



Background:

Inês began her riding career at the age of three. Her public debut was in the show performed by the Centro Equestre da Lezíria Grande at the Golegã Horse Fair. She did a Pas 3 with her mother and grandfather, as well as a solo. She hasn't stopped since then! Inês has been in hundreds of shows in Portugal and abroad as part of the CELG cast of riders.

She entered her first competition when she was 11 years old, taking part in various pools with the horses she usually rides for the shows. Right from the start she stood out and won top places.

In April 2012 Inês was given Xequé-Mate, thereby fulfilling a life-long dream – owning a horse with which she could develop a sporting project, as partners.

They began the championship with just two months' training together and qualified for the finale! They came third in the Portuguese Championship, having practiced for just six months.

There was still much to be improved in Xequé-Mate's physical capabilities as an athlete, as well as in the horse/rider partnership.

Inês managed to combine her studies with the training for the competition and always achieved the results she set out for herself.

2013 saw them become National Champions in the Junior category.

2014 was a transition year. The duo moved from the Junior to Young Riders category. At the age of 15, Inês started competing in a higher bracket. With the assistance of Olympic rider Daniel Pinto she trained for the European Championship in Arezzo. The duo's result was quite positive - Xequé-Mate was the only Lusitano among 150 horses and Inês was the youngest rider in her tournament bracket.

They won the place of Vice-Champions at the National Championship. Their main rival was Rico, a 16-year old horse who is well-known within the dressage circles. It was a very tough and very positive competition.

2015 will be the make or break year... Inês and Xequé-Mate are getting ready for the Grand Prix!

Every single day, school work allowing, Inês spends her free time in the stables. She has several horses under her care, all of them training. In addition to the competitions, Inês is part of a group of riders that performs nationally and internationally.

She is currently being trained by Luis Valença and Filipa Valença. Recently she does internships with Daniel Pinto and Miguel Ralão Duarte. She recently trained the rider Richard White, who was very kind in his praise for her.

In 2014 she trained with Olympic rider Daniel Pinto who will be helping her with her debut at the Grand Prix.

Her passion for horses has already dictated her career choice. She will graduate in sport management and continue being a rider.

Despite her young age, Inês already trains young riders, helping them in their junior championships.

Basically:

Inês became completely devoted heart and soul to the horses that she works daily and also performing in the regular exhibitions that the Centre promotes. Exhibitions are arranged throughout the whole country and abroad for the promotion of tourism, especially in places where our Lusitano is the star.

Present goals:

- Train her competition horse Xequ-Mate and all those horses of the CELG that are entrusted to her
- Guide and train the young future riders by giving weekly classes.
- Present the CELG's show, 'Horse and Man' at various shows and exhibitions or whenever requested.

Important Links:

- Portrait of a Champion - Published on June,25 2014

This film portrays an inspiring young horse rider in Portugal, from her early training years at her grandfather's horse shows to her recent successes as a budding international champion of "dressage Haute-Ecole".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuucXltIV8c&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>

- Horse movie feast at NY's Equus Film Festival 21+22 November 2014

<http://horsetalk.co.nz/2014/10/24/horse-movie-feast-ny-equus-film-festival/#axzz3KklVjYDi>

• Le Lusitanien en star à Gesves

Dressage, modèle et allure, mais aussi épreuves de travail, le cheval portugais était présenté sous ses plus beaux atours à l'occasion des championnats d'Europe de la race. - See more at:

<http://www.lewb.be/equi-tv/lusitanien-en-star-gesves>

•Arezzo

Team YR 10 Julho 2014

65,974%

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCuVCsfgUNA&feature=share>

Segóvia

Young Rider Kur Segovia

Inês Valença Cância e Xequ-Mate CDI Segóvia 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkcSjEcvJ4>

Segóvia

21 - 04 - 2014

CDI Segóvia YR Team 4º classificada 66,535%

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5XOdUhHCDQ#t=288>

Segóvia

News on line : - <http://www.equisport.pt/pt/noticias/ines-cancio-em-oitavo-lugar-na-kr-em-segovia>

News on Line : - <http://www.equisport.pt/pt/noticias/ines-valenca-cancio-apurada-para-a-kr-em-segovia>

News on line : - <http://www.equisport.pt/pt/noticias/ines-cancio-e-xequemate-em-4-lugar-no-cdi-de-segovia>

News on line : - <http://www.equitacao.com/noticia.php?n=11384&#pro>

News on line : - <http://www.equisport.pt/pt/noticias/ines-valenca-cancio-e-xequemate-a-caminho-de-segovia-video>

•The Story of my life Português : - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAB0rjdVJtM>

•The story of Our life Inglês : - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZD4yu8LKqo>

•O Lusitano International Dressage Team é um projecto sem fins lucrativos, de natureza colectiva e de cariz desportivo, aberto a todos os cavalos e cavaleiros residentes em Portugal. Estágio com os Cavaleiros Olímpicos Miguel Ralão e Daniel Pinto: - Lusitano International Dressage Team's video. Concentração de treino LIDT - Academia de Dressage, Arruda dos Vinhos, 30 de Novembro.

<http://www.equitacao.com/videos2.php?nvideo=486>

•Janº 2014 – Estágio com Daniel Pinto - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1S8V5Z2D4Y#t=72>

•Janº 25 2014 – Tribuna Lusitana

<https://www.facebook.com/TribunaLusitana/photos/a.224620704280398.52883.127402217335581/579912505417881/?type=1&theater>

•Final Campeonato Novembro 2013 <http://www.equitacao.com/videos2.php?nvideo=458>

<https://www.facebook.com/equitacaotv/photos/a.113221115416472.16971.109300549141862/569451443126768/?type=1&theater>

•October, 12 2014 – Beloura YR Team

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=581786921868523&set=vb.420395241341026&type=2&heater>

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=581786921868523&set=vb.420395241341026&type=3&heater>

•Juniors Preliminary – 20.06.2013 Alfeizerão CEIA

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=548578791856003&set=vb.420395241341026&type=2&heater>

•Final Campeonato - INES VALENÇA com XEQUE-MATE Novembro 2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y71m5fsuqs>

TL: - <http://www.tlhd.com.br/programas/falar-de-cavalos/ines-cancio>

Related FaceBook Pages:

“Xeque-Mate” - https://www.facebook.com/lusitano.xequemate?ref=tn_tnmn

“Valença Equestrian Tours” - https://www.facebook.com/ValencaEquestrianTours?ref=tn_tnmn

“Luis Valença Equestrian Art” - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Luis-Valença-Equestrian-Art/111900168843180?ref=hl>

Promotional movies:

Valença Equestrian Art: - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdY2Qb_sdho

Valença Promo: - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBlWu4d0aj0>

Valença Promo Juniors: - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZ_j2jmInlc

Site:- <http://valenciaequestriantours.com>

