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The legacy of proven sports mares

Part 2

In the previous KWPN Magazine we highlighted the jumping mares who, like their offspring, were active in the sport at a high level. Now it is the turn of the better KWPN dressage horses. Did these offspring also receive the valuable sports genes from the dam's side? Did they reach top sport? Or are they well on their way to that?

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More than 250 KWPN registered dressage mares, born in 1990 or after, have proven themselves at Intermediate I level or higher. To be precise 257. Of these top sport mares, 56% have produced at least one offspring. On average, this group produced 2.8 offspring and a total of 405 offspring. 32 of these descendants, who are now old enough, managed to reach at least Small Tour.

Grand Prix-horses out of Grand Prix-mares

Some well-known Grand Prix dressage horses that come out of a proven sports mare are the KWPN-recognized Cennin, Eddieni and First Apple. Charmeur son Cennin (breeder J.E.J.Cuppen from Someren) competes at the highest level under Madeleine Witte-Vrees and managed to finish second last October with over 76% in the Freestyle in Oldenburg, Germany. His mother has also proven herself at the highest level with Madeleine Witte-Vrees in the saddle. This Vitana V (breeder P. Verdellen from Horst) is a daughter of Donnerhall and, in addition to Cennin, produced another descendant of Flemmingh, both before starting her own sports career.

The Grand Prix mare Zodianirava (breeder C. Rommens from Bavel), a daughter of Negro, gave birth to Eddieni (by Johnson, breeder E. Trouwborst-Dumoré from Standdaarbuiten) at the age of five. Both horses were ridden by Theo Hanzon. As a young horse, Eddieni already successfully competed in international young horse classes. He has been boarded at Patrik Kittel since last year, where he is being prepared for the Olympic Games. Besides Eddieni, Zodianirava also produced two Intermediate I horses; the nine-year-old full brothers Got To Love Me and Go For It, both by Jazz and both bred by E. Trouwborst-Dumoré.

First Apple (by Vivaldi, breeder N. van Maaswaal from 't Goy) already had a high score as a young horse with Patrick van der Meer at the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses and came fourth in the final for the seven-year-olds. Van der Meer then trained him up to the highest level after which he was sold to the American rider Sarah Lockman, aiming for the Olympic Games. First Apple's mother is the T.C.N. Partout daughter Oogappel (breeder N. van Maaswaal from 't Goy). This mare was competed in Grand Prix dressage by Aat van Essen and is a half-sister of the Grand Prix horse Sierappel (by Montecristo). Besides First Apple, Oogappel has produced several other offspring. Patrick van der Meer rode her daughter Gold Apple (by Totilas, breeder N. van Maaswaal from 't Goy) to an IBOP score of 84 points, scoring a 9 for her canter, posture and balance.

Manda-line

The "Mandas" emerge in every dressage analysis. Breeder of the Year 2017 Leonus van Lieren stands at the foundation of this line. The Sultan- daughter Indiamanda proved herself in the Big Tour and so did her daughter Latamanda (by Matador II). She brought this mare before she started her own sports career. Her daughter Truemanda (by Rubiquil) competed with Jeanine Nieuwenhuis up to U25 level and was her first offspring when she came out of the sport. Her son Certainty (by Briar) is classified in the Big Tour, and her son Mantra (by Matador II) has made it to the Small Tour. Indiamanda is the only Big Tour mare born in 1990 or after with three Big Tour offspring. Latamanda in turn also managed to produce good sport horses. Her first offspring made it to the U25. This Hexagon's Roumanda (by Rubiquil) did that with Dinja van Liere. Latamanda's next to last offspring is the Radetzky son R-Banderas, who competed Big Tour. Roumanda is also used for breeding, but her oldest offspring are not yet old enough for the sport.



'The Manda's', from the breeding program of Leunus van Lieren, prove themselves time after time in sports and breeding. This U25- mare Roumanda comes out of the Big Tour- mare Latamanda, who is a daughter of the Big Tour- mare Indiamanda.

Two Grand Prix-offspring

Just like Latamanda, the mare Tara (by Jazz) has produced two horses that have completed the Big Tour. She was bred by M.F.M. Janssen from Sittard and competed in Grand Prix dressage with Kyra Klinkers. Before this mare started her sports career, she gave Kyra Klinkers two offspring: Whoopydoo (by Sir Sinclair) and Zitara (by Rubin Royal). Both horses were then trained by their breeder to Grand Prix. Last year Tara got her third foal, a descendant of Just Wimpf Hof.

The Grand Prix mare Niniek STV (by Jazz, breeder Stoeterij 't Vierspan, Handel) should also be included in this list. Her offspring are not yet performing at the highest level, but are well on their way to that. Two of her offspring have already been classified in the Small Tour and one in the Intermediate I. Her most famous offspring is the KWPN-approved Iconic B (by Bon Bravour, breeder Stal de Beukenvallei in Leende), who recently made the switch to the Small Tour, ridden by Joyce Lenaerts. He also participated twice in the WC for Young Dressage Horses and knows how to perform remarkably in the stallion competition. As a six-year-old, Niniek STV produced her second offspring for her breeder. This Up Seven S.T.V. (by OOSEven) reached the international Intermediate I classes with Florentine Roodveld. Her third Small Tour offspring is Chopard B, a full brother of Up Seven S.T.V., who was born in the stables of De Beukenvallei.



Niniek STV, who recently passed away, proved herself in the Grand Prix and already produced three Small Tour classified offspring of which the KWPN approved stallion Iconic B.

Successful V year

In addition to the horses mentioned above, there are other horses that have reached the Big Tour and have a mother who has performed at the same level. For example the Jazz son Rex. He was trained from an early age by Romy Peijen and together they achieved Grand Prix dressage. His dam is the Contango daughter Madoryke (breeder J.A. van Venrooij from Schijndel) who first was ridden by Madeleine Witte-Vrees at Grand Prix and then was competed at the highest level under Romy van der Schaft. Rex was the first offspring she produced for her breeder before she entered the sport herself. Later on, she produced two more offspring.

The mare Apretado is a daughter of Scandic. She is classified in the Big Tour and so is her only offspring Estupendo (by Ziesto). Both horses were bred and trained by Wilma Wernsen.

Borrita R (by Krack C, breeder G.S. Bakhuisen from Abcoude) and her daughter Golden Rita (by Charmeur) both managed to reach the Big Tour. Golden Rita is ridden by her breeder and KWPN jury member Margot Kostelijk and is the second offspring that Borrita R produced before she entered the sport. Afterwards, she was used for breeding again: her oldest offspring is now five years old. This year she produced the filly Princess Rita by

Governor. Borrita R is the youngest broodmare who, like her offspring, is active at the highest level.

In addition to Vitana V (the forementioned dam of Cennin), there are three more mares from the V year that, just like their offspring, have competed at least at Big Tour level. Veldroos (by Gribaldi, breeder B. Ridder from Harkstede) produced a total of two offspring. The Big Tour horse Bernini (by United) and the 2019- born Ocean (by Secret). Both horses were bred by D.J. de Haas from Kesteren. The American Grand Prix horse Velvet (by Polansky, breeder C.A. Telussa Baas from Oostkapelle) produced two offspring to her breeder before she left for America, one of which is the Big Tour horse Chakakahn (by Sir Donnerhall), who was also invited for the performance test. Velvet comes from a strong dam line, because two of her half-sisters are also Grand Prix horses. All have the Jazz daughter Papaya as their dam, who in turn is classified Z2.

Caroline Rijnders competed both the mare Victoria RDP (by Idocus, breeder K. Retera from Nuenen) and her daughter Baya (by Tuschinski) at the highest level. Nice detail is that she bred Baya herself. Last year, this mare gave birth to her first foal, Papaya (by Escamillo).

Youngest Grand Prix- offspring

The youngest Grand Prix descendant of a Grand Prix mare is the Totilas daughter Godinde. She also comes from Leunus van Lieren's line. Godinde made a successful Grand Prix debut under Tamar Zweistra last August with over 68%. And her mother was also competed in the Grand Prix by Zweistra. This Zodinde is a daughter of Hexagon's Louisville. As a four-year-old, Godinde produced a daughter of GLOCK's Toto Jr, Keydinde. As a five-year-old she participated in several international young horse classes.

Youngest Intermediate II -broodmare

Many of the at least Intermediate I classified mares are still too young for offspring at Small Tour level or higher. Haute Couture (by Connaisseur, breeder A.J.C. Drost from Dreumel) has already achieved a lot of good results under Dinja van Liere and, at eight years old, she is the youngest Big Tour mare that has also been used for breeding. Some of her successes are the victory in the Pavo Cup for five-year-olds, third in the six-year-olds, gold at the KNHS Indoor Championships ZZ-Zwaar and twice a place in the final at the WC for Young Dressage Horses in Ermelo. The combination recently made a successful Intermediate II debut, which means that they're now classified in the Big Tour. Her first offspring is L'Avenue (by Bordeaux), who was also invited for the performance test, and last year she produced two offspring by Fürst Toto. There is a good chance that we will hear a lot more from her and her offspring in the future.

Other young broodmares who have reached the Big Tour themselves are Fatal-Love (by Lauries Crusador, breeder F.H. Leeuwerke from Winschoten), a granddaughter of the dam of the KWPN-approved stallion Expression. Her oldest offspring has unfortunately passed

away, but last year she delivered a foal from Fürsten-Look. The Big Tour mare Feline (by Jazz, breeder P.J. Pomper from Smilde) has already been used for breeding. Her oldest offspring is the six-year-old Jolie-Ster (by Ferdeaux, breeder H. van den Bosch from Sustrum Moor). This elite mare is already classified Z2 and scored 81 points for her IBOP. The offspring of Apache daughter Flanell (breeder B. Roerink from Beilen), who also competed in the Big Tour, are still too young for the sport. The same applies to the Intermediate II-classified Felicia (by Vivaldi, breeder Stal Perlee in Maartensdijk). The Blue Hors Zack daughter Famora (breeder W.L. Plaizier from Heerjansdam) was shown internationally in the U25 by the Swiss rider Carlotta Rogerson. Her oldest offspring is six years old and does not yet have a sports ranking. A granddaughter of the aforementioned Latamanda, Fila Manda (by Westpoint, breeder Libro Sporthorse B.V. from Stad aan 't Haringvliet), has also competed in the Big Tour. This year she produced a foal from GLOCK's Toto Jr.

First offspring stands out

These are just a few of the many successful sport horses out of an equally successful dressage mare. It is striking that, just as with the jumping horses, the offspring these mares get at a young age often perform remarkably in the sport. ■



Vitana V is the previous Grand Prix horse of Madeleine Witte- Vrees and the dam of her current Grand Prix horse and approved KWPN stallion Cennin.