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Netherlands and Joel Place 4th in Olympic Team Competition

Ekstein's son Joel, ridden by Gert-Jan Bruggink, placed 4th in the team competition at the Athens Olympics.

In the two round team competition Joel had one fence down for 4 faults; the other members of the Dutch team each had 12 faults. If any of the members of the Dutch team had had one fewer fence down, the team would have been in a 3-way jump-off for Silver and Bronze medals.

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20 July 2004

July News Update: Joel Selected for Dutch Olympic Showjumping Team

Here is the latest news from Morningside Stud, including the exciting news that Ekstein's son Joel is going to Athens!

Ekstein:

The Dutch Equestrian Federation announced this evening that the 13-year-old gelding Joel (Ekstein x Ramiro Z), ridden by his 23-year-old owner/breeder Gert-Jan Bruggink, has been selected to represent Holland on the Dutch Olympic Showjumping Team. Joel has been on fire this year, winning last weekend the Prize of Europe and placing 5th in the Nations Cup at the CSIO***** of Aachen. Earlier in the year Joel won the CSIO***** Grand Prix of Rotterdam and placed 7th in the Nations Cup, won the CSI-W Grand Prix of 1/2S-Hertogenbosch, won the CSIO***** Nations Cup of Rome and placed 10th in the Grand Prix, placed 6th in the CSIO***** Nations Cup of La Baule, placed 6th in the CSI-W Grand Prix of Amsterdam, and was crowned Vice-Champion Showjumper of Holland. Joel is the only member of the Dutch Olympic Showjumping Team sired by a Dutch Warmblood stallion (the other members of the team are Holsteiners).

Last weekend the showjumping mare Leemhoeve's Juska (Ekstein x Aram), ridden by Dennis Kuipers, won the Team Bronze Medal at the European Young Riders Championship in Portugal. This makes the fifth medal won by progeny of Ekstein in European Young Riders and Junior Riders Championships. Earlier in the year Juska placed 9th in the 1.40 class at the CSI-W of Amsterdam.

This spring U.S. rider Mary Lisa Leffler and Kartousch (Ekstein x Nabuur) won the \$50,000 HITS Grand Prix at Ocala (USA). At the CSIO**** in Drammen, Kartousch placed 4th in the Lena Masking Trophy 1.40 m. class, 2nd in the Felleskjopet Speed Derby 1.40 m. class, and 9th in the Volvo Penta Norway Grand Prix (1.60 m.). Kartousch also placed 6th in the 1.40 m. speed class and 6th in a 1.40 m. class and 7th in a 1.40 m. class at the CSIO**** of Ypaja (Finland). And most recently at the CSIO**** Nations Cup of Falsterbo (Sweden), Kartousch and the USA team came in 6th place.

In June the KWPN Ster mare Jennieta (Ekstein x Nabuur) and her rider Kristi Smith placed 8th in the \$25,000 HITS on the Hudson III Grand Prix (USA), incurring just two time faults.

Ekstein is currently ranked 41st by the United States Equestrian Federation as a Sire of Jumpers. In 2002 - 2003 the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses ranked Ekstein as the world's 38th best sire of international showjumpers.

Condios:

In 2004 Condios has been placed 5th in the 1.35 Class at the CSI** of Lummen, 9th in the CSI**** 1.50 class at Hamburg (the first qualifier for the Hamburg Derby), 9th in the CSI** Grand Prix of Lummen, and 9th in the Grand Prix and 9th in the 1.45 class at the CSI** Grand Prix of Holte.

A four-year-old gelding by Condios bred and owned by Danish veterinarian Lise Roulund placed 3rd in the first qualifier of the 2004 season for the Danish Young Horse Championship. With this result the horse qualified to compete in the final at the Danish National Stallion Show in Herning in March 2005.

Ulysses M2S:

In the near future Morningside Stud will re-acquire 100% ownership of Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire), the 3-year-old stallion prospect.

Ulysses M2S currently is being trained by Henrik Gundersen and we plan to send the young stallion to a Dutch rider later this year to further prepare him for the Anglo-European Studbook inspections either in the fall of 2004 or the spring of 2005. Morningside Stud already has put 10 mares in foal to Ulysses M2S, with nine of the mares going in foal during the first cycle and one mare going in foal on the second cycle.

Pia:

Our 7-year-old KWPN showjumping mare Pia (Calvados x Pilot x Beach Boy) has been winning and placing in 1.20 and 1.30 m. classes in Denmark; she is now ready to begin competing in 1.40 m. classes. Pia, the dam of Condia M2S (by Condios), a 3-year-old mare that had a super filly by Londonderry this year, and the 2-year-old stallion Vector M2S (by Ekstein), will soon be brought home to Ireland and offered for sale.

Krusader M2S:

Last weekend the 6-year-old Trakehner Verband Premium Mare and German State Premium Mare Kate (E.H. Friedensfuerst x E.H. Caprimond x E.H. Tenor), a half-sister of our Trakehner yearling colt Krusader M2S (Lauries Crusader XX x E.H. Caprimond x E.H. Tenor), was crowned the German National Trakehner Champion Mare. Kate and Krusader M2S were bred by Mrs. Claudia Mohlfeld and Kate is owned by G.u.N. Butzbach GbR.

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22 April 2004

Condios Approved by Holsteiner Verband

Condios, the international Grand Prix winning stallion, has been approved as a sire by the Holsteiner Verband following two days of rigorous inspections at Elmshorn, Germany. Condios is now approved by a total of ten studbooks in Germany, Denmark, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

Bred by Dieter Steffen, Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) is a nine-year-old Holsteiner owned by Morningside Stud in County Clare, Ireland and ridden for Denmark by Henrik Steen Gundersen. In the 2003-2004 World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses ranking of international

Grand Prix showjumpers, Condios is ranked 355th in the world; among the horses in the youngest age group (those born in 1995), Condios is the #1 Holsteiner and the #2 stallion in the world. His achievements in 2003 included winning the international Grand Prix of Copenhagen, placing third in the Volvo Penta International Grand Prix of Norway, and placing eighth with the Danish team in the Nations Cup of Podebrady.

"I am delighted that the Holsteiner Verband has approved Condios as a sire", states Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud. "This was the first time Condios was presented for approval to the Holsteiner Verband, and the standards he had to meet both as a sire and a competition horse were among the highest in the world. With foals and young stock by Condios selling privately and through elite auctions to clients in Ireland, England, Wales, Italy, and Uruguay I am eager to work actively with breeders in Germany so that Condios can make a big contribution to the Holsteiner breed."

Dr. Thomas Nissen, head of the Holsteiner Studbook, wrote the following remarks about Condios after the approval: "A typey son of the performance sire Coriano. Very athletic in his expression with long lines. His sport type finds a perfect match in his performance career and many successes in international competition. Conformation is influenced by the sire. Condios has three good basic paces, with the excellent transmission of his canter allowing for an optimal jump. The interesting dam line 1866 also produced the legendary Farnese and the competition horse Oberon." Stallion Inspection Scores: 8, 7, 7, 7, 8, 7, 8 = 52 (In comparison, Coriano scored 50 and Corrado I scored 48.)

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2 April 2004

Ekstein the Star of the Irish Horse Board's Stallion Parade

We took 18-year-old Ekstein to a stallion parade in Ireland on March 28. See for yourself if this stallion has kept the form that made him the KWPN performance test champion and 7-year-old KWPN stallion champion showjumper.

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1 April 2004

Joel Wins International Grand Prix and Audi

Joel, the 13-year-old gelding by Morningside Stud's champion sire Ekstein, won last weekend the 1.60 m. International Grand Prix at the Indoor Brabant Show in Den Bosch, Holland. Joel and his breeder/owner/rider, former European Young Rider Champion Gert-Jan Bruggink, won an Audi car for their efforts.

For 2003 the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses ranked Joel as the 52nd best showjumper in the world.

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25 March 2004

Condios Places 9th in CSI International Grand Prix of Holte**

Condios and Henrik Gundersen placed 9th, and in the prize money, in the CSI** International Grand Prix of Holte (Denmark) on 21 March 2004. He jumped a clear first round and had one fence down in the jump-off against the clock. Earlier in the weekend Condios placed 9th in the qualifying class for the Grand Prix.

Earlier in the month (March 4 - 7) at the Danish National Stallion Show in Herning, Condios won the MB class and placed 5th in the MA class. He jumped double clear rounds in both classes.

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2 February 2004

WBFSH Corrects Condios' Ranking

The Rankings Department for the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses notified Morningside Stud today that the WBFSH Jumping Ranking for 2002-2003 for the stallion Condios is incorrect. The WBFSH CD-Rom has Condios ranked as the world's 591st best jumper; in fact, according to the WBFSH, Condios's correct ranking is 355th. The WBFSH will publish a correction in the magazine Horse International.

The WBFSH ranking of jumping horses is based on their results in large International Grand Prix, Nations Cup, and World Cup classes.

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2 February 2004

Condios Top-Ranked Holsteiner in Age Group

Among all Holsteiners ranked in the WBFSH's top 1313 international showjumpers, Condios is ranked 64th. He is the youngest horse in the top 64 Holsteiners, and no horse in his age group (birth year 1995) is ranked higher than Condios.

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2 February 2004

Condios Ranked 2nd Among All 1995 Stallions

According to the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses 2002-2003 rankings, among all international showjumping stallions in his age group (birth year 1995), Condios is ranked 2nd.

Among all international showjumpers in his age group, Condios is ranked 6th.

The top six international showjumpers born in 1995 are:

La Toya III
mare
Markus Fuchs
Rank 130

Cantate
stallion
Hauke Luther
Rank 247

Isovlas Socrates
gelding
Steve Guerdat
Rank 322

Nirfan
gelding
Gianni Govoni
Rank 333

Authentic
gelding
Beezie Madden
Rank 333

Condios
stallion
Henrik Steen Gundersen
Rank 355

It is interesting to note that because of being in quarantine for almost six months for semen freezing, Condios competed in only 5 of the 12 months covered by this ranking.

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2 February 2004

Coriano Progeny in WBFSH Rankings

In the WBFSH rankings of showjumpers for 2002-2003, two progeny of Coriano appear in the rankings: Condios (stallion, born 1995) in 355 and Cyrano de Bergerac (stallion, born 1994) in 815.

Coriano, a star sire of the Holsteiner Verband, has recently been ranked as the #1 sire by the state of Schleswig-Holstein, the #2 sire by the Holsteiner Verband, and the #4 sire of showjumpers by the German National Federation.