



POKER FACE KL

POLISH PHENOMENON ON THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

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Poker Face KL is a yearling bay colt bred and owned by Klikowa Arabians stud, who, despite his young age, has many titles from prestigious shows to his credit. He is one of the few stallions bred by a Polish private stud that has won so much in such a short time.

On the female side he is a son of the mare Plivia bred at Janów Podlaski Stud, representing one of the most sought-after female families continued by this stud, starting with the letter "P". From her descend, for example, the great-great-granddaughter of Plivia, Penicylina sold for 1,5 million dollars at the Polish Ovation auction in the USA, or such well-known contemporary horses as Pepita, Perfinka or Pesal.

On the male side of the pedigree Poker Face KL is one of the few foals in Poland of the widely advertised and extremely successful young Brazilian-bred sire RFI Unique, who, after winning the national champion title in his home country won, among other things, the bronze medal at the prestigious Dubai show and turned out to be the sire of handsome foal crops. He is the grandson of FA El Shawan.

So let's give the floor to the breeders of Poker Face KL, who take a "behind the scenes" look at the genesis of the success that has just been achieved:

"We purchased Plivia in 2020 as a six-year-old mare at the Summer Sale auction in Janów Podlaski. This bay beauty caught our eye because, of all the horses offered at the









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... auction, she stood out for her charisma, beautiful eye and excellent movement. She also has an excellent pedigree. She is a daughter of the World Champion Kahil Al Shaqab, and according to our observation, in addition to their outstanding beauty, Kahil's daughters perform excellently as broodmares. The dam line of her mother - Pelota is also impressive. It includes such notables as Pipi, Pilarka and Penicylina. They were excellent and valuable mares that are still valued today" - comments Marcin Rzepka - "The sire of Poker Face KL, i.e. RFI Unique, is an excellent stallion, a gold medal winner at the Brazilian National Championships and also a bronze medallist from prestigious Dubai Show. He is a horse with a very interesting pedigree that stands out with an amazing front. Born in February 2022, the colt Poker Face KL stood out from all the foals born of this crop

from the very beginning, thanks to his wonderful genes. From the very first days, we had high hopes for him. When he reached the age of a few months, the idea arose that Poker Face KL would start professional training at a prestigious training centre. So in the summer of 2022, the decision was made to travel to Schoukens Training Center in Belgium. After just two months in training, our stallion competed in his first show in Lier, Belgium. He then won the gold medal at the European Championships in the foal class. This was the beginning of his good streak. The serious achievements started in 2023. Poker Face KL started with the AH Weekend International B-Show. At that time, he won a gold medal and the best movement award.

An amazing success for our young colt also ended with his





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performance in the prestigious title show Mediterranean and Arab Countries Championships in Menton, France. Poker Face KL won his class with a score of 92.67, he also received the award for best head, as well as a bronze medal.

A very important show for us as a Polish stud is the participation in the National Show in Janów Podlaski. Here our stallion won the title of Polish National Champion. The moment when we heard the Polish anthem for the horse bred by Klikowa Arabians was a great experience for us, unforgettable for a long time. During the show, Poker Face scored as many as 8 marks of 20 points. He also received Gırlan-Bey Trophy, which is given to the best yearling colt of the Polish National Show.

Poker Face KL had further success at the 39th All Nations Cup in Aachen. He won third place in class with a score of 91.79, which was the highest score of all horses presented by European studs. He was only beaten by horses from Arabian countries.

Happy with the successes of this wonderful stallion, we decided to breed Plivia again to RFI Unique. To our delight, a full brother to Poker Face KL was born in April 2023, with whom we also have high hopes!"

****Just a few days before this article went for printing Poker Face KL has become Unanimous European Gold Champion Yearling Colt in Verona.***

