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Start-finish victory for Semenyó N

140. Elite Auction in Verden turned into a festival

Verden. Verden. The 140th Elite Auction of the Hanoverian Verband turned into an elite festival. Heralded by a show programme that was as exciting as it was atmospheric, head number 1, Semenyó N, was celebrated as the top price and was sold for 140,000 Euros. An average of 31,887 Euros had to be paid for one of the 62 young talents.

Named after a British Premier League football player, the Secret/Belissimo M son Semenyó N (breeder: Bernd Nöthen, Bergheim, exhibitor: Phil Nöthen, Cologne) convinced with top basic gaits, exquisite rideability and his excellent attitude to work. His success is no coincidence: His dam Belinja was successful in the dressage arena up to medium (M^{**}) level with breeder Bernd Nöthen, her full brother Balesteros collected ribbons at Grand Prix level.

Only a short time later Capture by Comilfo Plus Z/Stakkato (breeder and exhibitor: Hendrik Schäfer, Köchingen) entered the Niedersachsenhalle and left it as the most expensive show jumper. For 102,000 Euros he will advertise Hannover's show jumpers in the USA. The powerful chestnut gelding is already the fourth offspring of St.Pr.St. Sensation II, who brought his breeder an above-average sales price in Verden. And he will probably follow his siblings in sport as well, three of them have already achieved top international results.

Six other horses cracked the 50,000 Euro mark: three excellent show jumpers and three no less highly talented dressage horses. For 77,000 Euros, the Ogano Sitte/Cornet

Obolensky son Oki Doki (breeder: Wilhelm Gößling, Börger, exhibitor: Antonius Schulze-Averdiek, Rosendahl) will move into a box in a renowned show jumping stable in the Oldenburg Münsterland. In Austria, Dia Carrica by Diacontinus/Carrico (breeder: Dirk and Lars Eggers GbR, Hamburg, exhibitor: Eitenmüller GbR, Mossautal) will find a new home for 55,500 Euros. Contigo De by Chacoon Blue/Spartacus (breeder and exhibitor: Johann von der Decken, Krummendeich) is going to Mexico. The auction hammer fell for the highly talented grey stallion at 60,000 Euros. 56.000 Euro was the price for the Farrell/Scolari son Feliz Contigo (breeder: Stefan Blanken, Hepstedt, exhibitor: Lena Thoenies, Hanstedt). Quick Sweet by Quantensprung/Fider's Welt (breeder and owner: Michael Schenk, Römstedt) was sold to Italy for 54,000 Euros. A dressage rider from France bought Daytona C by Da Costa/Lord Loxley (breeder: Isabel and Jörg Clasen, Hiddestorf, exhibitor: Hof Clasen GbR, Hiddestorf), who had already placed highly in tests for young riding and dressage horses, for 50,000 Euros.

More than half of the collection is expected to leave Germany. In addition to 28 German buyers, customers from all over the world, from Canada to Argentina and Guatemala, from Finland to Romania purchased horses. The largest contingent was secured by Hannoveraner friends from the USA (7) as well as France and Switzerland (four each).

The last foal collection of 2023 also enjoyed great popularity. A renowned stallion raiser paid 21,000 Euros for the Vitalis/San Remo son Vabelhaft (breeder and exhibitor: Klaus Niemann, Petershagen). The average price of the 22-strong collection was 9,477 Euros.

The Elite Festival opened with a spectacular show programme. Bundeschampions, Hannoveraner Champions and the winner of the German Dressage Derby did the honours. On this occasion, Booze Buddy by Balou Peggio/Valentino (breeder: Heinrich Reisinger, Gersten), Bundeschampion of five-year-old eventing horses with Wiebke Jaspers, Diacondiva by Diacontinus/Sunlight xx (breeder: Johannes Hilmer, Rullstorf), Hannoveraner Champion of five-year old eventing horses with Ann-Catrin Bierlein, Manolo by Morricone/Donnerhall (breeder: Stritzke und Schellin, Hamburg) Hannoveraner Champion of six-year old dressage horses with Anna Mitter, the

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complete podium of the Bundeschampionat of six-year old dressage horses, Blue by Buckingham/Locksley II (breeder: Andrea Bentes, Boitzenhagen) with Tessa Frank, St. Felice by St. Schufro/Fürstenball (breeder: Patrick Seefeld, Neustadt) with Marcus Hermes and Boulevard by Belantis/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Sven Graefe, Heiligenberg). Sven Graefe, Heiligengrabe) with Jacob Schenk, and Derby winner Don Carismo by Don Crusador/Carismo (breeder: Jürgen Hake, Wagenfeld), who was masterfully ridden by Andrea Timpe, were awarded the suffix FRH of the Hannoveraner support association. Traditionally, the Hans Joachim Köhler Prize is awarded in autumn for the most successful auction exhibitor of the past valuation period. This prestigious prize went to Henning Schulze, Tiddische. In the current collection he had sent two rough diamonds to Verden.

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