Jovialidee GFF ster
Sire: Waldemar by Patijn pref
Dam: Tidee keur
Dam’s sire: Jonker
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On a Thursday, Friday and Saturday in April 2019, a group of KWPN harness horses once again strutted their stuff at the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event.

Text: Jennifer Keeler, Photos: JJ Sillman Photography

Every year, more than 80,000 spectators descend upon the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington for what’s commonly referred to as “The Best Weekend All Year”: the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event. As the only CC15*-L eventing competition in America and considered to be one of the premier equestrian events in the entire world, the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event not only attracts top competitors from around the world and national media coverage on NBC, but also has become a destination event for generations of horse lovers.

Held this year on April 24-28, even the temperamental weather of springtime in Kentucky could not dampen the enthusiasm of event attendees, who gathered at the Horse Park not only for breathtaking competition but also for the famous trade fair, as well as a chance to get up close and personal with a wide variety of breeds and disciplines via equine demonstrations held throughout the weekend. And once again “wowing” the crowd was the KWPN, as five outstanding Dutch Harness Horses were presented both in harness and under saddle in daily demonstrations in the Walnut Arena to the delight of all in attendance.

“It’s a great opportunity to get the breed seen by people who aren’t familiar with them, plus it’s great experience for our horses and it’s just fun,” said Bill Duffy, Jr., who traveled all the way from his Grand Finale Farm in Ashby, Mass. to participate in the KWPN demonstration for
the second year in a row. “Aaron Jay and Ivan Fisher of Rocky Ridge Stables help organize this behind the scenes, and they invited us to be a part of the exhibition in 2018 and now it’s a ‘can’t miss’ event for all of us. We’re always proud to represent the breed and show them to the world.”

Duffy’s wife Erin Shea agreed. “Going down to Kentucky for the LRK3DE has become a great yearly tradition for us,” she said. “It is quite a trek for us to go there but it’s a lot of fun, great experience and exposure for our horses, and it’s always nice to be a representative of the KWPN-NA. It’s a horse vacation for us! The people are fantastic, both from the KWPN-NA and from Rocky Ridge Stables, with whom we also do demonstrations at the Massachusetts Equine Affaire. It’s exciting getting Dutch Harness Horses in front of people who may not be familiar with them, and they garner a lot of attention!”
• Larado (Vaandrager HBC x Dijona ster by Patijn pref), 2016 KWPN stallion, bred by John Graber and Martin Schmucker, owned by Grand Finale Farm.

• Globetrotter (Cizandro keur x Lilonka ster pref by Harald), 2011 KWPN approved sport(tp) stallion, bred in the Netherlands and owned by Rocky Ridge Stables and Misty Meadows Stables (4th year at the demo!).

• Keltro (Globetrotter x Welmoed keur pref by Roy M.), 2015 KWPN ster gelding, bred and owned by Rocky Ridge Stables.

• Genderose (Aron HBC x Venderose M ster by Roy M.), 2011 KWPN keur mare, bred in the Netherlands and owned by Rocky Ridge Stables.

The KWPN-NA would like to sincerely thank all participants for being a part of this year’s breed demonstration. Want to be a part of next year’s event or see the action for yourself? Mark your calendars – the 2020 Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event will be held April 23-26! Go Dutch!

Representing the KWPN in the demonstrations were:

• Jovialidee GFF (Waldemar x Tidee keur by Jonker), 2014 KWPN ster mare, bred and owned by Grand Finale Farm.
DUTCH HARNESS HORSE SALE

Hundreds of buyers and spectators packed the Coliseum at the Ashland County Fairgrounds for the 15th Annual North American Spring Dutch Harness Horse Sale.

Spectators came from all over Ohio as well as from several other states and even from Canada. Fair manager Steve Englet said the spring Dutch Harness sale is second only to the Morgan horse sale. The sale was much as a social and entertainment event as an auction, but that doesn’t mean the sale isn’t big business. About 250 horses were sold at this year’s show, with sale prices averaging between $6,000 and $7,000. One especially coveted horse sold for $31,000 Saturday.

Those top-dollar Dutch Harness horses are often sold for use in the show ring, but Dutch Harness classes are fairly new additions to horse shows. “The number one market is buggies, but we do have some show horses that come through here,” said Dennis Fry, owner of the sale. “Everybody’s trying to breed for a show horse because that’s the top level of price, but they make excellent buggy and carriage horses as well.”

Attendees of all ages followed along in their sale programs, studying each horse’s pedigree and jotting down sale prices as each horse entered the ring.

Extract from an article by: Courtney McNaull, Staff reporter for AshlandSource.com, photo: AshlandSource.com
For the fourth consecutive year, YoungKWPN members decided on a breeding choice for a number of harness mares. The Young Breeders Program, started in 2016, aims at getting young breeders more involved in breeding and passing on knowledge to them.

Text: Marije Stomps, Photo: Jacob Melissen e.a.

YoungKWPN members, led by Hanneke van Wessel and Mieke ter Schure, and experienced harness horse breeders sat down to choose a stallion for fives mares. Young and old not only gave a fresh perspective and sometimes a surprising stallion choice, but also good breeding discussions and the sharing of knowledge and experience. And that is exactly the purpose of the Young Breeders Program.
About 20 young harness horse breeders met to choose suitable stallions for five harness type mares. And they were good mares:

- The Manno daughter Veldine (d. Jeldine keur pref by Wilhelmus, breeder/owner P.J.M. Lelieveld) who was the 2018 Harness Horse of the Year.
- Ster mare Bolane (Marvel x Fitolane keur pref by Allegro, breeder H. van de Water)
- The now 3-year-old Eebert daughter Lenteroos van ’t Hooge (Henderose van ’t Hooge by Nando, breeder G. Bonestroo) who was the National Champion as a 2-year-old.
- Truus (Renovo x Kelvira keur pref sport/tp by Waterman, breeder H. Meyering) who has proven herself in both sport and breeding.
- And last but not least is Hirona (Cizandro x Virona ster pref by Waterman, breeder A. Epskamp), who is being bred for the first time this year.

Breeding advice

After a short PowerPoint presentation of the mares, their owners voiced the strengths and weaknesses of their mares, what they thought were important in choosing a stallion, and if known, what the mare throws.

Next the young breeders and the mare owners were divided into five small groups to choose appropriate matches for the mares. This frequently produced, often after some discussion, two stallion suggestions. At the end of the evening the possible stallions choices from the groups were listed next to each other, which and in consultation with the mare owners, led to guidance on breeding choices. The five mares will actually be bred to the stallions that were chosen this evening and the resulting foals will have the letters YBP after their name.
About Veldine

The 17-YO Manno daughter Veldine has so far produced ten offspring, including the approved stallions Eebert (s. Atleet) and Hubert VDM (s. Cizandro). In 2018 she was the Harness Horse of the Year. Owner Piet Lelieveld named her charisma, character and correctness of Veldine as her strong points. In regards to a stallion choice, he would rather not have a Hackney. “She has enough fire herself. It should remain manageable.” He is not yet exactly sure what the stallion choice should be. “That is why we are here.” Veldine has been bred to Atleet five times, a combination that produced Eebert. “With Atleet, Veldine always produced foals that want to sit and elevate the withers. “That is a little less so with Cizandro”, he shared with the young breeders. Further he values a harness horse with strong connections and good muscling.

Stallion choice: Lanto HBC

The young breeders pretty much agreed on the stallion choice for Veldine. The 3-YO Lanto HBC (Delviro HBC x Patijn) was champion of the 2019 stallion show and at the time of this evening was still at the performance test. He was seen as the most suitable stallion three times. One group made, in part inspired by an earlier Young Breeders harness horse evening with the KFPS director in the framework of blood distribution, the bold choice of the Friesian stallion Matthys 504 (s. Norbert 444). In consultation with the owner it was decided that this year Veldine would be covered by Lanto HBC. Young Breeder Berend Huisman explained: “Veldine has been bred to Atleet and Cizandro several times and produced above average foals with those stallions. This time the breeder was ready for a different combination and we young breeders were also. Choosing a young stallion is fine with such a well-breeding mare. Lanto HBC has Patijn blood, which Atleet and Cizandro also have, and it seems to fit well with the mare. You do have to be a little careful with the character of Piet’s mare lines, they are sharp horses. Looking at Lanto at his performance test, he seems to have a very good character. The stallion also has very good self-carriage, ’sits’ down well, lowers the hindquarter and rises in the front. We thought that was important and Piet did also.”

Reaction Piet Lelieveld

“I can’t see breeding to a Friesian. With breeding like that you lose three generations before you get the desired results. However, I am enthusiastic about Lanto HBC. This young stallion really appeals to me. He really grows in movement, something I like to see. His young age is not a problem for me; I actually wanted to breed to a young stallion. I also used Atleet when he was young and he immediately had a golden connection for me.”

Pedigree:  Manno pref x Jeldine keur pref by Wilhelmus
Born:  2002
Owner:  Piet Lelieveld

Veldine
keur preferent
About Bolane

The Marvel daughter Bolane has interesting bloodlines. She has a low relationship to the population and the inbreeding percentage combined with most of the available harness horse stallions is also very low. In addition the mare's height is 1.73m and size is also a desired characteristic in today's harness horse breeding. So far Bolane has produced four offspring, three of which have Patijn blood in their veins. Herman van de Water names her strengths and weaknesses: “The mare is big and long-lined and comes from a large family. She has a good character, maybe a little too good. Her neck is very long, but could be carried a little better. She moves big, but lacks a little electricity. The hindleg might be a little slow, but it comes under the body well. That’s something I think is important: the hindleg has to go forward, I hate horses that drag the heel in front of the butt. And I hate chestnuts also by the way.”

Stallion choice: Lanto HBC

The newly approved keuring champion Lanto HBC (s. Delviro) seemed to be popular with the young breeders. For Bolane he was the stallion of choice three times. One group had the Hackney stallion Bocellie (s. Plain’s Liberator) as their first choice and this stallion was also named once as the second choice. Lanto HBC was, not surprising, the definite choice for this mare. Young Breeder Sander Hoogenberg explained: “This mare is not related to much of the population, she is large, with long lines and has a good character. Hackney blood would fit well because size would not be a problem and the bloodlines would then be even more unrelated. But the owner doesn’t want Hackney blood, so that makes it a little more difficult. You can see Marvel in her; she could lower the hindquarter more. That is something that Lanto HBC has, he lowers behind and rises in front. He also has a really nice long foreleg and is the right color.”

Reaction Herman van de Water

“I agree with the stallion choice of Lanto HBC. He is the right color and has Patijn behind him, blood that I have already used on Bolane and I have liked. The relationship and inbreeding also remain low. I can’t really agree with Bocellie, I’d rather use Icellie (Bocellie x Jonker) in that case.”
Lenteroos van t'Hooge

About Lenteroos van t’Hooge

Last year the 3-YO Lenteroos van t’Hooge was crowned as the national 2-YO mare champion. She comes from the same line that produced the stallion Icellie (s. Bocellie). Lenteroos was measured at 1.63m. Her long forelegs and long neck, which she really knows how to use, are clear bonus points according to owner Gerrit Bonestroo. “The mare is a little old fashioned, there is room for improvement. My breeding goal is a functional horse. I think sufficient attractiveness for sport is important, as is keeping sufficient size. Color isn’t that important, even though a good color sells better. I really would rather not have too much inbreeding and not transition toward Hackney”, says the breeder who doesn’t like to give a maximum inbreeding percentage and doesn’t want to choose between breeding goal of keuring or sport.

Stallion choice: Cizandro

This was the only unanimous stallion choice of the evening. All the young breeders believe that the mating of Cizandro (s. Waldemar) with Lenteroos will produce the best foal. Young Breeder Arie van Wijhe explains: “I saw Lenteroos as a 2-YO when she was the National Champion. She was a very sharp mare, something you don’t totally expect when you look at her bloodlines. Retaining that sharpness in the mare and the bloodline is a concern. Her size is also a focus, as well as the connection of the withers to the neck. The owner thinks showing enjoyment is also important and Cizandro certainly provides that, he looks like a 3-YO in the ring. He has a lot of youthfulness and refinement. We didn’t really look closely at the low relationship or inbreeding percentage. If that’s what you want to select on you have to choose completely different blood and I’m afraid that you won’t anchor the strong points of the mare sufficiently by doing that.

Reaction Gerrit Bonestroo

“I can agree with Cizandro. A good choice, I had him in mind also. I think this stallion will fit very well with Lenteroos. He has a nice long foreleg and a long neck. Other stallions mentioned were Idol and Dylano. With Dylano I’m afraid the foal would be a little too long. Idol is a nice looking horse and would fit, but Cizandro is better all around. In addition, it is nice to choose a proven stallion for a young mare, you know more about him. I liked that the young breeders were so serious in making the stallion choice and that they asked good questions. And if you join in you also have to follow through, so Lenteroos will soon be bred to Cizandro.
About Truus

The 19-YO Truus had a good sport career, earning no less than 204 points, and earned her sport predicate. Her dam Kelvira (s. Waterman) also produced the approved stallion Delviro HBC (s. Vulcano). So far Truus has produced 12 offspring. Meijering senior and junior agree that her high knee-action is a definite plus. “The length of the foreleg is a concern, as is her height. As a 3-YO Truus was measured at 1.62m. Also, she is calmer in hand than in front of the cart.” The goal of Meijering specifically is to breed a good horse to sell. “A horse with the right color, that naturally moves well and that has a lot of enthusiasm.”

Stallion choice: Colonist

After much deliberation the young and older breeders decided that Truus will be bred to the recently deceased Colonist (s. Vulcano) this year. But Cizandro and Hertog Jan were also under consideration. Her size, the desired topline and the measure of inbreeding seem to make the stallion choice more difficult. Colonist is the right color, has a long neck, a long foreleg and sufficient size. Young Breeder Joëlle Berghuis explains: “Colonist is a Vulcano and Truus’ damline has already produced a Vulcano that was approved, namely Delviro HBC. Also according to the breeder the damline produced a good Colonist that was sold to the USA. So that blood fits well with Truus. Additionally the breeder wanted more length in the neck and foreleg and not smaller in size. We looked at the breeding values focusing on these points and decided on Colonist.The second choice was Cizandro who also has a long neck and foreleg and he produces good competition horses.”

Reaction of the Meijering family

“We think that Colonist is a good choice. Theoretically this should work, even though in real life it is often not so, but on theory it is true. The blood also fits the line if I look what has been produced in the USA from the same line as Colonist. The stallion himself is large and narrow with a long neck. Truus can really use that. The bay color is also good. That sells better than a chestnut. Of course a really good chestnut is worth more than an ordinary bay, but really good horses are few and far between. If the horse doesn’t become a topper, a bay is easier to sell to Germany or England for combined driving. Yes, we can certainly live with this choice. We’ll see next year after the foal is born. If it immediately becomes the keuring champion, the young breeders will have done well.”

Pedigree: Renovo pref x Kelvira keur pref by Waterman pref
Born: 2000
Owner: Meijering Family

Truus
keur sport
The group of young breeders felt that Indiana (s. Colonist) is best fitted to Hirona. The other stallion choices included Eebert and Kordaat. In consultation with Epskamp, Indiana was the definitive choice as the partner for the fancy sport mare. Marit Stellaard, who knows Hirona and her owner very well because she drives the mare in the Young Rider program, explains: “A point of concern for Hirona was the tight loins. Not everybody thought that Indiana could improve on Hirona’s back, but that is why we chose him. Hirona also has some trouble with bending, and Indiana can also improve that. He has a correct head-neck connection. Additionally, Indiana has absolutely no Hackney blood.”

**Reaction Antoon Epskamp**

“I think Indiana is a nice, compact stallion with good overall connections. He moves well and size is not a problem with a big mare like Hirona. Colonist was also on my list, but I favored Indiana even before the seminar. Of course he is a young Colonist, so the same bloodline. I also thought it very important that Hirona who herself competes was bred to a competition stallion. The young breeders were very fanatic and had a lot of ideas, but when push came to shove I wanted them to pick a stallion from my own list. Fortunately with Indiana as the choice for Hirona we were on the same wave length.”
COLONIST DECEASED

The stallion Colonist is no more. Co-owner Klaas Buist announced that the bay Vulcano son was euthanized due to welfare reasons.

Source KWPN, photos courtesy Wim Cazemier

Colonist had been in back in his old barn since his return from the USA, where he had stood at stud at the farm of his breeder Wim Cazemier.

Buist: “after returning to our barn in Nuise, an old injury caused by trauma made a recurrence. In general functions this injury bothered him quite a bit. That is why we had to shorten his breeding season last year. We hoped that he would recover over the winter, but unfortunately this was not the case. In the interest of the stallion we therefore made this decision.

The bay Colonist (Vulcano x Velony II ster by Patijn x Renovo) was approved as a four-year old with scores including a 9 for action of the foreleg. He is from the damline of Top Sport Mare Gelony and the KWPN stallions Ganges and Patijn. During his first two breeding seasons in Holland, he produced the approved stallions Indiana and Heliotroop VDM as well as several good sport horses. In 2013 he was exported to the USA.

In the USA left his mark on breeding, including several keuring champions and the licensed stallion Holland. In 2014 he was the North American champion in harness.
Seven stallions from the first round were chosen for the Stallion Show, and all were selected for the performance test.

Text: Dini Brouwer & KWPN reports ~ Photo: DigiShots

Jan Schep: “Lanto V.D.B. became the harness horse I meant him to be.”

In Ermelo he was one of the favorites and here again the black Lanto V.D.B. received a lot of applause and became the champion. He is the first Delviro HBC son to be selected for the performance test. The damline produced sport horses such as Wieke V keur (s. Manno) with 128 points and Evert (s. Stjerreljocht Surprise) with 149 points, but also the stallion Indiana (Colonist x Wieke V) third place in the Oregon Trophy. Hamminga: "Lanto is a very elegant, harness horse with a long foreleg, size, self-carriage and front. He has a long poll and comes back nicely in the front. He has a strong topline, well-developed withers and has hard and lean legs. He moves strongly from the hindquarter and has much lift in the knee."
The dam line has both performance and size.”

**Stable Factor**

Lanto V.D.B went to Harry van Middelaar last year. Harry: “First of all, let me say that this is a great success for Jan Schep. He has been investing in Delviro for years now and I think it is awesome that his stallion is now the sire of the champion. Lanto is a very fine cooperative horse, everything always goes in the right direction with him such as body posture and front. He won’t let you down. He was a lot freer today than in Ermelo, He really climbed and made himself really nice in the front. His cooperative character is a stable factor.”

**Natural calm**

“Buying foals is not wisdom, everything has to go right. And is there something between the ears?” asks Jan Schep who bought Lanto as a foal. “But he grew into the harness horse I wanted. At the time, his first steps told me enough. Use of the hindleg, loose in the front, type, high withers, everything in the right proportions. Lanto grew into a very complete stallion. His natural calm is one of those qualities. In the barn he is calm itself, but outside he sees everything. And he can also add some new blood to breeding.”

“Couldn’t have gone any better”

Douwe, wife Pietsje and daughters Wietske and Hinke went to Den Bosch specifically to see Lanto V.D.B. “If couldn’t have gone any better”, said Douwe who has been breeding harness horses about 15 years. He bought dam Urby as a 3-YO. She was going in harness, but at home she went under saddle. Her harness daughters are doing dressage, Douwe sold Lanto as a foal. I thought: “Jan Schep will do something with him and he deserves to go to a good place. This is totally awesome. Urby has always thrown chestnuts and this time I wanted something different. I liked Delviro. He brought me the color change but he brought Jan Schep a champion.”

**Stallion Performance Test**

Chair of the stallion committee Johan Hamminga, along with Lammert Tel, Gert Jan Hermanussen and inspector Joop van Wessel evaluated the performance test and described Lanto HBC as: “A very good harness type, elegant stallion with a lot of front, a nice long poll that he uses well. The stallion does good transitions, has a strong topline and well developed loins. The long-legged stallion hard and lean legs and he moves strongly from the hindquarter with a rising forehand, he shows much lift in the knee and scope from the shoulder. The stallion himself has good size, but there is also a lot of size in the dam line, that also produced KWPN stallion Indiana.”

Lanto HBC is a majestic stallion with extremely natural talent.

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**Test Scores:**
- Front 9
- Self-Carriage 9
- Suspension 8.5
- Action Foreleg 9
- Use Hind leg 8
- Enthusiasm 8.5
- Overall Picture

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**Delviro HBC 00080579I**
- Vulcanoo Stb 02.00215
- Kelvira 92.4392
- Patijn 97.04374
- Marrith 94.211
- Manner 90.22166
- Manno 97.813
- Izandra 90.2585
- Waterman 80.4567
- Helvira 89.16
- Kolonel 92.7217
- Julony 91.3152
- Renovo 254
- Ilona 90.3736
Kane-BFT took part in the 21-Day Test and was approved with 75 points.

The 4-year-old Kane-BFT (Bocellie x Donna ster by Unieko, bred by Brian Franken) was approved in March of 2019 after a short performance test with an average score of 7.5. Kane-BFT received an 8 for action of the foreleg and enthusiasm, a 7.5 for front, suspension and overall picture, and a 7 for self-carriage and use of the hindleg.

Second time
This was the second time Kane-BFT participated in the performance test. After placing third in his stallion show championship, Kane-BFT was selected for the performance test. Last year he finished the test with all 7’s except for an 8 for action of the foreleg and a 7.5 for enthusiasm. At that time he was not accepted into the studbook.

Afterward they discovered that that Kane-BFT had some sort of mouth injury and the stallion committee decided to throw out his scores and give the stallion another chance in the spring test of 2019.

Great character
Hamminga described Kane-BFT as a stallion with a great character, a propor-
tionate and smooth performance with good responses. Freek Saris drove the stallion and will also handle the breeding.

Kane-BFT is a Bocellie son and his dam Donna is a daughter of the keur stallion Unieko. She was injured and therefore could not compete. Grand dam and great grand dam performed well and also produced performance horses. Kane can add size, breeding and charisma to harness horse breeding. Because of his low relationship percentage (7.83%) he can also help to diversify harness horse bloodlines.

| Test Scores: |
| Front 7.5 |
| Self-Carriage 7 |
| Suspension 7.5 |
| Action Foreleg 8 |
| Use Hind leg 8 |
| Enthusiasm 8 |
| Overall Picture 7.5 |

| **Bocellie** |
| 5280160000000289 |
| PROK Hackn |

| **Plain's Liberator** |
| S6210 NHS Erkend |

| **Splendid's Beauty** |
| S.5052 keur Hackn |

| **Donna** |
| 5280032000812273 |
| stb ster |

| **Unieko** |
| 01.04273 Sib keur |

| **Taroda** |
| 00.00197 VB pref |

| **Plain's Black Satin S5491 NHS Hackn** |
| Birchfield Moonlight S4648/30036 Hackn |

| **Plain's Splendid S.3158 Hackn** |
| Challenger's Cover Girl V.5406 Hackn |

| **Manno 94.813 Stb pref** |
| Colinda 84.2164 stb keur |

| **Manno 94.813 Stb pref** |
| Oda 96.02973 stb ster |

| **NORTH AMERICAN KEURINGS** |

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**August 30 – August 31**
Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds
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**Friday and Saturday,**
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Rocky Ridge Stables
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(Globetrotter x Edaperty keur by Unieko)
OREGON TROPHY

The KWPN Stallion Show has many highlights and the competition for the Oregon Trophy is definitely one of them.

Dream debut for Hubert VDM

Six top stallions entered the ring and sharply competed for the prestigious award. Hubert VDM, approved in 2018, made a dream debut and won the Oregon Trophy.

The battle was between six top stallions that entered the ring one by one in an impressive fashion. Defending champion Eebert wasn’t present, but the Trophy did remain ‘in the family.’ Breeder of the new champion was Piet Lelieveld, the breeder of the new champion and of the old champion. Both Eebert (s. Atleet) and Hubert VDM (s. Cizandro) are out of the keur preferent 2018 Horse of the Year Veldine (s. Manno). A unique breeder success. It is also notable that two stallions owned by Jaap van der Meulen’s were in the competition.
**Three selected to the final**

After a first selection it was between Hubert VDM, Dylano and Indiana. It was an exciting fight, which Jaap van der Meulen’s Hubert VDM won with Lambertus Huckriede. Hubert and his driver did not let anyone or anything bother them. He already has 162 winning points and was approved last year as a 6-YO. He became the champion breeding stallion right of the bat and has now made his debut in the Oregon Trophy. Hubert the show-off is a top show horse with a top attitude. A show can’t last long enough for him. Purely square, very expressive in the foreleg and strong from behind is how Hubert went to his victory. Jury chair Alberd van Dijk: “Hubert really extended: he is so eager, he has the right amount of fighting spirit and every step is spot-on. His driver nicely left him to his own devices to make his own show.”

**Beautiful silhouette**

Mark de Groot and the 11-YO Dylano (Plain’s Liberator x Fabricius, bred by S.J. Verweij, owned by M.C. de Groot/Black Horse BV) were also very impressive. The very classy stallion has a beautiful front, moves with a lot of schwung and lifts high off the ground. ‘Dylano is a beautiful horse with a very nice silhouette and much movement but a little less constant than the winner.’

Third place went to the youngest of the group, the 6-YO Indiana (Colonist x Manno, bred by Wim Cazemier and Ate Veenstra) with Klaas Buist. The chestnut has a nice way of showing. Alberd: “In the beginning we didn’t have Indiana in the lead group, but during the competition, he performed more and more convincingly and moved with increasing strength.”

**Ten for Character**

Lambertus Huckriede is especially happy with this Oregon Trophy (he won twice before with Opgenoort and Eebert). “But you could say that I actually discovered Hubert. I always believed in this horse and that is why this victory is so special to me. As a 3-YO I had to present him for Van Manen at the re-keuring, but he was too young. Hubert had then been presented a couple of times at the stallion show. After that I bought him from Van Manen because I believed in him. As a 4-YO he was ‘there’. At one time Jaap van der Meulen asked me ‘Do you have anything that stands out?’ I answered ‘At home I have a future champion.’ Jaap bought him with the promise that I could drive him. Meanwhile Hubert has 162 points and already is the breeding stallion champion. That’s how it can go. Hubert has a great attitude. I give him a 10 for character, anyone could drive him. Hubert never gives up, he just loves to perform. This year I am also going to go to the national honors class championship. Hubert is almost there. Jaap gives me all the freedom with Hubert, I think it’s great that he wants to invest in him.”
Definite

Definite fourth was the always committed Heliotroop VDM (Colonist x Reflex M, bred by Joop van Wessel, owned by Jaap van der Meulen) with Henk Hammers. “Heliotroop started well and fought for it, but during the battle the picture became less attractive.” Fifth was for Lanto V.D.B.’s sire, the always classy looking Delviro HBC (Vulcano x Waterman, bred by Hilbert Meyering, owned by HBC-Stal) with Harry van Middelaar. His son Lanto was today’s “Delviro can also be amongst the favorites but day was not his best. I know he can do better.” Sixth place was for the always powerful performing Ditisem (Roy M x Manno, bred by Jan Muggen) and Albert Lueks. “Ditisem is a very ‘safe’ horse with active movement.”

A Friesian man

Originally Jaap van der Meulen was a ‘Friesian man’, but meantime he has also gotten into harness horses. He sees himself as more than a horseman. “I love a good horse, whether it be a Friesian or a harness horse.”

He bought Funita from Joop van Wessel and since that time has kept adding harness horses. “My goal was to also have an approved stallion. Now I have Heliotroop and Hubert who both competed for the Oregon Trophy. Unfortunately it took Hubert a couple of years to get approved. But today this! Yes, it made me a little emotional.”
This past February was the 22nd competition for the Oregon Trophy at the KWPN Stallion Show. It is an incredible honor for both the stallion and the driver to win this competition. But which stallion and which driver have won the trophy most often.

Because harness horse stallions fight for the highest honors during the outdoor season there is no stallion competition for harness stallions in Den Bosch. Since 1988 the competition for the Oregon Trophy has been held during the KWPN Stallion Show. A fanatical competition between teams of drivers and stallions and an audience that is intensely involved.

**Four wins for Patijn**

Patijn is in the lead with four championships to his name. The first time was in 2002, when Thomas van der Weiden was the driver. Patijn was only five years old at that time. Twice, in 2004 and 2005, Linda Boelens took home the renowned trophy. With that Linda is the only female driver in this company of Oregon Trophy winners. The fourth time Jan Veenstra drove Patijn to the top, this was in 2008.

**Manno, Cizandro and Eebert**

Manno took the trophy home three times (1999, 2000, and 2001). Kees van de Maat was always Manno’s driver and they won the trophy for the first time when, just like Patijn, he was age five. But this tour de force was also realized by Cizandro, also a five-year-old when he won his first Oregon Trophy. With Robbie van Dijk he won in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Eebert also has three victories to his name. He won in 2018 with Lambertus Huckriede and in 2017 and 2018 with Robbie van Dijk.

**Most successful driver**

The driver with the most Oregon Trophy wins is Robbie van Dijk. He teamed up with the winning stallion no less than five times. He is followed by Kees van Maat and Lambertus Huckriede (three times). Thomas van der Weiden, Marcel Ritsma and Linda Boelens each won the Trophy two times.

**Winners 1998 - 2019**

- 1998 - Harald, driver Lammert Vinke
- 1999 thru 2001 - Manno, driver Kees van der Maat
- 2002 - Patijn, driver Thomas van der Weiden
- 2003 - Opgenoort, driver Lambertus Huckriede
- 2004 and 2005 - Patijn, driver Linda Boelens
- 2006 - Saffraan, driver Marcel Ritsma
- 2007 - Uromast, driver Thomas van der Weiden
- 2008 - Patijn, driver Harm Jan Veenstra
- 2009 - Saffraan, driver Marcel Ritsma
- 2010 - Stuurboord, driver Mark de Groot
- 2011 - Atleet, driver Henk Hammers
- 2012 thru 2014 - Cizandro, driver Robbie van Dijk
- 2015 - Eebert, driver Lambertus Huckriede
- 2016 - Delviro HBC, driver Harry van Middelaar
- 2017 and 2018 Eebert, driver Robbie van Dijk
- 2019 – Hubert VDM, driver Lambertus Huckriede
The 2018 harness horse competition results were examined to find the harness horse stallion with the most offspring in competition, the stallion that earned the most winning points, which of the young stallions was the most successful and much more.

In 2018, about 70 harness horse competitions were organized, both regional and national, including indoor events, promotion events and invitationals. National competitions produce more points than regionals. At international level, first and second place are worth 5 points, third and fourth places 3 points, fifth and sixth place 2 points and seventh to ninth place are worth 1 point. At regional level first and second place are worth 3 points, third and fourth 2 points, and fifth through ninth place are 1 point. It is possible to compete a horse nationally as well as regionally.
Top producers

In total about 215 different horses earned winning points. They descended from 60 different sires. Like last year, with 34 offspring Manno is still the stallion with the most offspring in the ring. He is followed by Cizandro with 21. With 17 offspring competing, the number of Eebert offspring in competition was doubled from the previous year. Like the year before, Patijn was the sire of 13 offspring, followed by Atleet with 10.

J Year horses

The four youngest competition horses of 2018 are from the J year. In total 35 4-year-olds entered the ring and almost all started in national or regional competition. Three of the four competitions were won by a 4-year-old. Nationally that was Just Lucky reg. B PROK (s. Wentworth Ebony) with Lambertus Huckriede. In region North Johan Smink’s Joy elite (s. Eebert) was in the lead with Harm Jan Veenstra. Another mare was the winner of region Middle. This was Jirzela C ster PROK (s. Plain’s Liberator) with Etienne Raeven.

Highest scorers

The horse with the most points in the honors class was Brandy (s. Uromast) owned by the Brandy Consortium at the time and driven by Harry van Midde-laar. Equifirst Amadeus (s. Saffraan) and Leendert Veerman is in second place with 50 national points.

With mostly regional starts, Top Sport Mare Elegant (s. Waldemar) and Cor van Dijk earned 49 points in the honors class and also earned 24 points in the broodmare class. A mare is allowed to start in both the broodmare class and the limit/honors class and thereby can earn double the amount of points. Points earned
in the ladies class are not added to the overall score.

With 48 points earned in the regional honors class the stallion Fantijn (s. Patijn), owner Lammert Tel and driver Linda Boelens, is in third place. ECW Business (s. Vlasco), owner Gerrit Egberink with driver Lambertus Huckriede, and Berino (s. Stuurboord), owner Hengstenhouderij Landzicht and Mark de Groot, were each able to add 43 points to their total score. Business was started nationally and Berino both nationally and regionally. The mare in the national honors class with the most points (42) is Top Sport Mare Dendrini (s. Manno), owned by the Kooyman family and driven by Henk Hammers.

**Limiet class**

Helandro B (s. Cizandro) and Cor van Dijk earned the most points in the limit class. Helandro B scored his 64 points mostly at regional competitions. The approved stallion Bommelsteyn’s Hubert (s. Cizandro), owner Jaap van der Meulen, was able to earn 51 points with Lambertus Huckriede, mostly at national level. KWPN stallion Heliotroop VDM (s. Colonist) also owned by v.d. Meulen, could also be found at the top of the national classification, which brought him 47 points in 2018, good for a third place. With 45 points, the KWPN stallion Idol (s. Manno) and Mark de Groot were right on his heels. Next were Gerran (s. Atleet), owners Jansen/Oosterlaar, driven by Wim Janssen with 44 points.

With 37 points, the highest scoring mare in the limit class was the elite mare Funita (s. Manno), owner Jaap van der Meulen, who placed second of the Top Sport Mares. If we count her points earned in the Ladies’ class, broodmares, doubles and tandem with her half-brother Helio-
troop VDM, with whom she also won a championship, we get a total of 139 points, making her the winningest horse of 2018.

Mother and daughter Veerman drove the highest scoring horses in the ladies class. Like in 2017, Equifirst Eribo (s. Manno) was the top scorer with Renate Veerman. The chestnut earned 55 points in mostly national competitions. Emerson (s. Manno), owner Niek Alting, and Manon Veerman followed with 45 points. Emerson also earned 21 points in the limit class, 28 in the honors class and the points earned in team competition, for a total of 132 for the year. With 40 points, Wild Rose F (s. Manno) and Pien Jansen ended in third place for the ladies. They earned 39 points in the honors class.

Second in the Ladies Class Emerson and Manon Veerman, photo: Geert Bouius

Equifirst Eribo was the top scorer with Renate Veerman, photo Renate Veerman Facebook page.

New duties for Viggon van Beest and Joop van Wessel

As of January 2020, Viggon van Beest will be named freelance inspector for harness horse mares and stallions. He will continue in his present role as harness horse inspector for mare selections until the end of this year. Starting 2020, harness stallions will also be included.

Joop van Wessel is currently active as a freelance inspector for harness stallions and in January 2020 will become a member of the Stallion Selection Committee for harness horses. He will be the successor to Lammert Tell, who will retire at the end of this year and cannot be re-elected.
The breeding value of the Manno son Idol rose the fastest. The stallion was very successful in 2018. In the rankings for young stallions, this attractive gray is now in fourth place.

Environment versus natural talent

It can be difficult for a breeder to make a well-considered stallion choice. Breeding values give breeders the possibility to compare stallions on the basis of their genetic talent, regardless of age and own performance. The KWPN computes breed-
Rankings

Breeding is a dynamic event, each year new data is available and the breeding values are calculated anew. Stallions are ranked according to the reliability of their breeding value for sport. Because there is little information available for young stallions, they are ranked on the basis of their expected breeding value. This value is awarded on the basis of their pedigree and own performance in sport, keuring or performance test. The more information becomes available about the offspring, the less the pedigree and own performance will count in the breeding value. A breeding value is an estimate, because the genetic talent can never be exactly estimated. Therefore breeding values receive a reliability factor, which measure of the information that is available in calculating that breeding value. Older stallions have more offspring for example, thereby making more information available and raising the reliability. Wim Versteeg: “A breeding value is an aid and gives objective indication of the technical breeding value of a horse. Reliability is important for a good interpretation of the breeding value. There is more certainty with a higher reliability.”

Variety of bloodlines

A relationship percentage is found next to the breeding values in the KWPN database under ‘genetic profile’. This percentage shows how unique the bloodlines of the stallion are within a breeding direction. It is important to take this into account because bloodlines are so important within the harness horse population. To help breeders make the right choice in regards to the variation of bloodlines, the KWPN developed an inbreeding tool for harness horses. If you log into My KWPN and choose the mare you want to breed, you will find the inbreeding percentages and relationship percentages of the possible foal. The lower the relationship percentage of the foal, the more unique the foal will be within the population. The inbreeding percentage also needs to be as low as possible, so the chance of heritable defects will become less.
There are three rankings for harness horse stallions: one for stallions with offspring in sport and a reliability over 80%, one for stallions with lower reliability, and one based on expected values.

Loved by breeders and the public, the keur stallion Cizandro is at the top of the first group. The stallion has more than proven himself in sport, passed his performance test with high points and won the stallion competitions and Oregon Trophy several times. His relationship percentage is high with 14.6%, and regretfully he is not the only one. The upsurge of inbreeding within harness horse breeding is very high and it is therefore very important to keep bloodline diversity in mind.

The Volcano son Colonist heads the second group. More than 50% of his daughters have earned the ster, keur or elite predicate. Besides that Colonist has two approved sons: Heliotroop VDM and Indiana. The latter is at the top of the breeding values of young stallions. The breeding value of the Manno son Idol rose the fastest this year because he was very successful in sport during 2018. In the rankings the attractive gray is now in fourth place. Second fastest was Delviro HBC. This stallion won the Oregon Trophy in 2016, and was the sire of the overwhelming stallion show champion three years later. The young Image HBC, out of the Ditisem’s second foal crop, rose the third fastest. Image HBC passed his performance test with very nice scores, receiving 8.5 points for his front.

Cizandro at the top
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With a reliability of 80% or higher
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SPORT PREDICATE in North America

North American harness horse mares, geldings and VB, Reg. A and Reg. B, Licensed and Approved stallions now have a more clear-cut option for earning the sport predicate.

Horses must earn a total of 50 points. They can earn these points through either the IBOP or the Fine Harness Cup.

Note: The sport predicate will only be valid in North America.

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IBOP

The final score of a passing IBOP will be divided by 10 and rounded to the nearest half point. For example, a final IBOP score of 77 would become 7.5 points, a final IBOP score of 78 would become 8 points, etc. Scores below 75 points will not count.

Winning Points earned in NL

If an imported mare earned winning points in Holland prior to importation she would retain those points at half value. For example, a mare with 50 winning points would have 25 points in North America. She would need to earn an additional 25 points for the sport predicate in North America.

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• Within the third and fourth year after licensing at age three, the stallion must present 5 offspring for foal inspections.
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