

**Jeroen Dubbeldam Crowned
Aachen Winner**



Olympic champion Jeroen Dubbeldam and his KWPN partner De Sjiem proved to be the champions of champions, winning Aachen Grand Prix last June, finishing with the only double clear rounds.



**LUDGER BEERBAUM
RENEWS HIS EUROPEAN
TITLE**

**IRELAND EARNS EUROPEAN
TEAM GOLD**

The European Jumping Championship took place last June in Arnhem (NED). Olympic Team Gold rider Ludger Beerbaum (GER) renewed his European title that Alexandra Ledermann took away from him two years ago in Hickstead (GBR). Ludo Philippaerts and Otterongo van de Kopshoeve (BEL) won the silver medal, followed by Swedish rider Rolf-Goran Bengtsson on Isovlas Pialotta. World Cup winner pair Markus Fuchs (SUI) and Tinka's Boy had to settle for the 4th place. Two days earlier, Ireland had won the European Team title for the first time in history. Actually, the last Irish European team medal - a bronze one - was as old as 1979 in Rotterdam. Sweden won the silver medal and Germany finished with Bronze this year.

**FEI GANDINI WORLD JUMPING
RIDERS RANKINGS**

The new European Champion Ludger Beerbaum, who was dropping 500 points from June 2000 at the end of last month, gained ... 1197.5 points and is Number one of the FEI Gandini World Jumping Riders Rankings with a record total of 3115 points.
<http://www.horsetimes.com>

ZOGHBY'S WAY

**"There are no shortcuts to any
place worth going"**

For the past 5 years, Karim Ra'afat el Zoghby, an aspiring Egyptian talent in the international equestrian scene, has been paving his way to reach his goal.

Karim is currently based out of Arnhem-The Netherlands, riding with Rob Ehrens, three-time Olympic-rider, three time world championship finalist and six time World Cup finalist. Currently making debut appearances on the professional international equestrian scene, Karim sports a team of several horses, namely Royal Beach Cupid (9-year old Dutch stallion) and Royal Beach Sphinx (11-year old Dutch gelding).

Touring in several European Grand Prix, El Zoghby has participated in several CSIA/CSIO events. Most importantly:

Munich CSIA: Finished second with RB Cupid following the great couple Hugo Simon and his FRH ET.

European Championships 2001 (Arnhem): Qualified with RB Cupid for the Grand Prix finishing within the top 40 riders after a grueling competition with the likes of Ludger Beerbaum, Franke Sloothaak, Peter Charles, Jeroen Dubbeldam and Otto



Grand Prix Winner



Karim El Zoghby Riding Royal Beach Cupid

Becker.

In a phone interview with El Zoghby right after the show, he mentioned that he was very happy with RB Cupid's performance in such a big event with the little experience that the horse has. He is satisfied with the results which have boosted his confidence at this level of competition.

Karim's agenda for the remainder of the season includes venues such as Hickstead in August 2001, Valkenswaard (Netherlands) - CSIA August 2001, Den Haag (Netherlands) - CSIA August 2001.

Moreover, Karim is currently planning to qualify RB Cupid for the World Championships in Gerres - Spain - Summer 2002, in addition to the World Cup series which start with the Indoor Season this year.

"I am happy to be training with a great rider like Rob, as he currently gives me a lot of what I need at such a level of competition." Karim said.

"I hope to have a good team one day and be able to go to all the international shows together. I hope this dream comes true before 2004, where I can share the honor of participating in the Olympics with three other Egyptian riders. As for the short term goals, I hope to make it to the World Championships next year."