

# Junior and Young Championships and International

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**I**n the next to last week-end (18-20th) of July, in an equestrian center "Kuznia Nowowiejska", a frequent organizer of show-jumping competitions, including the Indoors Cup of Poland, held was the first endurance contest, one of the most important in the riding season. At Nowa Wies, close to Warsaw - the capital of Poland, organized were Junior and Young Riders' Championships of Poland, on the distance 120 km, together with an international event, CEI 2\*/3\*, rated to the Central

European Endurance Cup. Despite the limited number of participants, the competition succeeded, because of its good organization. The hosts marked out three interesting loops with an even, although diversified surface (sands, grass, stony paths or tarmac), so the route wasn't complicated, the service and office worked effectively (thanks to Piotr Feder and Sylwia Syska). The members of Endurance Committee of Polish Equestrian Federation (Piotr Szpotanski - the chairman of the veterinary committee and Maciej





# Riders of Poland CEI 2\*/3\*





Kacprzyk from the endurance.pl website), as well as the owners of the "Champion" Riding Club (Beata Dzikowska with her team), managed the organizing works, thus contributed to the highest possible rank of the competition, inviting foreign judges and vets.

The most prestigious title of the event was won by Anna Tarnowska from the "Jasiorowka" Riding Club, riding the Arabian gelding Bader (Ararat – Barkarola), bred by Janow Podlaski Stud. She achieved the average speed of 14,50 km/h. From four participants of the Junior and Young Riders' Championships, three competitors represen-

ted the Jasiorowka Riding Club, but only one of them finished the distance. One horse was eliminated for lameness after crossing the finishing line, whereas two others were disqualified for an incorrect movement.

An international competition, CEIJY 3\*, on the same distance, was finished only by one team from five participants. It was a Swedish rider Maria Hagman-Eriksson on the Arabian gelding Wigor (Egmont – Wenezia), bred by Agneta Alfredsson (SE). The rider was also the horse's owner and achieved the speed of 13,78 km/h. The competition for senior riders was won in a good style by Ryszard

Emil Stefek (Umag)  
and Zuzana  
Hacaperkova (Dolar)  
Czech Republik  
representative.



Best Condition-Sahiba and rider-Maciej Kacprzyk and chief of the veterinary committee-Piotr Szpotanski.



Olga Ciesielska  
and Peoria.



Sahiba  
(by Grandorr oo)  
and Maciej  
Kacprzyk.



Zielinski, mounting another Arabian, Gent (Samsheik – Gryzетка), bred by Michałow Stud, owned by the rider. After an exciting finish second placed was Maciej Kacprzyk, riding a half-Arabian mare Sabiba (by Grandorr oo), owned by Elizabeth Krzywicka. Two first horses achieved the speed of 14,77 km/h. Next day Sabiba won the title of “Best Condition”, what proved her proper training for the longest distance. Third placed was the Czech rider Emil Stefek on Umag (14,75 km/h), who often visited Poland. The fourth team consisted of Sebastian Karaskiewicz (last year’s Champion of Poland) and Sagar oo (Ararat – Sam-

bra), bred at Janow Podlaski, owned by the rider, with a speed of 13,83 km/h.

It could be a pure chance, that three riders from one club won three different competitions during one event, but more likely they were simply well-prepared for the start in such a professional endurance center, as the “Champion” Riding Club. Its representatives were placed as follows: Beata Dzikowska, riding the Arabian Ferid (Boryslaw – Formula), bred by Monika Nowakowska and owned by the club, won the CEI 2\* with a very good speed of 17,13



Ferid and Beata Dzikowska.



Sebastian Karaskiewicz and Sagar.



Ugne Mateikaite and Sirena from Lithuania.



winner CEI 2\* (80 km) - Beata Dzikowska (Champion Club)



Maria Hagman-Eriksson (Sweden) and Wigor.



Youth Master Polish Rider Anna Tarnowska.



km/h. Olga Ciesielska on the purebred mare Peoria (Balon – Peseta), bred by Janów Podlaski and owned by the club, won the Class P competition (50 km) with a speed 15,03 km/h, like in the last year's event in the Zabajka Riding Club. Katarzyna Nykielewicz on Elpas (Arzgir – Elema), bred by Tarus Arabians and owned by Artur Landau, won the Class L competition (30 km).

The CEI 2\* for junior riders was won by the Czech rider Katerina Kysela on the mare Poesia, with a speed 15,99 km/h, whereas nobody finished the all-Poland competition 1\*. The next endurance contest – the Senior Riders' Championships of Poland (160 km), together with the international CEI 1\*/2\*/3\* and CEIYJ, rated to the Central European Endurance Cup – would take place in September. □



stallion Elpas and Katarzyna Nykielewicz.



Umag and Emil Stefek.

Peoria (Champion Equestrian Endurance Club).



Maciej Kacprzyk (Sahiba) and Sebastian Karaskiewicz (Sugar).

