

## Breed First - Master Jumpers With Weaves Preferred (MJP)



CH/WDCH XmaxKris Van  
'T Hof Ten Eynder CD,  
CDX, UD, TD, NAP, NJP,  
OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP, MXP,  
MJP, VCD1, VCD2, DD

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July 27, 2003 was a proud day for our breed and for Suzanne and me. On this day, Kris completed his 10th clean run in the Excellent Jumpers With Weaves agility class to earn his Master Jumpers With Weaves title. He is the first Saint Bernard to attach the letters MJP behind his name!

Just two weeks prior to July 27th, Kris completed his Master Standard agility title. Also, the first Saint Bernard to earn the MXP title.

In retrospect, I still find it hard to believe this all took place in only 10 months time. Eight agility titles are now strung behind his name taking him to the top of the AKC agility Preferred titles. There are no more titles to be earned from the Preferred classes. It was such an adrenalin rush to run the courses with a Saint Bernard and qualify time and time again.

I must say the folks who show in agility in the Pacific Northwest are the best! You would not believe the support I received for running a non-traditional breed in agility. People genuinely loved to watch Kris plow through the weave poles and dive into the tunnels as he tried to make course time--not an easy task for a 150-pound dog. It's a good thing for strong equipment. Kris was also having the time of his life, and he was well aware of his "fans."

There is a whole different style of handling for running a Saint Bernard in agility. One must take into account where the big guys will land with all the momentum coming from their heavy weight (compared to other breeds). Then you must take into account their being able to turn and take off again in another direction to the next obstacle on the course. Since this is a timed event for all breeds, the handler looks for the best and most efficient maneuvering to save time. As I walked the courses, before running Kris, I kept this in mind. I constantly asked myself, "What will be the best way to get him from point A to point B to C, etc.?"

At the Excellent level, there are many odd angles to deal with between the different obstacles. Bar jumps (for a Saint) are best approached straight-on rather than at a sharp angle. It took a little more time on the course clock, but by doing this the percentage of bars staying in place went more in our favor. Also, which side of Kris did I need to be on while running had to be taken into consideration as I plotted running the course. This position can change during the course as we go from obstacle to obstacle.

The amazing thing about agility is the dogs are run without a leash and, in most cases, without a collar. The handler can NOT touch the dog at any time during the run if you plan to qualify! So the dogs are running for the pure joy of it.

As we finished our Master titles, the big question at the trial was, "Will we get to see Kris again?" Yes, he will be back from time-to-time while he is in his prime. It is a good sport for the dog and handler to keep fit and trim while having the time of their lives!

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**First Saint Bernard &  
First Champion to Earn The  
Master Agility Jumpers (MJP) Title**

**July 27, 2003**

**First Saint Bernard & Champion with a Master Agility Standard Title & Master Jumpers With Weaves Title**

*Saint Bernard National Archive's AKC Agility Record {Preferred} For:*

**CH/WDCH XmaxKris Van 'T Hof Ten Eynder VCD2 UD MXP MJP DD**

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CH	Titles	Date	2Qs	PAX	NAP A	NAP B	OAP	AXP A	MXP	NJP A	NJP B	OJP	AJP A	MJP	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	#	M	F
<b>(1) Novice</b>																					
2001-CH	UD	September 14, 2002	1		100.67.40										1						
2001-CH	UD	September 15, 2002	2		100.63.88										1						
2001-CH	UD NAP	September 21, 2002			95.64.18																
<b>Class Summary</b>			3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>(1) Novice Jumpers With Weaves</b>																					
2001-CH	UD	September 14, 2002	1							100.37.60						2					
2001-CH	UD	September 15, 2002	2							100.41.35						2					
2001-CH	UD NAP NJP	September 22, 2002	3							100.38.37							3				
<b>Class Summary</b>			3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
<b>(2) Open</b>																					
2001-CH	UD NAP NJP	September 22, 2002	3				100.66.70										3			1	
2001-CH	UD NAP NJP	November 09, 2002	4				98.72.91										2				3
2001-CH	VCD1 UD NJP OAP	November 29, 2002	5				91.76.88								1						5
<b>Class Summary</b>			3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<b>(2) Open Jumpers With Weaves</b>																					
2001-CH	UD NAP NJP	November 09, 2002	4									100.41.83			1						2
2001-CH	VCD1 UD NJP OAP	November 29, 2002	5									95.48.89			1						4
2001-CH	VCD2 UD OAP OJP	November 30, 2002										100.39.38			1						6
<b>Class Summary</b>			3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>(3) Excellent</b>																					
2001-CH	VCD2 UD OAP OJP	February 09, 2003						94.75.56							1						8
2001-CH	VCD2 UD OAP OJP	April 13, 2003						100.65.19							1						10
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	April 19, 2003	6					100.63.30								2					12
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	April 20, 2003	7	1					100.65.38							2					14
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 03, 2003							100.67.60						1						15
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 04, 2003							100.65.55						1						16
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 24, 2003	8	2					100.70.81						1						18
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 25, 2003	9	3					100.68.20						1						20
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	June 14, 2003							100.63.73						1						22
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	July 04, 2003	10	4					100.68.39						1						25
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	July 06, 2003	11	5					100.59.40						1						27
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	July 12, 2003							100.67.18						1						28
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP AJP	July 13, 2003	12	6					100.71.06						1						29
<b>Class Summary</b>			13	7	6	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	13

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<b>(3) Excellent Jumpers With Weaves</b>																						
2001-CH	VCD2 UD OAP OJP	February 08, 2003											88.50.36			2				7		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD OAP OJP	April 12, 2003											94.48.99		1					9		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	April 19, 2003	6										100.49.66		1					11		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	April 20, 2003	7	1									100.42.12		1					13		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 24, 2003	8	2									100.47.16		1					17		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	May 25, 2003	9	3									100.46.95		1					19		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	June 08, 2003											100.47.01			2				21		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	June 15, 2003											100.42.64			2				23		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	July 04, 2003	10	4									100.49.49			2				24		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD AXP AJP	July 06, 2003	11	5									100.48.78			2				26		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP AJP	July 13, 2003	12	6									100.43.29		1					30		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP AJP	July 19, 2003											100.47.95		1					31		
2001-CH	VCD2 UD MXP MJP	July 27, 2003											100.47.15			2				32		
<b>Class Summary</b>			13	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	7	6	0	0		13		
<b>Overall Summary</b>			38	12	6	3	0	3	3	10	3	0	3	3	10	24	11	2	0		32	m

# = Number of advanced scores from the Open and/or Excellent classes

2Qs = Dogs qualifying with scores in the Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes on the same day

PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) = Dogs qualifying with scores in the EXCELLENT B Standard and Jumpers with Weaves classes on the same day

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