

Successful "Open Day" at the young British top stud Mount St. John

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Mount St John Open Day

Mount St John Stud hosted their second ever Open Day on 5th July 2014, with over 200 guests including top sport riders and breeders attending from throughout the UK and Europe. Mount St John focuses on breeding dressage horses from elite sporting mares to include those currently competing at the highest level in FEI young horse classes or small tour level. They also have sisters to super stallions Furst Fugger, Desperado OLD, Rubinstein, Furstenball, For Romance and Franziskus, in their 30 strong broodmare band. Twenty seven year old Emma Blundell the stud founder and managing director presented around 50 stunning broodmares, foals and youngsters alongside guest speaker Emile Faurie (GB team rider) on the day, with a strong embryo transfer theme.

FBW Deja'vu (Dacaprio) a former Bundeschampion and Bronze medalist in Verden herself, was presented alongside her 3 daughters; Front Row (For Compliment), Fascination (Furstenball) and Top Secret (Totilas), along with their colts from this season by San Amour, Cennin and Charmeur respectively. All 3 of these colts, along with the full 11 colts out of 20 foals born this season at the stud have already been sold; two from the Deja'vu family have gone into a partnership between Paul Schockemöhle and Lone Bøegh Henriksen of HP Horses along with 4 other colts they selected as future stallion and sport prospects.



MSJ Der Kronprinz by De Niro/Fürst Heinrich/Weltmeyer - Photo credit:MSJ/Owned by Lone Bøegh Henriksen of HP horses in partnership with Paul Schockemöhle

The stunning black Oldenburg mare Tia Roma (Donnerhall) was the key producer for the stud this year, having no less than 3 healthy foals all born by embryo transfer born in 2014 at Mount St John. These include Tia Fortuna a beautiful Furst Heinrich filly being retained by the stud, and then twin Negro foals from one embryo flush producing a colt (MSJ Smartini) who has been bought by world number 1 dressage rider Charlotte Dujardin and his twin sister Tia Nova who has again been retained to stay at the stud. Charlotte also struggled to choose just one colt from the stunning collection, and also recently purchased MSJ Charmer, a Charmeur colt out of Dorina (Danone) a mare from Herbert DeBaey's breeding programme (breeder of Rubinstein, Rembrant and Relevant).



MSJ Smartini by Negro/Donnerhall/Rubinstein I - photo credit: Kevin Sparrow /Owned by Charlotte Dujardin

Eric Klaui the in house reproductive specialist veterinarian gave a presentation introducing embryo transfer and its various uses, also discussing the latest in embryo research for horses in sport during a breeding program. Plenty of examples were given with sport mares such as De la Beaute OLD (Don Romantic) and Keystone Diaz (Dimaggio) being ridden while their current embryo transfer foals came into the arena.

Other highlights included Claire the Caprimond granddam of World Champion Woodlander Farrouche, who at 21 years old was presented looking the picture of health with her two embryo transfer fillies from 2014; Daire (De Niro) and Flaire (For Romance). Both of these fillies have been retained by the stud for future sport, and to join the breeding programme by embryo transfer as her successors.

With such a rare collection of world class mares, matched to some of the best stallions available, it is no surprise that the foals were exceptional. Our favourite was MSJ Aurora a stunning black filly by Ampere out of Royal Schufro (Rubin Royal mare out of the full sister to Don Schufro). Emma explained her aims and plans to breed future champion licensed stallions and to have horses competing for riders all over the world in Young Horse Championships and at Big Tour Championships. With her current client base, everything looks on track to us so far!



Royal Schufro by Rubin Royal/Donnerhall/Pik Bube - photo credit: Thomas Bach Jensen /Owner Mount St. John Equestrian

Mount St John plans to make this an annual event for each summer, if you couldn't make it this year it is worth checking out the video below created from the day.

For further information about the stud see the website www.mountstjohnquestrian.co.uk