Le Mondial du Lion Equine Hall of Fame

Hooney d'Arville

Hooney d'Arville began her international championship career at the 2019 Mondial du Lion when she was placed sixth.

She won the five star event at Luhmühlen in June of 2024.

Hooney was bred at home by her rider Lara de Leiderkerke-Meier. Lara often brings her youngsters to Le Lion d'Angers recognising the benefit to young horses that the Mondial experience brings. Hooney did return when seven years old but was retired on the cross country, Lara choosing on the day not to overwhelm her.

The win at Luhmühlen 2024 was remarkably Hooney d'Arville's very first outing at five star.

Lara explains how in Hooney confirmed that fairy tales can come true:

« Hooney d'Arville is homebred from my previous championship horse Nooney Blue. We knew from the very first day that Hooney was special – first obviously emotionally for us but also with her personality and genetics. She wasn't the easiest to produce but I always knew she was worth it.

Winning 5* with her was beyond my wildest dream and I'm so thankful for what she gave me... let's see what the future holds for us now!

Le Mondial du Lion is a highlight for me every year. A goal we want to reach with our champions of tomorrow. The show is perfectly organized, the organisation keeps upgrading the facilities, the cross country is always magnificent and the public always present. One of my favourite events of the year. »

Name **Hooney d'Arville**

6yo MdL 6th in 2019

5* winner Won Luhmuhlen 2024

DoB 2013 Sex Mare

Studbook SBS (Belgian Sport Horse)

Origins By Vigo d'Arsouilles Stx out of Nooney Blue by Jet Set du Rezidal

Breeder Larga Sprl

Owners Five Star Eventers Sprl and Larga Sprl

Rider Lara de Leiderkerke-Meier (BEL)

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