



Brazilian Breeders' Cup 2018: A peculiar show dedicated exclusively to breeders

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The Brazilian Breeders' Cup is, alongside the National Arabian Horse Show, one of the most important events in the country. It is long awaited by the breeders that had spent the whole year planning the pieces to be used in this peculiar system of judgement and awarding of prizes.

This show, exclusively to the breeders of the animals where exhibitors-only are not allowed to take part, was introduced in 1996 by at the time Vice-President of the Arabian Breeders Association of Brazil (ABBCA), Rubens Jordão and the judge, Luiz Rocco. They maintained only the scoring system without the comparative judgement. Horses are grouped by gender and age up to 36 months, therefore the last three generations produced by each breeder. The participants can enrol up to four horses, in this case necessarily of the two sexes. The Cup, a wonderful crystal sculpture embodied by a couple of palm leaves leafing out, is granted to the breeder with the highest score from the sum total of the points acquired by three horses of the breeder's choice, after the highest and lowest score of each item judged (type, head, neck, body, legs and movement & presence) had been ruled out.



In its 23rd version, the Brazilian Breeders' Cup was held on December 8, 2018 at the Helvetia Riding Centre in Indaítuba-SP, the same place where The National Arabian Horse Show is held. The Cup was judged by Christine Jamar (Belgium), Graham Smith (Australia), Joseph Polo (USA), Muri-lo Kammer (Brazil) e Robert Boggs (USA).

Besides the Breeders' Cup, there are prizes for the 10 horses with most points and the scoring leader receives the trophy Premium Cup. Recently, the title Stallion Cup has been introduced awarding the breeder with the highest sum total of all his sons that had been judged.

The Breeders Association, presided by Luciano Cury, has added an extra attraction to the event: the Brazilian Breeders Cup Championship divided in two classes: male and female. The 5 horses of each sex with most points take part in the competition, except the Premium Cup; and the three best horses will be chosen and awarded with Gold, Silver and Bronze by the Comparative System.

The Breeders' Cup 2018 goes to Haras Sahara

Haras Sahara, owned by Salim Mattar located Minas Gerais state in the Southeast Region of the country, was the winner of the 23rd Brazilian Breeders' Cup. It is the third time that Mattar conquers the title, the other two were in 2014 and 2015.

The breeding of Salim Mattar presented four horses to the judges who with the discards dictated by the rules won the Breeders' Cup with 991.5 points.

Next comes Haras Vilas dos Pinheiros, owned by Jaime Pinheiro, who was the winner of the Breeders' Cup 2016 and that, this time, reached the total of 989 points. In third place we have Rodrigo Forte's RFI Arabians which had already conquered the 2011 and 2017 titles and, in this one, achieved 984 points. The seven-point-only difference between the first and the third place illustrates well the high-level of competitiveness of the judgment, so much so that the winner was revealed only when the last class was judged.

Three females took Sahara to the Breeders' 2018: Sahara Misshaela (Shael Dream Desert by *Ansata Shaamis out of *Marina Mist by Marwan Al Shaqab) that won the Premium Cup title as the horse with the most points; Sahara Ameenah (OFW Magic Wan by Marwan Al Shaqab out of Sahara Aroussah by *Vaalent), who was the third Top Ten Horse with the most points, and Sahara Asirah (TF Afrikhan Shah by Botswana out of Sahara Angel by *WH Justice), who completed the winning team of Salim Mattar.



Breeders' Cup 1st place, Haras Sahara of Salim Mattar



Breeders' Cup 2nd place, Haras Vila dos Pinheiros of Jaime Pinheiro



Breeders' Cup 3rd place, RFI Arabians of Rodrigo Forte



The judges: Robert Boggs (USA), Joseph Polo (USA), Christine Jamar (Belgium), Graham Smith (Australia), Murilo Kammer (Brazil)

The Premium Cup 2018, Sahara Misshaela



With an inspiring femininity, the gorgeous filly Misshaela conquered 333 points and was the horse that achieved greater scoring consistency among the judges in this show. She received four scores of 19.5 in type, five scores of 19.5 in head, five scores of 19 in neck and five scores of 18.5 in body. In legs, she obtained scores between 15.5 and 16 and in movement & presence, 18.5 and 19. Sahara Misshaela is a daughter of Shael Dream Desert (Ansata Shaamis x Eletra por Hadid), sire that was imported from Italy to Brazil in 2005, producing intensely until 2009 when he was then exported to the United States. Nowadays he is breeding in Italy at Giacomo Capecci Arabians.

The Premium Cup's mother, *Marina Mist, daughter of Marwan Al Shaqab out of Satin Mist by Muscat, was exported to Chile by Jorge Selume.



Premium Cup SAHARA MISSHAELA from Haras Sahara

The other tops were:



*Top 2: JOSEPHINE HVP (EKS Alihandro x RD Fabreanna)
from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros*



*Top 3: SAHARA AMEENAH (OFW Magic Wan x Sahara Aroussah)
from Haras Sahara*





*Top 4: LADY DOMINICA JSZ
(Dominic M x Bretta UB)
from Haras Santa Marta - Chile*



*Top 5: AZIZ MAM
(HP Ali x RL Alita MAM)
from Haras Dona Francisca*



*Top 6: STEPHAN HVP
(Ever After NA x Rebecca HVP)
from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros*

*Top 7: INTENSE ARABCO
(El Tino x Shavanna El Madan)
from Rancho Arabco*



*Top 8: CLAIRE EL VERAZ
(SF Veraz x Magnum Charisma HVP)
from Haras Dharamsala*



*Top 9: RFI SAWARI
(Excalibur EA x
RFI Sophie Almaktab)
from RFI Arabians*



*Top 10: FARFALLA EL MASHOOR
(Mashoor Al Mohamadia x AF Felma)
from Haras Engenho*



Stallion Cup 2018 El Tino



The sire El Tino was the stallion whose sons's points summed to the highest scoring of the Breeders' Cup. He is the most influential sire of the Brazilian breeding after *FA El Shawan. His get won over 30 National Champion titles in Brazil, Chile and the United States. He is currently at Royal Arabians-USA, owned by Cindy McGown and Mark Davis.

El Tino is descendent of a Bey Shah line breeding. His father, many times US National Champion, DA Valentino, is a great-great grandson of Bey Shah through Fame VF and Versace.

El Tino's mother, Imprimita CF, is Bey Shah's granddaughter through Bey Imprimis. The sons of El Tino that made him the Stallion



Stallion Cup El Tino from Royal Arabians-USA

Cup 2018 were: Intense Arabco (x Shavanna El Madan by *FA El Shawan), 2018 Bronze Brazilian National Champion from Rancho Arabco, one of the owners of El Tino in his time in Brazil; the Silver National Champion 2018 RFI Splendor (x RFI Sophie Almaktab by RFI Al Maktub) from RFI Arabians; Latifa MAM (Lumiar Zingara by RFI Maktub), and Hariry MAM (x Lumiar Elektra by RFI Maktub) both from Haras Dona Francisca.

Brazilian Breeders' Cup Championship



The Breeders' Cup Championship judgment closed this exciting show introducing yet another way to pay tribute to the breeder's vigorous selecting work. The horses with the highest points had the opportunity to go back to the show again, this time to be chosen by the Comparative System of Judgment with the same judge panel of the event. The outcome showed how powerful is the influence that the amazing sire Marwan Al Shaqab has over the current Brazilian breeding.

He is the maternal grandsire of the Champions Gold Colt Aziz MAM and Gold Filly Lady Dominica JSZ. He is the paternal grandsire of the Champion Silver Colt TS Prince El Khidam and of the Champion Silver Filly Josephine HVP. He is also the father of the Champion Bronze Filly Antigua HVP and paternal grandsire of the Champion Bronze Colt Intense Arabco.



*Breeders' Cup
Championship Gold Colt,
Aziz MAM from
Haras Dona Francisca*





Breeders' Cup Championship Silver Colt, TS Prince Al Khidam from Haras Arco Azul

Both Gold Champions of this judgment bring a strong connection to the Chilean breeding. The Gold Filly Lady Dominica JSZ was bred in Brazil by the Chilean Jorge Selume from Haras Santa Marta. She is the daughter of the American Dominic by Da Vinci, breeding at Estância Las Rosas in Uruguai. Dominica's mother, Breta UB, is one of the significant dams of the Haras Vila dos Pinheiros by OFW Magic Wan (Marwan Al Shaqab).

The Champion Gold Colt Aziz MAM is the son of the Chilean sire HP Ali by HP Shakir, a great-great grandson of Bey Shah, chiefly responsible for the top quality in the Chilean breeding. The mother of Aziz is RL Alita MAM by El Shakhry, a Brazilian sire, son of *FA El Shawan by Marwan Al Shaqab. Aziz MAM, one of the most outstanding colts of this generation, had already been National Champion Gold Yearling 2017, National Champion Gold Junior Colt 2018 and he was bred by the new Haras Dona Francisca, owned by Michel Morelato.



Breeders' Cup Championship Bronze Colt, Intense Arabco from Rancho Arabco



Breeders' Cup Championship Gold Filly, Lady Dominica JSZ from Haras Santa Marta-Chile

The Champion Silver Filly Josephine HVP is a daughter of EKS Alihandro by Marwan Al Shaqab out of *RD Fabreanna, daughter of Falcon BHF by Bey Shah. Josephine and the Champion Bronze Antigua HVP (Marwan Al Shaqab x *HB Bessolea by Besson Carol) were bred by the Haras Vila dos Pinheiros, owned by Jaime Pinheiro, the second Haras with the most points in this Breeders' Cup. The Champion Silver Colt TS Prince El Khidam is the son of TS Khidam El Shawam, son of *FA El Shawan by Marwan Al Shaqab out of TS Tiffany by Power World JQ; and had already been National Champion Gold Yearling 2016, National Champion Silver Junior Colt 2017, and National Champion Young Colt 2018. He is the breeding of Haras Arco Azul, owned by Toni Salloum. Concluding the awards of this 1st Brazilian Breeders' Cup Championship, we have the Champion Bronze Colt, Intense Arabco by El Tino (DA Valentino) out of Shavana El Madan by *FA El Shawan (Marwan Al Shaqab) who had already been National Champion Bronze Yearling 2017 and Young Colt 2018. Intense was bred by Rancho Arabco, property of Sylvio Barbosa Neto.





Breeders' Cup Championship Silver Filly, Josephine HVP from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros



Breeders' Cup Championship Bronze Filly, Antigua HVP from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros

Reception at the RFI Arabians



Making the most of the great phase of success that his brand RFI Arabians has reached in the world of Arabian Horses, Rodrigo Forte opened his charming Haras to the breeders and visitors of the Breeders' Cup. Seeing the selection work of Rodrigo Forte was a spellbinding moment, as well as the wonderful get, equally mesmerizing, that his stallion RFI Maktub bequeathed to the Brazilian breeding.





