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Alert waiting for his class.



ARABIAN HORSE DAYS Pride of Poland

The Pride of Poland is the highlight of the year for many of us and the feeling that you get when you are driving through the gates of the legendary Janów Podlaski Stud Farm is hard to beat. The famous clock-tower is standing in front of you and you have the pastures filled with young horses in race training on the right. Add to this the anticipation of the Arabian Horse Days event, which includes the Polish National Show, the Pride of Poland auction and the breeding parades, and it is a wonderful feeling.



Zigi Zana - Gold



Mesalina



Pinga.



Polish National Show

The show started out on Friday evening with junior colts and the first yearling class had Pogrom (QR Marc x Pęta) and Empire (Enzo x Emira) entered, who were Gold and Silver Champions respectively at the Bialka Spring Show in May. Two very promising colts, Pogrom stole the show at Bialka being awarded with the Gold Championship as well as the Best in Show title, something his maternal brother Prado (by Ekstern) also did in 2006. Pogrom was already a star as a weanling and it will be very exciting to see him mature. He is a stunning, tall, bay colt with a beautiful chiselled head and a very nice body. His dam Pęta is by the Russian-bred stallion Visbaden (Naftalin x Presnia), a representative from the sireline

Koheilan Adjuzé that was lost to Polish breeding and with Visbaden, reintroduced when Babolna Stud wanted to breed eight mares to Eukalptus (Bandos x Eunice) and Janów Podlaski in exchange sent



Almanzor.

Cup Junior Female Champion, Junior Female Champion Poznan, European Reserve Champion Mare and she was Best in Show at the Polish Nationals as a yearling. Emira has proven to be a valuable broodmare as well and this year, we have been able to see her daughter El Saghira (by Galba), currently on lease to Athbah Stud, in the European show-ring.

The yearling colts were divided into two classes with 11 entries in each class and class B was won by the grey colt Almanzor who received 90.33 points. Almanzor is bred and owned by Janów Podlaski and he is by Brazilian National

Champion El Nabila B (Kubinec x 213 Elf Layla Walayla B), another stallion added into the Polish breeding programme through frozen semen with around 20 offspring at Janów and Michałów. Almanzor's dam is the chestnut Emigrant daughter Alantina and her dam, Aliara, is by Europejczyk and out of the great-producing Albigowa. Zimarc (QR Marc x Zeksterna) was awarded with the same total score as Almanzor, but placed second in the class. Zimarc is bred and owned by Stanislaw Slawinski, Czeple Arabians. His dam Zeksterna is bred by Czeple, although her pedigree is of Michałów bloodlines as she



Zimarc - Top Five.

is by Ekstern and out of Zorza Polarna (Wojslaw x Zemsta). Michałów entered two colts in the two-year-old colt class and they placed first and second with the great-moving chestnut El Omari (Enzo x Emira) as the winner with 90.33 points and 20-19-20 for movement. El Omari is very similar in type to his sire and his dam is the beautiful Monogramm daughter Emira (ex Emilda), currently on lease to oOne and Hennessey Partnership. Emira is a full sister to the great Emmona, a mare we later would be privileged to see in the older mare class. El Omari was named Autumn Show Reserve Junior Champion Colt in 2009 and would repeat this title the following month at the 2010 show. The brown, charismatic Chimeryk was second, one of Eryk's (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emmona)



Pogrom - Silver.

first offspring and the 2009 Spring Show Junior Male Champion. Like his sire, Chimeryk impress with his powerful movement and a very cocky attitude. Chimeryk's dam, Chimera, is another great-producing daughter of Polish National Champion and European Champion Emigrant (Ararat x Emigrantka). As many of the three-year olds are racing, those classes are rather small and seven colts were entered in the class, all privately bred. Chrynno-Palace Stud is a farm that gained great success with their fillies Psyche Victoria, Psyche Kreuzza,

electricity. Luckily the bad weather had gone and the sun broke through the clouds, meaning it was a wonderful day with all the classes presented outside.



Chaos Persefone - Top Five

First out were yearling fillies, divided into two classes with 13 entries in each. The quality of the fillies was very high and the first class had a very successful trio entered: Palatina (QR Marc x Palmeta), Zigi Zana (QR Marc x Zagrobla) and Primera (Eden C x Preria). Palatina was class winner and Junior Female

Champion at the Bialka Spring Show in May, where Zigi Zana placed second and later was awarded with the Silver Championship, while Primera was the Bronze Champion. Primera has also been shown in Sweden this summer at the Blommeröd Scandinavian Open Show where she earned the title of Junior Gold Champion Filly and Best in Show. Palatina was shown in Prague in September and awarded with the Junior Silver Champion Filly. Those three fillies are all destined to great success and it all came down to which one of them did the best show on the day. Zigi Zana won with impressive 92.67 points after a great performance in the ring, receiving straight 20s on movement



Primera - Silver.

and high scores on type and head/neck. Primera placed second with 91.33 points while Palatina received 90.33 points.

QR Marc (Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams) has been used through frozen semen in Poland for two seasons and looking at his yearlings, he has been a perfect match with the Polish mares and the proof was clear for all to see with. In the second filly class, Michalów's Piacenza (QR Marc x Primawera) won the class with 92.33 points, with an impressive 20-20-19 for movement. Second place went to Berenika (Eden C x Belgica) with 91.33 points.

The two-year-old fillies were also shown in two classes due to the large number of entries. Michalów won the first class with the chestnut Wagira (Enzo x Wkra), a filly that looks a lot like her sire,

but also resembles her great granddam Wilejka (El Paso x Warmia). Wagira earned 91.33 points with all 19s on type, head/neck and movement. The following three fillies were all by WH Justice (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher-Renea) and all were privately bred. El Piatzolla scored 91 points to place second. Bred and owned by ZPH Strusianka Sp. z o.o., she is out of Enya (Ekstern x Elizka) and she has been very successful in the show-ring as Scandinavian Open Silver Champion and Janów Podlaski Autumn Show Bronze Champion. Pertisa (WH Justice x Pernacja) placed third with 90.67 points and fourth was Ekspiracja (WH Justice x Eklezja) with 89.67 points. The second section saw a big triumph for Michalów as they took the three first places with three daughters of the great



Zagrobla - Top Five.



Emmona - Bronze Silver and High Point of Show.



Sefora - Bronze



Pinga - Gold and Best in Show.

Ekstern (Monogramm x Ernestyna). Mesalina (ex Mata Hari) won the class with 91.33 points, including 20-20-19 for movement. Mesalina's granddam, Martynika, was one of the most beautiful Monogramm daughters and Mesalina is a very good representative of this damline that traces down to double Polish National Reserve Champion Mitra (Celebes x Manilla). Second and third place went to Lawinia (ex Luanda) and Pustynna Malwa (ex Pustynna Róza), both out of Emigrant daughters which reinforces how well his daughters are producing.

After a lunch break, the show continued with the mare classes and it is truly amazing to see the quality of the mares being shown. Janów Podlaski won both of the classes for mares aged four-to-six-years-old, with the first class won by the exotic Ekstern daughter Sefora. She received 20-19-20 on type and 19-20-19 on head/neck, giving her a total score of 93 points. Sefora has always been a crowd favourite since she won the Polish National Junior Championship as a yearling and last year, she was named the Austrian International Senior Champion in Wels. Sefora's dam Sawantka (Pepton x Saszetka) has been a great

racehorse herself, being out of Oaks and Derby winner Saszetka, so Sefora combines the beautiful concept of beauty and performance in one horse. Falborek Arabians elegant WH Justice daughter Wasa (ex Waresa) received 91 points and placed second while Janów's powerful Gazal Al Shaqab daughter Alabama (ex Altona) was third, also with 91 points.

In 2005, the bay filly Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar) was shown to Polish National Junior Female Champion and Best in Show. Pinga has since spent some time in the US, on lease to Hennessey Arabians, and she returned to Janów Podlaski just a few weeks prior to this show. It was very emotional to see Janek Trela come into the ring with the mare he showed to her success in 2005 and the connection between them was magical. Pinga earned a total score of 93.67 points to win the class. Second and third place went to two other well-known Gazal Al Shaqab daughters, Pistoria (ex Palmira) and Ejrene

(ex Emocja), with 92.67 and 91.33 points respectively.

Gazal Al Shaqab continued to have success through his daughters when the expressive Etnologia (ex Etalanta) won the seven-to-ten-year-old mare class with an impressive 94 points, including straight 20s for movement, 20-19-20 for type and 19-20-19 on head/neck. Etnologia is bred and owned by Janów Podlaski and she gave a great performance in the ring. In this tough class, Michalów's pretty, great moving Ekstern daughter Palanga (ex Panika) received 93 points and placed second. Third place went to Palmeta (Echao x Pilica) with 92.33 points and was one of just two horses to receive straight 20s for type, the other being the winner of the older mare class, Emmona (Monogramm x Emilda), who also received straight 20s for head/neck and movement, giving her a total score of 95.33 points, the highest score of the show. Emmona is one of the most beautiful mares in Poland with great movement, an exquisite head and neck, and a great body. She is a World Junior Female Champion and she had the highest score at the All Nations



Empire - Gold

Ganga and Gaja Selene. The grey colt Echo Adonis is by the Israeli stallion Al Maraam (Imperial Imdal x The Vision HG) and out of Echo Kallisto (Pamir x Endera) and his total score of 89.67 points placed him first in the class. Second place went to St Roch Arabians' chestnut Chagall with 88.33 points. Chagall is sired by Poganin and his dam, Corina-Corina, is one of few offspring born in Poland by the Brazilian National Champion Debowiec (Monogramm x Debowka).

The Pride of Poland preview was due to take place straight after the colt classes, but a violent storm changed all the plans for the evening, with the raging storm ripping off the roofing from one of the tent stables outside the arena. With horses running loose, people ran to help and all horses were caught in the heavy rain; fortunately, neither horse nor human were seriously injured. Everyone went back to their accommodation and found themselves without electricity and so we spent the evening in old fashioned way, with candles and great company. The morning after, we could all see the evidence of the storm as trees had snapped and we still did not have any



Piacenza - Bronze

Polish feature

Cup in Aachen in 2009. Emmona is the dam of the chief sire Eryks (by Gazal Al Shaqab), Autumn Show Senior Male Champion and Best in Show and the sire of Chimeryk.



Alert - Gold



Salar - Bronze

The older mare class was almost impossible to predict with so many great mares being shown. Second place went to the former US National Champion Mare Zagrobla (Monogramm x Zguba) who got 93.33 points and all 20s for movement. Another Monogramm daughter placed third, Georgia (ex Gizela).

It is not fair to any horse to follow the senior mare class in Poland as everyone is so in awe of all the famous, beautiful mares that have just been presented. But now it was time for the powerful and expressive stallions and it would turn out to be a very tough competition among the entries. Six stallions aged four-to-six-years-old were shown and the winner was Janów Podlaski's grey Alert, a son of Polish National Champion Piaff (Eldon x Pipi) and out of Andaluzja (Sanadik El Shaklan x Antwerpia). This Polish National Junior Male Champion raced for two years before standing at stud for the first time this year, spending his first season at Michalów. Alert is a tall stallion with the strength of his sire combined with the substance of his great-producing dam making him a great representative of the Ilderim sire line. Michalów bred the second-placed stallion, the exotic Kabsztad (Poganin x Kwestura). With a score of 91 points, this refined and elegant stallion has an impressive

show record as Polish National Junior Male Champion, European Reserve Champion Colt, International Champion Colt Sharjah, Menton International Reserve Champion Colt and Al Khalediah Arabian Horse Festival Reserve Champion Colt.

The last class of the day was the older stallions and the sun started to sink in the horizon when Salar (Ecaho x Saba) won his class with 92.33 points and 20-20-19 on type. Eurykles (Emigrant x Eutona), newly arrived from Denmark where he spent the past two years at Turban Stud, did a great performance to earn 92 points and place second in the class.

After a wonderful Saturday evening with Polish food and vodka, lots of laughs and the company of great friends we all were anticipating the championships and the upcoming auction on Sunday.

The Junior Female Champion was awarded to Zigi Zana, who put on another great show, with the precious Primera as Silver and Piacenza Bronze. As the yearlings captured all the Championships, two-year-old Wagira and three-year-old Chaos Persefone took the Top Five.

It would turn out that colts sired by outside stallions would capture the Junior Male titles, when Empire was named Gold Champion with Pogrom Silver and El Omari Bronze. Almanzor was named Top Five as well as the private-bred colt Zimarc.

Pianissima is the only horse that has been named Polish National Champion and Best in show as both junior and senior female; Pinga had a chance to join Pianissima's company if she took the championship and Best in Show titles today and she took the first step towards that triumph when she was named Polish National Champion Mare. When all the championships had been awarded, Pinga was then selected as Best in Show, making her the second horse in the history to achieve such

a remarkable success. Emmona, the horse with the highest score at the show, was awarded with the Silver Champion title while Janów's Sefora was the judges' choice for Bronze. Etnologia and Zagrobla were awarded with Top Five titles.

Only four awards were given to the stallions, and the Polish National Gold Champion Stallion was Alert with Kabsztad Silver and Salar Bronze. Eurykles was named Top Four Stallion.

It is very interesting to see so many young, promising stallions being shown and it will be exciting to see the offspring by Alert and Kabsztad that will be born in 2011. ❖



Kabsztad - Silver



Eurykles - Top Five

