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Celebrated Hanoverian riding horse champions Hanoverian Riding Horse Championships

Verden. The new champions were crowned at the Hanoverian Championships for three- and four-year-old riding horses, held as part of the FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden. Be Gold, Varido, Iva Bella R and Daan G. claimed the coveted white-and-yellow winner's sashes.

He shone just as brightly as the Verden sun: the chestnut gelding **Be Gold** by Bon Vivaldi NRW/Best of Gold (breeder: Günter Wellmann, Brockum) claimed the title of Hanoverian Champion of the three-year-old mares and geldings with Eike Bewerungen in the saddle. He scored 9.5 for trot, 9.0 for rideability and conformation. With an overall mark of 8.80, he led the field of 26 competitors. In second place was the Bonds/Christ daughter **Hann.Pr.A. Beautiful Vibe** (breeder: Sebastian Kopp, Rohr), who, ridden by Dries van Dyck, received a score of 9.0 for canter and conformation. The impressive black mare is the dressage champion mare from the Herwart von der Decken Show, which took place on Monday. The podium was completed by **Sixpack** by Secret/Sir Donnerhall (breeder: Mathias Schulze, Hankensbüttel) and Sina Aringer. Three years ago, this athletic chestnut was one of the most sought-after colt foals at the Elite Foal and Broodmare Auction. He hails from the renowned dam line of Eckernförde II, to which the stallion Argentan and the internationally successful Grand Prix horses Destano (Simone Pearce) and Lancet (Emma Hindle) also trace their lineage.

With a perfect score of 10 for his walk, the Von Und Zu/For Romance son **Varido** (breeder: Friederike Pelzer, Lüsche) won the Hanoverian Championship for three-year-old stallions under Janina Tietze. The chestnut stallion left little to be desired, achieving a final score of 9.30 and securing another major success for his breeder, Friederike Pelzer. Two weeks ago, Varido's full sister had won her class at the Hanoverian Foal Championships. The owners, IB Berger GmbH, were also delighted with yet another outstanding success so soon after their victory at the Herwart von der Decken Show and the silver medal at the Hanoverian Championships for three-year-old mares and geldings with Hann.Pr.St. Beautiful Vibe. Runner-up was **Éclair** by Energy/Sandro Hit (breeder: Katharina Lindena-Janssen, Ihlow) from the dam line of Olympic champion Desperados FRH. Jessica Lynn Thomas presented him perfectly, and the black stallion received a score of 9.5 for rideability. Bronze went to the For Fantano/Floris Prince son **Flacon** (breeder: Michael Schenk, Niendorf), who was expertly presented by the breeder's son, Jacob Schenk.

The twelve best four-year-old mares and geldings qualified for a Class A dressage test via a riding horse test. This was a first in the long history of the Hanoverian Championships. With top marks, including a 9.0 for walk and submission, **Iva Bella R** by Asgard's Ibiza/Bonifatius (breeders: Susanne and Volker Redderberg, Ahrensböck) secured the white-and-yellow winner's sash with an overall score of 8.72. The bay mare, who had topped the second division two days earlier, was masterfully presented by Kira Goerens-Ripphoff. The dressage trainer celebrated a double victory: with **Floria HE** by Fürst Belissaro/Silberschmied (breeder: Ilsemarie Wrede, Freiburg), she came second (8.44). Third place went to **Señor Meyer** by Secret/Weltmeyer (breeder: Dr Ansgar Reyering, Mettingen) with Thomas Schulze (8.26).

Among the four-year-old stallions, the Donkey Boss/Don Olymbrio L son **Daan G.** (breeder: Stutteri G., Lynge/DEN), ridden by Vanessa Crnadak, claimed the title of Hanoverian Champion unchallenged. The imposing dark chestnut – a premium

stallion and Weltmeyer Prize winner – received the day's highest mark of 9.5 for his spectacular canter, whilst his trot and overall impression were also rated 'very good' (overall mark: 8.92). Thomas Schulze claimed his second medal of the day. After taking third place in the four-year-old mares and geldings class with **Señor Meyer**, he rode **Salsero CF** by Secret/Vivaldi (breeder: Dr Christine Feichtinger, Vaduz/LIE) to the silver medal (overall score: 8.60). Bronze went to **CM Flaconi** by Fürstenball/Wolkentanz (breeder: Carsten Müller, Neustadt) and Ann Kathrin Müller (overall score: 7.48), who had secured their place in the final – a Class A dressage test – by finishing sixth in the qualifier, a riding horse test.

Caption: Kira Goerens-Riphoff with the Hanoverian champion of the four-year-old mares and geldings, Iva Bella R, and runner-up Floria HE. Photo: Hanoverian Society

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