

USDF Intermediate II Horse of the Year

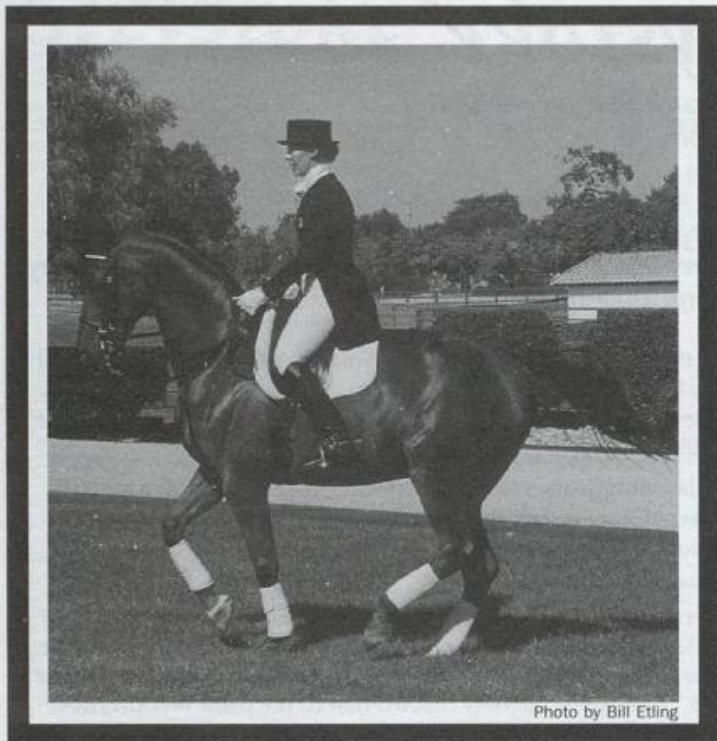


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Lugano

1986 chestnut 16.3 hand
Danish Warmblood gelding
Sire: Diamond
Dam: Luna
Owner/Rider: Charlotte Bredahl, Solvang, CA
Median Score: 66.579%
Number competing—Intermediate II: 174

Charlotte Bredahl bought Lugano, a Danish Warmblood, as a four-year-old. "I did not pick him, he just happened," she remarked. "In 1990 I was on my way to Denmark, and on the plane I started talking to the girl sitting next to me. She told me she was a freelance writer for a Danish horse magazine, and said she would like to do a story on me. She wrote the story and we became friends. She asked me to come and look at a four-year-old gelding she owned. It was Lugano, and she wanted to do a partnership. All I had to do was to pay for his shipping to the States, and that gave me half ownership. One year later, I bought the other half."

Lugano was very talented, but not very focused. Charlotte worked a long time to get him to concentrate on his job. He also had an accident that injured his neck and set him back about a year. Finally, last year at age 10, he settled down and had a great year at Intermediate I, winning the USDF Horse of the Year for that level. "I tried showing him at Grand Prix also, but he lost his confidence, and I decided to keep him at Intermediate I the rest of the year," Charlotte explains.

"In 1997 I started showing him again in Grand Prix, and this time he was ready. He has been wonderful all year, and feeling very relaxed and confident in the Grand Prix," says Charlotte. "Next year we will try for more power and expression."

Intermediate II Results

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| 1 | LUGANO (Danish Warmblood), Charlotte Bredahl (CA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Diamond, <i>sire</i> ; Luna, <i>dam</i>66.579% | 9 | PIZARRO (Hanoverian), Cindy Jensen-Bennett (CA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Pascha, <i>sire</i> ; Shining Moment, <i>dam</i>62.106% |
| 2 | DA VINCI (Hanoverian), Merrie Velden (CA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Don Juan, <i>sire</i> ; Fuchs, <i>dam</i>66.316% | 110 | ASSANDRO (Swedish Warmblood), Ruth M. Borun (CA), <i>owner</i> ;
Nancy Borun, <i>rider</i> ; Shagell, <i>sire</i> ; Sandra, <i>dam</i>61.842% |
| 3 | CHAPELLE (Dutch Warmblood), Tara Rena Stegen (WA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Uniform, <i>sire</i> ; Namora B, <i>dam</i>64.211% | 110 | PALLADIUM (Thoroughbred), Sheryl Kunkle (CA), <i>owner/rider</i>61.842% |
| 4 | SUDAN (Hanoverian), Sherry Van't Riet (CA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Salut, <i>sire</i> ; Landraetin, <i>dam</i>63.553% | 12 | WALZERKOENIG (Hanoverian), Sundi Prechtl (CA), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
World Cup I, <i>sire</i> ; Dolores, <i>dam</i>61.580% |
| 5 | MARTALON (Dutch Warmblood), Holly Thomas-Studley (OH),
<i>owner/rider</i> ; Milan, <i>sire</i> ; Lona, <i>dam</i>62.982% | 13 | RAMPAL (Swedish Warmblood), Helen L. Kurz (OH), <i>owner</i> ;
Joanne T. White, <i>rider</i> ; Zorn, <i>sire</i> ; Ruined Robin, <i>dam</i>61.579% |
| 6 | CONGO (Dutch Warmblood), Robert & Leigh Cochran (WA), <i>owners</i> ;
Leigh Cochran, <i>rider</i> ; Uniform, <i>sire</i> ; Wilhelmina, <i>dam</i>62.895% | 14 | FINAAL (Oldenburg), Jeanne L. Van Nuys (NJ), <i>owner</i> ;
Silke Rembacz, <i>rider</i> ; St Pr H Figaro, <i>sire</i> ; Klarissa, <i>dam</i>61.316% |
| 7 | CHAUCER (Dutch Warmblood), Jules J. Nyssen (NC), <i>owner/rider</i> ;
Amor, <i>sire</i> ; Wendy, <i>dam</i>62.632% | 15 | AMBROSIUS (Danish Warmblood), Judy Newcomb (MD),
<i>owner/rider</i> ; Schwedengruss, <i>sire</i> ; Aurora, <i>dam</i>61.272% |
| 8 | VOSMAER (Dutch Warmblood), J. Ashton Moore (CA), <i>owner</i>62.368%
Chelsey Sibley, <i>rider</i> ; Formateur, <i>sire</i> ; Korine, <i>dam</i> | | |