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10 December 2007

Wang Chung M2S 2nd in 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

Once again this past weekend Wang Chung M2S jumped double-clear and placed second in 1.10 m. class against the clock with 50 starters of various ages.

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8 December 2007

KWPN Honors Gudrun, Dam of Ulysses M2S

Morningside Stud's bloodlines are well-represented in the 2007 Preferent and Prestatie Mare list recently published by the KWPN.

Gudrun (Voltaire x Le Mexico), the dam of our stallion Ulysses M2S (by our stallion Ekstein), was awarded the predicate "Preferent" for producing two Ster mares and one Elite, Sport Showjumping mare. Under Morningside Stud's ownership Gudrun advanced from being a Keur mare to Keur Prestatie mare to Keur Preferent Prestatie mare.

Gudrun's sister, the Ster mare Deborah (G.Ramiro Z x Le Mexico), was awarded the predicate "Preferent" for producing a Keur mare, a Ster mare, and a Keur Sport-Showjumping mare.

The Ster mare Ivresse (Ekstein x Nepal) was awarded the predicate "Preferent" for producing three Ster mares.

The Keur mare Miletto (Ekstein x Caletto I) was awarded the predicate "Preferent" for producing a stallion candidate and two Ster Prok mares.

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3 December 2007

Wang Chung M2S 2nd in 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

On Saturday 1 December in the Netherlands Wang Chung M2S had another super result. He jumped double-clear and placed 2nd in a 1.10 m. class against a large group of horses of all ages.

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26 November 2007

Wang Chung M2S Wins 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

This weekend our stallions Wang Chung M2S and Ulysses M2S competed with very good results.

Wang Chung M2S won a 1.10 m. class in the Netherlands with 60 starters from all age groups. After jumping a clear first round with Eddie Brinkman Wang Chung had the fastest time among 17 horses in the jump-off to secure the victory. Eddie said that Wang Chung jumped "really well" and that he did not have to ride too fast because the stallion is learning to make sharp turns during the jump-off.

At the CSI2* Bois le Roi (France) show Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear and placed 10th in one class and later jumped clear and placed 15th in a speed class without a jump-off. His co-owner and rider, the Belgian young rider Rossella de Simone, was very pleased with these results as she and Ulysses are now being trained by the Schroeder brothers and their style is different than her previous trainer's, Jos Lansink.

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31 October 2007

AES Nederland Approves Wang Chung M2S

Morningside Stud was officially informed today by an inspector in the Netherlands that our 4-year-old stallion Wang Chung M2S has been approved as a sire by the Anglo European Studbook. This approval was based on his initial grading in 2005, passing a 5-stage veterinary exam, passing a comprehensive x-ray exam, and his outstanding and consistent performance in showjumping in open competition in 2007.

Wang Chung M2S was sired by the international showjumper Royal Bravour (Ramiro x Orthos x Courville xx) and out of the KWPN Ster Preferent mare Harnita (Ahorn x Erdball xx). Wang Chung's damline has produced 5 approved stallions in the Netherlands, Germany, and Ireland and 3 international showjumpers. Wang Chung M2S was bred by Morningside Stud; he was registered at birth with the KWPN.

Wang Chung's first crop of foals was born in 2007. It is a uniform collection of high quality, well developed, and athletic foals characterized by "blood" and a quick hind leg. One filly foal, Cantopop M2S (Wang Chung M2S x Cruising x Ozymandias xx), has already been sold to South America. His one colt foal, Chien-Ming Wang M2S (Wang Chung M2S x Ekstein x Cruising), has been retained by Morningside Stud as a stallion prospect. Video clips of several of Wang Chung's filly foals may be found at www.morningside-stud.com/generic79.html

Wang Chung M2S is trained and shown by the excellent Dutch rider Eddie Brinkman, who also produced Ulysses M2S for Morningside Stud. Wang Chung will continue competing with Brinkman with the goal of jumping at the Zwolle International Stallion Show in March 2008. A video of Wang Chung M2S placing 7th in the Euregio Indoor Denekamp Stallion Show in the Netherlands may be downloaded at www.morningside-stud.com/WangChungM2SVideoClips/WangChung2007.mov

Wang Chung M2S was graded S1 (passed conformation, health, and x-ray exams) as a 3-year-old by the Irish Horse Board and Morningside Stud hopes he will be approved by the IHB when he returns to Ireland in the next few years. In the meantime breeders can receive full studbook registration for their foals from the AES and Zangersheide studbooks.

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28 October 2007

Wang Chung M2S 3rd in 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

Today in a 1.10 m. class at Laag Soeren with 60 starters of all ages Wang Chung M2S jumped double-clear and claimed 3rd place.

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23 October 2007

Wang Chung M2S 7th in Stallion Competition

Morningside Stud's Wang Chung M2S jumped two super clear rounds and placed 7th in the 1.10 metre 4-year-old stallion competition at the Euregio Indoor Denekamp Show today in the Netherlands.

Twenty-three stallions representing the Westfalen (3 stallions), Anglo European (2), Zangersheide (2), Belgian Warmblood (1), KWPN (6), Hanoverian (3), NRPS (2), Bayern (1), Irish Sport Horse (1), Oldenburg (1), and ZfdP (1) studbooks competed in the class. Wang Chung M2S represented the ISH studbook.

The class was judged by the 1996 Individual and Team Olympic Gold Medalist in Showjumping, Ulrich Kirchhoff.

Wang Chung M2S is a 2003 chestnut KWPN-registered stallion sired by the international showjumper Royal Bravour (by Ramiro) and out of the KWPN Ster Preferent mare Harnita (Ahorn x Erdball xx). Wang Chung M2S was bred by Morningside Stud and is being ridden for us in sport by the Dutch rider Eddie Brinkman. His first crop of foals was born this year.

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21 October 2007

Wang Chung M2S 4th in 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

Wang Chung jumped double-clear and placed 4th out of 65 starters in the 1.10 m. class against the clock at Zevenaar.

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12 October 2007

Gelding by Condios Qualifies for Danish 5-Year-Old Championship

Morningside Stud recently received the following email from a breeder in Denmark concerning a gelding sired by our international showjumping stallion Condios:

"Here is some news about my Condios son Runrig Gangster born 05-06-2003.

I am proud to tell you that Runrig Gangster, a four-year-old gelding by Condios, yesterday qualified for the Danish Showjumping Championship for 5-year-old horses which takes place at the National Stallion Show in March 2008 in Herning, Denmark.

His marks for loose-jumping were:

Technique: 9.5

Scope: 9.0

Canter: 9.0

Balance: 9.0

His marks for jumping under saddle were:

Technique: 9.0

Scope: 8.5

Canter: 9.0

Rideability: 8.0

This was more than enough to take the lead in our Region 5 and I got a trophy for breeding the best showjumper.

Greeting from Denmark
Hanne Skafté-Christiansen"

We wish Runrig Gangster and Hanne the best of luck next March in Herning.

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8 October 2007

Irish International Rider Greg Broderick Purchases Colts by Ulysses M2S and Condios

Irish international showjumping rider Greg Broderick has purchased a 2-year-old and two foals bred by Morningside Stud.

The 2-year-old colt is Agent Provocateur M2S, a bay colt by Ulysses M2S and out of the mare Utopia M2S (Calvados x Mytens xx x Voltaire).

One of the two colt foals purchased by Greg was sired by Condios.

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6 October 2007

Wang Chung M2S 6th in 1.10 M. Class in the Netherlands

Wang Chung jumped double-clear and placed 6th out of 60 starters in the 1.10 m. class against the clock at Laag Soeren.

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30 September 2007

Hickstead Wins \$1,000,000 Grand Prix at Spruce Meadows

The following news release was published by Jump Canada and concerns Hickstead, a grandson of Morningside Stud's stallion Ekstein:

"Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, ON became the second Canadian in history to win the world's richest Grand Prix, the \$1,000,000 CN International, held September 9 at the Spruce Meadows Masters in Calgary, AB. Lamaze found himself \$325,000 richer after being the only one out of 40 competitors to lay down double clear rounds, over one of the toughest classes in the world, built by Olympic course designer Leopoldo Palacios, of Caracas, Venezuela, who raised fences in the second round to the towering maximum height of 2.20 metres. Lamaze's partner was his seasoned international mount Hickstead, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Torrey Pines and Ashland Stables Inc.

"This was really one of the best classes in the world, and to win was great for Canada and great for me," said Lamaze, who was the first Canadian to claim the CN International since Ian Millar's wins in 1987 and 1991. "This is a win I am going to remember for a long time!"

Lamaze picked up an additional \$50,000 for being the winner of the CN Precision series, which included the CN International Grand Prix, as well as three other major Grand Prix classes held at Spruce Meadows tournaments throughout the 2007 season. Having also won the \$200,000 ATCO Power Queen Elizabeth II Cup at the North American Tournament aboard Hickstead in early July, Lamaze's win on Sunday secured him the bonus prize.

The CN International capped off a week full of success for Lamaze, who was also fault-free with Hickstead in Saturday's two-round \$350,000 BMO Nations Cup, helping Canada earn third place.

It's been great the last few years. I've really been concentrating on my career and it is paying off now and for the future," explained Lamaze who was the 2007 Pan American Games Individual Bronze Medalist, as well as being a member of Canada's Show Jumping Team, helping them earn the Team Silver Medal, which in turn secured Canada's berth to the 2008 Olympics. "I've been traveling to Europe as much as I can to compete against the best in world. I'm going to go back to Europe for the month of October because it has really been paying off for both my young horses and for Hickstead, so it is something I am going to continue doing."

(Source: <http://www.hunterjumpernews.com/?p=3536>)

As of 1 August 2007 Hickstead was ranked by the WBFSH as world's second best international showjumper.

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26 August 2007

Eight Progeny of Morningside Stud Stallions Qualify for Championships

Eight progeny of Morningside Stud's stallions Ekstein and Condios have qualified for the 2007 National Showjumping Championship of Ireland and/or the Grand Finals of the Irish Horse Board Showjumping Classes 2007. Three of these horses were bred by Morningside Stud.

The following horses have qualified for the National Showjumping Championship of Ireland:

1.10 Metre Championship

Kingsdale Condios

Sire: Condios

Dam: Cavalier Linda (by Cavalier Royale)

Breeder: Eddie Kelly

Owner: Mark Devey

Rider: Veronica Shanley.

4-Year-Old Championship

Ben Mullier

Sire: Condios
Dam: Bonny Kate (by Legaun Prince)
Breeder: Anthony Doherty
Owner: Brian Doherty
Rider: Jimmy McCloskey.

Confidant M2S
Sire: Condios
Dam: Rainmaker M2S (by Chairmaker)
Breeder: Morningside Stud
Owner/Rider: Roddy Dean.

Domino K
Sire: Ekstein
Dam: Mary Cate (by Ballinvella xx)
Breeder: Morningside Stud and James Barlow
Owner: Knightfield Stud
Rider: Cartriona Fallon.

5-Year-Old Championship
RoundThorn Madios
Sire: Condios
Dam: Clover Heidi (by Clover Hill)
Breeder: Denise Gleeson-McDonagh
Owner: Patricia Connon
Rider: Catherine Thornton.

Ballintogher Gigolo
Sire: Condios
Dam: Ballintogher Nell (by Cavalier Royale)
Breeder: Eyleen Nugent
Owner: Brendan McChesney
Rider: Brendan Ryan.

Cavallino Cocktail
Sire: Ekstein
Dam: Tims Cavalier (by Cavalier Royale)
Breeder: Ralph Conroy
Owner: Linda Slattery
Rider: Darragh Kenny.

Diamond Toby (birth name: Elvis the King M2S)
Sire: Ekstein
Dam: Duharra Diamond (by King of Diamonds)

Breeder: Morningside Stud and John O'Sullivan
Owner: Linda Courtney Cadam
Rider: Ross Mulholland.

The following horses sired have qualified for the Grand Finals of the Irish Horse Board Showjumping Classes 2007:

5-Year-Old Grand Final

Diamond Toby (birth name: Elvis the King M2S)

Sire: Ekstein

Dam: Duharra Diamond (by King of Diamonds)

Breeder: Morningside Stud and John O'Sullivan

Owner: Linda Courtney Cadam

Rider: Ross Mulholland.

Cavallino Cocktail

Sire: Ekstein

Dam: Tims Cavalier (by Cavalier Royale)

Breeder: Ralph Conroy

Owner: Linda Slattery

Rider: Darragh Kenny.

RoundThorn Madios

Sire: Condios

Dam: Clover Heidi (by Clover Hill)

Breeder: Denise Gleeson-McDonagh

Owner: Patricia Connon

Rider: Catherine Thornton.

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15 August 2007

Recent Results and News

Ulysses M2S competed at the CSI** Show at Valkenwaard (Netherlands) last weekend in the International Jumping Competition for 6- & 7-Year Old Horses. On the first day with his co-owner, the Belgian junior rider Rossella de Simone, Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear. On the second day he jumped double-clear and placed 9th and won some prize money.

On July 1st the 10-year-old gelding For Fun II (by Whinny Jackson out of a mare by Ekstein) won the CSIO***** Grand Prix of Lummen with British rider James Davenport.

Itot du Chateau, the stallion by Le Tot de Semilly and out of the mare Sophie du Chateau, has been selected for the French Team for the European Showjumping Championship. The dam of Itot du Chateau is a half-sister to Morningside Stud's stallion Desir du Chateau.

In the last few weeks we have received an email and telephone call from eventing riders in England who have progeny of Condios showing great promise. Jason Hobbs wrote us that the 6-year-old Stilo Kontiko (bred by Tom Slattery) is a definite four star prospect with the movement and bold jump required for top sport. Michael Diamantides rang to tell us that 5-year-old XLNT Fast and Furioso (bred by Anne and Vincent Murphy) is very balanced in his flatwork and jumping and is going to be a very good eventing horse.

Wang Chung M2S competed in the Dutch 4-Year-Old Showjumping Championship and received high scores for jumping style and riding. Unfortunately he knocked the last fence in the course and Wang Chung missed qualifying for the final by a fraction of a point. Eddie Brinkman, the rider of Wang Chung M2S, told us that he jumped very well and several people were disappointed when Eddie told them that Morningside Stud is not selling the stallion. Wang Chung's first crop was born this year and they are all very good looking and athletic foals.

Hickstead (Hamlet x Ekstein), the world-class showjumper ridden by Canada's Eric Lamaze, recently won the Individual Bronze Medal and Team Silver Medal at the Pan American Games. Hickstead also placed 3rd in the Great West Life Cup at the CSI4* Spruce Meadows show and 1st in the ATCO Power Queen Elisabeth II Cup at the CSI5* Spruce Meadows show.

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12 May 2007

2007 Foals

Here are Morningside Stud's 2007 foals:

Condina Bella M2S -- bay filly by Condios out of Pandina Bella (Landino x Voltaire) born 2 May.

Ceann Comhairle M2S -- bay colt by Ulysses M2S out of Odessa (Iroko x Voltaire) born 3 May.

China Doll M2S -- bay filly by Wang Chung M2S out of Femme Fatale M2S (Limmerick x Nimmerdor) born 3 May.

Cantopop M2S -- chestnut filly by Wang Chung M2S out of Ozy Cruise M2S (Cruising x Ozymandias xx) born 5 May.

Chai Ling M2S -- bay filly by Wang Chung M2S out of Heresy M2S (Lanthano x Caramel xx) born 11 May.

Cheng Pei-pei M2S -- chestnut filly by Wang Chung M2S out of Pia (Calvados x Pilot) born 11 May.

Consuela Bella M2S -- bay filly by Condios out of Violetta Bella M2S (Ekstein x Landino) born 12 May.

Cherokee M2S -- bay colt by Apache d'Adriers out of Una Bella M2S (Ekstein x Landino) born 12 May.

Comanche M2S -- chestnut colt by Apache d'Adriers out of Harnita (Ahorn x Erdball xx) born 12 May.

Chien-Ming Wang M2S -- chestnut colt by Wang Chung M2S out of Vampire Slayer M2S (Ekstein x Cruising) born 22 May.

Cathleen ni Houlihan M2S -- bay filly by Ulysses M2S out of Kalista (Burggraaf x Nooitgedacht) born 22 May.

Cheyenne M2S -- chestnut filly by Apache d'Adriers out of Nothing Compares xx (Torus xx x Merrymount xx) born 27 May.

Con Spirito M2S -- bay colt by Condios out of Emerald Cruising M2S (Cruising x Clover Hill) born 31 May.

Ultra-Niki M2S Z -- bay filly by Ulysses M2S out of Ushiniki (Calvados x Joost) born 1 June. (Bred by Morningside Stud and Sakura Hill Farm; now owned by Sakura Hill Farm.)

Chippewa M2S -- chestnut filly by Apache d'Adriers out of Concordia M2S (Condios x Cor de la Bryere) born 17 June.

Contemplation M2S -- bay filly by Condios out of Inspiration M2S (Banditentraum x Wie Ibikus) born 20 June.

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5 July 2007

Recent Results

Our stallion Wang Chung M2S has qualified for the Dutch 4-Year-Old Showjumping Championship under Eddie Brinkman. Wang Chung will compete in the championship in August and in September he will be sent to a breeding station for two months to have his semen frozen for the EU, USA and Australia. With a very good first crop of foals born this year we are excited about this young stallion's potential for both sport and breeding.

Loughnavatta Papillon, bay 6-year-old gelding by Condios out of Ballinlover Penny (by Clover Hill), bred by Patrick Heffernan, owned by Rory Costigan, and ridden by Katie O'Sullivan, placed 1st in his first Pre-Novice Event at Ravensdale Lodge (Ireland) 17/06/2007.

One week later at Calverstown (Ireland) Loughnavatta Papillon placed 4th and jumped clear and with no time penalties in the cross country or showjumping in his first CNC* event.

In the Irish Horse Board's 5-Year-Old Championship Qualifier at the Galway County Show, Cavallino Cocktail, grey mare by Ekstein out of Tims Cavalier (by Cavalier Royale), bred by Ralph Conroy, owned by Linda Slattery, and ridden by Darragh Kenny, placed 1st.

In the Final on the next day Cavallino Cocktail placed 4th.

The 2006 4-Year-Old National Champion RoundThorn Madios (Condios x Clover Hill), bred by Denise Gleeson-McDonagh, owned by Patricia

Connon, and ridden by Catherine Thornton, has qualified for the 5-Year-Old Championship at the Dublin Horse Show.

Stilo Kontiko, by Condios out of a mare with no recorded breeding, bred by Tom Slattery, owned by Denise Crossman, and ridden by Jason Hobbs, placed 2nd in the Intermediate Event at Pontispool (UK) in April and 3rd in the Intermediate Event at Longleat International (UK) in June.

XLNT Fast and Furioso, (by Condios and out of a mare by Furisto), bred by Anne and Vincent Murphy, owned by XLNT Ltd., and ridden by Michael Diamantides, placed 4th in the Pre-Novice Event in Kelsall Hill (UK) in April, 7th in the Pre-Novice Event in Rodbaston (UK) in May, 3rd in the Pre-Novice Event in Somerford Park (UK) in May, and 1st in the OPre-Novice Event at Arley Hall (UK) in May.

In the USA Oceano (Desir du Chateau x Verdi) jumped double-clear and placed 3rd in the Combined Class at Littlewood Spring. This gelding is now ranked 4th in the 2007 Young Jumper Championships for 5-Year-Olds.

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14 June 2007

USA Junior International Eventing Rider Purchases 50% of Two Colts

Morningside Stud is pleased to announce that we have sold 50% of two very exciting yearling eventing prospects to the family of US junior international eventing rider Callie Judy.

Both colts were bred by Morningside Stud and were sired by the Irish Sport Horse Conspiracy M2S (sired by the Holsteiner international showjumping stallion Condios and out of the Holsteiner international showjumping mare Corniola). Conspiracy M2S is a grey 5-year-old stallion pursuing a sport career in the Netherlands under Eddie Brinkman, and these two colts were part of Conspiracy's first crop registered by the Anglo European Studbook.

One colt, Bada Bing M2S, is out of a National Hunt racing mare named Danty Woman by the famous thoroughbred sire Roselier; this colt is a stallion prospect. The second colt, Beltway Bandit M2S, is out of a

KWPN Ster mare named Holiday by the very influential thoroughbred sire Mytens and out of the international showjumping mare Dante.

According to Callie Judy, "I spent the last week in May in Ireland with my parents searching for my next event horse. Tom Reed took my parents and me to see and try horses in counties Clare, Tipperary, Limerick and Down. He helped us find my next horse, a beautiful Irish mare we are naming Celtic Odyssey.

"We also looked at two of Tom's own yearlings, Bada Bing M2S and Beltway Bandit M2S. Both were fantastic to watch. Bada Bing has exceptional movement for a yearling, and Beltway Bandit has plenty of jump. I was so impressed with both of them that we are going into partnership with Tom, and I will be bringing them to the US to begin their training. I will start competing them in about four years, and I am confident they will be the next top event horses of their time.

"I value Tom's knowledge of jumping technique, conformation, and bloodlines. He breeds his horses to be exceptional athletes, and that is obvious in the two colts we will be bringing to the U.S. Thank you Tom for getting me together with these three wonderful horses!"

"I am delighted to now own Bada Bing M2S and Beltway Bandit M2S in partnership with the Judy family", said Tom Reed. "Callie is an exceptional young athlete and her parents are totally committed to helping Callie achieve her goal of being a professional eventing rider at the highest level. With the help of her trainers including the Olympic eventing rider Darren Chiacchia, Callie's successes to date include winning the Team Gold Medal at the 2006 North American Young Riders Eventing Championship; winning the 2006 USEA Area IV Preliminary division Championship; winning the 2006 Junior Young Rider division of the American Eventing Championships; Reserve Champion of the USEF One Star Eventing Championships; and being crowned the Junior Preliminary Rider of the Year in the United States by the USEA at the annual USEA Convention. What a start to an eventing career!"

Bada Bing M2S and Beltway Bandit M2S will leave Ireland for the USA in September.

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31 May 2007

Recent Results in Ireland for Condios and Ekstein Progeny

On May 16 RoundThorn Madios (Condios x Clover Hill) and Catherine Thornton placed 2nd in the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society's National Balmoral 5-Year-Old Championship.

On May 18th Punchestown 3-Day-Event RoundThorn Madios placed 2nd in the 5-Year-Old Irish Horse Board Qualifier and 6th in the Final.

Also at Punchestown Diamond Toby (by Ekstein out of Duharra Diamond by King Of Diamonds (RID)) placed 5th in the IHB 5-Year-Old Final. Diamond Toby was bred by Morningside Stud & John Oâ€™Sullivan and the owner/rider is Linda Courtney.

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7 May 2007

Oceano Now Ranked 2nd in US Young Jumper Championship

Oceano is now ranked joint 2nd in the US Young Jumper Championship following two victories at the 2007 Littlewood Spring Circuit in Wellington Florida.

Oceano (birth name Oceano de Tivoli) is a 5-year-old chestnut gelding by Morningside Stud's stallion Desir du Chateau and out of the mare Iberia de Tivoli by Verdi. Oceano was bred by Jean-Paul Chauvin, is owned by Pier Angelo Pacini, and is ridden by German Carmago.

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29 April 2007

Ekstein and Condios Progeny Dominate Qualifier for IHB 5-Year-Old Championship

In yesterday's qualifier for the Irish Horse Board's 5-Year-Old Showjumping Championship, progeny of Ekstein and Condios dominated the field. The results are:

1st Place: Cavallino Cocktail (ISH) 2002 grey mare by Ekstein (KWPN) out of Tims Cavalier (ISH), by Cavalier Royale (HOLST). Bred by Ralph

Conroy, Milchem Equestrian Centre, Tynagh, Co. Galway. Owner: Linda Slattery. Rider: Darragh Kenny.

2nd Place: Roundthorn Madios (ISH) 2002 bay gelding by Condios (HOLST) out of Clover Heidi (ISH), by Clover Hill (RID). Bred by Denise Gleeson McDonagh, Kilcloghan House, Tuam, Co. Galway. Owner: Patricia M Connon. Rider: Catherine Thornton.

5th Place: Mis Condia (ISH) 2002 bay mare by Condios (HOLST) out of Ballin Clover Penny (ISH), by Clover Hill (RID). Bred by Patrick Heffernan, Caltra Muckanagh, Glasson, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. Owner: Ronan McLoughlin. Rider: Ronan McLoughlin.

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28 April 2007

Progeny of Condios, Ekstein and Desir du Chateau Showjumping & Eventing With Excellent Results

Progeny of Morningside Stud stallions Condios, Ekstein and Desir du Chateau are continuing to perform very well in competitions in Ireland, UK, continental Europe, and the USA.

Stilo Kontiko, a bay 6-year-old gelding by Condios and out of an Irish Sport Horse mare with no recorded breeding, placed 2nd in his first Intermediate event in Pontispool, England. Stilo Kontiko was bred by Irish showjumper Tom Slattery (who competed Condios in 5-year-old classes in Ireland) and is owned now by Mrs. Crossman. Jason Hobbs, the rider, is quoted in the Horse & Hound as saying, "He's the best horse I've ever sat on."

Mis Condia, a bay 5-year-mare by Condios and out of the mare Ballin Clover Penny by Clover Hill, placed 2nd in the 5-year-Old Balmoral Championship Qualifier. Mis Condia was bred by Patrick Heffernan, was bought as a foal by the well-known young horse producer Pauric O'Neill, and was produced by Pauric's daughter Elaine (now 20-years-old). Although "I have never had a horse like that in all my life," Pauric recently sold the mare for a large sum to the excellent rider and producer Ronan McLoughlin, who secured the second place in the Balmoral qualifier.

RoundThorn Madios, the reigning 4-year-old Showjumping Champion of Ireland and Balmoral National Showjumping Champion of Northern

Ireland, has begun his 5-year-old campaign where he left off with his excellent rider Catherine Thornton. RoundThorn Madios' owner Patricia Connon tells us that he recently placed 4th in a Balmoral Championship Qualifier and will be defending his title at the final. This bay gelding is by Condios and out of the mare Clover Heidi by Clover Hill, and was bred by the Gleeson - McDonagh family of Tuam, County Galway.

Marleen, a 1994 mare by Ekstein, won 5 international classes and placed 5th and 9th in two other international classes at the CSI 2* show at Comporta.

Ulysses M2S, Morningside Stud's stallion by Ekstein and out of Gudrun by Voltaire, placed 4th and 11th in 6-year-old international classes at the CSI 3* Sunshine Tour in Spain. Ulysses M2S also placed 6th in the international 6-year-old class at the CSI 2* show in Hardelot in France.

Cycarlos L Z, a 1998 grey gelding by Carthago and out of a mare by Ekstein, competed well at the CSI 3* Sunshine Tour in Spain. He placed 2nd in a 1.35 international class, 4th in a 1.40 m. international class, and 7th in a 1.35 international class.

For Fun II, a 1997 bay gelding by Whinny Jackson and out of a mare by Ekstein, won the 1.50 m. international class and placed 9th in another 1.50 m. international class at the CSI 3* show in Lummen. The horse also placed 2nd in the 1.45 m. international speed class at the CSI 2* show in Aarhus.

The Ekstein grand-daughter Nadia, a 1995 bay mare by the Ekstein son Impuls and out of a Zeus mare, placed 2nd in the international grand prix at the CSI 2* at Neustadt-Dosse (Germany).

Hickstead, the approved stallion by Hamlet and out of a mare by Ekstein, has begun his 2007 campaign in great form. Hickstead was on the Canadian team that won the Nation's Cup at the CSIO 5* Wellington show (USA). Hickstead also placed 3rd in an international class at Wellington, 3rd in the international grand prix at the Wellington World Cup show, 4th in the Wellington international grand prix, and 12th in the international grand prix at the CSIO 5* at Wellington.

Noodles, a 1995 horse by Polydox and out of a mare by Ekstein, placed 3rd in the 1.50 m. international class and 5th in the 1.40 m.

international speed class at the CSI-W show at 'S-Hertogenbosch (Netherlands).

Ami d'Or, a 1994 bay by Almox Prints and out of the mare Jorhaya by Ekstein, won an international class, placed 3rd two times, placed 5th two times, and placed 7th in the CSI 3* show in Arezzo (Italy).

Melba Girl, a chestnut mare by Desir du Chateau and out of the mare Bizanne by Narcos II, recently jumped clear in a 7-year-old international class in France. The mare is ridden by Felicie Bertrand.

Quno, a bay gelding by Desir du Chateau and out of a mare by Kirsch V, placed joint 1st in the 5-year-old international class at the Toscana Tour in Italy. The horse is ridden by Christiane Boos.

Oceano (birth name Oceano de Tivoli), a 5-year-old chestnut gelding by Desir du Chateau and out of the mare Iberia de Tivoli by Verdi, stands in 4th place in the rankings for the Young Jumper Championship in the USA with 45 points and no faults. Oceano's most recent result was 2nd place in the Wellington Finale CSI 5* 5-Year-Old Class. He is ridden by German Carmago.

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17 April 2007

Ulysses M2S Places 6th in CSI Hardelot**

Ulysses M2S and his new rider and co-owner Rossella de Simone jumped double-clear for Belgium and placed 6th in the International 6-Year-Old Class at the CSI** show in Hardelot, France last week.

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10 April 2007

Irish Rider Catherine Thornton Purchases Amandla M2S

The talented Northern Ireland rider Catherine Thornton has purchased a son of Morningside Stud's homebred approved stallion Ulysses M2S. The 2-year-old bay colt, named Amandla M2S (sired by Ulysses M2S and out of the ISH mare Ozy Cruise M2S by Cruising), is registered by the AES and exhibits super technique and scope loose-jumping.

Last year Catherine was very successful riding another progeny of a Morningside Stud stallion: she won the 4-Year-Old National Championship and the National Balmoral Championship with RoundThorn Madios (Condios x Clover Hill).

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8 April 2007

Irish International Rider Clement McMahon Purchases Advocate M2S

Irish international rider Clement McMahon has purchased a son of Ulysses M2S, named Advocate M2S.

Advocate M2S (sired by Ulysses M2S and out of the KWPN mare Heidi by Ladalco) is a 2-year-old bay colt registered by the AES. Advocate M2S shows excellent technique and scope loose-jumping and he uses his hind end and back very well.

Clem McMahon is one of Ireland's most successful riders on the national and international circuit. Last year his many accomplishments included winning the 5-Year-Old Indoor Championship with Ulysses M2S.

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19 March 2007

Ulysses M2S and Rossella de Simone Place 4th in CSI* Sunshine Tour Class**

Ulysses M2S and his new rider, his half-owner Rossella de Simone, performed very well in the 6-year-old international 1.30 m. classes at the XII Show Jumping Sunshine Tour in Spain. This was the first show for the new combination.

Ulysses M2S jumped double-clear and placed 4th in one class and double-clear and placed 11th in another class.

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22 February 2007

Itot du Chateau 2nd in Bordeaux World Cup Qualifier

One of the 28 international showjumpers produced by Desir du Chateau's damline is Itot du Chateau, a French stallion by Le Tot de Semilly and out of the mare Sophie du Chateau, a half-sister to our stallion. In the last few weeks Itot du Chateau placed 2nd in the World Cup Qualifier Grand Prix at Bordeaux and the next week he placed 5th in the Grand Prix at the Vigo World Cup show.

Desir du Chateau arrived in Ireland a week ago after about 10 weeks of semen freezing in the Netherlands. You are cordially invited to stop by and see Desir.

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15 February 2007

Future Sport Horses Appointed Exclusive Agent for Great Britain

Morningside Stud is delighted to announce that Future Sport Horses, based in Spalding, Lincs., has been appointed the exclusive agent in Great Britain for semen from the Holsteiner stallion Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I), the Selle Francais stallion Desir du Chateau (Quidam de Revel x Cor de Chasse), and the Dutch Warmblood stallion Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire).

"Future Sport Horses is delighted to be able to exclusively represent such outstanding stallions in Great Britain," said Julia Hodkin, the owner of Future Sport Horses. "This is an exciting addition to our growing portfolio of services and provides the discerning sport horse breeder the opportunity to utilise internationally renowned stallions to breed both showjumpers and event horses of the highest calibre. I am looking forward to using these fabulous stallions on my own mares in 2007."

"Future Sport Horses is at the forefront of breeding top-class horses in Britain," said Tom Reed of Morningside Stud, "and this collaboration will provide exciting opportunities for British breeders to easily access semen from these fantastic stallions."

Breeders in Britain may contact Future Sport Horses by email info@futuresporthorses.co.uk or telephone 07775.633004

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24 January 2007

Irish International Dressage Rider Buys Two Morningside Stud Foals

Judy Reynolds, Ireland's #2-ranked international dressage rider, has purchased from Morningside Stud two outstanding foals as sport prospects. Both Bodessa M2S and Baryshnikov M2S were bred by Morningside Stud and born in County Clare, Ireland. Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, breeds horses for all three Olympic disciplines of showjumping, eventing, and dressage.

Twenty-five-year-old Reynolds, from Killeel in County Kildare, represented Ireland at the 2006 World Equestrian Games in Aachen just three weeks after undergoing emergency surgery to remove her appendix. She lives, trains and competes in Germany nine months a year from the base of her trainer, Ireland's #1-ranked dressage rider Anna Merveldt-Steffens.

One of the foals, purchased last November, is the AES-registered filly Bodessa M2S. This bay filly was sired by Morningside Stud's 2001 KWPN-registered and AES-approved stallion Ulysses M2S (Ekstein x Voltaire) and out of the KWPN mare Odessa (Iroko x Voltaire). Although he is developing a reputation as a showjumping stallion -- Ulysses M2S is Ireland's reigning 5-Year-Old Indoor Showjumping Champion and he has progeny in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Great Britain, USA, and Canada -- he is also producing prospects for dressage and eventing.

The other foal is the colt Baryshnikov M2S, which is being registered with the KWPN. This bay colt was sired by the Trakehner stallion Best Before Midnight (Sir Shostakovich xx x Bajar ShA) and out of the Trakehner mare Inspiration M2S (Banditentraum x Wie Ibikus); she competed in third-level dressage in Germany under the sport name Bakkarole before being retired for breeding.

"I selected Bodessa M2S because she is a beautiful high-quality filly with long legs, an uphill build, very good basic gaits, and tremendous elasticity and use of her hind legs," said Reynolds. "Baryshnikov M2S

inherited from his dam a trot with amazing cadence and a superior walk, and Tom tells me that his excellent canter was inherited from his sire, Best Before Midnight. I am looking forward to working with these two Irish-bred horses and envisage they will become top-level dressage horses in years to come."

"Judy Reynolds is a gifted rider," said Tom Reed, "and she has a great career ahead of her in international dressage as a rider, trainer, and producer of competition horses. We are delighted that she purchased these two foals because we know they will be produced correctly and patiently for sport and be given every opportunity to prove themselves in competition."

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24 January 2007

Desir du Chateau Approved by Belgian Warmblood Studbook

Morningside Stud's Selle Francais-approved sire Desir du Chateau (Quidam de Revel x Cor de Chasse x Rantzau xx) was approved today by the Belgian Warmblood Studbook.

Foals sired by Desir du Chateau may be registered with the Selle Francais Studbook, the Belgian Warmblood Studbook, the Selle Francais-North America Studbook, EquiCours (the Selle Francais Studbook's organization in the UK), Studbook Zangersheide, and the KWPN's Register A.

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19 January 2007

Irish International Eventing Rider Purchases 50% of Ziggy Marley M2S

Irish international eventing rider Katie O'Sullivan has purchased from Morningside Stud 50% of a very talented eventing prospect.

O'Sullivan, from Cloughjordan in County Tipperary, has been looking for a youngster that has the potential for top sport and she believes he has been found in the 2003 KWPN chestnut gelding Ziggy Marley M2S (by Roven xx out of Kalista by Burggraaf).

"Ziggy Marley M2S is a very athletic horse," said O'Sullivan, "with the movement, jumping technique and scope required for upper-level eventing. His sire is the thoroughbred Roven -- a successful 1.50 m. showjumper that stands in the Netherlands -- and his dam Kalista, who competed in dressage as a young mare, has already produced an approved stallion and 1.40 m. showjumper. The damline has produced both showjumpers and dressage horses."

"I think Morningside Stud is breeding the type of horse that will become successful upper-level eventers," said O'Sullivan, "and I'm delighted to have purchased half of this horse and to own him in partnership with Tom Reed."

Ziggy Marley M2S was born in County Clare and Tom Reed, the owner of Morningside Stud, breeds horses for all three Olympic disciplines of showjumping, eventing, and dressage.

"Katie O'Sullivan is a very talented rider who knows how to correctly and patiently produce young horses for international careers," said Reed, "We are very pleased to have Katie as our partner in Ziggy Marley M2S and we are hoping for great results from the partnership."

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19 January 2007

International Horse Breeders Pty Ltd of Australia Buys 36 Inseminations to Desir du Chateau

International Horse Breeders Pty Ltd has purchased from Morningside Stud 36 inseminations of frozen semen from the stallion Desir du Chateau.

International Horse Breeders, based in Victoria, is Australia's longest established and most respected frozen semen agent. They now exclusively represent in Australia two of Morningside Stud's stallions, the Holsteiner Condios (Coriano x Landgraf I) and the Selle Francais Desir du Chateau (Quidam de Revel x Cor de Chasse).

Breeders in Australia may contact International Horse Breeders through their homepage at www.ihb.com.au