

Radek Nesvačil: Shooting Star @ WM Aachen26



At the FEI World Championship Four-in-Hand 2026 in Aachen, Radek Nesvačil was one of the biggest surprises – and emerged as one of the shooting stars of the championship. With impressive consistency across all three phases – Dressage (12th), Marathon (4th), and Cones (6th) – he secured an outstanding 7th place overall among the world's elite four-in-hand drivers.

In Radek's team, **Firlefanž, Glücksbote, Gold Junge, and Maximus** impressed with remarkable harmony, power, and reliability – the foundation of this outstanding performance at the highest level.

His performance not only stands for sporting excellence and precision, but also sends a strong signal for Czech carriage driving on the international stage. In this exclusive Hippoevent interview, Radek talks about his World Championship, the key role of his horses, the importance of this success for his team and supporters – and what this moment means for him and his family.

HIPPOEVENT – Interview conducted by Jacqueline Zimmermann

Radek, thank you very much for giving Hippoevent this interview immediately after your return from Aachen. We have known each other for a long time, and it is a personal pleasure for me to congratulate you on your outstanding success.

However, this result does not come as a complete surprise: over the past two years, you have consistently attracted attention with top performances, and the clear upward trend of your team has been evident.

Radek, you were one of the shooting stars of this World Championship – what does this fantastic 7th place overall mean to you personally?

Radek Nesvačil: *This result confirms that we are on the right path. I am proud of what we have achieved together as a team.*



Your horses performed brilliantly in all three phases – what makes your team so special?

Radek Nesvačil: *I believe our team still has great potential. One key advantage is that this group has developed over time and has had the opportunity to grow step by step.*

With consistently strong performances in Dressage, Marathon, and Cones – with Firlefan, Glücksbote, Gold Junge, and Maximus – what are you most proud of?

Radek Nesvačil: *I am especially pleased that we were able to perform so consistently throughout the entire championship. Dressage in particular is developing very positively – the horses are improving from competition to competition.*



The Marathon, where you finished 4th, was a real highlight – what worked especially well that day?

Radek Nesvačil: *Before Aachen, we focused specifically on details and technical driving. The biggest achievement was that I made no mistakes and the horses were able to show their full potential.*



How important is your team – your horses, grooms, and supporters – in achieving success at this level?

Radek Nesvačil: *You can be a good driver and have great horses, but without a strong team behind you, success at this level is not possible.*

The name Nesvačil stands for tradition in carriage driving – does it bring more pressure or more motivation?

Radek Nesvačil: *I am proud of this name. For me, it is above all motivation and an honor to continue my family's legacy.*



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What does this result mean for Czech carriage driving – and do you see yourself as an inspiration for the next generation?

Radek Nesvačil: *It is the best result in the history of Czech carriage driving. I hope many young people watched this championship and will be inspired to take up this wonderful sport.*

What does this success mean for your sponsors?

Radek Nesvačil: *Our sponsors are very happy with this result and support us in everything we do. Without their support, we would not be where we are today.*

My sincere thanks go to my major supporter and partner, the Rhea Holding.



And on a personal level – what does this achievement mean for you, your wife Jana, and your family?

Radek Nesvačil: *We have dedicated all our free time to this goal. This achievement is the natural culmination of our work. My entire family is part of this journey – and they deserve this success just as much.*

Radek, thank you very much for the interview. For your future sporting journey, we wish you continued success, the necessary bit of luck – and that the impressive development of your team continues at this level.