

**AXANA SHOWS SHE CAN STALK MAKING G3 HER FOURTH WIN IN 6 STARTS
MADITA NEARLY OVERCOMES NIGHTMARE TRIP TO MISS SECOND BY NECK
SOLDIER HOLLOW SIRE'S FIRST 3 ACROSS THE LINE MONDAY AT HAMBURG**

Axana's brilliance was on full display yesterday in the Group 3 Hamburg Stutenmeile facing her elders for the first time when scoring by daylight over a mile at Hamburg run in 1:35 2/5 on ground labeled "good." Madita finished third, beaten a neck for second, after experiencing a rough passage and heads to the Fair Hill barn of trainer Arnaud Delacour on Friday. [VIDEO](#).



Groom/Rider Pia Kueppers leading in her prize filly Axana.

The first turn at Hamburg is so sharp that Axana, who was narrowly in front after breaking sharply, veered across the course before Eddie Pedroza steered her back towards the inside. He wanted the rail, but it was suddenly unavailable and he settled to sit third, as he was able to take the filly back.

"You see that?" Andreas Woehler said. "Just as I suspected. Once behind, she settled. This is why I had always thought as speedy as she is that she might get the Oaks distance. I know now that she won't go that far, but it was wonderful to see her switch off like that."

Axana raced in the catbird seat for much of the race. When Pedroza asked the filly to split rivals, she quickly opened up a significant lead and merely cruised to the end to win without much fuss. Meanwhile, Team Valor's other entrant Madita could very well have challenged Axana for the win had she not been mugged a couple of times early in the race and forced to rally so wide. She was finishing best of all and ran a fine race to finish third.

The Stutenmeile confirmed the high-class nature of the Group 2 German One Thousand Guineas form when Axana finished second beaten a neck, with a like margin to spare over Shalona. In today's race, Axana and Shalona, both 3-year-olds, finished first and second, which reflected the odds of 6 to 5 on the winner and about 3 to 1 on the runner-up. More importantly the race proved what Andreas Woehler had told the owners Team Valor International and Larry Young, which is that Axana needed to run because she was improving still and needed another race at this time. She gave a kilo (2.2 lbs) to Shalona and beat her by 1½ lengths.

The German handicap raised the Official Rating of Axana to 109, an increase of 1 pound. RacingPost raised her rating from a low 102 to 106, putting her ahead of TVI's two top English-based 3-year-old colts Technician and Spanish

Mission. Such was Woehler's impression of Axana that immediately after the race he asked the owners if they would consider taking a look at the Group 1 Prix Rothschild. "While it is always flattering to learn how good a trainer thinks his charge might be," Barry Irwin said, "us owners have decided to take the more conservative approach and go a step at a time, so we will stick with the Group 3 at Goodwood the first week of August."

Soldier Hollow sired the first 3 home gaudily displaying his dominance with fillies in Germany.

From Galopp-Online.com comes the following report:

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"Good that I could walk behind the horses"



"That was good, that I could go behind the horses today and not at the top", so a completely satisfied Eduardo Pedroza after the victory on Axana in the 100 years Hugo Phohe race of the group III on Monday in Hamburg ([view video](#))

"I looked in the inlet where the other boys go and then I found the right gap," said the stable jockey Andreas Wöhler on. The rest was done by the [Soldier Hollow](#) Daughter, who underpinned her top position in the vintage. With Shalona, another three-year-old took second place. Satisfaction therefore also with Natascha Grewe, who represented her husband in Horn.

"That was exactly the guinea shape," she said. In the German 1.000 Guineas Shalona became third, Axana second. The victory went to the Briton Main Editon.

From GermanRacing.com comes the following:

Axana wins - Soldier Hollow one, two, three



Axana leaves her main German peer for dead when Eddie Pedroza gave his Soldier Hollow filly the signal.

Axana is the winner in Group III's 100th anniversary Hugo Pfohe race, a mare race over the mile, the climax of the Monday card in Hamburg (watch [the video](#)), Under Eduardo Pedroza referred by Andreas Wöhler trained for the team Valor three-year-old [Soldier Hollow](#) -Daughter Henk Grewes Shalona, owner of the stable Lucky Owener, and Sasha Smrczek also for the team Valor trained Madita on the courts.

On the way you saw the winner of the black gold race and later runner up in the German 1,000 Guineas in third place. In the inrun Pedroza found on his partner in front of 4,000 spectators initially inside no passage, but remained calm, changed a little further out and then came on the open lane quickly in front. But the danger threatened from further back. With great speed, the three-year-old Shalona, third in the Guineas, under Lukas Delozier and Bauyrzhan Murzabayev on Madita came forward, but Axana, who manifested her position as the best German Meilerin, withstood the pressure. Slightly one and a half lengths was the judge's verdict. On victory, the totalizer paid 2.2 and the Nachnengebühr for Axana of 5,500 euros has been fully worth it. There were 32 for the win. 000 euros to the account of Sergej Penner drawn Axana, which provided for the first three-year victory since 2016. Shy Witch won at that time.

It was a great result for the American team Valor with Axana as the winner and Madita in third place. But it was an outstanding result for Helmut von Finck's stallion [Soldier Hollow](#), who was the father of the first three mares in this group III exam.