

Don Primero

Hanoverian , Dark Bay, Born 1985 16.2 hands



This stallion has been arguably the most successful son of Donnerhall, despite spending a fair proportion of his breeding career in Sweden. Don Primero was the Champion 5 year old Dressage horse at the 1990 Bundeschampionate and went on to compete at Grand Prix level with Karin Rehbein. He is a full brother in blood to the Danish based stallion and Grand Prix performer, Don Schufro (whose dam Fiesta is a full sister to Fantasia).

The cross of his sire Donnerhall over Pik Bube seems to make magic happen. Don Primero adds yet another dressage dimension with the Trakehner sire, Unkenruf, who was schooled to Grand Prix level, but is best known as the sire of Christine Stückelberger's Grand Prix horse, Rubelit. Don Primero's great grand-dam, Fabiola (by the Trakehner stallion, Herold) was a top international showjumper. Fabiola was out of Fischerin who was in turn a daughter of Finnländerin – a very famous Hanoverian mare. Finnländerin was the great grand dam of Josef Neckermann's Olympic dressage horse, Mariano. She was also the great grand dam of the Westphalian stallion, Radetzky – both of these horses were by the Anglo Arab, Ramzes.

Donnerhall	Donnerwetter	Disput
		Melli
Fantasia B	Ninette	Markus
	Pik Bube	Negola
		Pik König
		Franka
	Fabia	Unkenruf
		Fabiola

For a number of years Don Primero headed both the Hanoverian and FN dressage stallion rankings. In 2007 he had an FN dressage ranking of 156 which put him into 8th place on the top list. He does not make the Hanoverian top lists for dressage or type in the 2008 stallion book, despite the fact that his score is higher than the highest stallion score, because the stallion lists are restricted to 'active stallions', and Don Primero was not 'activated' for that season.

In the 2010 Hanoverian stallion book, he once again, does not appear on the Dressage top list, even though his Hanoverian dressage breeding value of 174 is much higher than the number one horse, Don Frederico, on 148. He has an FN breeding value of 157 for dressage, 67 for jumping. He is recorded as having 438 competitors with winnings of €537,763. Seventy five of his competitors have competed at S level. He is the sire of 6 licensed sons, including DiMaggio, a World Young Horse champion.

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