

18TH JUNIOR SHOW AT

Białka Stud

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A Tropical Heat

... accompanied Arabian horses in the breed's cradle. The desert whiff could also be felt during the first June weekend in Central-Eastern Europe. In a place such as Białka Stud, surrounded by succulent vegetation, untouched nature and white stone stables, only the high temperature of the air reminded everyone about the desert origins of the most beautiful of all equine breeds. In such conditions its youngest generation, registered in the Polish Arabian Stud Book (PASB), made their first steps on the show arena during not only Europe's, but the world's largest Junior Show.



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Yearling colts

It would seem that the transfer of the Polish National Colt Championships from Bialka to Janów Podlaski in August would deprive the Spring Show of its significance as a selection trial for young stallions. However, neither the number of entered horses, nor of the public present during the qualifications on 31st of May and 1st of June in Bialka indicated so. The first to undergo a strict evaluation from the very feminine jury panel (Christine Jamar-Demeerseeman from Belgium, Christina Wale from Sweden, Christine Valdes y Colon de Carvajal from Spain and Katrina Murray from England) were 70 male youngsters aged 1-3 year old. The most numerous representation was put up by Janów Podlaski Stud, scoring a win already in the youngest class. The grey, young ALBANO from the first crop by US-bred Enzo, garnered as much as 91 points, besting by movement the just as typey and decisively more robust DARIUSZ from Michałów. Bearing a proud name of Persian kings, this bay stallion is by another recent „import“ – the Israeli-bred Al Maraam, whose first Polish progeny debuted in Bialka, going „neck and neck“ with the more popular and widely used stallions.

A hard fought duel was carried out between two Michałów horses in the second series of the yearling colts' class. Both carrying on the distaff side Monogramm blood, who blessed them with equal moving abilities and both „refined“ with an Egyptian savor – WILLARS by Al Maraam and EMBELLON – by Laheeb through his sire, Poganin – deserved the same, total scores of 90,67 points. The winner was chosen in a play-off, 2:1 in favor of the chestnut EMBELLON.

Two year old colts

The unforgettable Ekstern remains dependable as a sire of show winners. His Janów-bred son AGAR, small, but gifted with huge energy, gathered 90,67 points and qualified to the championships in the first series of the two year old colts. Right behind him, securing a place in the second row was the playful LORD BEY SHAH, the highest so far scored private bred horse. The breeders, Małgorzata and Józef Pietrzak, reached for American resources to come up with their bay pupil: both the sire (Psytadel) and the grandsire (Padrons Psyche), present in his pedigree, need to introduction.

A wonderful future on the show arena – and later in the breeding barn – surely awaits the winner of the oldest two year olds group. The grey, statuesque KABSZTAD (by Poganin) made a dazzling impression on both the jury and, scoring the highest notes for type and most points among stallions, namely 92,33. He is a superb advertisement of his splendid dam KWESTURA, offered this year at the Pride of Poland Sale,

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Kabsz tad

grey 2006
(Poganin - Kwestura/Monogramm)
Michałów

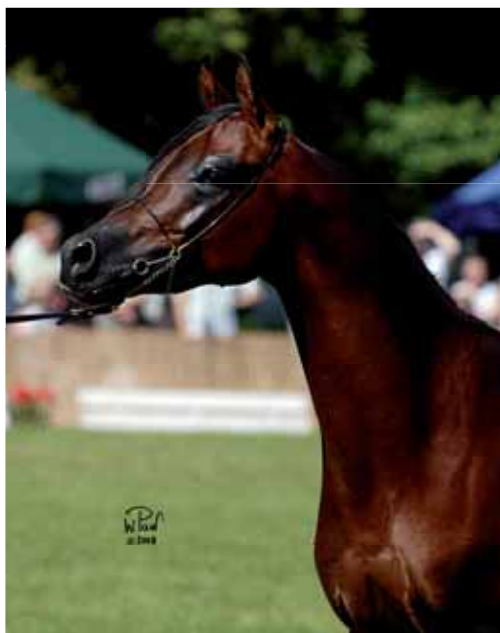
CHAMPION COLT



bay 2005
(Metropolis NA - Bombina/Bomarc)
Wojciech Kowalik

Bombina

RESERVE CHAMPION COLT



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reflecting her most valuable traits: a head close to perfection (2x20), type, beauty, movement and charismatic posture. He also issues a worthy certificate for his Polish National Champion sire.

In his class KABSZTAD didn't meet a worthy opponent. Second behind him was ARETUS (by Ekstern), just as typey, however with a less subtle head („merely“ 3x19) and weaker points for movement, which gave him a total of 90,33 points.

A head-turner was also the 3rd place holder (highest scored private bred in this class and as a result of the entire show) – PANICZ. This balanced, robust and almost mature stallion displayed huge moving abilities and surely did not say his last word.

Yearling fillies

Barely did the stallions find shelter from the increasing heat in the cool stables, when the abandoned stage became the place of a subtle and charismatic spectacle in three acts. The main actors of the first two acts of the yearlings were young fillies from Janów Podlaski. In the numerous group of the crop's youngsters two starlets shined brightly: the grey ATMA (by the reliable Ekstern) and the chestnut POEZIA (by US Champion Enzo). Both presenting a completely different type, but equally delightful, they had to make do with nearly similar marks.

The usage of the American champion found its justification even more in the results of the B series, because the first two places were taken by his phenomenal daughters out of Ecaho daughters: PALABRA out of Palmeta and PERESPA out of Polenta. PALABRA is on a good way to follow in the footsteps of her titled dam, European and Polish National Champion. A subtle, sculpted head with a large eye, set on a beautiful, shapely neck, ideal body proportions and pretty good moving abilities are the primary assets of this filly, who with the highest score in her category become the main favorite of the National Show in August.

Blessed with a decisive character, not very eager to cooperate with the handler, PERESPA let herself be appeased on the show arena and presented herself superbly, giving a 100% during the movement presentation.

A fierce struggle for the pole position was fought by Janów Podlaski Stud in the last group of the yearling fillies. However, they lost the absolute domination in favor of Michałów Stud, with their presentation of the chestnut ESPINILLA by Al Maraam, who achieved identical notes for type and movement, with a total score of 91,67, just as the full sister to

PLANOLAR

TOP FIVE COLTS



Albaro

grey 2007
(Enzo - Alena/Emigrant)
Janów Podlaski



Embellon

chestnut 2007
(Poganin - Embella/Monogramm)
Michałów



Agor

bay 2006
(Ekstern - Agora/Wachlarz)
Janów Podlaski

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Pianissima – PASSIONARIA. Perhaps the filly did not cope with the huge pressure in terms of living up to her famous older sister, because in the direct confrontation with the robust and perfectly presented ESPINILLA, by the decision of the judges, she found herself at the second spot.

Right behind this pair placed the highest evaluated private bred yearling filly – MELODY of Mr. and Mrs. Pietrzak. Another successful product of the American Psytadel and talented breeders from Zgierz, this filly could ambitiously fight for a better spot among less competitive company.

The sizzling, not only in terms of temperature but mainly because of emotions, first day of the show came to an end. There was not enough daylight and strength to judge the remaining junior categories, which were beforehand scheduled for the next morning...

Three year old colts and fillies

In Poland, where three year old Arabian horses usually undergo racing training, the conducting of 3 year old classes is hard. This time it was possible with both sexes, which consisted of 5 horses each.

In the colts' class, which included only private bred horses, the rivals were bested by the bay BOREAS, a Polish-born result of mating imported parents: Metropolis NA, a descendant of Monogramm, and the Swedish mare Bombina. This American in type, full of temperament stallion gained acclaim due to superb presentation by his breeder/owner/trainer/handler in one – Wójtek Kowalik.

Trophies in the three year old fillies class were divided between two breeders: the hosts of the show – Białka Stud and the Poszepczyński family. Białka conquered its own ring presenting the temperament-full, robust and very mature close relatives HERLINA and HERMIONA. They were separated by two grey fillies of Alicja Poszepczyńska – GAJA SELENE and ECHO AFRODYTA. Both were presented personally by their breeder, whose horses have already shown what they're made of on the show arenas of Europe.

Two year old fillies

The studs of Janów Podlaski and Michałów equally divided their strength between both series of the two year old fillies. In the first series Janów Podlaski had its final word, presenting ALABAMA – half-sister to the previous day's winner, Atma. The grey, extremely exotic filly, danced in front of a hugely gathered public, gaining their hearts and applause, while from the judges – gaining as much as two 20s for movement. With that she proved to be out of reach for the other rivals, including Michałów's ESIDONA and Białka's CIRILLA,

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Palabra

grey 2007
(Enzo - Palmeta/Ecaho)
Janów Podlaski

CHAMPION FILLY



BEST
IN SHOW



bay 2007
(Gazal Al Shaqab - Pianosa/Eukaliptus)
Janów Podlaski

Pasionaria

RESERVE
CHAMPION
FILLY



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who just „sniffed her tail“ from second and third place... Matters took a different turn in the older series of the two year old fillies. Michałów gave away only one spot in the class' Top Five – second place in favor of the bay, typey Kuhailan WOŁOGDA (by Ekstern) from Janów Podlaski. At the very top placed the almost white, strongly structured and sweetly trotting GOLTERIA – daughter of multi-champion GALBA, used in Michałów for two seasons.

Junior Male Championships

Fierce competition in the classes selected 5 stallions aspiring for the title of Spring Show Champion in Białka and 5 with a shot at the Reserve title. Up until last year these titles were synonymous with the title of Polish National Champion Colt. Unfortunately, after transferring this category to the Arabian Horse Days, the young „fellows“ after two months' time will have to meet again in Janów Podlaski, to confirm their worth. Will KABSZTAD, a unanimous champion from Białka, present himself just as superbly? The experience gained in Białka will surely help him hone his condition for Janów to defend his title.

Experience is an important issue, a thing which BOREAS proved in Białka, placing second on the podium. Among the younger and higher evaluated rivals he presented himself more maturely and just as fresh as the first day. For the very young, yearling and two year old „boys“, showing in the heat during two successive days turned out to be too much of a good thing. Only three appealed to the judges, earning the titles of Top Five: ALBANO, EMBELLON and AGAR.

Junior Female Championships

Twelve young fillies, presenting themselves in the second championship, formed a beautiful picture. The champion title for PALABRA, with the highest score of the show and unforgettable impression which she left after each showing, was a logical choice.

The choosing of the Reserve Champion was not so straightforward: „each one is different, and just as beautiful...“ commented her choices Christine Jamar, after handing back the results... Finally, promoted from second place in class to Reserve Champion was the bay PASSIONARIA, who has to put up with the constant comparisons to her outstanding older sister. Paradoxically, a defeat in class already at the beginning of her career may help her in her further development, without the burden of being unbeaten... PASSIONARIA proved this the second day, pushing her direct rival – ESPINILLA – to fourth place. Right in front and behind ESPINILLA placed two Janów fillies: PERESPA and ALABAMA respectively.

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TOP FIVE FILLIES



Perespa

chestnut 2007
(Enzo - Polenta/Ecaho)
Janów Podlaski



Espini Ila

chestnut 2007
(Al Maraam - Espadrilla/Monogramm)
Michałów



Alabama

grey 2006
(Gazal Al Shaqab - Altona/Eukaliptus)
Janów Podaski

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Best in Show

In the final face-off of the day the ring was entered by two horses, who achieved identical, highest marks of the show. The choice between the phenomenal filly and statuesque colt was extremely difficult: the judges' votes were divided evenly. Finally it was all up to the math – PALABRA received one point more for type in the class competition, which gave her an advantage over KABSZTAD and the ribbon of Best in Show at Białka.

It was a wonderful crowning of the event, which gathered nearly 150 horses for evaluation from Polish studs. The forces of Janów Podlaski and Michałów had to leave some room for Białka and the private breeders, whose results were awarded with additional prizes. The highest scored private bred stallions aspired to Top Fives in their classes: the grey ERAGON was fourth in series B of the yearling colts, the afore mentioned PANICZ took third place in his series of the two year olds, while BOREAS, with a score of 90,33, turned out to be the best three year old and highest scored private stallion of the show, with the title of Reserve Champion also giving him the title of Private Bred Champion Colt.

In the huge competition among the fillies, the private-bred horses kept pace with the best: the bay MELODY was third behind the Reserve Champion PASSIONARIA, while the chestnut two year old ELFERA of Leszek Błaszczuk could easily be an adornment of any of the best training or breeding stables. However the most appreciated was Alicja Poszepczyńska, whose GAJA SELENE, as the highest scored three year old filly, with a score of 91 points and second place in class, earned the title of Private Bred Champion Filly.

The 18th Junior Spring Arabian Horse Show in Białka went down in history as an event full of charm, intimacy and friendly atmosphere. Young Arabian horses in such numbers cannot be seen anywhere else at any other show. Białka is the only one, where everything unfolds at an arm's length, in direct contact with the audience. The main actors of this stage etch themselves in the memory of their fans even more and their successful debuts are the beginnings of a future domestic and not rarely world career. □

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