

Singin' in the Rain

The 19th Junior Spring Show at

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... this song was on everyone's lips at the 19th Junior Spring Arabian Horse Show, which took place on the last weekend of May at Białka Stud. Outdoor shows are ruled by the weather, which this time "assigned" rain to the event. But the dependence on the weather is just an inseparable part of the show, which is simply "a place to be". This is known to all Arabian lovers from all across Poland, as well as to foreign guests who come to see what's new in Polish breeding.

The Judges



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The Białka show has been a record breaker in terms of entries for years. This year the arena saw the presentation of 53 colts and 78 fillies aged between one and three years old out of 147 horses entered. The judging of this large lot lay in the hands of Lenita Perroy of Brazil, Jerzy "George" Zbyszewski of the US, Koenraad Detailleur of Belgium and Władysław Guziuk of Poland.

Yearling colts

Triumphant in the A series of the first class were the sons of US champions out of Ganges daughters. The winner with a score of 41 points was the dark bay ZŁOTY KSIĄŻĘ by the US-bred Enzo out of Złota Księga from Michalów Stud. This colt drew the attention of breeders and the omnipresent photographers already on the warm-up arena. Second, with 39,67 points was the chestnut, slightly more subtle ETERNAL by the German-bred FS Bengali out of Ewitacja bred by Głowacki Arabians. This colt was presented by the breeder's son Simon, who has been turning heads with the training and conditioning of not only his own horses, but also those of other breeders. In the B series the standard was set

Biatka



Stud



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Eternal

Reserve Colts

chestnut 2008
(FS Bengali – Ewitacja/Ganges)
Jan Głowacki

Reserve Fillies

grey 2008
(Al Maraam – Palmira/Monogramm)
Michałów



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Parmana

Champion Colts

Chimeryk

brown 2008
(Eryks - Chimera/Emigrant)
Michałow



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Champion Fillies & Best in Show

*Psyche
Kreuzza*

grey 2008
(Ekstern - Pallas-Atena/Ecaho)
Chrcynno

grey 2006
(Gaspar – Pelisa/Europejczyk)
Monika Luft



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Panicz

Colts Top Five

high by the grey GERARD by Janów's Pegasus (a Gazal Al Shaqab son) out of a Monogramm daughter – Gwarka. Very much in the image of his sire, this yearling owned by Agnieszka and Andrzej Wójtowicz gained 41,33 points and remained out his rivals' reach nearly to the end. He was bested only by the last competitor – CHIMERYK from Michałów, also a Gazal Al Shaqab grandson through sire Eryks, out of Chimera by Emigrant. The brown, impressively moving graduate of Michałów trainer Mariusz Łikiewicz received as much as five maximum notes – two for type and three for movement, while his total score of 42,33 turned out to be the highest among all colts. It should be noted that the judges were not all that generous towards the colts, as only one beside Chimeryk managed to score a "10" (the maximum note). This feat (for movement) was accomplished by ZACHARY by Psytadel (US) out of Zeksterna by Ekstern from Czeple Arabians.

Two year old colts

The first series of the two year olds belonged to the private breeders, whose graduates took as much as four of the top spots. Victorious was the solidly built PSYCHE ARES from Chrcynno Stud of the Poszepczyński family, who scored a total of 41,67 points. This chestnut son of Ekstern and

Pallas-Atena (by Ecaho) is a full brother to the well-known Psyche Victoria, last year's Vilhelmsborg Champion, Wels Reserve Champion and twice World Top Ten from Paris. Interesting was the grey CERIO – son of Janów's Poganiń, grandson of Laheeb, out of Cetra by Eldon from Kurozwęki Stud of the Popiel family. This small stud continues the breeding run by a governmental institution up to 1998, the year of selling most of the Kurozwęki herd. A professional management during the last couple of years is giving good results and the produce of the modern Kurozwęki Stud is beginning to stand out at the shows. Cerio, who was named Autumn Show Reserve Champion Colt at Janów Podlaski last year, qualified for the Białka championship finals with a high score of 40,33.

In the B series the tables had turned and this time the four top spots were taken by the State Studs of Janów Podlaski Michałów and Białka. Janów's ALBANO – son of Enzo and Alena by Emigrant, last year's Top Five from both Białka and Janów Podlaski – left his rivals no hope and with a score of 41,33 easily won his class. Second, representing Michałów, placed EMBELLON by Poganiń out of Embella by Monogramm, who a year ago also scored a Top Five at the Spring Show.



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Gerard

grey 2008
(Pegasus – Gwarka/Monogramm)
Agnieszka Wójtowicz



Lidia Pawłowska

Złoty Książę

dark bay 2008
(Enzo – Złota Księga/Ganges)
Michałów

Three year old colts

The three year olds from the State Studs undergo racing training, in accordance to their breeding program, which excludes these horses from competing at shows. A large group of private breeders also treats racing as a matter of importance. All this results in a very small number of entries in the three year olds classes. This year the favorite in this age category was the grey PANICZ of Monika Luft, a son of Gaspar and Pelisa by Europejczyk, Lot B. of the Pride of Poland Sale, a three-time champion from last year's show season. The colt did not fail the expectations, however the win did not come easily. A new rival appeared on the scene. The debuting ALI

Psyche Kybele

grey 2008
(Khidar – Pomona/Ekstern)
Chrcynno



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Fillies Top Five

GAZAL LA, the US born son of Gazal Al Shaqab and Yermeh Sangayla by Gay Laddin, imported by Czesław Witko, gained the same total score as Panicz (40,67) but lesser notes for type made him settle for second place.

Yearling fillies

Three series of this class saw as much as 47 yearling fillies. And what a lot this was! Already the first of these could be named "the class of death" – the top five fillies gained scores no lesser than 40,67. The best among these were decisively the representatives of Michalów Stud. The victorious grey PARMANA – daughter of the Israeli bred Al Maraam and multichampion Palmira (by Monogramm) – scored as much as 43 points, including a full set of "10s" for type. The chestnut WIEŻA RÓŻ – a daughter of Ekstern and Wież a Babel (by Laheeb) – also highly evaluated for type (two "10s"), had to surrender before her with just 0,67 point less.

No less excitement was delivered by the B series of the yearling fillies. The elegant and gifted with impressive movement Michalów's FLAMINIA – daughter of Gaspar and Filistia by Gazal Al Shaqab – scored 42 points, including one "10" for movement. Merely 0,33 points less were awarded to the graduate of Chrcynno Stud – PSYCHE KYBELE, a daughter of Pomona (by Ekstern). The stud bases its breeding program almost entirely upon Polish sires, but tries

using foreign blood also. And to good results, as Psyche Kybele is the outcome of using the Belgian Khidar, European & All Nations Cup Champion and World Reserve Champion.

However it was a proven Polish mating which brought Chrcynno Stud the most satisfaction, as series C was won by the full sister to Psyche Victoria and Psyche Ares – the grey PSYCHE KREŹA. This extremely typey filly, with her beautiful eyes and subtly dished head, gained the highest, as it later turned out, score of the show with 43,33 points, which included as much as six "10s" – two for type, head & neck and movement. Albano's half-sister, the Janów bred daughter of Ganges, the chestnut ALEGRA, despite very high marks, including two "10s" for movement, gained a total of 42 points, managed to place just second in this class. The quality of the class was also seen in the next three fillies – all from Michalów – which surpassed the 40 point mark and scored "10s" for their traits.

Two year old fillies

As far as on Saturday it was raining in the morning and with just clouds gathering later on, then on Sunday the sky poured down rain. The Disciplinary Committee held people and horses nearly to the last moment in the stables, shortening the time spent in the warm up arena to the bare minimum. But it didn't help much. The judges were sheltered by



Wieża Róż

chest. 2008
(Ekstern – Wieża Babel/Laheeb)
Michałów

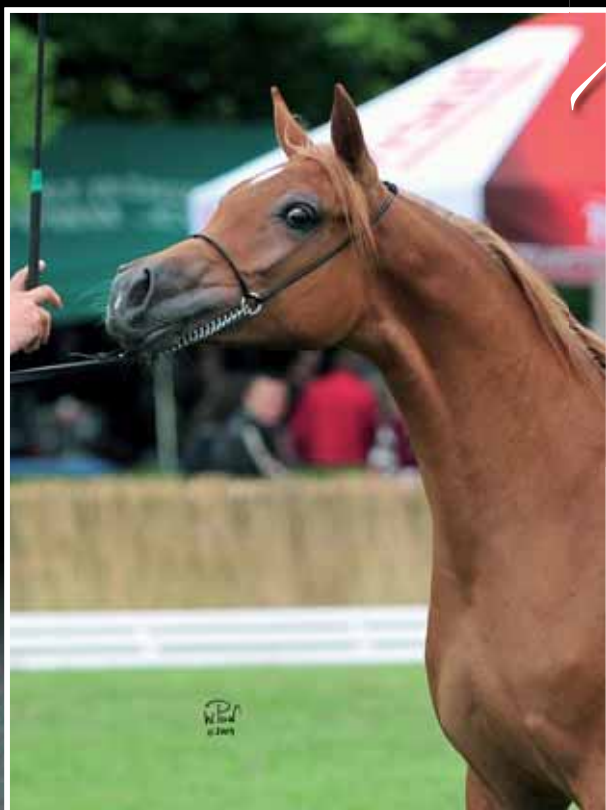
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Alegria

chestnut
(Ganges – Alena/Emigrant)
Janów Podlaski

long capes and hats and were given pencils – the only thing leaving a mark on the scoring papers in those conditions. Also the girls dressed in the colorful regional outfits, who usually present the marks to the public, had to take refuge under the tents.

In such scenery the judges assessed 25 two year old fillies. The A series was yet again won by Michałów Stud, this time thanks to the grey PADOVA – the daughter of the German bred Galba – World, All Nations Cup & Middle East Champion – out of the much titled Palanga by Ekstern. The judges awarded Padova with two “10s” for type and two for movement, with a total score of 42,33 points. The second spot went to Janów Podlaski – the chestnut PERESPA by Enzo out of Polenta (by Ecaho) with 41 points, a “blood” sister to last year’s winner from the shows at Białka and Janów Podlaski Palabra.



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A pleasant surprise in the B series of this class was made by BAJADERKA born at Agricola Farm and owned by Monika Luft, daughter of Michałow's Złocień (by Laheeb) and Bagatela (by Pesal). The filly was evaluated accordingly at 42,67 points, including one maximum note for type. With that she confirmed the just decision of Agricola's breeders, who placed their bets on the modestly up to now used Złocień, Polish National Champion, seeing in him a suitable sire for their mares. Second place with a score of 41,67 points was secured by ESPINILLA by Al Maraam out of Espadrilla (by Monogramm), last year's Top Five finalist.

Three year old fillies

In the last class of the show the competition was not as strong as among the younger fillies. The chestnut ERMINA – a daughter of Galba and Michałow's Echidna by Ararat, owned by Monika Luft – needed just 40 points to secure a win. An 0,33 point less was scored by the bay daughter of Psytadel – ESPIRIA out of Ekspiacja by Emigrant owned by Lech Błaszczuk. Their decoration took place under a "crying" sky, but soon after the break the sun came out.

The finals

The patience of the spectators was finally awarded – the finals were held under bright sun rays, allowing for the admiration of the best 10 colts and 12 fillies.

The most important player in the colts' championship was Michałow Stud, represented by two yearling class winners and one two-year-old standing in the second line (meaning he had entered the finals from a second spot in class). And indeed the yearlings turned out to be Michałow's trump card, so the jury's verdict came as no surprise. CHIMERYK's win, who was evaluated extremely high in the class competition, had to be expected even by the most ardent followers of his rivals. However naming ETERNAL the Reserve Champion shocked... his handler and owner, who appeared to not have been expecting such an outcome at all. A moment later, overwhelmed with joy, amidst a loud ovation from the public, he ran out to collect his trophy. A deserving applause was also given to the Top Five finalists – ZŁOTY KSIĄŻE, PANICZ and GERARD.

Although in the fillies' championship Michałow was represented by an even more numerous group, it had to face the public's favorite and highest scored filly PSYCHE KREUZA of the Poszepczyński Family. And indeed she turned out to be the judges' choice, gaining the title of Champion.

Michałow's PARMANA took home the garland of Reserve Champion, while the Top Five titles were distributed among PSYCHE KYBELE, WIEŻA RÓŻ and ALEGRA.

The show's culminating point was preceded by a special award ceremony for the highest scored private-owned fillies and colts in various age categories. These awards were created some years ago to distinguish the best private breeders, even if their horses would not qualify for the finals. Time has shown that these titles are no longer necessary, as they were collected by three female class winners – PSYCHE KREUZA, BAJADERKA and ERMINA – and three participants of the colts' championship – GERARD, PSYCHE ARES and PANICZ.

Finally came the moment of Best in Show, which was awarded to PSYCHE KREUZA. This confirmed Chrcynno Stud's enormous victory, as they returned home with the most important title, a Top Five and eight ribbons gained in the class competition. The achievement of Głowacki Arabians must also be emphasized, who having a much smaller broodmare herd than Chrcynno, brought to Białka just two yearlings – the filly placed third in class, while the colt became Reserve Champion.

Six years ago for the first time in history the Polish Championship was won by a private bred colt (Girlan-Bey). Later private bred horses gained the title of Reserve Champion twice. Now, for the first time the private breeders took home as much as two championship titles and two Top Fives. It was a recognition of a consequent breeding program, based on mares obtained from the State Studs and of an extremely scrupulous conditioning of the horses. It should be noted that the victors of the show presented themselves very well already a year ago, but then Janów Podlaski had a very successful run, gaining most of the titles and overshadowing even such a notable player as Michałow Stud. □

At Białka, without a luxurious setting, the entire attention is focused solely on the horses, making the show a true breeding gala. That's why it's so wonderful to attend Białka, even... walkin' in the rain.

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