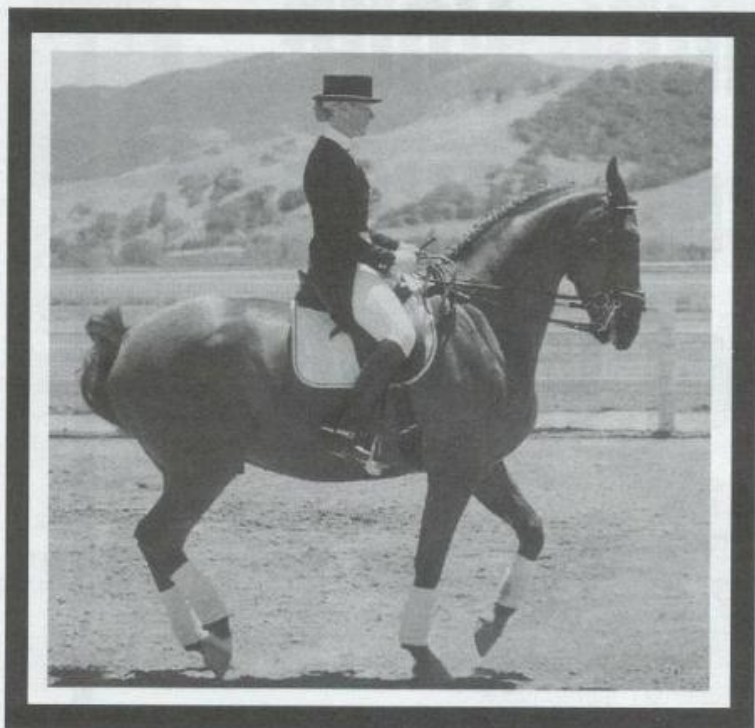


USDF Grand Prix Horse of the Year

Colonel Thackeray Grand Prix Horse of the Year, sponsored by Impac.



Monsieur

1981 chestnut 17.1 hand
 Danish Warmblood gelding
 Sire: Loewenbrau
 Dam: Heidi
 Owner/Rider: Charlotte Bredahl, Solvang, CA
 Median Score: 66.954%
 Number competing—Grand Prix: 210

"The most rewarding thing about winning both Grand Prix and Intermediate II USDF Horse of the Year on two different horses is that I have owned and trained them both since they were youngsters," says Charlotte Bredahl. "With both horses there have been times when I have wondered if they were ever going to make it, but they were what I had, and I stuck with it, even when experts in my field told me to sell them."

She purchased Monsieur in Denmark as a five-year-old green broke gelding. He was bought in a partnership as an investment horse, but nobody ever made an offer on him. Eventually she bought out her partner, and Monsieur is no longer for sale. "He has not been an easy

horse, but he has given me some of the greatest moments of my life. Because of him, I have received grants from the USET to go to Europe to train and compete in 1991, 1992, and 1993. In both 1991 and 1992, I trained with the late Herbert Rehbein. The first time Rehbein rode Monsieur he got off after five minutes and said, "don't ever fight with this horse." I realized then what an incredible horseman Rehbein was. In just five minutes he sized up Monsieur's character. Ever since that day, he called Monsieur 'The Danish King'." In 1992 they were part of the Bronze medal winning US Olympic team in Barcelona.

Monsieur did his first Grand Prix in 1990 and has been in the top five in the United States ever since, even this year at 16 years old. In the spring of 1997, they received some of the best scores ever, and she credits the help of Guenter Seidel.

Monsieur gets at least four months in pasture every year. "I think that is one of the reasons he still loves to work," Charlotte concludes. Charlotte's future goals are to try out for the 1998 World Equestrian Games with both horses.

Grand Prix Results

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| 1 MONSIEUR (Danish Warmblood), Charlotte Bredahl (CA), owner/rider; Loewenbrau, sire; Heidi, dam66.954% | 9 FRESCO (Westfalen), Francine Weiner-Govostes (MA), owner; Tom Noone, rider; Fruehlingsball, sire; Fiorella, dam63.800% |
| 2 GRANDEUR (Dutch Warmblood X Thoroughbred), Lila M. Kommerstad (CA), owner; Steffen Peters, rider; John U. Berry, sire; Cisca, dam66.667% | 10 BEAURIVAGE (Hanoverian), Peggy C. Thomas (ID), owner; Debbie McDonald, rider; Bonjour, sire; Goldsternchen, dam63.480% |
| 3 FLIM FLAM (Hanoverian), Fritz R. & Renate Kundrun (NY), owners; Susan Blinks, rider; Wilhelm Tell, sire; Cilia, dam65.234% | 11 MAURICE CHEVALIER (Hanoverian), Kelly E. Hayner (MI), owner/rider; Maat 1, sire; Wega, dam63.349% |
| 4 GINO (Hanoverian), Sharyn L. Shover (GA), owner; Lynda Alicki, rider; Grundstein II, sire; Werteste, dam65.070% | 12 HANNABAL (Trakehner), Leslie K. Webb (CA), owner/rider; Pregelstrand, sire; Hela VII, dam63.134% |
| 5 LUGANO (Danish Warmblood), Charlotte Bredahl (CA), owner/rider; Diamond, sire; Luna, dam64.210% | 13 GAMBLER (Dutch Warmblood), Mary Lou Shook (KY), owner; Diane H. Anderson, rider; Purioso, sire; Nanea, dam62.600% |
| 6 EXTRORDINAIRE (Dutch Warmblood), Marie A. Meyers (CA), owner/rider; Gagson Wimborn XAA, sire; Arinde, dam64.127% | 14 RIO'S BIRALDO 2 (Dutch Warmblood), AMA Equine Ranch (NV), owner; Alisa A. Marnell, rider; Rinaldo, sire; Pexilia, dam62.567% |
| 7 DELANO (Dutch Warmblood), Fritz R. & Renate Kundrun (NY), owners; Susan Blinks, rider; Ariban, sire; Reliana, dam64.117% | 15 CHAPELLE (Dutch Warmblood), Tara Rena Stegen (WA), owner/rider; Uniform, sire; Namora B, dam62.500% |
| 8 AKEENA (Westfalen X Rhineland), Lila M. Kommerstad (CA), owner; Steffen Peters, rider; April, sire; Romy, dam64.000% | |