

WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES OUT OF THE LOCARNO PERSPECTIVE

A major event like the World Equestrian Games always shows which horses are the top bloodlines in the world.

As breeder, I naturally look at these results from the point of view of which of these lines are present at Locarno.

Foremost: the same as at the Olympics in London in 2012, in the team which won the Team event for the Netherlands, are again the same 2 horses out of the direct dam line of my stallions Locarno Caprivi, Shogun and Challenger:

Bulabu and Q Verdi.

Bulabu is bred out of a half-sister to the dam of Livree (dam of Caprivi, Grand-dam of the other 2 stallions) and Q Verdi out of a direct half-sister to Livree.

It is the Holstein dam line 474a. It is this dam line, which gives such a strong background to my stallions, after all, it's the dam line that counts much much more than the stallion's!!

If we look at the stallions of participating horses, INDOCTRO (Capitol/Caletto 2), the sire of Locarno Caprivi (and no. 13 in the world sire ranking) had 4 offspring competing!

So Caprivi is by a stallion, which is No. 13 in the world sire ranking and had 4 offspring at the games, out of the dam line, which produced 2 horses for the winning Dutch team!!!!

Can one say, this a world class pedigree?

Corofino, the sire of Consuelo is twice there as dam's sire.

The line of CONTENDER (grandsire of Locarno Challenger) is well presented, 2 horses of the German team are out of this line, Chiara and Codex One.

CHACCO BLUE, (Chambertin/Contender), still young as a sire of sport horses (and unfortunately dead) had 2 offspring at the games.

My young stallion Chacco-Top is by Chacco-Blue out of a Consuelo/Rabino/Athletico mare, so is Chacoelo, whom I sold.

The Alme line is naturally also well-presented and I have it in my breeding via Quickstep

(Quintender), Accord and Athletico.

Voltaire has 4 offspring in the games and his son Kannan 3. My 2 mares, Lili and Lulu, are by Rico (Voltaire/Burggraf).

Not to forget the sire of New Era, whom we are so proud of: Drosselklang.

Well presented in my mares.

All in all I feel, that my breeding is on track.