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SILVER FOR CHESTER WEBER

Chester Weber's name has become synonymous with Four-in-Hand driving throughout the world and 2008 has been a great year.

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Team Weber

Chester Weber's successful summer in Europe earned him an Individual Silver Medal in the Four-in-Hand World Driving Championships in Holland. Earlier in March, Weber won his sixth consecutive National Championship title at the Budweiser Live Oak International combined driving competition in Ocala, Florida.

Weber's success in combined driving started early. At 18 he was the youngest driver to be named to the United States Equestrian Team and to qualify for the World Pairs Driving Championship. By 1999 Weber had won 12 consecutive Advanced combined driving events and then began his Four-in-Hand driving career, making a name for himself internationally as well as winning a record six National Championships in a row in the United States.

In 2001, Weber finished the World Cup season as reserve World Cup Champion.

At the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games, Weber helped the U.S. Driving Team earn a Silver Medal and placed fifth individually in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain. The next year he claimed his first of six consecutive USEF Four-In-Hand National Championship titles. In July 2004, Chester Weber became the first American to win the prestigious German Fahrderby

held at CAI-A Riesenbeck, something he repeated in 2008.

In 2005, Weber decided not to compete overseas. In the United States, he recorded several wins including his third consecutive national title. He won each of the competitions he entered, which included 3 CAI and 2 CDE competitions. Weber was selected to represent the United States at the FEI World Equestrian Games in 2006 where his team took eighth place. Again in 2007, Weber made the choice to stay in the United States where he proceeded to win every competition he entered that year; including another national combined driving championship.

Aggressive and on course during his entire 2008 campaign in Europe,



Weber won the Time Shuttle prize at the prestigious CHIO Aachen, posting a score of 36.48. Weber and his team took a victory pass donning the striking yellow coolers and apron for the Time Shuttle victory. They finished Aachen winning third place overall in the Four-In-Hand Combined Driving competition, less than a point behind the second place finisher. This achievement set him up in July, to win the 50th Anniversary of the German Fahrderby (Driving Derby) held at Riesenbeck. Weber's score of 553.84

shaved 29 points off the second place team from Sweden, and secured his place in history.

Winning at Aachen also placed Weber on the US short list for the 2008 Four-in-Hand World Driving Championships held in Beesd (NL), where they finished first in the dressage phase and took home the Individual Silver Medal.

2008 Four-In-Hand Driving Championship

In 2008 Weber finished an extraordinary strong summer campaign in Europe by winning the Individual Silver in the dressage phase of the World Driving Championships in Beesd. This was the first time an American Four-in-Hand driver won an individual medal at a World Championship.

"Winning the dressage was very special to me as I broke a world record in Riesenbeck and then broke my own record at the World Championship," said a broadly smiling Weber. "It was great, I am so privileged to be able to work with such a spectacular team of horses and people."

His fired up team of KWPN geldings hit their stride in the dressage performance. In spite of two heart-stopping moments when a Dutch military jet flew very low over the arena twice, Weber's team never broke concentration. "It surely added impulsion and engagement to the performance," said Weber shaking his head. The USEF National Champion clearly impressed the judges and was firmly in the lead of the provisional standings after the first dressage day.

Photos by My Elisabeth Weber

An elated Weber singled out one of his lead horses: "My 17 year-old Jamaica gets the MVP from me. He has been in dressage at four World Championships and has two wins, one second and one third to show for it. And there he was, fresh and bucking before the prize ceremony on Friday!"



Navigators Olof Larsson and Taren Lester were with Weber turn for turn and step for step throughout the entire competition. Their dreams were on the line as they steadied the carriage through hazard 2, the treacherous C turn and the deep-water hazards at 3 and 7.

Preparing for the Marathon has become a major part of Team Weber's training. Koos de Ronde has been an invaluable source of help in conjunction with Michael Freund's coaching and mentoring. Weber has clear goals for the future: two gold medals in Kentucky in 2010, team and individual. He has two strapping four-year olds ready to take over the responsibilities of joining the Weber Team. Will Jamaica be able to compete at 19? "Time will tell," Weber smiled. "I wouldn't put it past him."

In addition to his rigorous competition schedule, Weber actively pro-

notes the sport of combined driving. He serves at the highest levels of the sport in the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). He is currently on the Board of Directors, the High Performance Driving Committee, the National Driving Committee, the Safety Committee and he is also Chairman of the Active Athletes Committee. Weber is based out of Ocala, Florida.

Chester's KWPN Harness Horses

Jamaica

1991 bay gelding, 165cm, 1335 pounds
Cambridge Cole x Welkom by Noran
Breeder: A. J. Kwast (NL)

Jamaica is a very athletic horse with lots of energy and fabulous gaits. He is in the top team and is currently in the wheel in dressage and in the left lead in marathon. His finicky personality and bold nature gives him the key to be a top horse in the sport. He has a lot of international experience. Jamaica likes, more than other horses, some distance to his human friends. He is often a little cranky when visited in his stall, but whenever he is taken out to work his ears are usually pointing forward. Jamaica sometimes likes to play games with the people around him, but he is very aware of who the big boss is and behaves very well whenever Chester is around.



Parava (Para)

1997 bay gelding, 164cm, 1300 pounds
Harmonie x Irzela by Renovo
Breeder: C. Van Etten (NL)

Certainly one of the most expressive newcomers to the program. Para's extreme gates will enable him to find his way into the lead of the dressage team soon. He has extensive experience in the international single sport with many dressage wins to his credit. His strong cadence, extreme movement and expressive front end make him stand out on any show ground. Moreover, his sensitive nature brings Team Chester the reliability necessary for the most consistent work. Para is a very friendly personality with a reliable nature



Rolex W

1997 bay gelding, 164cm, 1300 pounds
Larix x Dorena by Wilhelmus
Breeder: M. de Boer (NL)

Rolex is clearly one of the best horses in the driving world! His beautiful and elegant type gives him the quality that it takes to steal the show. Rolex is currently used in the top team in the left lead in dressage together with his partner Grumus (Polish Warmblood). His versatility shows through in the fact that he has won competitions in all four positions on the team. In the spring of 2005 Rolex began to take on

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the role of a marathon and cones wheeler proving that he is truly an asset on all three days of competition. It has taken three years of thorough training to develop this horse into a star on Chester's team. Rolex learned most of his driving from Chester Weber and Olof Larsson at Live Oak in Florida. He is a very friendly horse that will do anything to get attention from his human friends, and skillful as he is, he knows exactly how to get the attention he wants.



Boy W

2000 bay gelding, 164cm, 1275 pounds
Manno x Dereda by Wilhelmus
Breeder: S. Daniels (NL)

Boy has natural talent! At just six years old he is an international force to be reckoned with. He has an enthusiastic character and extraordinary athleticism. Moreover, his compact, stylish, uphill type gives him the qualities that it takes to command the respect he deserves. Boy will be used in the top team in the left and right wheel throughout the three days of competition, however, it is more than apparent that he has all of the class and expression necessary to deserve a position in the lead. It has taken a cast of characters to develop this star into what he is today. Found as a youngster in Holland, he proved too valuable to be just an indoor wheeler. Chester bought him



in 2006. Boy is an eager and energetic horse that will do anything to please the people around him.

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1ST Premium 2003 Gelding by Idocus- In training with Olympian Bill Robertson 823-642-6806 or 979-826-8469 or Owner Jody Payne 713-301-2109. (TX)

Mondriaan 1994 Breeding Stallion by Balzflug. See listing under approved Stallions. Contact 970-532-4603, www.paragonequestrian.com or marthafischer@earthlink.net (CO)

Flemming/Jazz Colt '08 Flemming was the #1 Dressage sire in 2006. The mother was top 15 out of 150 mares in her inspection in Holland. Fabulous colt. Photo available on For Sale ad on www.KWPN-NA.org \$12,000. 505-980-1538 (NM)

Trento B/Jazz Yearling Colt. Trento B is a Krack C/Ramira. Very hard to get bloodlines, Bay w/dorsal stripe mother was top 15 in Holland. Lovely mover w/lots of suspension. Photo available on For Sale ad on www.KWPN-NA.org \$10,000. 505-980-1538 (NM)

8-Yr KWPN Mare 16h dbl Pref. on both sides. 1st premium in 2k shown 3rd level. Expressive gaits, elastic, much suspension potential for upper level. In full training. See "youtube" video. Search "Tiadula" jfmdc7@verizon.net (MA)

1992 Imported Keur Sport (dr) Mare In Foal to Harmony's Rousseau for 2009 Foal. Shown to II. Klair is a stunning 16.1 bay with outstanding movement and world class passage. Due to injury, Klair is no longer arena sound and is being sold as a broodmare. Marla Dehope 253-884-5699 marlanbs@aol.com (WA)