

The Białka *Show*

the doors to Polish breeding



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The Junior Spring Show in Białka is a very diversified phenomenon. On one hand there is the rustic landscape and provincial atmosphere, slightly primitive, but colorful and cordial, one where everyone feels at home. On the other hand - high society, the most beautiful Arabian horses, guests from the farthest corners of the globe, elegance and splendor. And yet these two opposing worlds coexist at Białka, complementing each other and creating one whole entity.

Actually everyone likes this show - the exhibitors, judges and the public. For the breeders it has a huge significance. It allows them, before the end of the breeding season, to evaluate the get of sires used in the previous year. The beginning of June in Poland is still a time of newborn foals and covering of mares. Thanks to the observation of the youngsters gathered at the show breeders can do a last minute change in their way of thinking, switch a sire or confirm a rightly made decision.

Those that treat horse breeding with patience and humility get a chance to have their graduates evaluated early on in their careers. For the judges it is a difficult test of physical and psychic endurance.

In Białka, since always, the most interesting are the yearling classes. It is that age group that gives answers to the most questions. They are the most numerous, they are the greatest unknown, but usually also present the highest quality.

This year during the 25th anniversary Junior Spring Show, the sunny Saturday morning of June 6th saw 27 yearling colts, divided into two series, enter the arena. Thanks to

the idea of creating a separate championship for them, they could fight for medals without worrying about their two and three year old rivals.

The yearling colt finals belonged to Janów Podlaski Stud, who did not leave the competition much room. The Yearling Champion title went to the exceptional grey PARIS by Kahil Al Shaqab out of Palmeta by ECAHO from Janów Podlaski. A colt, whose appearance on the first day made a striking and lasting impression. Extremely refined, with a beautiful, dark eye, superb body and nicely shaped neck, he allows us to think that we are seeing a future champion. He is living proof of the unbelievable quality and potential of his dam - PALMETA, a mare whose show and breeding achievements cannot be stressed enough. Practically every one of her produce is a gem.

The silver medal was awarded to another son of Kahil Al Shaqab, the Janów-bred EL PAIS out of El Fatha by Entyk. The bronze went to Michałów Stud for the son of Equator - the good moving colt KWARC, out of Kasjopeja by Eldon.

The yearling fillies classes caused a higher heart beat among both judges and viewers alike. Renata Schibler from Switzerland, Allan Preston from Australia, Nashaat Hegazy from Egypt and Tomasz Tarczyński from Poland succumbed to the enthusiasm and unanimously agreed that such quality of horses is hard to find anywhere else. The 40 fillies, divided into three series, simply intimidated. Victories were determined by decimals. In the finals it was difficult to point to a favorite, practically every one of the



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six qualifiers could reach for the gold. However the rules of competition are implacable and there can be only one gold medalist.

The judges decided that the bay BAMBINA by Kahil Al Shaqab out of Bellisa by Poganin from Janów Podlaski is most deserving of the champion title. An incredible filly, with bewitching type, movement and a charisma that can't be forged. With a score of 94,67, three "20s" for type and three for movement, she did not allow her rivals to even come close. In the finals she was just as convincing. The silver medal went to Michałów's PONTIA by Equator out of Polonica by Ekstern, very pleasant and feminine. The bronze medal is a triumph of the correct and expressive EMPUZA by Kahil Al Shaqab out of Eulerta by Ganges from Janów Podlaski.

In the older classes we saw old friends and newcomers. The strong two year old classes dominated the weaker in terms of numbers and quality three year old classes. This domination was also seen in the finals. Unmatched was last year's winner from Białka, as well as many of the most important shows in Europe, the currently two year old MORION by Kahil Al Shaqab out of Mesalina by EKstern, from Michałow.

He grew and matured, not losing his refinement. He lost his youthful feel, but gained a masculine self-confidence. His performance was awaited with curiosity and anxiety. Those that didn't see him during the winter wondered whether he still makes an impression. He does! And it was enough to again award him with the gold medal, title of Junior Champion and Best in Show.

The reserve honors went to the two year old, grown up and very impressive CALATEON by Vitorio TO out of Calatea by Ekstern, bred by Marek Kondrasiuk. It is clear that this young colt is feeling good in his skin and progresses with age. The bronze medal also went to a two year old, the Janów bred PITAWAL by Kabil Al Shaqab out of Pepita by EKstern.

In the junior filly championship the two year olds didn't have it so easy. Turning out to be unrivaled was the well known AL JAZEERA from Janów Podlaski by Kabil Al Shaqab out of Alhasa by Ganges, whose fantastic movement and disarming energy helped in claiming the champion title. Second on the podium was last year's Yearling Champion - GALERIDA by Shanghai EA out of Galilea by Laheeb. This time she had to settle for the silver. The bronze was grabbed by the three year old WERSA by Ekstern out of Wasa by WH Justice, bred by Krzysztof Goździalski from Falborek Arabians. Very refined, feminine and superbly prepared, she was not shy of the state stud competition.

The chief sires that have already left a mark in Polish breeding during the last two years with their get and that have brought evident progress and new quality are Kabil Al Shaqab and Equator. But a positive note must be mentioned about the results of using our domestic sires such as Empire or El Omari. Also marking their presence were Shanghai EA and Lawrence El Gazal. During the

upcoming years we should observe their get to see whether it further develops and fulfills our great hopes.

It is not easy to compete at Białka and fight for victory. The Junior Spring Show is one of the most difficult championships in the world. For everyone. For the judges, because they are expected to evaluate large groups of horses of the same age, in short periods of time. For breeders, because the competition is huge and unknown before the show starts. A lot of effort is put into the fight for victory. And finally for the horses, which are still children and are doing this for the first time. A lot is expected of them and for some the victory at Białka will mean the end of a carefree childhood.

The significance of the Junior Spring Show goes further than the claimed titles. It is not only about ribbons and a stylish statuette, which over time collects dust on a shelf. It is the best school of breeding that you can imagine.

This year the spectators were treated to an additional bonus. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the show, Białka organized a breeding parade during which they presented home-bred stallions such as PESAL or CEFIR, as well as visitors, AMANITO and EL OMARI. The public also got a chance to see mares with this year's foals by various sires. A feast for the eyes, mind and spirit. Doors to a better world, which we co-create. □

YEARLING FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BAMBINA

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Bellisa/Poganin)

Janów Podlaski



**GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION
YEARLING FEMALE**

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SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING FEMALE

PONTIA

(Equator x Polonica/Ekstern) Michałów



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING FEMALE

EMPUZA

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Eulerta/Ganges) Janów Podlaski

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PARIS

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Palmeta/Ecaho)
Janów Podlaski



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SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING MALE

EL PAIS

(Kahil Al Shaqab x El Fatha/Entyk) Janów Podlaski



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING MALE

KWARC

(Equator x Kasjopeja/Eldon) Michałów

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JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

AL JAZEERA

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Alhasa/Ganges)
Janów Podlaski

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SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE

GALERIDA

(Shanghai E.A. x Galilea/Laheeb) Michałów



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE

WERSA

(Ekstern x Wasa/WH Justice) Falborek Arabians

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MORION

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Mesalina/Ekstern)

Michałów

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SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE CALATEON

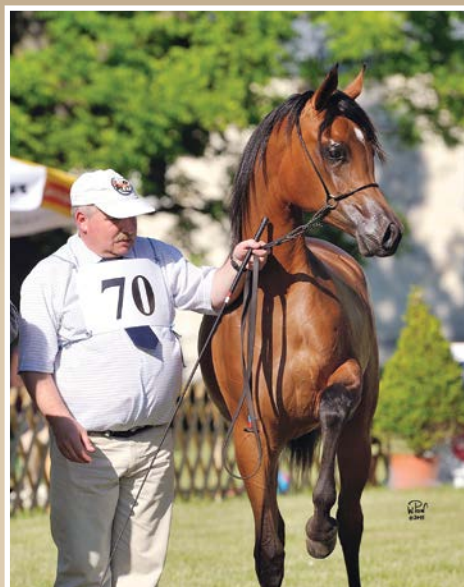
(Vitorio TO x Calatea/Ekstern) Marek Kondrasiuk



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR MALE PITAWAL

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Pepita/Ekstern) Janów Podlaski

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**TOP FIVE
YEARLING FEMALE
FOGGITA**

(El Omari x Foggia/Gazal Al Shaqab) Michałów



**TOP FIVE
YEARLING MALE
PERKUN**

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Penta/Ecaho) Janów Podlaski



**TOP FIVE JUNIOR FEMALE
CEDORA**

(Kahil Al Shaqab x Cenoza/Ekstern) Janów Podlaski



**TOP FIVE JUNIOR FEMALE
PERFORIA**

(Vitorio TO x Perfirka/Gazal Al Shaqab) Białka

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TOP FIVE JUNIOR MALE

ETERNIS

(Bint Matis x Eksterna/Ekstern)
Falborek Arabians/Mohamed Roumini



TOP FIVE JUNIOR MALE

EUROGRANT OZ

(Ajman Moniscione x Ekspiacja/Emigrant)
Y. Dror & O. Meiri / Y. Dror, O. Meiri, Białka



BREEDING PARADE

CELLA and CEFRENA



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