

Triple Nile win in the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, Avenches 18th September 2016

Nil Ashal, Nil Aziz and Nil Alamooun, all representatives of our A-line were taking the first three places in the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, a flat race over 1m1f, dotated with CHF 12'000. It was the 8th win for 8 years old colt Nil Ashal, ridden by Tim Bürgin.



Above: start to the Wathba Stud Farm Cup with the two German runners Madjy and Ainhoa Djass in front, followed by Ni Aziz, Nil Ashal and Nil Alamooun. Photo Scarlett Schär

An interesting field with the two top horses Madjy and Nil Ashal

Seven horses were competing in the 2016 edition of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, sponsored by H.H. Sheikh Mansour Al Nahyan. The two leading German horses Madjy (7 yrs. colt by Dormane x Badjaya) and Ainhoa Djass (5 yrs. colt by Dahess x Ainhoa Syldjanie), were travelling to Avenches, Switzerland to challenge the five Swiss horses Nil Ashal (8 yrs. colt by Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat), Nil Majeed (3 yrs. colt by Majd Al Arab x Nil Incipit, Nil Alamooun (4 yrs. filly by Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue), BC Nihal (6 yrs. gelding by Nil Bedouin x Nil Nura) and Nil Aziz (4 yrs. colt by Dahess x Nil Abiat).

11 times winner and favorite Madjy was winning this race one year ago when beating Nil Ashal by a short head. Nil Aziz, half-brother to Nil Ashal has had a good season up to now with a 5th, 3rd and 1st place in Germany, beating Ainhoa Djass. The unexperienced 4 yrs. filly Nil Alamooun has had two races in 2016 in Italy and was doing quite well in Rome in the HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Nahyan Listed Cup when finishing 7th, this as only filly in the field. BC Nihal and the young Nil Majeed, who did his first race, were the outsiders.

Thrilling finish with a dominant winner

BC Nihal was taking the lead shortly after the start, followed by the two Germans Madjy and Ainhoa Djass. The three Niles were waiting behind. End of the last bend, Nil Aziz attacked the two German horses Madjy and Ainhoa Djass and was going in front. Nil Alamooun was running in fourth position followed by Nil Ashal, still easy cantering. 300m before the finish, Nil Alamooun was doubling Madjy and Ainhoa Djass, when shortly after Nil Ashal started his great speed for imposing himself with authority.



Above: Triple Nile success in the Wathba Stud Farm Cup with the winner Nil Ashal in front of his half-brother Nil Aziz and his $\frac{3}{4}$ sister Nil Alamoon. Photo Scarlett Schär

Although these three horses all prefer good ground, they were dominating with their class. This result is a great success for the A-line of Nile Arabians. This worldwide spread dam line regularly produces top class race horses, e.g. Tabarak, who was in 2013 with 126 the highest rated race horse in IFAHR. Tabarak's dam Altesse d'Arocco traces back to the same dam line as our A-line.

Below some further impressions of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup 2016 in Avenches. Pictures by Yves Wiesmann: www.turffotos.ch



above: Winning ceremony with Nil Ashal and his rider Tim Bärger



left: BC Nihal and Morgane Bärger



oben: BC Nihal and Morgane Bürgin



Nil Alamoon and jockey Astrid Wullschleger





Nil Ashal and Tim Bürgin



Nil Aziz, half brother to Nil Ashal



Briefing jockeys by trainer Franziska Aeschbacher



Jockeys ready to race



Start of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup 2016



Oben: Fighting for the win: ahead from left to right: von links nach rechts: the two half brothers Nil Aziz and Nil Ashal and the chestnut filly Nil Alamoon, $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to Nil Ashal.



Happy trainer and happy jockey.



First feedback from rider to trainer after the race.