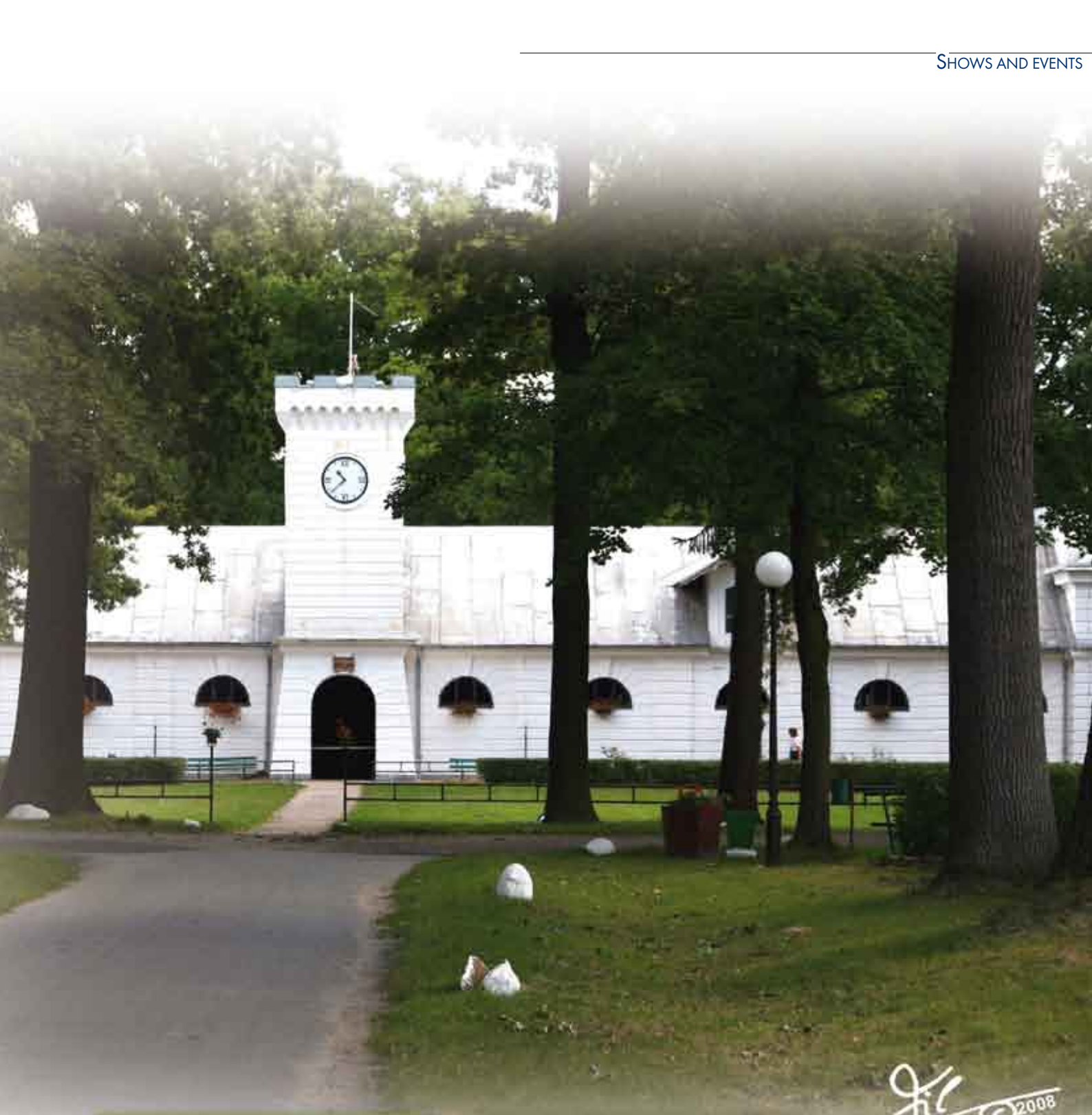




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The Arabian Horse Days are now behind us, both the 30th Polish National Arabian Horse Show and the 39th Pride of Poland Sale went as all hoped and expected. It was efficient and festive, the participants came in large numbers, while the favorites of both the championships and sale did not fail their supporters. With great pleasure we welcomed again on home soil Pianissima who, after a two year lease to the US, once again knocked out the competition being awarded the highest score of the show. The endless discussions over the record-setting sale turned out to be justified, Kwestura achieved the price of a lifetime and the turnover of the auction was again higher than last year's. The weather was kind, and even though some dark clouds looked menacing, it did not rain a single drop.

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RESERVE



Eksterna

Nearly 150 horses entered for the show forced the organizers to divide the classes between two days. The championship struggles began already on Friday evening, indoors, and the first up were the junior stallions. A large number of yearling colts looked picturesque and diversified. However

Debowa Laka - Top five



FILLIES

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Palabra

the judges: Titti Gagliani from Italy, Ann Norden from Sweden, Peter Gamlin from the UK and Nasr Marei from Egypt, gave out the first marks with large caution. The class winner, repeating his success from the Bialka Spring Show, was the typey ALBANO (Enzo - Alena/Emigrant)



Bohema - Top five



Melody - Top five



RESERVE



Lord Bey Shah

from Janów Podlaski, before the grey WILLARS (Al Ma-raam – Wilga/Ekstern) from Michałów. The results of the two year olds class also confirmed those from Bialka. An undisputable favorite of both the judges and public was KABSZTAD (Poganin – Kwestura/Monogramm) from

Albano - Top five



Colts

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Kabsztad

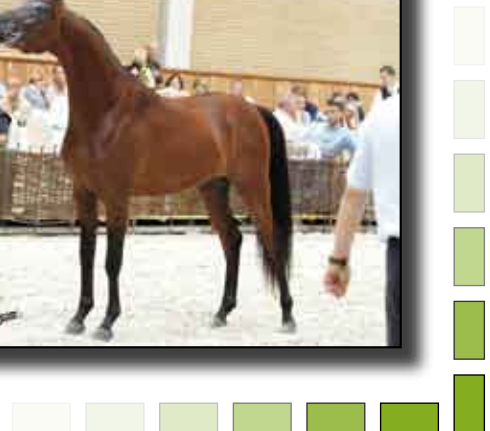
Michatów. The son of an usual mare scored 92 points and did not give away the lead until the championship itself. The day also belonged to LORD BEY SHAH (Psytadel – Lady Aphrodite/Padrons Psyche) bred and owned by Małgorzata and Józef Pietrzak. He placed second in class



Willars - Top five



Boreas - Top five



RESERVE



Espadrilla

and a while later took part in the fight for the highest honor. Although the times when 90% of the Arabian horse population underwent racing training are definitely over, Polish breeders still have a hard time seeing three year olds at the shows. Only three colts performed in this class, which

Emesa - Top five



Mares

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Pianissima

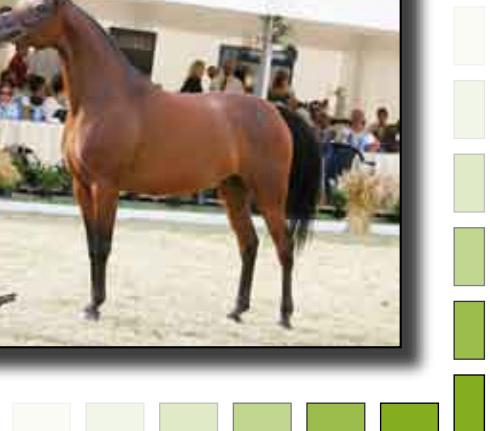
ended with the victory of ENALEJ (Emigrant – Enona/ Fawor) bred by Jerzy Nejman and owned by Beata Dzi-kowska. The Reserve Champion from Białka – the bay BOREAS (Metropolis NA – Bombina/Bomarc), bred and owned by Wojtek Kowalik, this time had to settle for second



Pinga - Top five



Belgica - Top five



RESERVE



Drabant

place. The finals, which took place late in the evening, were not surprising, but still brought plenty of joy. The judges unanimously pointed to Kabsztad as Champion, while the title of Reserve went to Lord Bey Shah.

The very long but full of emotions Saturday brought new challenges to both exhibitors and judges alike, who performed a true marathon on the arena. The last horses walked off the showing in complete darkness, while the judges looked as if they had no more strength left in them. However they all agreed that the quality of Polish horses makes

Stallions

Arabian Horse Days

Champion



Grafik

up for the biggest hardships and gives a boost of energy. The superb and already recognizable PALABRA (Enzo – Palmeta/Ecabo) from Janów Podlaski left her rivals way behind and took the A series of the yearling fillies' class by storm. Another reason for satisfaction for the private bre-



Piber - Top five



Eryks - Top five



eders was delivered by PASTERNA (Ekstern – Pasywa/Wachlarz) bred and owned by Lech Błaszczuk, who placed second. The B series belonged to a Gaspar daughter, the robust DEBOWA ŁAKA (out of Debowa Góra/Laheeb) from Michałów before the delightful MELODY (Psytaedel – Mina/Monogramm) of Mr. and Mrs. Pietrzak, whose lucky streak lasted through the entire show.

Also the two year old fillies turned up in a strong line-up, divided into two series. The superbly moving BOHEMA (Ekstern – Bogini/Arbil) from Janów Podlaski trotted to victory in the first one. One point less and in turn second place went to the elegant WASA (WH Justice – Waresa/Empres) bred and owned by Falborek Arabians of Krzysztof Gozdziński. The Top Five included also another mare from Falborek, the bay daughter of WH Justice – SOTIKA (out of Słonka/Wojstaw). The performance of the next ten fillies was dominated by the moving in sweeping strides grey GOLTERIA (Galba – Gotlandia/Pesal) from Michałów. WOŁOGDA (Ekstern – Wanilia/Alegro), despite a “20” for movement, was not able to beat her and had to settle for second place. The matured three year olds put on an intense fight for first place in class. The differences in the total scores were slight, but there can only be one winner. The Top Three was filled by daughters of Ekstern. First – EKSTERNA (out of Emanta/Pamir), another pupil of Falborek Arabians. The second spot was taken by Janów Podlaski’s ALTAMIRA (out of Altona/Eukaliptus), while the third – by HERLINA (out of Heroldia/Eukaliptus) from Białka. Once more this petite in size, but huge in breeding potential sire confirmed his class. After a lunch break the senior mares took the stage. It is general knowledge that in Poland the senior mares’ classes are the toughest of all. In the first series of the 4–6 years old mares’ class 8 out of 10 participants received over 90 points with the victorious PINGA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Pilar/Fawor) from Janów Podlaski grabbing an overwhelming 93. Michałów’s Gazal daughter NORMA (out of Nina/Monogramm) with “just” 92,5 points had to satisfy herself with second place.



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And when it seemed that it couldn’t get any better, the “B” series began and another 9 mares walked onto the arena and together with them – PLANISSIMA. Everyone was curious to see how this multichampion will present herself. There were definitely no worries and even if – they were chased away after the initial presentation. This mare has no equals, the judges looked at her for a long time, but not to confirm their marks, but to feast their eyes. When handler Greg Gallun led Pianissima off the arena, several seconds had to pass before anyone realized that ALHAMBRA was waiting to be evaluated. Six “20s” and a total score of 95 points left no doubts as to whom the championships would soon belong to. The superb Janów-bred BELGICA (Gazal Al Shaqab – Belladona/Europejczyk) took second place in class with dignity.

It’s surprising that even after some n-teen hours of watching horses go through the show arena the entrance of the older mares still brings goose bumps and delight. Each one of the 7–10 year old mares was champion material. The first five were evaluated over 91 points and the judges put down their marks with perplexity. “It’s a good thing that I’m not judging this class, because I would find it hard to choose the best one”, smiled Peter Gamlin with relief, who was resting during this class. The choice however had to be made – it was EMESA (Laheeb – Etopka/Eukaliptus) from Michałów before her stablemate EMMONA (Monogramm – Emilda/Pamir). And finally the last female class – mares 11 years old and above – which gathered 8 participants and served as a reminder of Michałów’s phenomenal Monogramm daughters. All evaluated over 90 points, all well-known and already awarded. The winner was ESPADRILLA (Monogramm – Emanacja/Eukaliptus). The majestic EGZONERA (Monogramm – Egzotyka/Probat) placed second. The judges, frightened by the darkening clouds, speeded up a bit, but still the stallion classes began at dusk. An interesting group of 4–8 year old males, diversified but without an obvious leader, together with rock n’ roll music woke up the public. The successful performance of Michałów’s DRABANT (out of Demona/Monogramm) secured him first place in class and a qualification for the finals. Second came the dark bay ERYKS (out of Emmona/Eukaliptus), also from Michałów, besting by just one point for movement PEGASUS (out of Pepesza/Eukaliptus) from Janów Podlaski. This way the first three (and even the first four – including EL AZEM out of El Fatha/Entyk) in class belonged to the sons of Gazal Al Shaqab. The time came for the show’s final class – the oldest stallions. One of the most enduring participants of the National Show, GRAFIK (Eukaliptus – Gaskonia/Probat) won the class with a large advantage and gave reason to believe in his success in the finals. Second place belonged to the great mover PIBER (Pamir – Pilina/Probat) from Janów Podlaski.

Only the adoration for pure bred Arabians allowed the

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Greg Gallun - Best Handler



Stallion Eliat - Best Recheorse



Mariusz Liskiewicz - Best Trainer



Ekstern - WAHO Trophy

participants, public, judges and organizers overcome the tiredness and carry out the championships on Saturday evening. The task was made harder with each minute by the setting of the sun. It was getting darker and darker and the horses' silhouettes were veiled in shadows, making the evaluation even tougher. But in Janów the most enduring enthusiasts meet. The choosing of the Polish National Junior Champion Mare took place in the sunset. The delicate, feminine, dry and beautiful PALABRA looked extremely noble in the rose garlands and the sun's last rays. It was also an extraordinary evening for Falborek Arabians, whose EKSTERNA gained the title of Reserve Champion. The Polish National Senior Champion Mare was chosen quickly and unanimously. No one had any doubts as to who the winner would be – not because of secret dealings with the jury panel, but due to the realistic evaluation of the participants. PLANISSIMA could not go home without the title, because no one deserved it more than her. She was in good company, as the title of Reserve Champion went to ESPADRILLA. Michałów Stud repeated their success from 2006, winning a double in the Stallion Champion-

ships. Already four times Reserve Champion, GRAFIK finally got his Champion crown, leaving the other place for DRABANT. Let's just hope that Drabant will not grow into that title for the next couple of years, but will treat it as a jump-off to further successes.

On Sunday nobody spoke about anything else than the coming auction. Before however auctioneer Ollie Fowlston began his characteristic chant, the sunny afternoon witnessed the crowning of Best in Show. The Crystal Trophy of the President of Poland, won by Pianissima, was taken away to a special place in the Janów Stud's office. There were no surprises.

More pleasant awards were handed out: the Best Racehorse of the Show went to ELLAT; the title of Most Beautiful Mare to PLANISSIMA; trophies for best movement were awarded to PINGA and DRABANT. Happiness beamed from Greg Gallun, who was chosen Best Handler, while Mariusz Liskiewicz – Best Trainer. And finally the WAHO trophy, for an outstanding Arabian representative of Polish breeding, went to the best sire of the last years – EKSTERN.

Pride of Poland Sale

"Ladies and Gentlemen, during today's auction we can witness history", began auction announcer Jerzy Zbyszewski. A year of preparation, hard work, renunciation and expectancy confronted reality. It was presumed that this year's Pride of Poland Sale might turn out to be epoch-making, due to the stunning offer. It might, but doesn't have to... When Wróżka - the first, opening mare - was led onto the arena, the air in Janów's indoor facility became thick and heavy. This black, effective mare was sold to Belgium for 52,000 euro. But it was not Wróżka for whom both clients and the public were waiting for.

How should one announce a mare, about whom everything has been said? Kwestura emerged onto the arena accompanied by deafening applause, which lasted throughout the bidding. Successive amounts rose steadily to 900,000 euro, later the bidding slowed down a bit to stop at 1,125,000 euro, the highest price ever offered for a horse at the auction in Janów Podlaski during its entire 39 year history. This result is definitely reason to be proud and satisfied.

As the time passed, the temperature of emotions slightly decreased, as the clients knew exactly what they came for. Sold for impressive sums to the UK - 270,000 and 340,000 euro respectively - were Andromeda and Amra from Janów Podlaski. 240,000 euro was what was required to purchase

Ellissara from Michałów, while 80,000 euro bought Belissima from Paweł Redestowicz. Ekina, a mare remembered from many shows, will now represent Belgium for 100,000 euro. There were buyers for both state stud and private bred horses alike. The two year old Garuna will head to Great Britain, while the robust Emegna to Saudi Arabia. Among the 36 horses offered in the main sale, only 9 did not find new owners, while the overall outcome of the sale amounted to 3 million euro. An absolute record. However it would be wrong to assume that after such success comes a moment of peace and "basking in the sun".

Already a moment later came the unavoidable question of "what next"? The standard has been raised to dangerous heights, while next year the sale celebrates its 40th anniversary. How to surprise and draw the not so numerous clientele in the years to come? Surely with the quality of the horses. Pride of Poland is the only auction with such a long tradition and so absolutely exclusive. Surely with the consistency, as the horses offered for sale are not sold prior to the auction itself. And surely with many more factors, some of which we have control over and some over which we don't.

"See you in a year", with that Director Marek Trela ended the evening show. We will see what fate will bring. □



Kwestura



Parola



Ekina



Peczora



Andromeda



Cirsza



Wrozka



Amra



Pereira



Erotika



Garuna



Egea



Alberina



Dombra



Sawantka



Emegna



Cefeida



Dormeza





Eutenia



Ellissara



Husara



Diastema



Agora

RESULTS

Lot	Horse	Price (EUR)	Country
PRIDE OF POLAND BROODMARES			
A	KWESTURA	1,125,000	UAE
1	WRÓZKA	52,000	Belgium
2	CEFEIDA	25,000	USA
3	CALINECZKA	not sold	
4	EGEA	160,000	Saudi Arabia
5	ELWINGA	42,000	Belgium
6	EKINA	100,000	Belgium
7	PECZORA	90,000	UK
8	ANDROMEDA	270,000	UK
9	CIRSZA	sold	France
10	WESOŁA NOWINA	not sold	
11	AMRA	340,000	UK
12	PEREIRA	sold	UK
13	EROTIKA	40,000	USA
14	GARUNA	47,000	UK
15	SALAMINA	not sold	
16	ALBERINA	12,000	USA
17	DOMBRA	not sold	
18	SAWANTKA	37,000	Belgium
19	EMEGNA	60,000	Saudi Arabia
20	ARVENA	not sold	
21	DORMEZA	65,000	Poland
22	EUTENIA	35,000	France
23	ELLISSARA	240,000	Saudi Arabia
24	HUSARA	27,000	Saudi Arabia
25	EUKOMIA	not sold	
26	DIASTEMA	sold	Kuwait
27	AGORA	12,000	USA
28	BELLISSIMA	80,000	Saudi Arabia
29	ELLANDA	21,000	USA
30	BAŁAGUŁA	13,000	USA
31	EMEERIA	21,000	Saudi Arabia
32	EWINA	55,000	Brazil
33	EPOKA	not sold	
34	ESTRELIA	not sold	
35	PAROLA	15,000	Italy
36	FUKARA	10,000	USA
Total Pride of Poland:		2,994,000	



Bellissima



Ellanda



Balagula

SELECTION SALE BROODMARES			
1	CESIA	not sold	
2	BOLA	8,000	Sweden
3	BRYZA	not sold	
4	CERER	sold	Switzerland
5	EFREMA	not sold	
6	EGASTA	withdrawn	
7	EL SERIBE	7,000	Poland
8	ERIBOJA	10,000	Saudi Arabia
9	EUREKA	not sold	
10	NIRWANA	withdrawn	
11	ORIWIA	6,000	USA
12	PENALBA	9,000	Saudi Arabia
13	PETRONIA	5,000	Brazil
14	PIANA	15,000	France
15	PILBARA	22,000	Czech Republic
16	PRUSJA	21,000	Kuwait
17	SOKOLDA	5,000	France
18	SONORA	7,000	Austria
19	STIGMA	7,000	France
20	WENUS	7,000	UK
21	WIZULA	not sold	
22	ZAPORA	not sold	
SELECTION SALE SIRES & STALLIONS			
23	ALBUS	withdrawn	
24	ESSENTIAL	not sold	
25	PANICZ	not sold	
26	DARGIN	not sold	
27	DIAMENT	not sold	
28	EIGER	not sold	
29	ERSTED	not sold	
30	ABSYNT	not sold	
31	EPOLET	not sold	
32	FIOLEK	withdrawn	
33	PENTAMER	31,000	France
34	GOREC	21,000	USA
Total Selection Sale:		181,000	
TOTAL PRIDE OF POLAND & SELECTION SALE: 3,175,000 EUR			



Emeeria



Ewina



Elwinga