

Five-year-old Amelina, a Stainz daughter out of the Tyrolean mare Amedina and owned by the Sixta family, was crowned Show Winner. Three-year old Amediana Obrok, born in the Czech Republic at the Sixta family farm out of the same dam and the stallion Walzertraum, took second place and was crowned best broodmare of Czech origin. In 2018, the proud owners scored extremely well not just at the Young Mares Show but also at the Haflinger European Championships, where Amelina won silver in the Nations Cup with the Czech-Slovak show jumping team. Six-year-old Bahar, owned by the Studnička family and bred in Tyrol out of sire Stilton and dam Badina, came in third. Over the past four years, Bahar has been very successful at a number of Haflinger shows throughout the Czech Republic, and thanks to her excellent disposition for gaits, she was among the top favourites in Lysá, too.

Although 2018 was an extremely busy year for the breeders and almost all of the participants in the Young Mares Show had also taken part in the European Haflinger Championship, Lysá managed to bring together the most beautiful Haflinger mares of the entire country – perhaps a small consolation for the fact that this young mare championship, organised entirely in the spirit of a traditional Haflinger show, was the only one of its kind in the whole of last year. Since regional shows have, regrettably, almost disappeared in recent years, the breeders have only very few opportunities to meet and compare a larger number of horses. As the show in Lysá has shown, Haflinger breeding in the Czech Republic can certainly pride itself on its top-quality horses, but because the number of active breeders is relatively small, Czech events tend to feature the same horses.

For the 2019 season, the Czech Haflinger Association has therefore planned a large-scale event which will also be open to participants from abroad: With its experienced team, the Pardubice racecourse is an excellent location – not only for a Haflinger show aimed at all age groups and categories within the framework of a larger horse-themed event, but also for sporting competitions in dressage, jumping, eventing, driving and the Western disciplines. The tournament is scheduled for the last weekend in August, and the Association is looking forward to welcoming not only as many new faces as possible from the Czech Republic, but also numerous international participants.

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