Foals and Weanlings, the filly foal Urscilla, sired by Heartbreaker and out of Priscilla, a mare by Ekstein, received the 2nd Premium.

In Class 10, Star Mares for Keur, the same mare, Priscilla (Ekstein - Aram), fulfilled the requirements for both conformation and the quality of her foal. She received the honour "Keur Mare."

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4 December 2001

### **Condios 2nd in 1.40 m. and 2nd in 1.30 m. Classes at Thisted International Show**

Condios, Morningside Stud's 6-year-old Holsteiner stallion approved as a sire in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and the UK, had another outstanding performance this past weekend in Denmark.

At the Thisted International Show, Condios jumped double-clear in a 1.30 metre class and then went on to place 2nd in another 1.30 metre class and 2nd in a 1.40 metre class.

Henrik Gundersen, Condios' rider, reported that Condios is "jumping super. He has extraordinary power."

Condios' next show will be on 12 January 2002.

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3 December 2001

### **News Roundup**

Morningside Stud once again received extensive coverage in the latest (November) issue of the excellent Canadian newsletter "Breeding News for Sport Horses" that is distributed throughout the world. (Subscribe at <http://www.breedingnews.com>).

EKSTEIN'S 10-year-old progeny Joel, who with his rider and breeder Gert Jan Bruggink won the Gold Medal in the 2001 European Young Riders Championship, is featured in a long article on page 4 about the Dutch Team, led by Bruggink and Joel, winning the Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid at the end of September. The article notes

that the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands (KWPN) has certified in writing that Joel is just on of 12 Ekstein progeny jumping Grand Prix in Europe and that Ekstein has "a further 10 jumping at high levels in the USA."

On page 5 of the Breeding News is an article about Morningside Stud's efforts to create a market for Irish Warmbloods and Irish Sport Horses in China.

On the competition front, our 6-year-old stallion CONDIOS (Coriano x Landgraf I) continues to perform in splendid fashion on the continent. On November 24 Condios jumped double-clear in a 1.30 metre class to tune him up for the international show in Thisted, Denmark this past weekend. In Thisted Condios jumped double-clear in a 1.30 metre class but did not place; he jumped double clear and placed 2nd in another 1.30 metre class; and he jumped double-clear and placed 2nd in a 1.40 metre class. (For the benefit of our Irish readers, 1.30 metre is the height of our old ABC classes, and 1.40 metre used to be called Grade B level.)

Henrik Gundersen, Condios' rider, reported that Condios is "jumping super. He has extraordinary power." Condios' next show will be on 12 January 2002.

Finally, we are preparing for the 2002 International Breeders Conference. We don't have a firm date yet, but we will let you know as soon as the date and programme are finalised. And we can promise you a fantastic group of speakers.

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6 November 2001

### **Condios M2S: 4th in 1.40 m. and 3rd in 1.30 m. in Denmark**

Morningside Stud's 6-year-old Holsteiner stallion Condios M2S has continued to reveal his outstanding showjumping abilities to audiences on the continent.

On Friday 2 November in Denmark, Condios placed 4th in a big 1.40 metre class.

On Saturday, Condios was one of over 80 horses jumping in a 1.30 metre class with two jump-offs. Condios jumped clear in the first

round and clear in the first jump-off. He was one of about 20 horses to make it to the second jump-off, which was very fast. Condios once again jumped clear and with a quick time was placed 3rd.

Having jumped 5 clear rounds in two days, Condios' international rider, Henrik Gundersen, decided to rest the young stallion on Sunday -- on his laurels!

Morningside Stud's sire Condios M2S (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a Holsteiner stallion approved in Germany, Denmark, Ireland, and the UK. Although only 6-years-old, Condios is the only Irish-owned stallion jumping full-time on the continent. Through artificial insemination, Condios serviced over 100 mares in Ireland, Great Britain, and Denmark in 2001.

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31 October 2001

### **News Roundup - October 2001**

The October issue of the excellent monthly newsletter "Breeding News for Sport Horses" (subscribe at <http://www.breedingnews.com>) contains two items of interest to fans of CONDIOS (Coriano x Landgraf 1).

On page 3 there is an article, "Condios Clear", written by Jean Llewellyn that reports on Condios' excellent performance at the German Showjumping Championship in Warendorf.

On page 4 there is a report that a 3-year-old daughter of Condios' sire, Coriano, out of a Ramiro mare, was the Reserve Champion of the German Holsteiner Association's young mare inspection.

On the competition front, on Sunday Condios placed second in a 1.30 metre class in Denmark.

In the 27 September 2001 issue of "In de Strengen", one of the full-color magazines published by the KWPN studbook and distributed free to members, there is a story about EKSTEIN's son Joel leading Holland to victory in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid. The story, on page 17, contains a great color photo of Joel and his rider/owner, Gert Jan Bruggink. A photo and/or news of Joel has been

in almost every issue of the KWPN's magazines for the last few months.

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26 September 2001

### **Ekstein's Son Joel Leads Holland to Gold Medal in Samsung Nation's Cup World Final**

Joel, the 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein and ridden by his owner, 20-year-old Gert-Jan Bruggink, led the Dutch team in victory in the 2001 Samsung Nation's Cup World Final in Madrid on 23 September.

Riding the only double clear for the victorious team from Holland, this was the pair's inaugural ride on the Dutch National Team.

Also in Madrid last weekend, Joel and Bruggink placed 6th in the Banesto Grand Prix (1.60 metre) and 2nd in the Trofeo National Atesa class.

Joel and Bruggink have had a very successful year. They placed second in the Dutch National Showjumping Championships on 12 August and earned the title of Reserve Champion Showjumper of the Netherlands. Three weeks earlier, the pair won the Individual Gold Medal, and the Team Bronze Medal, in the European Show Jumping Championship for Young Riders.

Morningside Stud's sire Ekstein is approved by the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands (KWPN), which has certified in writing that he has sired 12 offspring jumping Grand Prix and a further 10 jumping at high levels in the USA.

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20 September 2001

### **Son of Morningside Stud Mare Gudrun Wins Belgium Showjumping Championship**

Morningside Stud is pleased to announce that President, a son of its foundation mare Gudrun M2S, has won the 4-Year-Old Belgium Showjumping Championship and been declared "Elite."

Gudrun's son is the KWPN-registered President, by the Belgian Warmblood-approved sire Clinton (by Corrado I). In March President won the Italian Studbook's 2001 Stallion Performance Test, being the only stallion to break through the 900 point barrier by earning an index score of 926. In comparison, the lowest ranking stallion of the fifteen selected for the performance test received a score of 589. Shortly after becoming an approved sire, President was sold to Belgium where his new owners intend to stand him at stud and bring him along as a competition horse.

Gudrun M2S is a Keur ("tested") mare of the KWPN, meaning that she is an approved broodmare who completed an excellent performance test and produced several outstanding foals, including President. Gudrun also has produced a filly (Kretienne, by Olympic Bronze Medal winner Quidam de Revel) who became Champion Mare of the KWPN and a filly (Orashi, by Cruising) who reached the Finals of the KWPN Young Horse Championships and finished in the top-10 in jumping. In May Gudrun had an outstanding colt, named Ulysses M2S, by Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved sire Ekstein.

Gudrun's sire, Voltaire, is one of the world's greatest sires of showjumpers and the Preferent star of the KWPN, with 28 offspring jumping internationally.

Gudrun's dam, Adriana (by the legendary Le Mexico), is a Preferent mare of the KWPN whose outstanding offspring include the Swedish Studbook-approved stallion Fontaine.

It is interesting to note the accumulation of the Irish Thoroughbred Furioso's blood in both the sire line (Voltaire by Furioso II by Furioso) and the dam line (Adriana by Le Mexico by Mexico by Furioso) of Gudrun.

Further information about Gudrun and Morningside Stud's stallions Condios and Ekstein can be obtained from Tom Reed at Morningside Stud, Ogonnelloe, Killaloe, Co. Clare. Telephone: +353.87.827.4831.

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18 September 2001

### **Condios Withdrawn From Lanaken**

Condios, the six-year-old Holsteiner stallion selected by the German Federation to represent Germany at the World Breeding Championships at Lanaken, will not be making the trip to Belgium after all.

According to Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, "After consulting with Condios' rider, Henrik Gundersen, and colleagues at the Holsteiner Association in Germany, we have decided not to send Condios to the World Breeding Championships. Those who were at Lanaken last year will remember the very difficult ground conditions after a few days of rain. During the last two weeks there has been a lot of rain, and we do not want to risk injury to this super stallion. We have notified the German Federation of our decision, and we understand that perhaps none of the horses that jumped with Condios in the Final of the German Showjumping Championship three weeks ago will be participating at the show in Lanaken this week.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a six-year-old Holsteiner approved as a sire in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and the UK. He serviced over 100 mares in Ireland in 2001 while competing successfully at 1.30 ? 1.40 metre competitions in Denmark and Germany.

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13 September 2001

### **Condios Clear in German Championship Final ... Selected to Represent Germany at World Breeding Championships**

Condios, the six-year-old Holsteiner stallion owned by Morningside Stud, exhibited once again his extraordinary jumping manners by qualifying for and jumping clear in the Final of the 2001 German Showjumping Championship for Young Horses in Warendorf, Germany on Sunday, September 2. After the Final, the German Federation

announced that Condios was one of sixteen six-year-olds chosen to represent Germany later on this month at the FEI World Breeding Championships in Lanaken, Belgium.

Condios qualified for the German Championship Final by placing 4th in a qualifying class on Saturday morning and 3rd in the "Small Final" on Saturday evening.

One of only 32 horses in the Final, Condios jumped a clear round and received a score of 8.3 points from the judges. This was slightly below the score required to place him within the top eight scores that qualified for the Final jump-off against the clock.

We are very pleased with Condios' performance at the 2001 German Championships," stated Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud. "After winning the first qualifying show of the year in Passin, Germany in April, Condios went to Warendorf to compete against the continent's best six-year-old German-bred horses. He was highly placed in two qualifiers, including the "Small Final", and jumped clear in the Final with an excellent score. What else can we ask of a young stallion who serviced over 100 mares in Ireland in 2001?"

The next stop for Condios is Lanaken, Belgium, on September 20 - 23 when he represents Germany at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses. Condios, along with 15 other top finishers in the Bundeschampionate Final, was invited by the German Federation to represent Germany in this showcase of global breeding and sport.

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27 August 2001

### **Ekstein Progeny Excel at Dutch Young Horse Championships**

Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved sire Ekstein is all the talk in Holland. Not only is his 10-year-old son Joel doing the business (by winning, among other competitions, the Gold Medal in the European Championships for Young Riders), but also four young horses with Ekstein blood performed well at the Dutch Young Horse Championships. And two of Ekstein's progeny have earned the right through open competition to represent the KWPN studbook at the 2001 World Breeding Championships at Lanaken, Belgium in September.



A.M.E. Nixzion (Ekstein x Nimmerdor), a bay gelding ridden by Bianca Schoenmakers, placed 2nd in the 6-Year-Old Young Horse Championships and was selected to represent the KWPN.

Montreal (Ekstein x Daimler), a bay gelding ridden by Jennifer Barelds, placed 10th in the 7-Year-Old Young Horse Championships and was selected to represent the KWPN.

Although too young to represent the KWPN at Lanaken, Pilory (by Burggaaf out of an Ekstein mare) finished 10th (out of 27 finalists) in the 4-Year-Old Young Horse Championships.

Ekstein will also be represented at Lanaken by 5-year-old O Hara, ridden by Belgian Emiel Geurts. O Hara, a bay mare, is by Polydox out of an Ekstein mare.

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13 August 2001

### **Ekstein's Son "Joel" Reserve Champion Showjumper of Holland**

Joel, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein and ridden by 20-year-old Dutchman Gert-Jan Bruggink, placed second in the Dutch National Showjumping Championships on 12 August 2001 and earned the title of Reserve Champion Showjumper of the Netherlands.

Three weeks ago, Joel and Bruggink won the Individual Gold Medal, and the Team Bronze Medal, in the European Show Jumping Championship for Young Riders in Gijon, Spain.

The 1.60 metre competition saw the best Dutch international riders and horses compete for the national title. Angelique Horn, riding

Hascal, won the competition and Olympic Gold Medal winner Jeroen Dubbeldam and De Sjiem placed third.

Gert-Jan Bruggink describes Joel as a "clever, intelligent, very athletic horse. Joel's a fighter - he wants to win! But he is always cool in his head in the arena." Besides Joel, Gert-Jan owns a stallion and a mare by Ekstein, both three-years-old. The rider also notes that one of his trainers has a very good Ekstein foal this year and that many top-class riders including Trevor Coyle (Ireland), Neal Fearon (Ireland), Leslie McNaught (Switzerland), Philippe Rozier (France), and McLain Ward (USA) have ridden Ekstein progeny.

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25 July 2001

### **Ekstein's Son "Joel" Wins Individual Gold Medal in European Show Jumping Championship for Young Riders**

Joel, a Dutch Warmblood gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein and owned and ridden by 20-year-old Dutchman Gert-Jan Bruggink, won the Individual Gold Medal in the European Show Jumping Championship for Young Riders in Gijon, Spain on 22 July.

Last year Joel, a 10-year-old gelding out of a Ramiro Z mare, came in second with the same rider in the European Show Jumping Championship for Young Riders. This year the pair were not to be denied in this 1.50 metre international championship as they defeated strong competition from Germany, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Norway, Poland, and Austria to take the Gold Medal home to Holland.

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trainers has a very good Ekstein foal this year and that many top-class riders including Trevor Coyle (Ireland), Neal Fearon (Ireland), Leslie McNaught (Switzerland), Philippe Rozier (France), and McLain Ward (USA) have ridden Ekstein progeny.

Ekstein was also represented in Spain by a 10-year-old mare in the European Show Jumping Championship for Junior Riders. Jusca, ridden by a 15-year-old Dutch boy, did very well although she did not place in the final standings.

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27 June 2001

### **Condios Featured in "Selected Sires of Germany"**

Condios, the only Irish-owned stallion showjumping full-time on the continent, is featured in the recently published book "Selected Sires of Germany 2002 - 2003".

This prestigious book, published in Germany by Bernd Eylers, highlights Germany's outstanding sires with full cover photographs and descriptive text. The book explains how Condios was vice-champion of his German Performance Test, "receiving a dream score of 10.0 for his inimitable character." The book notes some of Condios' successes in national and international showjumping competitions, and concludes that "His first crop of foals was born in 2000 and surpassed the highest expectations."

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21 May 2001

## **Condios Selected for Fast-Track Programme for 2004 Olympics**

Condios, the only Irish-owned stallion showjumping full-time on the continent, is the first and youngest horse selected by the Danish National Federation for its new "fast-track" programme to train and support the next generation of international Grand Prix horses for the World Championships, European Championships, and 2004 Olympics.

Bo Kristoffersen, the new National Trainer for the Danish Federation, created the programme to identify future members for the Danish Nation's Cup Team and to provide world-class training and support to the horses and their riders. Kristoffersen, who recently joined the Danish Federation after eleven years as the top international rider and trainer for the Holsteiner Verband, is committed to building on Denmark's success in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney when one of its stallions, Lando, earned the individual Silver Medal in showjumping.

According to Kristoffersen, "Condios is the horse of the future. I have seen Condios in five or six shows on the continent and he looks like a horse that has the ability to be a top international showjumper. Our new programme is designed to train and develop horses that can go on to join our Nation's Cup team and compete in the European Championships, World Championships, and the 2004 Olympics. Condios is a very, very interesting international horse and it looks like he has the potential to become a member of the Danish Team. Our new programme will give Condios and his rider, Henrik Gundersen, the support and training they need to realise this goal."

Kristoffersen's plan for Condios is for the horse and his rider to benefit from a structured training programme over the next two years in preparation for them joining the Danish Nation's Cup Team when Condios is 8- or 9-years-old. By being in the programme over the next two years Condios and Henrik Gundersen will be invited to compete in smaller (1.35 - 1.50 metre) classes at the major international shows throughout Europe. If Condios continues to jump as successfully over the next two years as he has jumped during the last two years, he will be well positioned to join the Danish Nation's Cup Team and compete in the 2004 Olympics.

Tom Reed, Condios' owner, has accepted the invitation from Bo Kristoffersen for Condios to join this programme. "Condios is, without

doubt, one of the top 6-year-old showjumpers in the world. He has proven this by winning international young horse classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark, and Belgium and by winning national-level qualifiers in Ireland. He is also proving himself to be a promising young sire in Ireland, Denmark, and the UK. Bo Kristoffersen is one of Europe's most astute judges of showjumping talent, a skill honed at the Holsteiner Verband for the last eleven years. I am absolutely delighted that Bo Kristoffersen has selected Condios as the first horse invited to join this very prestigious programme, as it helps to fulfill a promise I made to breeders last year that Condios would compete with distinction not only in Ireland, but also on the continent."

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26 April 2001

### **Condios Wins First German Championship Qualifier of 2001**

Condios, the only Irish-owned stallion showjumping full-time on the continent, has launched himself into the finals of the German Young Horses' Showjumping Championships (Bundes-Championate) through a convincing 1st place finish in Passin, Germany on April 26.

Jumping against 90 entries, Condios scored an outstanding 8.5 out of 10 to take 1st place and become the first horse in all of Germany to qualify for the 2001 Showjumping Championships. Condios, ridden by Danish international rider Henrik Gundersen, outjumped Germany's best 6-year-old horses and Europe's top international and Olympic riders.

Qualifiers for the German Championships will be held throughout Germany this spring and summer, and the finals will be held in Warendorf, Germany on 30 August - 2 September. In order to qualify for the German Championships, a showjumper has to score at least an 8.0 out of 10 and either win a 1.30 metre class or place in a 1.40 metre class. Since Condios won the final qualifier in Passen with a score of 8.5 and he has won 1.30 metre classes in Denmark and placed 4th in the 1.40 metre class in the Danish National Stallion Show in March, he becomes the first horse selected in all of Germany for the 2001 German Championships.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a Holsteiner stallion approved in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and the UK. He is available by AI through freshly chilled semen that is flown in regularly to Ireland from Denmark.

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23 March 2001

### **Ekstein Second to Nimmerdor in Number of International Jumpers Per 100 Breedings**

A recent analysis of the top fourteen KWPN showjumping sires reveals that Morningside Stud's newly purchased stallion, Ekstein, is ranked second behind Nimmerdor, the KWPN's "Sire of the Century," in the number of internationally jumping offspring produced per 100 breedings.

The analysis identified the KWPN's Super Star Sires of Showjumpers by imposing three strict tests. To be included in this select group, the sires had to have at least three offspring jumping internationally, have at least one son approved as a sire by the KWPN, and have at least one daughter approved for breeding by the KWPN (as signified by the predicate "Ster").

Nimmerdor, the KWPN's "Sire of the Century," and Ekstein lead this select group of Super Star Sires by producing slightly more than one international jumper for every 100 breedings. None of the other Super Star sires produces more than one international jumper per 100 breedings.

Full details of this analysis can be found in our news story announcing the purchase and syndication of Ekstein, dated 17 March 2001.

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17 March 2001

### **Morningside Stud Purchases Top Dutch Stallion Ekstein**

A little over a month ago, Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, announced a joint venture with Holland's leading stud farm, Team Nijhof, that brought the Dutch Warmblood stallion Ekstein to Ireland on a one-year lease. Tom has now gone all the way and purchased 100% of this top stallion.

Ekstein (Zion - Joost) is fully approved by the KWPN, the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands, and he is the first stallion approved by the KWPN to stand in Ireland. The KWPN is ranked by the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses as the #2 studbook in both showjumping and dressage. (In the latest rankings, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is ranked 10th for showjumping.) The KWPN also had phenomenal success at the 2000 Sydney Olympics by having KWPN horses win individual Gold Medals in both dressage and showjumping.

Although only 15 years old this year, the bay Ekstein has already produced 13 offspring who are jumping in 1.40 - 1.60 metre competitions. Of these horses, 7 are jumping internationally in Europe and the United States. Trevor Coyle rode one of Ekstein's progeny, the mare Kartouche, until she was sold to the U.S. international rider McLain Ward. Tom Reed believes this record of achievement sets Ekstein apart from the other mature warmblood stallions standing in Ireland.

According to Tom, "Once a showjumping stallion reaches 15 year of age, his true worth as a sire should be assessed by asking three very simple questions: 'How many progeny has he produced that are jumping at the highest levels of the sport?'; 'How many sons has he produced that have gone on to be approved as sires in the world's leading studbooks?'; and 'How successful is he in producing very high quality mares for breeding?'"

In 2001, at just 15 years of age, Ekstein has already produced 12 progeny jumping Grand Prix in Europe and 10 jumping at high levels in the United States. He also has 4 sons approved as sires in leading studbooks across Europe. Ekstein is also successful in the KWPN studbook in producing top mares for breeding.

Why did the Nijhof family agreed to first send this very valuable sire to Ireland on a one year lease, and then agree to sell Ekstein to Morningside Stud? Tom tells us: "In late 1999 when I purchased Condios from the Nijhof family, we entered into a long-term relationship with the goal of increasing the number of top showjumpers bred in Ireland. Part of this agreement is that the Nijhofs will continue to market Condios for me in all their advertisements, brochures, and videos until 1 September 2002, and act as valued and trusted advisors to me."

"In February I told Henk Nijhof that I would love to bring to Ireland a top Dutch stallion to stand with Condios. I wanted to give serious Irish breeders access to a mature stallion who had already proven himself as the sire of international showjumpers. The stallion had to be approved in Holland by the KWPN. And he had to have proven his worth as a sire by producing many progeny that are jumping internationally at the highest levels of the sport."

"The next day Henk rang me with an offer to send Ekstein to Ireland on a lease. We agreed that he would also send two Dutch mares in foal to Ekstein so that breeders can see what his foals are like. The offer was too good to turn down, and I immediately agreed."

Why did Tom decide to purchase Ekstein, instead of just leasing him? "Ekstein is a proven international sire. I know he can immediately pick up where Cavalier Royale left off and make a huge positive impact on Irish Sport Horse breeding. So I made an offer to the Nijhofs to purchase Ekstein, and I'm very pleased to announce that they have accepted my offer. The one condition they put on the sale is that if I ever want to sell Ekstein, Team Nijhof has the right of first refusal to buy him back. But he will never be sold: Ekstein will be in Ireland as long as he lives!"

Just how good is Ekstein? Mr. Jac Remijnse, until recently a key employee of Leon Melchior's Zangersheide Studbook and now an international horse dealer, breeder, and journalist serving clients throughout Europe and America, reports that Ekstein is a "top stallion that makes many international showjumpers." Mr. Remijnse states that Ekstein is in the "top tier of stallions producing international showjumpers", and ranks Ekstein for the quality of his offspring "ahead of Burggraaf" another of the Nijhof's world-class stallions.

Mr. Jaap Werners, Chairman of the Stallion Inspection Committee of the KWPN, says this about Ekstein: "He was approved by the KWPN in



1989. During the 100 days performance test he proved to be an excellent jumper; actually he was the best of the 1989 crop. In the competition for young horses he ended the 1990/1991 season in third place. His offspring show talent as showjumpers as well."

Mr. Werners, who spoke recently at Morningside Stud's "International Breeders Conference 2001," goes on to make the following comments about Ekstein's bloodlines. "His sire Zion is probably Lucky Boy's best son at stud. He died unfortunately as a 5-year-old after only two seasons at stud. Ekstein's damsire Joost is a very successful broodmare sire and the Niki-line has produced a lot of national and international showjumpers."

Finally, Mr. Werners says, "With his pedigree and proven jumping ability, I think Ekstein can provide you in Ireland with good young stock in the future."

Tom has been doing some analyses of Ekstein's worth as a sire within the KWPN Studbook. Tom has identified all the living stallions approved by the KWPN who meet the following conditions: they have at least three offspring jumping internationally; they have at least one son approved as a sire by the KWPN; and they have a least one daughter honoured with the predicate "Star Mare" by the KWPN. Tom has named this select group of sires the "KWPN Super-Star Stallions."

Table 1 shows the percentage of mares these stallions produced that have been inspected by the KWPN and received the predicate "Star Mare." Mares with this predicate have received the KWPN's "seal of approval" for breeding. Careful selection of mares for breeding has been one of the keys to the KWPN's success as a studbook, so it is very important that stallions be good producers of Star Mares. Ekstein is ranked 8th among the Super-Star Stallions of the KWPN, with 25% of his mares receiving the predicate Star.

Table 1: Rank of KWPN Super-Star Stallions by Percentage of Their Mares Receiving the Predicate "Star Mare"

Rank

- 1 Nimmerdor, 45%
- 2 Goodtimes, 40%
- 3 Voltaire, 35%
- 4 Burggraaf, 34%
- 5 Damiro, 28%

6 Libero, 28%  
7 Zeoliet, 27%  
8 Ekstein, 25%  
=8 Notaris, 25%  
10 Calvados, 22%  
11 Wolfgang, 21%  
12 Concorde, 20%  
= 12 Animo, 20%  
14 Pion, 17%

Table 2 ranks the Super Star Stallions by the number of offspring competing internationally. Ekstein, with seven offspring jumping internationally, is ranked eighth.

Table 2: Rank of KWPN Super-Star Stallions  
by Number of Offspring Jumping Internationally

Rank

1 Nimmerdor, 38  
2 Voltaire, 28  
3 Concorde, 14  
4 Burggraaf, 13  
5 Notaris, 12  
6 Zeoliet, 9  
7 Wolfgang, 9  
8 Ekstein, 7  
9 Damiro, 6  
10 Animo, 5  
=10 Libero, 5  
=10 Calvados, 5  
13 Pion, 4  
14 Goodtimes, 3

Since older stallions have a definite advantage over younger stallions, because they have had more years to produce offspring jumping internationally, Tom next computed the number of international offspring each stallion produced for each year the stallion has stood at stud. Table 3 shows that once the age of the stallion is taken into account, Ekstein moves up the rankings from eighth to fifth place. This data means that Ekstein has produced almost one international jumper for each year he has stood at stud.

Table 3: Rank of KWPN Super-Star Stallions

by Number of Offspring Jumping Internationally Per Year at Stud

Rank

- 1 Voltaire, 1.75
- 2 Nimmerdor, 1.65
- 3 Concorde, 1.27
- 4 Burggraaf, 1.08
- 5 Ekstein, 0.78
- 6 Zeoliet, 0.64
- 7 Wolfgang, 0.60
- 8 Damiro, 0.52
- 10 Calvados, 0.45
- 11 Goodtimes, 0.43
- 12 Animo, 0.38
- 13 Libero, 0.36
- 14 Pion, 0.19

Finally, Tom analysed the number of offspring jumping internationally that each Super Star Stallion produced per 100 breedings. This is probably the most valuable measure of a sire's ability to transmit his jumping genes, since it takes into account the number of opportunities the stallion has had to produce an international jumper. In Table 4, Ekstein is ranked 2nd only behind the great Nimmerdor in the number of offspring produced that are jumping internationally per 100 breedings. Only Ekstein and Nimmerdor have broken the barrier of producing more than one international offspring per 100 breedings.

Table 4: Rank of KWPN Super-Star Stallions  
by Number of Offspring Jumping Internationally Per 100 Breedings

Rank

- 1 Nimmerdor, 1.35
- 2 Ekstein, 1.04
- 3 Voltaire, 0.89
- 4 Notaris, 0.73
- 5 Libero, 0.61
- 6 Concorde, 0.52
- 7 Damiro, 0.51
- 8 Wolfgang, 0.48
- 9 Animo, 0.42
- 10 Zeoliet, 0.37
- 11 Burggraaf, 0.36

12 Calvados, 0.32  
13 Pion, 0.22  
14 Goodtimes, 0.18

Another interesting fact about Ekstein, who won the 7-Year-Old KWPN Stallion Showjumping Championship, is that he has never sired a chestnut foal. Although Tom Reed can make no guarantees, it appears that Ekstein is genetically incapable of siring a chestnut filly or colt.

Tom Reed tells us that breeders can have their mares artificially inseminated with Ekstein's semen at Morningside Stud. Morningside Stud is located in Ogonneloe, Killaloe, Co. Clare and Tom Reed can be reached at 087.827.4831.

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### **From the "The Irish Field" Newspaper**

Morningside Stud owner Tom Reed has plenty to keep a smile on his face at the moment.

The Co Clare stud owner reports that a son of Morningside's foundation mare Gudrun topped the recent stallion performance test in Italy and that the stallion Condios finished fourth at the Danish national sire show.

President, a KWPN registered sire by Clinton out of Gudrun, was the only one of 15 entrants in the Italian performance test to break through the 900-point barrier, earning the winning score of 926.

Morningside's six-year-old Condios was ridden into fourth-place in the Danish stallion show's 1.40 metre class by Henrik Gundersen.

Over 30,000 spectators attended the four-day show at the Messecentre in Herning, where Condios hit only one fence during nine rounds of jumping. That single mistake came in the Masters on the final day, when Condios was the youngest horse in the class.

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13 March 2001

### **Condios Places 4th in 1.40 Metre Class at Danish National Stallion Show**

The 6-year-old Condios, ridden by Henrik Gundersen, jumped double clear and was placed fourth in the MA Class (1.40 metre). The stallions who placed above Condios are international Grand Prix jumpers who are ten and eleven years of age. Some of the horses Condios out-jumped in this competition are also international Grand Prix horses over ten years of age.

During the four day show attended by over 30,000 spectators at the Messecenter in Herning, Denmark, Condios was asked to jump nine rounds over five classes. Condios was joint first place finisher in the opening Clear Round Class and he jumped double-clear rounds in the LA Class (1.20 metre), MB Class (1.30 metre) and the MA Class (1.40). The only pole Condios knocked down during the four-day-show that ended on March 11 was on the last day in the second round of the Masters Class. Once again Condios was the youngest horses in the competition, which last year saw an oxer being raised to 1.80 metre level.

Condios (Coriano - Landgraf I) is a Holsteiner stallion approved as a sire in Germany, Denmark, the UK, and Ireland. Last year at the Danish National Stallion Show he finished 3rd in the LA Class (1.20 metre). The year before, as a 4-year-old, Condios was Reserve Champion of the Breeders Cup showjumping competition.

Further information about Morningside Stud's stallions Condios and the KWPN-approved Ekstein can be obtained from Tom Reed at Morningside Stud, Ogonnelloe, Killaloe, Co. Clare. Telephone: +353.87.827.4831.

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4 March 2001

### **Son of Morningside Stud Mare Gudrun Wins Italy's Stallion Performance Test**

Morningside Stud is pleased to announce that a son of its foundation mare Gudrun M2S has won for his owner on the continent the Italian Studbook's 2001 Stallion Performance Test.

Gudrun's son is the KWPN-registered President, by the Belgian Warmblood-approved stallion Clinton (by Corrado I). President was the only stallion to break through the 900 point barrier by earning an index score of 926. In comparison, the lowest ranking stallion of the fifteen participating in the performance test received a score of 589.

Gudrun is a Keur ("tested") mare of the KWPN, having completed an excellent performance test and produced several outstanding foals, including President.

Gudrun's sire, Voltaire, is one of the world's greatest sires of showjumpers and the Preferent star of the KWPN, with 28 offspring jumping internationally.

Gudrun's dam, Adriana (by the legendary Le Mexico), is a Preferent mare of the KWPN whose outstanding offspring include the Swedish Studbook-approved stallion Fontaine.

It is interesting to note the accumulation of the Irish Thoroughbred Furioso's blood in both the sire line (Voltaire by Furioso II by Furioso) and the dam line (Adriana by Le Mexico by Mexico by Furioso) of Gudrun.

Gudrun will have a foal by Morningside Stud's new KWPN-approved stallion Ekstein at the beginning of May.

Further information about Gudrun and Morningside Stud's stallions Condios and Ekstein can be obtained from Tom Reed at Morningside Stud, Ogonnelloe, Killaloe, Co. Clare. Telephone: +353.87.827.4831.

(Note: Morningside Stud does not own President.)