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Herwart von der Decken-Show

Verden. It is only awarded every four years: the Herwart von der Decken Prize. The family of Hann.Pr.St. Coco M was honoured with the most prestigious trophy awarded by the Hannoveraner Verband. The winner of the jumping mares was Hann.Pr.A. Unica, while Hann.Pr.A. Joyride took the dressage title. "All the mares had one thing in common: they came from extremely athletic dam lines," summarised breeding director Ulrich Hahne.

The highlight of the Herwart von der Decken Show was the family competition. For the first time, a family with a show jumping pedigree was honoured. Hann.Pr.St. Coco M by Comte/Escudo II (breeder and exhibitor: Peter Mahler, Neuhaus/Oste) won with her two Grey Top daughters Hann.Pr.A. Golden Hour M and Hann.Pr.A. Golden Moment M. Almost exactly ten years ago to the day, the liver chestnut mare was celebrated as the champion jumping mare in Verden. The reserve champion family was the family of St.Pr.St. Fantastica by Fürst Nymphenburg/Wolkentanz (breeder: Koelmann GbR, Bad Bentheim, exhibitor: Anneli Brunckhorst, Hollenstedt), which presented her two daughters Hann.Pr.St. Brasilia by Bon Coeur and Hann.Pr.A. Soleil d'Amour by Secret (breeder and exhibitor: Anneli Brunckhorst, Hollenstedt). "The tradition of family competitions must be upheld. The mares are the most valuable asset in breeding," said Dr Norbert Camp. The Managing Chairman of the Trakehner Association assessed the seven families together with State Stud Manager Dr Axel Brockmann and deputy breeding director Maren Schlender.

The 14 show jumping mares were judged by Hergen Forkert, Ulrich Hahne and Dutch stallion owner Wiebe Yde van de Lageweg. After spectacular free jumping in the open air, the Untouchable/Quintender daughter Hann.Pr.A. Unica (breeder and exhibitor: Marlies and Dirk Visscher, Leer) led the field. She impressed with her light-footed and modern jumping. Anneli Brunckhorst and her family had a second reason to celebrate. After the reserve victory of her dressage family, Hann.Pr.A. Ballouccina by Baloutaire PS/Calido also flew into second place – just one day after her half-sister Hann.Pr.A. Copa Cabana by Comme il faut became Hannoveraner Champion of five-year-old show jumpers in Elmlohe. “Hannover’s show jumping horse breeding has become more interesting and the horses more modern,” said Wiebe Yde van de Lageweg.

54 mares competed in the dressage competition. The trio of judges included Arend Garrn and breeding director Ulrich Hahne, as well as Dutch stallion owner and dressage expert Gertjan van Olst. The decision in the top-class final ring was exciting. Her powerful movements and presence on the triangle track were a real “joyride”. The Jovian/San Amour daughter Joyride (breeder and exhibitor: Heinrich Gießelmann, Barver) thrilled the audience and won the coveted white and yellow sash of the winning dressage mare. She thus surpassed her dam Suri, who was reserve champion mare at the same venue in 2016. This year, this title went to Hann.Pr.A. Ext.+ Embella Rose by Escolar/Rubin-Royal (breeder and exhibitor: Johannes zur Lage, Bersenbrück), who not only displayed spectacular movements but also had a flawless conformation. “The overall quality of the dressage mares was very good, but that’s no surprise. The mares were very modern and moved well,” said Gertjan van Olst.

Caption: Champion Mare dressage Hann.Pr.A. Joyride (right) and reserve Champion Mare Hann.Pr.A. Ext.+ Embella Rose (photo: Hannoveraner Verband)

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