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Condios a "Top 10 Stallion" at the Sales

Condios, Morningside Stud's showjumping star, continued to show his value as a sire when his name appeared in the Irish Farmers Journal's list of "The top 10 stallions at the sales."

The list contains the names of the sires in Ireland whose progeny sold for the top 10% at public auction. Condios is the youngest approved stallion on the exclusive list.

It is not just Condios foals that sold for good money in 2002. In the spring a 2-year-old stallion by Condios out of a May Sherif mare sold for euro23,000. This is reputed to be the largest sum ever paid for a 2-year-old sport horse in Ireland.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I), born in 1995, is approved by eight studbooks in seven countries on three continents, including the Oldenburg Verband, Danish Warmblood Society, and Irish Horse Board. In 2003 Condios will build on his victories and placings in 1.50 m. classes in 2002 by jumping Nations Cup classes for Denmark under Henrik Gundersen.

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8 November 2002

Son of Coriano Sells for euro 180,000 at Holsteiner Auction

Condios' sire, Coriano, showed once again that he is the Holsteiner studbook's rising star.

At the Holsteiner Verband's stallion inspection and auction last weekend, Coriano had two sons entered in the inspection: both were approved to go to the performance test with one being named Reserve Champion and the other awarded Premium status.

Coriano is also the damsire of two stallions entered in the inspection: one was approved and one not approved.

The Reserve Champion of the inspection was not entered in the auction but the Premium stallion was. He sold for euro 180,000. This was the second highest-priced stallion. The Champion of the inspection sold for euro 200,000

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1 November 2002

Condios Acknowledged by the KWPN and Approved by Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society of USA

Morningside Stud received official confirmation today from the KWPN that our Holsteiner stallion Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) has been granted the status "an acknowledged stallion."

An "Acknowledged Studbook Approved Stallion Not Accredited by the KWPN (ASA N Ac) is a stallion which has been fully approved for breeding, including performance testing, by an Acknowledged Studbook registry."

Foals sired by Condios out of KWPN or NA/WPN mares may now be registered in the KWPN's Register A. Foals sired by Condios out of other riding horse mares can under certain circumstances also be registered in the KWPN's Register A.

In other news, earlier this week the Oldenburg Verband in Germany notified Morningside Stud that Condios has been approved and activated in the Verband's North American Division, the Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society.

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28 October 2002

Condios Places Twice in Young Horse Classes at World Cup Denmark Show

This past weekend Condios and Henrik Gundersen competed in the Young Horse classes at the World Cup Denmark Show at Aarhus. He placed 9th (out of 49) in the opening 1.35 m. class and 7th (out of 48) in the 1.45 m. Final. Both placings were in the prize money.

Riders participating in these classes (and all finishing below Condios and Gundersen) included Olympic/World Cup riders Ludger Beerbaum, Jeroen Dubbeldam, Rodrigo Pessoa, Ludo Philippaerts, Jos Lansink, Beat Mandli, Lars Nieberg, Peter Wylde, and Michael Whitaker.

Condios now returns to quarantine to freeze semen for the USA and Canada.

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23 October 2002

Ekstein Remains Ireland's Top Sire of International Grand Prix Showjumpers

According to results just published by the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) for the year ending 30/09/2002, Morningside Stud's 1/2s stallion EKSTEIN has retained his position as Ireland's most prolific sire of International Grand Prix, Nations Cup, and World Cup showjumpers.

Ekstein has three progeny in the WBFSH's exclusive list of the top 400 showjumpers in the world: Joel at 56, King at 203, and Kasmir at 317.

The other living sires based in Ireland with progeny in the world's top 400 are Touchdown with Liscalgot at 18; Errigal Flight with Ado Annie at 68 and Hilton Flight at 238; Coevers Diamond Boy with Richmond Park at 73; Diamond Chin with Eezy at 116; Western Promise with Mr. Springfield at 329; and Slyguff Joker with Carraig Dubh at 346.

Ekstein is fully approved by the Irish Horse Board and the KWPN. Ekstein is the only sire in Ireland whose progeny have won a European Gold Medal and a World Gold Medal. One of his offspring has won the Dutch National Showjumping Championship. Ekstein has three offspring competing in Nations Cup classes and four in World Cup competitions, twelve competing in CSI-level competitions, and at least eighteen progeny competing at 1.40 - 1.60 metre competitions throughout Europe.

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23 October 2002

Condios Featured in "Pferde und Sport"

Condios, the International Grade A showjumping stallion owned by Morningside Stud, is featured with a photograph in the October issue of the German equestrian magazine Pferde und Sport.

The article reports accomplishments of Holsteiner horses at the CSIO-Aarhus, in which Condios placed in three international 1.40 - 1.45 metre classes.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is competing full-time on the continent. So far this year, as a 7-year-old, Condios has won 1.50, 1.40, and 1.30 metre classes in Germany and/or Denmark.

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3 October 2002

Ekstein Approved by the Irish Horse Board

Following a recent inspection, the Irish Horse Board has fully approved Ekstein, the champion Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Morningside Stud in County Clare.

Ekstein (Zion x Joost) is a 16-year-old bay that is also approved by the KWPN, the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands. Ekstein was champion of the KWPN stallion performance test and champion seven-year-old stallion showjumper in Holland. He has eighteen offspring competing in (inter)national classes at 1.40 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1.60 metre, and at least twelve of these progeny are competing in CSIO, CSI-A, or CSI-B classes. Three of his progeny compete successfully in Nations Cup classes and four successfully compete in World Cup shows. In addition, at least ten of Ekstein's progeny compete at high levels in the USA. Four of Ekstein's sons have been approved as sires in leading studbooks such as the KWPN, NRPS (Holland), AES (United Kingdom), and sBs (Belgium). Ekstein is also the dam-sire of at least two approved stallions in Holland.

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) in their 2000 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2001 listing ranks Ekstein as the 97th best sire in the world for producing top international showjumpers. Ekstein and the deceased

Cavalier Royale (ranked 92nd) are the only foreign stallions in Ireland to be ranked in the top 100, 200, or 300 in the world.

In the most recent rankings of international showjumpers published by the WBFSH in early September, Ekstein has one progeny in the top 50 in the world (Joel at 50), one in the top 200 (King at 177), and one in the top 300 (Kasmir at 285). Ekstein is the only living foreign sire in Ireland to have any progeny listed in these WBFSH rankings. And Clover Hill and Ekstein are the only sires in Ireland to have more than one progeny in the top 300 in the world.

Ekstein's most famous son is Joel. Under Gert-Jan Bruggink, Joel represented Holland at the 2002 World Equestrian Games and with the Dutch Team placed fifth in the team competition. This gelding also won the 2002 Dutch Showjumping Championship, won the individual Gold Medal and the team Bronze Medal in the 2001 European Young Rider Championship, was the 2001 Vice Champion Showjumper of Holland, and led the Dutch team to victory and a Gold Medal in the 2001 Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid.

"We are very pleased that the Irish Horse Board has fully approved Ekstein," states Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud. "Ekstein is the only warmblood stallion to come to Ireland already proven as a sire of international showjumpers. And since Morningside Stud purchased Ekstein, his progeny have won two gold medals, the Dutch Showjumping Championship, and begun competing successfully in Nations Cup and World Cup competitions. Ekstein's first crop of foals in Ireland have been outstanding; so good, in fact, that Morningside Stud has purchased three Ekstein foals from Irish breeders: a colt out of King of Diamonds mare, a filly out of Cruising mare, and a colt out of a Ballinvella mare. Ekstein is destined to become one of the very best sires ever to stand in Ireland.

Ekstein will be available to Irish breeders in 2003 on a no foal - free return basis.

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10 September 2002

Condios Selected by German Federation to Compete in World Breeding Championships

Condios, the 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion owned by Morningside Stud, has been selected by the German Federation to represent Germany at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken, Belgium on 26 - 29 September. This is the third year that Condios has been selected to represent Germany, and the second year that Morningside Stud has accepted the invitation.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a Grade A International Showjumper ridden by Danish rider Henrik Steen Gundersen. This year Condios has won 1.50, 1.40, and 1.30 metre classes in Germany and/or Denmark, and placed in the one Grand Prix he jumped, in Germany. In 2001, Condios was a Finalist in the Bundeschampionate in Warendorf.

Condios is approved as a sire in Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand.

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2 September 2002

Dutch Team Place Fifth in WEG

The Dutch Team placed fifth in the World Equestrian Games Team Final. Joel, the eleven-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein (Zion x Joost) was on the team; Joel was ridden by his owner Gert-Jan Bruggink. Also on the Dutch team were Jan Tops and Roofs, Angelique Hoorn and Hascal, and Jeroen Dubbeldam and De Sjiem.

The Team Final was won by France, with Sweden taking second place, Belgium third place, and Germany fourth place. Twenty-one teams competed in the Final.

The individual championship was won by Ireland's Dermott Lennon. Eric Navet of France placed second, Peter Wylde of the USA placed third, and Helena Lundback of Sweden placed fourth.

The Holsteiner mare Fein Cera was named the best horse of the final, finishing with just three time penalties.

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2 September 2002

Joel at the CHIO Rotterdam

Joel, the 11-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein, performed well at the CHIO Rotterdam on 29 August - 1 September.

Joel placed 3rd in the Archilin BV Prijs (international 1.50 metre) class. De Sjiem (winner of the Gold Medal at the 2000 Olympics) placed 1st and Baloubet du Rouet (winner of three World Cup finals in a row) placed 2nd.

Joel was also on the Dutch team that placed second in the Nations Cup of the Netherlands.

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23 August 2002

Son of Ekstein, Ireland's Top-Ranked Foreign Sire, To Represent Holland at the WEG

Joel, the gelding sired by Morningside Stud's sire Ekstein, and his rider/breeder Gert-Jan Bruggink have been selected for the Dutch Showjumping Team that will compete at the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain.

Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z) is Ekstein's most famous showjumping progeny. This year Joel and Bruggink won the Dutch Showjumping Championship, following their success in 2001 when the pair won the Gold Medal in the European Championship for Young Riders and the Gold Medal in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final.

Ekstein (Zion x Joost) is approved by the KWPN and is the most highly-ranked foreign sire standing in Ireland, according to the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. The WBFSH ranks Ekstein as the world's 97th best sire for producing top international showjumpers for the period 2000-2001. (For comparison, the deceased Cavalier Royale

is ranked 92 for the same period.) Ekstein has two progeny in the top 200 international showjumpers in the world (Joel at 63 and King at 167). He has 18 offspring competing in (inter)national classes at 1.40 - 1.60 m., three competing in Nation's Cup classes, and four competing in World Cup classes.

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4 August 2002

Condios News Roundup: More Studbook Approvals, International Results, Competition Schedule

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I), the 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion owned by Morningside Stud, has been approved as a sire by the Australian Warmblood Horse Association (AWHA) and the New Zealand Warmblood Horse Breeders Association. The AWHA is a full member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is now approved by seven studbooks in six countries.

The Showjumping Association of Ireland (SJAI) reports that, as of 2 August 2002, Condios has 305 SJAI points. With 201 points required for Grade A status, Condios is one of the youngest Irish-owned horses ever to reach Grade A in Ireland and the youngest to achieve Grade A International status in two countries (Ireland and Denmark).

On August 1 - 4 at the CSIO-Denmark, Condios placed in three international classes. He placed 9th (out of 56 starters) in a 1.40 m. class; 5th (out of 39 starters) in a second 1.40 m. class; and 8th (out of 47 starters) in a 1.45 m. class. All three placings earned prize money. Riders in these international classes came from Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, Great Britain, and Italy and included foreign stars such as Beat Mandli, Willi Melliger, Markus Fuchs, Di Lampard, and Peter Eriksson.

Beginning 5 August 2002, Condios will go into quarantine until the end of the year to freeze semen for export to Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Canada, and the European Union.

In 2003, as an 8-year-old, Condios will compete in 1.40 m., 1.50 m., 1.60 m., and Grand Prix classes throughout Europe. The Danish Federation plans to name Condios to some Nation's Cup teams.

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24 June 2002

Condios Wins 1.50 Metre Class While "Mother Nature" Has One Fence Down

Condios, the Holsteiner stallion owned by Morningside Stud, won the 1.50 metre class in Kolding, Denmark on Sunday 23 June with a fast double-clear performance. For a 7-year-old stallion, this was quite an accomplishment. Even more impressive, however, was how Condios had to outwit Mother Nature to secure the victory.

As told by Henrik Steen Gundersen, Condios' rider, he and the horse had just landed after clearing the first part of a treble combination when a strong gust of wind began to topple the entire second element of the combination. With the rails and wings crashing down around them, Condios cleared the second fence without touching wood. Condios then put in an extra stride and cleared the third element of the treble combination. The pair went on to finish the course without penalty. The judges met, agreed that it was Mother Nature and not Condios that deserved the four penalty points, and confirmed Condios' double-clear round and winning time.

According to Tom Reed, owner of Morningside Stud, "This is an amazing horse. Condios has won 1.30, 1.40, and 1.50 metre classes this year, along with placing in his first Grand Prix in Germany. But to be so cool and steady, quick-thinking and adaptive, is truly amazing. It speaks not only to the stallion's athleticism but also his mind and character."

"It so happens that Danish television was at the show and recorded Condios' round," Reed states. "The TV staff were simply amazed by Condios' performance, and they promised to send Henrik a copy of the video. I can't wait to see it!"

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion approved in Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. He has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, and Ireland. Bo Kristoffersen, Denmark's national trainer, plans to start Condios and Gundersen in Nations Cup classes in 2003.

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17 June 2002

Joel Wins Dutch National Showjumping Championship

Joel, the 11-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein, won the 2002 Dutch National Showjumping Championship in Hoofddorp, Holland over the weekend 14 - 16 June. The Championship was comprised of three classes, two at 1.50 metre and one at 1.60 metre.

Joel and his breeder/rider, Gert-Jan Bruggink, narrowly defeated last year's champion, Angélique Horn and Hascal, who placed second. Other top riders and horses from the Netherlands included 3rd place finisher Marc Houtzager on HBC Jacomar, 4th place finisher Ben Schroder on Agrovorm's Maria Callas, and fifth place finisher Albert Voorn on Tinello Corona. Also competing in the championship were Albert Zoer, Eric van der Vleuten, Peter Geerink, and Olympic Gold Medal winner Jeroen Dubbeldam.

Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z) and Bruggink were the 2001 Gold Medal winners in the European Championship for Young Riders, 2001 Gold Medal winners in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final, and 2001 Vice-Champions of Holland.

Ekstein (Zion x Joost) is approved by the KWPN and has 16 offspring competing at 1.40 - 1.60 metre, two winning and/or placing in Nations Cup classes, and two placing in World Cup classes.

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10 June 2002

Condios Places in Two 1.40 M. Classes at CSI-Altenhof

At the CSI-Altenhof (Germany) over the weekend of 8 - 9 June, Morningside Stud's stallion Condios placed in two 1.40 metre classes. In one class, Condios placed 14th in a field of 88 starters; in the second class, Condios placed 4th in a field of 84 starters. Both placings earned Condios prize money.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a 7-year-old stallion approved as a sire in Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia. In 2002 Condios has won classes in Germany and Denmark

at 1.30 and 1.40 metre, placed 2nd at 1.50 metre, and placed in the prize money in his first Grand Prix, in Germany.

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4 June 2002

Condios Approved by the Holsteiner Horse Association of Australia

Morningside Stud has announced that its 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion CONDIOS (Coriano x Landgraf I) has been approved for breeding by the Holsteiner Horse Association of Australia (HHAA). The HHAA is an Associate Member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses, and the studbook's policies are informed by the Holsteiner Verband in Germany.

"We are delighted that Condios has been approved by the Holsteiner Horse Association of Australia," states Tom Reed, owner of Morningside Stud. "With this approval, Condios is now approved in Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia, making him the most global of all Irish-owned stallions. Beginning this year we will be selling frozen semen to Australian and New Zealand breeders through International Horse Breeders Ltd., our agent in Australia. We believe that Condios is the perfect sire for the excellent Thoroughbred and warmblood mares found throughout Australia and New Zealand, and his offspring should become the next generation of top performers in all three Olympic disciplines."

Condios, a finalist in the 2001 German Showjumping Championship, is based in Denmark and competes full time in Denmark and Germany. A Grade A showjumper in Ireland and Denmark, in the last twelve months Condios has won 1.30 and 1.40 metre classes in Denmark and Germany, placed 2nd in his first and only 1.50 metre (in Denmark) and placed in his first and only Grand Prix (in Germany). In 2002 Condios will continue competing in 1.40 metre, 1.50 metre, and Grand Prix classes. The Danish Federation has announced that next year it intends to start Condios in Nations Cup competitions.

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3 June 2002

Ekstein's Son Joel Places in Grand Prix and Nation's Cup at Lucerne

This past weekend at the CSIO in Lucerne, Switzerland, Morningside Stud sire Ekstein's double Gold Medal winning son, Joel, and the Dutch team placed 5th in the Nations Cup competition. The top six teams were Germany, Belgium, USA, Great Britain, Holland, and Italy.

Earlier in the show, Joel and his rider/breeder, Gert-Jan Bruggink, placed 10th and in the prize money in the Land Rover Grand Prix. This class was won by For Pleasure under Marcus Ehning. The Irish horses in the class finished 13th (Abbervail Dream) and 19th (Charlton), with one retiring from the class (Liscalgot).

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20 May 2002

In Germany Condios Places in Inaugural Grand Prix of His Career

Morningside Stud's stallion Condios competed over the weekend of 18-19 May at the Wedel (Hamburg) Show in Germany.

On Saturday Condios placed 8th, in the prize money, in a 1.40 metre class.

On Sunday morning Condios jumped double-clear in another 1.40 metre class.

On Sunday afternoon Condios jumped in his first Grand Prix. In a class with 90 starters, Condios placed 11th, in the prize money.

Condios will be off the next two weekends. He returns to Germany for an important show in Altenhof on June 6 - 9.

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17 May 2002

Joel and Holland Place Third in La Baule Nations Cup

Three offspring of Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved sire Ekstein competed last weekend in international competitions in France and Holland.

Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z) and the Dutch team placed third in the Nations Cup in La Baule, France. Twelve nations competed in this Nations Cup, with Spain placing first, France second, Holland third, and Germany fourth.

In the Grand Prix of La Baule, Joel placed 7th, which was in the prize money.

In the "Grand Prix Conseil Gal Loire Atlantique", also at the La Baule show, King (Ekstein x Goudsmid) placed 12th, which was also in the prize money.

Finally, at the international show in Eindhoven, Holland, Jawalisa V (Ekstein x ?) placed second in an international 1.30 metre class with 52 starters.

Ekstein (Zion x Joost) has 16 offspring jumping 1.40 - 1.60 m., two competing in Word Cup classes, and two competing in Nations Cup classes. Three of the top 350 international showjumpers in the world were sired by Ekstein, making him the most successful sire of international showjumpers in Ireland.

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13 May 2002

Condios Wins Again in Germany

This past weekend Morningside Stud's 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) and his rider Henrik Steen Gundersen competed at the "Meppen Maiturnier" International Show in Germany. The three classes were 1.40 metre, with horses jumping in two qualifiers and then in the final.

In the first qualifier, the "Preis der Firma Schumacher und Heller, Meppen, Kl.M /B National", Condios placed third.

In the second qualifier, the "Preis des Herrn Hermann Bruns, Werlte Kl.M /A National", Condios placed 3rd.

In the final, the "Preis und Ehrenpreis der Firma Sprehe Feinkost, Lorup, Zwei-Phasen Kl.M /A National", Condios won with a very fast time of 34.28. The second place horse had a time of 35.76.

Riders were from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, and Ireland (Trevor Coyle).

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29 April 2002

Condios Wins 1.30 and Places 2nd in 1.40 Metre Classes

This past weekend in Denmark, Condios competed for the first time since the Danish National Stallion Show in mid-March. Condios and Henrik Gundersen won the 1.30 metre class and placed 2nd in the 1.40 metre class, 3/10 of a second behind the winner.

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15 April 2002

Ekstein Cruises Above the Rest as Ireland's Leading Sire of Top International Showjumpers

Morningside Stud's sire EKSTEIN leads Ireland in the number of progeny competing at the very highest level in international showjumping, according to data from the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. Ekstein (Zion x Joost) is the only living sire in Ireland to have three progeny on the list of the world's top 400 showjumpers.

Ekstein's progeny on the list are Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z), who last year won the Gold Medal in the European Young Rider Championship and led the Dutch Team to the Gold Medal in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final, and this year has placed in two World Cup qualifiers; Kasmir (Ekstein x ?), who last year came in third in the Athens Nations Cup and fourth in the Bratislava Nations Cup; and King (Ekstein x Goudsmid), who has placed in a World Cup class this year.

Ekstein and the deceased Clover Hill lead Ireland-based sires with three progeny in the top 400. Clover Hill, who died several years ago, has 1,923 foals registered with the Irish Horse Board. Ekstein has about one-third as many foals, fewer than 700, registered with the Royal Warmblood Studbook of the Netherlands (KWPN). Ekstein was also born 13 years after Clover Hill, so many of Ekstein's progeny are still too young to be eligible to compete in international competitions.

As of 15 April 2002, the Ireland-based stallions with progeny in the world's top 400 international showjumpers are:

Ekstein (3 progeny)
Clover Hill (3)
Cavalier Royale (1)
Chairlift (1)
Cruising (1)
Diamond Chin (1)
Errigal Flight (1)
Glidawn Diamond (1)
Slyguff Joker (1)
Touchdown (1)
Western Promise (1)

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25 March 2002

Joel 2nd in Grand Prix of 's-Hertogenbosch

Joel, the eleven-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's KWPN approved stallion Ekstein, again proved himself a worthy competitor to the very best showjumpers in the world with a second place finish in the lucrative Indoor Brabant Grand Prix (1.60 metre) of 's-Hertogenbosch, Holland.

The class, and an Audi A4 automobile, were won by the gelding Priobert de Kalvarie under American rider Leslie Howard. Joel, under his breeder/owner/rider Gert-Jan Bruggink, placed second and took home euro 12,000 in prize money. Third place and euro 10,000 were won by the 2000 Olympic Gold Medal winner De Sjiem under Jeroen Dubbeldam; fourth place and euro 7,000 went to European Gold Medal winner Gladdys S and Ludger Beerbaum; and fifth place and euro 5,000 were bestowed on the superstar Esprit FRH under Lars Nieberg.

Joel is one of 16 offspring of Ekstein (Zion x Joost) competing (inter)nationally at 1.40 - 1.60 metre. Last year Joel and Bruggink won the Gold Medal in the European Young Rider Championship, were Reserve Champions of Holland, and led the Dutch team to victory in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid.

At the same show, the five-year-old approved stallion President (Clinton - Gudrun) placed second in the Indoor Brabant Stallion Parade (1.10 metre). President, a son of Morningside Stud's foundation mare Gudrun M2S (Voltaire x Le Mexico), a KWPN Keur mare, was the champion of Italy's stallion performance test last year and champion 4-year-old showjumper in Belgium, winning the Classic Cycle for 4-year-olds. Along with President, Gudrun has produced other outstanding offspring such as Kretienne (by Olympic Team Bronze Medal winner Quidam de Revel), Champion Mare of the KWPN and the 19th best mare in the KWPN's showjumping index, and Orashi (by Cruising), a top ten finalist in the KWPN Young Horse Showjumping Championship.

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18 March 2002

Condios Excels at Danish National Stallion Show: 2nd in 1.50 Metre Class

Condios, the 7-year-old Holsteiner stallion owned by Morningside Stud, performed in spectacular fashion last weekend at the Danish National Stallion Show. Before 30,000 spectators at the Messecenter in Herning, Condios and his rider Henrik Steen Gundersen placed 2nd in the 1.50 metre class, 3rd in the Masters class, 3rd in the 1.40 metre class, and 4th in the 1.30 metre class.

"We are very pleased with Condios' performance at the Danish National Stallion Show," says Condios' owner, Tom Reed. "This was Condios' first 1.50 metre competition and he jumped very well, with a lot of scope and power. To come in second in a field of excellent stallions is quite an achievement. But it is even more remarkable when you consider that as a 7-year-old, Condios was the youngest horse in the class. And the horse that beat him is a 12-year-old international showjumper."

Beginning next month Condios and Gundersen will begin bi-weekly coaching sessions with Bo Kristoffersen, Danish National Trainer and formerly the top international rider for the Holsteiner Verband. The Danish Federation expects Condios to compete in Nations Cup classes next year, when he is 8-years-old.

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is approved as a sire by the Oldenburg Verband, Danish Warmblood Society, Irish Horse Board, and Anglo European Studbook. This young stallion, Reserve Champion of the German Performance test, has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, and Ireland. In 2001 he became the first Irish-owned horse to win the qualifier for the German Showjumping Championship, to be a Finalist at the German Championship, and to jump clear in the Final at Warendorf. In 2002, as a 7-year-old, Condios will compete in 1.30 - 1.50 m. classes.

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9 March 2002

Condios Placed 4th in 1.30 Metre Class

In another tune-up for the Danish National Stallion Show that commences on March 14, today Condios jumped double-clear and placed 4th in a 1.30 metre class in Denmark.

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26 February 2002

Condios Double-Clear in 1.30 Metre Class

This past weekend Condios jumped double-clear in a 1.30 metre class under Henrik Gundersen. This show was a tune-up for Condios to prepare him for the Danish National Stallion Show in Herning on March 14 - 18.

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26 February 2002

Coriano Leased by Zangersheide

Coriano (Corrado I x Lord), the sire of Morningside Stud's stallion Condios, has been leased from the Holsteiner Verband by Studbook Zangersheide.

Coriano Z, as he is now known, is ranked by the German Federation's index as Germany's 6th best showjumping sire. In the Holstein region, he is ranked as the #1 sire of showjumpers.

Coriano is now the most important and accomplished sire standing at stud in Domain Zangersheide.

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23 February 2002

Condios Named to List of World's Top Showjumping Sires

Breeding News for Sport Horses, the monthly publication with subscribers on five continents, has named Morningside Stud's stallion Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) to its list of the World's Top 200 Showjumping Sires.

In the February 2002 issue, the publication also named Condios' sire Coriano (Corrado I x Lord) and Condios' grandsire Corrado I (Cor de la Bryere x Capitol I) to the prestigious list.

Breeding News' Top 200 List is compiled from "names provided by a panel of experts who are among the most knowledgeable and highly respected people in breeding," according to the editor, Jean Llewellyn. The independent and secret panel's choices include mostly well-established sires such as Coriano and Corrado I plus several of the world's top young sires such as Condios.

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16 February 2002

Gudrun's Kretienne Ranked 19th in KWPN Showjumping Index

Kretienne (Quidam de Revel - Gudrun x Voltaire x Le Mexico), a daughter of Morningside Stud's foundation mare Gudrun M2S, holds 19th place in the KWPN ranking of breeding value for mares (showjumping) with a score of 166. Kretienne (born 1992), bred by the famous Dutch breeder Gebr. Bosch, was formerly Champion Mare of the KWPN.

Along with Kretienne, Gudrun has produced a number of outstanding progeny including President (Clinton - Gudrun), winner of the 2001 4-Year-Old Belgium Showjumping Championship and 2001 Champion of Italy's stallion performance test. Gudrun has also produced the mare Orashi (Cruising - Gudrun), who reached the Finals of the KWPN Young Horse Championships and finished in the top-10 in jumping. And in May, 2001 Gudrun had an outstanding colt, named Ulysses M2S, by Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved sire Ekstein.

Gudrun 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.

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.

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15 February 2002

Condios Results from CSI-B Vilhelmsborg International Show

At the CSI-B Vilhelmsborg International Show in Aarhus, Denmark last weekend, Condios placed 14th (out of 27 placings in a field of 105 starters) in a 1.40 metre class. In another 1.40 metre class, Condios placed 13th (out of 21 placings in a field of 80 starters). In the Mini Grand Prix, Condios had one fence down.

Ekstein's son Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z) placed 3rd in a 1.40 class and 2nd in a 1.50 class.

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6 February 2002

Condios Goes to the Ivy League

Morningside Stud has announced that Cornell University, one of the world's preeminent universities, has been appointed the exclusive distributor of frozen semen from Condios in the USA and Canada. The appointment begins on 1 September 2002, allowing all the parties sufficient time to comply with the strict American and Canadian quarantine and testing requirements.

Cornell University is ranked as having the #1 vet school in the USA and arguably has the finest college of veterinary medicine in the world.

North American breeders will have the option of bringing their mares to Cornell's world-class theriogenology specialists and state-of-the-art facilities at the Equine Research Park (ERP) in Ithaca, New York or requesting that Condios' frozen semen be shipped directly to their local vets anywhere in the USA or Canada. North American breeders may contact Cornell's ERP at 1.607.255.7753

Professor Thomas Reed, Ph.D., the owner of Morningside Stud, tells us that he is delighted to renew his association with Cornell University. "The last time I was at Cornell was in 1991 when I spent a few days there as a visiting scholar," Dr. Reed states. "I am very pleased that Cornell, with the greatest vet school in the world, is going to offer Condios' semen to North American breeders. For the last two years breeders in the United States have contacted us asking to purchase frozen semen from Condios. Earlier this year we announced agreements with Genus Equine of the UK and International Horse Breeders of Australia to distribute Condios' semen throughout Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Now, with the agreement we have reached with Cornell University, we can give serious North American breeders the opportunity to breed their top mares to one of the world's very best young stallions, Condios."

"Cornell's Equine Research Park has a richly-deserved reputation for world-class technical expertise, cutting edge research, and high-

quality, customer-oriented service," states Dr. Reed. "We are delighted to be beginning this long-term relationship with Cornell. With Condios continuing to perform in spectacular fashion in showjumping competitions in Europe, and with the quality of his young stock being appreciated by no less than Ireland's National Champion showjumper, who described his foal by Condios as 'the perfect foal', we are very pleased to be able to offer Condios' semen to breeders in over two dozen countries on three continents."

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is approved as a sire by the Oldenburg Verband, Danish Warmblood Society, Irish Horse Board, and Anglo European Studbook. This young (born 1995) stallion, Reserve Champion of his German Performance test, has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, and Ireland. In 2001 he became the first Irish-owned horse to win the qualifier for the German Showjumping Championship and the first to jump clear in the Final of the German Showjumping Championship in Warendorf. In 2002, as a 7-year-old, Condios will compete in 1.40 and 1.50 metre classes.

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6 February 2002

Coriano Top-Ranked Sire in Schleswig-Holstein

According to a new study, CORIANO (Corrado I x Lord), the sire of Morningside Stud's jumping sensation CONDIOS (Coriano x Landgraf I), is the #1-ranked sire in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein.

This result is based on an analysis by the state's agriculture department of thousands of offspring sired by 95 stallions servicing mares in Schleswig-Holstein (source: www.lk-sh.de).

Coriano and the dressage stallion Carpaccio (Caretino x Lantaan) both received overall breeding value (bv) scores of 145, placing them at the pinnacle and above well-known but older sires such as Acord II (bv 125), Caretino (bv 130), Contender (bv 137), and Quidam de Revel (bv 111). A breeding value score of 145, for example, means that the stallion's breeding value is 45% above the value of the average sire in the analysis.

The study analyzed data from three sources: foal inspections, mare tests, and breeding mare evaluations. Data from over 22,000 inspections, tests, and evaluations were used in the analysis.

Coriano's 471 foals received very good scores for the two characteristics analyzed: 121 for type/conformation and 117 for movement. Coriano received a breeding value score of 120 for his foals with an accuracy of 99.3%.

The mare inspections resulted in high scores for the 82 Coriano mares. The mares received scores of 128 for type, 113 for topline, 163 for forehead, 184 for backend, 134 for correctness of movement, and 121 for action and impulsion. Coriano received a breeding value score of 135 for his mares with an accuracy of 95.7%.

The breeding mares evaluation produced extraordinary results for Coriano. Breeding mares sired by Coriano received scores of 151 for the walk, 122 for trot, 132 for canter, 153 for rideability, and 161 for freejumping. Coriano received the top breeding value score of 154 for his breeding mares with an accuracy of 92.7%.

For breeders of showjumpers, the key is to combine excellent jumping technique with rideability. Only Cassini I's breeding mares received a higher freejumping score than Coriano's (166 versus 161), but the rideability of Cassini's mares is much lower (135 versus 153 for Coriano's mares). Coriano's breeding mares received the highest rideability score, 153, in the study. (Breeding mares by the great, recently-deceased dressage legend Donnerhall received a slightly higher rideability score of 156 but the accuracy was only 65.7%, so the results cannot be trusted. And Donnerhall's mares received a freejumping score of only 61 versus 161 for Coriano's breeding mares.) These results, which show that Coriano produces jumpers that are very easy to ride, make Coriano the top-ranked sire of breeding mares in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein.

Breeders also need to pay close attention to conformation. Mares sired by Coriano received the highest scores for both front-end (163) and back-end (184) conformation.

Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, tells us "This is further evidence of the superior genes embodied in Condios. Last year, Coriano was ranked by the German Federation as Germany's 6th best showjumping sire. This new analysis of sires servicing mares in the Holstein region confirms Coriano's value. To be ranked as the #1 sire

is an amazing achievement. And based on these results, breeders who use Condios should be delighted if they produce a filly. They are tapping into the genes of what could turn out to be Germany's best producer of dams."

"We have been telling breeders for over two years that Condios has within him incredible showjumping genes that should be paired with excellent Irish genes to produce the showjumpers of the future: the Irish Warmblood. These results show that also within Condios are genes that produce easy-to-ride horses, an important characteristic for both amateur and professional riders."

Morningside Stud's sire Condios (born 1995) is a Holsteiner approved in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and the UK. Condios was Reserve Champion of his German performance test, placing first in dressage and third in jumping. He has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, and Ireland. Condios is also the only Irish-owned stallion ever to have reached the Final, and to jump clear in the Final, of the German Showjumping Championship.

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1 February 2002

Ekstein's Son Joel Wins Grand Prix of Deurne

Joel, the 11-year-old gelding sired by Morningside Stud's KWPN-approved stallion Ekstein, has continued his fantastic jumping by winning the indoor Grand Prix of Deurne (Holland) last Sunday, 27 January.

Competing in a class with forty competitors, Joel was one of eleven to jump clear in the first round. Against the clock in the second round, Joel cleared the course in a blazing 33.35 seconds, about 2 seconds faster than the number two finisher, the Dutch stallion Lincoln ridden by Albert Zoer.

In 2001 Joel and his rider/breeder Gert-Jan Bruggink won the Gold Medal in the European Championship for Young Riders, became Reserve Champions of Holland, lead the Dutch Team to victory in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final in Madrid, and placed in their first two World Cup classes.

Along with Jan Pedersen (Chair of the Danish Warmblood Society and President of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse), Henrik Steen Gundersen (Danish international rider of Morningside Stud's stallion Condios), Elizabeth Lane (veterinary surgeon and lecturer at the University College Dublin veterinary school), Gert-Jan Bruggink will be a speaker at the International Breeders Conference 2002 to be held in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland on March 30.

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1 February 2002

Condios Available in Australia and New Zealand

Morningside Stud has announced that International Horse Breeders Pty Ltd, Australia's market leader, has been appointed the exclusive distributor of frozen semen from Condios in Australia and New Zealand. The appointment begins on 1 February 2002, allowing both parties sufficient time to comply with the strict quarantine and testing requirements of Australia and New Zealand before the breeding season commences in the southern hemisphere in September.

International Horse Breeders (IHB) was founded in Victoria, Australia in 1989, and is run by two experienced artificial insemination experts, Glenis Dyason and Eildert Kingma. "We bring to breeders the choice of the best stallions the world has to offer," they state, and IHB backs up this mission with conception rates that exceed 90%. Breeders in Australia and New Zealand may contact IHB on +61.3.5439.7251 to make plans for the 2002 breeding season.

Professor Thomas Reed, Ph.D., the owner of Morningside Stud, tells us that he is very pleased to be associated with International Horse Breeders. "For the last two years breeders in different parts of the world have contacted us asking to purchase frozen semen from our magnificent jumping stallion Condios. Last month we announced an agreement with Genus Equine of the UK to distribute Condios' semen throughout Great Britain and Europe. Now, with the agreement we have reached with International Horse Breeders, we can give serious breeders in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to breed their top mares to one of the world's very best young stallions, Condios.

International Horse Breeders has a richly-deserved reputation for meticulous handling of frozen semen and the highest standards of

customer service," states Dr. Reed. "We are delighted to be beginning this long-term relationship with IHB. With Condios continuing to perform in spectacular fashion in showjumping competitions in Europe, and with the quality of his young stock being appreciated by no less than Ireland's National Champion showjumper, who described his foal by Condios as "the perfect foal", we are very pleased now to be able to offer Condios' semen to breeders in two dozen countries on two continents."

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is approved as a sire by the Oldenburg Verband, Danish Warmblood Society, Irish Horse Board, and Anglo European Studbook. This young (born 1995) stallion, Reserve Champion of his German Performance test, has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, and Ireland. In 2001 he became the first Irish-owned horse to win the qualifier for the German Showjumping Championship and the first to jump clear in the Final of the German Showjumping Championship in Warendorf. In 2002, as a 7-year-old, Condios will compete in 1.40 and 1.50 metre classes.

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21 January 2002

Condios Places 3rd in 1.30 m. & Secures Invitation to Aarhus CSI

Condios continued his excellent showjumping performance on Sunday 20 January with a 3rd place finish in the 1.30 metre class at the Fredericia (Denmark) Show. Immediately after this performance, Condios' rider, Henrik Gundersen, was issued an invitation by the Danish Federation for the pair to compete at the CSI in Aarhus (Denmark) in February.

Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, states that "Condios is continuing to jump with great power and technique. Over the next two months we will be getting Condios ready for the Aarhus International Show and then the Danish National Stallion Show. We could not be more pleased with the way he is developing both as a competitor and as a sire."

Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is approved as a sire in Germany, Denmark, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. This young stallion (born 1995) has won (inter)national classes in Germany, Holland, Denmark,

Belgium, and Ireland. In 2001 he became the first Irish-owned horse to jump clear in the Final of the German Showjumping Championship in Warendorf.

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12 January 2002

Morningside Stud to Host International Breeders Conference 2002

Ireland will once again be the place for horse breeders to gather as Morningside Stud hosts its popular International Breeders Conference 2002 on Saturday, March 30th.

This annual conference, which was launched last year by Morningside Stud, brings breeders of competition horses together with European studbook officials, international riders, highly-ranked breeders, and skilled veterinarians. Last year Holland and the KWPN Studbook were featured. This year, the World Breeding Federation, the umbrella organization for all sport horse studbooks, and the Danish Warmblood Society will be under the spotlight.

Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, tells us the purpose of the conference is to improve sport horse breeding through the sharing of information, best-practices, and inspiration. "We are very fortunate to once again have a world-class group of speakers for the International Breeders Conference. Mr. Jan Pedersen, the President of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses and the Chair of the Danish Warmblood Society, will be our keynote speaker. Jan, who possesses a tremendous amount of knowledge about sport horse breeding in the global context, is also a highly regarded breeder himself, having bred a mare that won the 2001 Gold Medal in Denmark."

The conference will also feature Henrik Gundersen, the Danish international rider of Morningside Stud's exciting Holsteiner stallion, Condios. Henrik will speak on the precise attributes that visitors from the USA, Asia, and Europe are looking for when buying young competition horses. And Henrik will show some videos of top-class horses and offer insights from years of training and producing young horses for sale by himself and important clients such as the Holsteiner Association in Germany.

Gert-Jan Bruggink, who won the Gold Medal in the European Championship for Young Riders and led the Dutch Team to victory in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final, will offer his reflections on breeding international showjumpers. Gert-Jan and his family bred Joel, a gelding sired by Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein, that carried his rider to these and other international victories in 2001.

Elizabeth Lane, a veterinary surgeon who teaches and conducts research as a lecturer at the University College Dublin's vet school, will speak on what every mare owner needs to know about getting mares in foal. Liz and her brother Tommy are well known in Ireland for breeding and producing good-looking horses that win in the show ring and then move on to compete or serve as high quality breeding stock.

The International Breeders Conference 2002 has attracted corporate sponsorship from companies based in Canada (Breeding News for Sport Horses), Denmark (Danish Warmblood Society), Holland (Horse International magazine and the WBFISH International Breeding Guide), Ireland (Red Mills Horse Feed, Horseware Ireland, Equest Wormer, Golden Vale / Kerry Group, Thoroughbred Insurance Services Ltd., Irish Equimarkets, and Genetic Links), and the United States (Norfields's Magnetic Health Care Products).

The International Breeders Conference 2002 will be held on Saturday, March 30th, at the Abbey Court Hotel in Nenagh, County Tipperary. More information about the programme can be found at www.morningside-stud.com or by ringing 087.827.4831 (outside of Ireland, +353.87.827.4831). Morningside Stud's homepage allows for the on-line purchase of tickets with a credit card and offers helpful links including a hotel, airlines, and the Irish Tourist Board.

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11 January 2002

Coriano Takes 6th Place in German Showjumping Index

CORIANO (Corrado I x Lord), the sire of Morningside Stud's jumping sensation CONDIOS (Coriano x Landgraf I), has ascended to the top tier of German sires according to a study released at the end of December by the German Federation.

The study's purpose was to determine the breeding values of German-based sires. The study used information on 350,000 horses and

included results from mare tests, stallion tests, and, above all, showjumping competition results.

Germany's top-10 sires, as reported in "FN-Aktuell?" (<http://www.fn-aktuell.de>), are:

1. Stakkato, 169 breeding value (b/v), 78 accuracy.
2. Concerto II, 161 b/v, 88 accuracy.
3. Cassini I, 160 b/v, 96 accuracy;
=3 Carthago, 160 b/v, 96 accuracy;
5. Contender, 159 b/v, 98 accuracy;
6. Coriano, 158 b/v, 93 accuracy;
=6. Caretino, 158 b/v, 97 accuracy;
8. Levantos II, 155 b/v, 80 accuracy;
9. Capitol I, 154 b/v, 98 accuracy;
10. For Pleasure, 154 b/v, 94 accuracy.

With a breeding value of 158, Coriano is 58% superior in his breeding value to the average sire included in this largest and most sophisticated analysis of German horses ever undertaken.

"We find these results published by the German Federation to be very interesting and important," states Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud and Condios. "We have been telling breeders for two years that Condios has within him incredible showjumping genes that should be paired with excellent Irish genes to produce the showjumpers of the future: the Irish Warmblood. And with Condios continuing to excel in showjumping competitions on the continent, Coriano's value as a sire can only increase in the years ahead!"

Morningside Stud's sire Condios is a Holsteiner stallion approved in Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and the UK. Born in 1995, Condios is the only Irish-owned stallion ever to have reached the Finals of the German Showjumping Championship.

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10 January 2002

Ekstein Ranked 38th Best Sire in the World for 2002-2003

According to a report just released by the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH), Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein is ranked as the world's 38th best sire for producing international Grand Prix showjumpers for 2001 - 2002.

Only two stallions currently standing in Ireland have made the list of the world's top 40 showjumping sires for 2002-2003: Touchdown (born 1982) is ranked 35th and Ekstein (born 1986) is ranked 38th. Whereas Touchdown has only two progeny that contributed to his ranking (Liscalgot at 18 and A Touch of Romance at 1180), Ekstein has four offspring in the exclusive list of the world's top international Grand Prix showjumpers (Joel at 56, King at 203, Kasmir at 317, and L'Unique at 1149). Another interesting fact is that the great progenitor Voltaire (born 1979 and therefore seven years older than Ekstein) is ranked 37th, just one position ahead of Ekstein.

Ekstein (Zion x Joost) is approved for life by the KWPN and the Irish Horse Board. He was Champion of the 1989 KWPN Stallion Performance Test and Champion 7-Year-Old KWPN Stallion Showjumper. His progeny have won the Dutch Showjumping Championship; European Junior Rider Championship Team Gold Medal; the European Young Rider Championship Individual Gold Medal, Individual Silver Medal, and Team Bronze Medal; the Belgian Classic Cycle Championship; and the Gold Medal in the Samsung Nations Cup World Final. Three of Ekstein's progeny are competing in Nations Cup competitions and four are competing in World Cup competitions.

Progeny of Ekstein out of mares owned by Morningside Stud and its network of breeders throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland will be available for sale at the Scope Elite Auction on August 3. The auction will be held as part of Morningside Stud's 3rd International Breeders Conference on August 2 - 3, the weekend before the Dublin Horse Show.