

PRESSEMITTEILUNG

Internationales Dressur- und Springfestival Verden

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German Champion to win Prize of the Riders Town of Verden

(Verden) The show jumping riders were responsible for plenty of excitement when competing for victory in the Verden Championships. One after the other managed to beat the time of the previous rider of the jumper class, endowed with Euro 25,000. With the result that the last starter was the happiest one. Andreas Kreuzer from Herford who had won the German Show Jumping Championships only a couple of weeks before, won the main CSI-test in the Riders Stadium with his Hanoverian gelding Stalido by Stakkato/Calido I.

Kreuzer in luck

“To be honest, it is even more satisfying that I won with a Hanoverian horse,” said the 25-year-old show jumping rider. “I thoroughly choose the competitions for Stalido because he is my most experienced horse this weekend. I also brought two eight-year-old horses with me to get them more used to tournament atmosphere.” Kreuzer was particularly happy because his plans turned out to work perfectly. “Stalido was in top form, it was easy for me to win.”

The winner was fractions of a second faster than the runner-up, Markus Beerbaum from Thedinghausen with his Selle Francais-mare Tequila de Lille. Beerbaum had outpaced the winner of the Aachen Championships, Philipp Weishaupt (Riesenbeck) and his mare Catokia, with a fast clear round before. The enthusiasm of the show jumping fans in the stadium was tremendous....

Sport and breeding expert

Andreas Kreuzer, who will celebrate his 26th birthday on August 31, was also involved in the Festival as the Verden Organizing Committee had asked him to act as



commentator and seminar guest on the topic "breeding show jumping horses". "There were interesting conversations and discussions at a high level. The topics covered stallion licensing as well as training."

Change of position in the Grand Prix Special

Anabel Balkenhol (Münster) and Heuberger TSF won the Grand Prix, followed by Carola Koppelman (Warendorf) with Deveraux B – the two riders and horses changed position in the Grand Prix Special. Koppelman's 14-year-old Westphalian gelding was more experienced than the nine-year-old Heuberger TSF. The wide-spread range of dressage competitions at the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden finished with this advanced level dressage test that is also part of the Olympic program.

Piaff Challenge Cup for Florine Kienbaum

Florine Kienbaum from Lohmar won the Piaff Challenge Cup at the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival with Dr. Schiwago by Don Frederico/Weltruhm – a former Verden auction horse. The young German team rider took the lead in the short Grand Prix with 70.83%. Franziska Sieber (Iserlohn) and her Trakehnen mare Rosafina WRT came in second. The Final of the Piaff Challenge Cup of the Liselott-Schindling-Foundation will be held on the occasion of the World Cup-tournament Stuttgart German Masters in November.

Sport, auction, atmosphere

"The best compliment we received was from visitors who told us they didn't even recognize that the FEI World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses aren't held any more," said Dr. Werner Schade in his summary on the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival in Verden. Optics and atmosphere at the Verden Festival were as friendly and inviting as ever. And anyway, the tournament schedule was almost as extensive as before with the Hanoverian Championships for riding horses, jumpers – and new – the dressage horses as well as the CSI and the advanced level tests in dressage.

New discoveries

“We nevertheless regularly discover details and the need to change something,” said Schade, “for example for the tournament schedule, if there are important tests in the stadium and in the dressage arena at the same time.” True to the motto: “After the tournament is before the tournament”, these details will be discussed in the next weeks and readjusted for the next edition in 2017. The combination with the Verden Foal and Broodmare Auction proved to be a great success for the Organizing Committee. The contact with the sports scene was important for both, breeders and exhibitors, but also for riders and horse owners. And quite a couple of tournament participants and guests attended the auction in the Niedersachsenhalle on Friday and Saturday. Schade: “And some of them spontaneously decided to purchase a horse...”

Fantastic auction

The turnout of the auction with an overall result of Euro 953,500 for 91 foals and mares was completely satisfactory for the Organizing Committee. The colt De Bruyne by De Niro was the top-priced youngster and purchased at Euro 90,000 by Paul Schockemöhle. 34 foals and mares were sold abroad. Dr. Werner Schade and Tournament Manager Carsten Rotermund are absolutely determined to further advance the International Dressage and Show Jumping Festival. This will also include a closer schedule with the Hanoverian National Championships HA.LT as well as using the infrastructure of the German Vaulting Championships that will be held from August 25 – 28 in Verden.

Fantastic show evening

The Verden Show Evening, presented by Kreissparkasse Verden and Lotterie Sparen und Gewinnen, provided three hours fantastic entertainment on Saturday evening. Visitors already flocked in from all directions to the Stadium, and they were not disappointed. The Iceland- and Friesian quadrilles, show presentations from nearby with phantasy and wit – this all caused merriment and excitement among the audience to finally culminate in the fireworks, sponsored by the Verden company Focke.

The next Verden Festival will be held in 2017, from August 2 – 6.



Main Results of the Day

6 Int. Competition with Jump-Off - Grand Prix Verden

1. Andreas Kreuzer (Bad Oeynhausen) auf Stalido *0.00 / 34.57
2. Markus Beerbaum (Thedinghausen) auf Tequila de Lile *0.00 / 34.75
3. Philipp Weishaupt (Hörstel) auf Catokia 2 *0.00 / 35.09
4. Hendrik Sosath (Lemwerder) auf Quel Chanel *0.00 / 36.24
5. Jasper Kools (Diepholz) auf Chatto 4 *0.00 / 36.87
6. Alexa Stais (RSA) auf Bjerglunds Cuba *0.00 / 37.50

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1. Carola Koppelman (Warendorf) auf Deveraux B 1925.50
2. Anabel Balkenhol (Rosendahl) auf Heuberger TSF 1863.00
3. Kathleen Keller (Salzhausen-Luhmühlen) auf San Royal 3 1850.50
4. Nadine Husenbeth (Sottrum) auf Florida 94 1824.00
5. Juliane Brunkhorst (Hamburg) auf Fürstano 1785.00
6. Wolfgang Schade (Hamburg) auf Dressman 55 1760.00

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