



# XII Polish Sport Championships of Arabian Purebred Horses



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Elgoriusz and Oliwia Kowal

On the last weekend of October (30-31.10), The Michałów Stud together with the The 1st Regiment of Horse Riflemen in Michałów was the host of the 12th Polish Sport Championships of Arabian Purebred Horses affiliated by ECAHO. 25 horse-rider pairs competed right here to test their skills and level of training in 7 competitions to choose from. It was a great opportunity to present many functional qualities of the Arabian horse, i.e. strength, speed, endurance, gentleness and last but not least friendly character.

The Michałów Stud, fully wrapped in the colours of autumn, welcomed its guests with wonderful, sunny weather and high (as for this time of year in Poland) temperature. The competitions started on both Saturday and Sunday quite early, at 8:00 am, but thanks to this the participants of the event could admire the unusual view. In the morning, gentle

autumn fog surrounded the buildings of the stud, between which riders moved on purebred Arabian horses. The rising sun was reflected in the horses' eyes, and the beat of their hooves mingled with their joyful neighing. You should regret not being there!

The invitation to judge classic and pleasure competitions was accepted by: Alicja Poszepczyńska, Magdalena Szarszewska, Anna Piasecka, Waclaw Pruchniewicz and the Olympian, judge and coach Józef Zagor, who was also the host of the track. The competitors ran against each other at the following Classes: Type & Conformation, Dressage, Classic Pleasure, Traditional Arabian Riding, Hunter Pleasure, Polish Historical Costume and Show Jumping. The most numerous competitions were: Classic Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Show Jumping, where 10 pairs were entered.





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Classic Pleasure: Elgoriusz (Oliwia Kowal), Wasali (Aleksandra Mazurkina)



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Saturday's competition began with the Type & Conformation competition, in which 7 pairs showed the best qualities of the Arabian horse. The most favourable impression was made by the pair Elgoriusz (Medalion - Elgora / Poganin) and Oliwia Kowal, who is his owner, and they represented the La Posada stable. This grey, only four-year-old stallion, bred at the Michałów Stud, proved that a versatile Arabian horse can also match the breed standard. It is worth noting that Elgoriusz was the youngest horse at the competition, but it was he who set the bar for his rivals high in individual competitions, but we will come back to that later. Second place went to the grey gelding Korab (Pegasus - Karbala / Emigrant), who was also bred in Michałów and belongs to Magdalena Helak – Kulczyńska and participated in tandem with Marta Kulczyńska representing the Abaria Iwno Equestrian Club. The third place this time took the bay stallion Wostok (Pogrom – Wołogda/Ekstern), bred in

Janów Podlaski and owned by Aneta Chrząstek – Szyc, who was presented by Sabina Pawelkiewicz from Klub Jeździecki Lider Radzionków Blue Arabians. During Saturday's competition, there was a slight confusion in the Dressage semi-finals due to some discrepancies between the riding programs of the riders and those of the judges. This was surely because of the fact that the programs were made available on various websites, where they were not properly updated. That's too bad, though, because the competitors must have put a lot of effort into preparing themselves and their horses for this competition. In the end, "the cards were dealt" by pairs: Wostok and Sabina Pawelkiewicz, Erutido (Emberk - Elmara / Monar) bred by Agnieszka Kozłowska and owned by Bolesław Roszkiewicz in a duet with Jan Woźniewski from Stajnia nad Wisłą and Cyrano (Ekier - Cytra / Elpacino) bred & owned by Danuta Konończuk, ridden by Alicja Jasiak from the Amazonka Dama Dana





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Team Riding Club. Cyrano took third place both in the semi-final and in the final, while Wostok and Erutido swapped places, so in the final the gold medal went to the gelding Erutido, and the silver medal went to Wostok. In the Classic Pleasure and Hunter Pleasure Class, judges assessed the presentation of pairs in the walk, trot, extended trot, working and extended canter.

Moreover, horses were required to stay in the "stand" position and to be willing and agile backing up. In both competitions, aforementioned Elgoriusz together with Oliwia Kowal broke the bank and took the first places. Although Elgoriusz was second in the semi-finals of Classic Pleasure, he gave way to elegantly led Wostok, the distribution of forces in the final was different. Wostok came only in 5th place. The second place and the silver medal went to the duo Korab and Marta Kulczyńska, who

additionally won a bronze medal in the Hunter Pleasure Class. The third place was awarded to the grey gelding Emisfero (Empire - Erosetta / Oset) bred by Aleksandra Kowalska and ridden by his owner Aleksandra Rachut. The silver medal in Hunter Pleasure Class was defended by the stallion Elsar (Poganin - Emida / Wachlarz), bred by Grzegorz Dudek and owned by Przemysław Janowski, with his equestrienne Krystyna Janowska. The duo represented the Wrzosy Equestrian Club. Elgoriusz, Elsar and Emisfero, along with their equestriennes, competed also in the Traditional Arabian Riding competition. A total of five pairs went against each other in this competition. It is certainly the most colourful competition, because it is here that the fantasy of the participants in the selection of costumes can be unlimited. The colours of gold, turquoise, red and black filled the Michałów hall – that was a real feast for the eye! The abovementioned pairs had primacy here and won the





EMISFERO and Aleksandra Rachut



ERUDITO and Jan Woźniewski



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PRETENDENTKA and Matylida Kowalik

following medals in the final: gold - Elgoriusz and Oliwia Kowal, silver - Emisfero and Aleksandra Rachut and bronze – Elsar and Magdalena Łach.

The Polish Historical Costume Class was another very interesting and eye-catching competition. It has always been full of elegance, so this time elegance was intertwined with the finesse and grace of Arabian horses. Eight couples were presented in beautifully designed old Polish costumes with carefully selected details. However, the judges had to choose the best three in the final, and so Emisfero and Elsar stood next to each other on the podium again, but one step higher than in the previous competition. The same duo, i.e. Emisfero and Aleksandra Rachut won gold and this time Elsar together with Krystyna Janowska won silver. The bronze medal went to the stallion Negro (Celsjusz - Nirwana / Turban) bred by Witold Jakubczyk and owned by Jarosław

Jakubczyk and his equestrienne Marcelina Żebrowska from the Łaziska Horse Stud. The correctness of the program execution, the cooperation between the horse and the rider, riding style and proper use of aids are assessed in costume competitions. This is 75% of the judges' score, while 25% is for the rider's outfit and the horse's row. The gelding Elgor (Dębiec - Este / Furiat) bred by Wojciech Janowski and owned by Przemysław Janowski was the best in the Show Jumping competition. Ridden by Maja Książkiewicz he won first place and a gold medal, and with equestrienne Magdalena Łach he won second place and a silver medal. The bronze medal and third place went to the mare Webista (Perseusz - Webera / Porto), bred by Dariusz Łuczak and ridden by her owner Karolina Hernik - Jasik, representing the Hubertus Horse Stud.

Competitors and their horses could obtain two more titles.





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The Classic All-Round Champion title is awarded to the horse which, with the same rider, received the highest total of points from all mandatory and additional competitions in which they competed. The obligatory competitions include: Type & Conformation and Dressage or Jumping, and the additional ones: Dressage, Jumping, Classic Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Native Costume. The BEST PURE POLISH award was also an interesting touch to the event. It was sponsored by the Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association, and it was intended for the horse that will take the highest place in the All - Round classification and will meet the pedigree requirements. Both titles, obviously, went to Elgorius. This Michalów-bred stallion and his owner, and

at the same time a talented equestrienne, won four gold medals and the abovementioned titles. We cannot forget that he was the youngest horse at the competition! The silver medal of the Classic All-Round Champion was won by the stallion Wostok.

Such competitions prove that Arabian horses are multi-talented, intelligent, willing to cooperate and prove themselves in many sports. Therefore, thanks are due to the organizers, sponsors, officials, volunteers, and above all, the competitors without who such an event could not have taken place.





NEGRO and Marcelina Żebrowska



KARAMEA and Adrianna Śliwińska





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