

Horsewerks Hanoverian Dressage Team



The Sydney CDI was the perfect place to announce the Horsewerks Hanoverian Dressage team for 2008. The team consists of 4 horse and rider combinations: Rachael Sanna and Jaybee Alabaster, Tor Van Den Berge and Fishermans Friend, Rozzie Ryan and Donna Carrera and Nicholas Fyffe and Ferrero Rocher. We were fortunate to have two of the combinations available to us at the CDI to give an entertaining display. Fishermans Friend and Jaybee Alabaster thrilled the crowds with their impromptu Pas de Deux to enlivening music. Rozzie Ryan and Donna Carrera are of course in Europe, vying for a place on the Australian Olympic team and Ferrero Rocher is on his way back to competition fitness from a small injury. We look forward to seeing them all out there soon! Team members receive generous sponsorship from Horsewerks, an importer of quality European horsewear and clothing. In return they advertise the Hanoverian horse as a breed through the sport of Dressage.

Read about the team members below.

JAYBEE ALABASTER

SIRE: Alabaster DAM: Gloria (imp) by Glorieux

Jaybee Alabaster competed at the World Young Horse Championships in Germany 2004 and has continued up the dressage ranks since then. In 2006 he was the Hanoverian Society's Advanced Horse of the Year. He is now competing at Grand Prix level. He has had two starts at Grand Prix, The first one at the Pacific League Olympic Qualifier, where he was 2nd in the Grand Prix CDN, and the Inter 11.

His second start at Grand Prix was at Clarendon in March 2008 where he won both the Inter 11 and the Grand Prix with 65.8%. He is just 9yo, and is on the Australian Dressage Development Squad, with rider Rachael Sanna.



FISHERMANS FRIEND (imp)

SIRE: Fabriano DAM: Penny Lane by Pik Solo



Fishermans Friend was imported from Germany in 2005 where he was the leader of the Hanoverian Dressage Stallion Quadrille at the Celle Stallion Parades each year. Since arriving in Australia he has won Australian Medium Horse of the Year 2006 and the Hanoverian Horse Society Medium Horse of the Year 2006. In 2007 with his rider, Tor Van Den Berge, they won the EFA (Qld) Advanced Horse of the Year, the CDI Advanced championship as well as the Hanoverian Society Advanced Horse of the Year. Tor and Fish have competed in 7 Advanced dressage competitions to date and they have won all 7 Championships. They have now commenced FEI and won their first start at Prix St George with 67%. Following the CDI, Fish will start Inter I and II with a Grand Prix start not far away.



DONNA CARRERA (imp)
SIRE: Donnerhall DAM: St. Pr. Rivera by Raphael

Donna Carrera and owner Susie Duddy won both the Australian and NSW Young Horse 5 year old Championships after her purchase in 1998. Donna Carrera has won many Australian and State Dressage Championships since. Donna was competed to Advanced Level by Susie, gaining the title of Hanoverian Performance Mare and then by Heath Ryan for two years winning the Prix St. George at the Sydney CDI in 2004. Rozzie Ryan took over the ride at the end of 2004 winning numerous small tour championships before starring at Grand Prix and being named on the Dressage Elite Squad in 2007.



In 2008 they have already represented Australia twice. In February they represented Australia at the Regional Qualifier to qualify a team for the Beijing Olympics. Donna Carrera then flew to the Netherlands in March as the sole representative for the Pacific League at the 2008 Dressage World Cup Final in s'Hertogenbosch. Rozzie and Donna finished 11th which is believed to be the best placing achieved by an Australian based horse with a score of 69.600%.

Last month in Hagen, Germany Donna Carrera and Rozzie Ryan excelled placing 7th with 64.16% in the Grand Prix and 3rd in the Grand Prix Kur with 70.400%! They were the highest placed Australian combination in both competitions.

Donna Carrera has been the Winner of Hanoverian of the year in both 1999 and 2007.

FERRERO ROCHER (imp)
SIRE - Florestan I (R) DAM – St. Pr. Waimea by Weltmeyer

Soon after his arrival in Australia, Ferrero Rocher was crowned 2002 Champion 5 year old Young Dressage Horse at DWTS and was awarded an impressive 9.5 for rideability from young horse specialist Dr. Ulf Muller. He was the 2005/2006 Australian dressage championships - winner of med/adv Freestyle, 2006 winner Advanced Cup at the Sydney CDI and 2006 NSW Advanced Champion. After only his third FEI start, Ferrero Rocher was awarded winner of the Prix St Georges Cup at DWTS and was immediately listed on the NSW State Dressage Squad and the National Development squad. He recently obtained his stallion licensing from the Hanoverian Society with exceptional scores for his paces: Trot 9, Canter 8, Walk 10! He is an exciting FEI competitor under his rider Nicholas Fyffe.



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