

Samoura M by San Amour x Ferragamo x Traumdeuter was ridden by Ann-Christin Wienkamp at the 2014 FEI/WBFSH world championships in Verden.



The Mussmann Family

At the FEI/WBFSH world championships for young dressage horses in Verden the 5-year-old Westfalian mare Samoura M claimed silver medal. We have spoken to Judith Mussmann, daughter of the German breeder Heinrich Mussmann who has bred and still owns this magnificent mare.

– Our father, my sister Anna und me... we are all involved in the breeding. In addition to that our mother acts in the background to find names for the foals and to keep the horses in a good mood by handing them tasty treats, Judith says.

It all began with the girls riding. Anna was riding and taking care of a school-horse called

Amigo, and when it was announced that he was going to be sold, she sat in his stall and cried for hours, until their father Heinrich Mussmann took pity and bought the gelding for her. This was in 1994, and he bought Amigo including saddle and tack box for only 1,000 German Mark.

– Since then, we have always had horses. At first my sister did show jumping and then dressage up to Grand Prix. I started at the age of 7 years and had success up to class M **, Judith remembers.

Horse breeders by chance

In 2005, they were still not at all involved in horse breeding. At that time they were looking



As little girls the Mussmann sisters, Anna and Judith, had a great passion for horses which is the reason why the whole family is now involved with horse breeding.

We only breed with mares from the Ferreira family

for a junior horse for Anna. At the auction in Münster-Handorf they did not find the dressage horse they were looking for and ended up buying a foal by Sir Donnerhall, which led to the search for a second foal to have them grow up together.

– In Neuenkirchen on the grounds of Elisabeth Albers my sister found a filly by Donnerball which we immediately bought. We were not able to get the mother out our heads, so we ended up buying her as well. She moved fantastically and had amazing rideability, so she was intended to be Anna's future star. They were successful for a while, but unfortunately the mare got injured and therefore we had her inseminated by Sir Donnerhall in 2007, says Judith.

This mare is Ferreira by Ferragamo x Traumdeuter x Pik Bube – the current broodmare of the Mussmann family. In 2009, they tried to add Anna's former Grand Prix mare to the broodmare band but they never succeeded in getting her pregnant, and Ferreira has simply become the foundation mare.

Success from first foal

The Sir Donnerhall foal which they bought at auction grew up to become a bronze medal winner in eventing at the Bundeschampionat, and the Donnerball foal out of Ferreira which they bought for company became a state premium mare, sold at the auction in Münster-Handorf and now successfully competes in dressage competitions. The first foal the Mussmann bred themselves is the Sir Donnerhall colt out of Ferreira born in 2008, and he has been sold to an Australian rider and is currently successful at M-level.

– The damline of Ferreira comes from the successful Hanoverian damline (No.144) of Ankergold by Aktionär from which several approved stallions, as Graf Grannus Z and Granikos, and the internationally successful dressage horse Maritim ridden by Margit Otto-Crepin/FRA, originate. Ferreira is a half-sister to the successful sport horses Pageno by Paradiso (M-dressage) and Palmiro by Paradiso (S-jumping). Their dam Traumfee by Traumdeuter is a full-sister to the successful Grand Prix dressage horse Traumtänzer and half-sister to the S-dressage horse Dream Piece by Dream of Glory, explains Judith.

The perfect foundation mare

In 2009 Ferreira had Samoura M by San Amour and this very attractive mare has also been decorated with a state premium. Ferreira's 2010 foal was a filly by Fürst Romancier which is now sold, followed by a 2011 daughter by Fürstenball and a 2012 son by Fürstenball. Both Fürstenball offspring have stayed with the Mussmann family who have decided to train them both.

So far Ferreira has had seven foals in seven breeding years and has proved herself to be the perfect foundation mare for a new family of horse breeders. In 2013 she had a year off, but this year she has a colt by San Amour – the only full-brother to Samoura M.

– Ferreira is pregnant with Bordeaux for 2015, and we will continue breeding with Ferreira and her daughters. We have considered flushing Samoura M for embryos next year, and we also plan to breed her half-sister by Fürstenball next year.

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Breeder Heinrich Mussmann, father of Anna and Judith, is congratulated by Dr. Klaus Miesner for the breeding of the outstanding mare Samoura M which claimed silver in the division for 5-year-old dressage horses.