

Outsider Nil Aziz wins the HH Sheikh Zayed Listed Cup at the White Turf meeting, St. Moritz February 2017

The 5-year old stallion Nil Aziz (Dahess x Nil Abiat by Darike) is landing a superior win in the H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup with a dotation of CHF 38'500.-. With this win Nil Aziz is achieving black type status.



Nil Aziz with Jockey Vaclav Janacek after winning the HH Sheikh Zayed Listed Cup on the way to the winning ceremony. Foto Yves Wiesmann turffotos.ch

It was a fantastic sunny winter day at the first race meeting on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. This year the track was in a very good condition, well prepared with a solid ground of snow and below about 60 centimeters of ice. Around 9'000 spectators enjoyed the races and the various entertainments on the lake.

Eight pure bred arabians from the Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland were declared runner for the H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup, a Listed race over 1'600 meters. Top favorite was the 6-year old mare Nil Kamla (Dahess x Kahloucha), who won this race and the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship race a year before. Second favorites were the 10-year old stallion Athlète del Sol (Dormane x A La Volée) and the 12-year old gelding Alibaba del Sol (Kerbella x A l'Aube del Sol), both trained and owned by Karin Van den Bos. Both horses have already been racing successfully several times at the snow track in St. Moritz. In July 2016 Athlète del Sol was winning a group III race in Sweden.



The field of 8 pure bred Arabians after the start of the Zayed Listed Cup. In front from left to right: Nil Aziz, Nil Kamla and Nil Ashal. Foto: fotoswiss.com

Favorite Nil Kamla was unlucky at the start. Her starting gate opened with delay and the mare struggled when jumping out. After 600 meters racing Nil Kamla was already beaten and lost the contact to the head of the field.

A better start had Nil Aziz, who took quickly the lead of the field followed by Athlète del Sol. Outsider Nil Aziz was keeping the lead during the whole race. He was attacked by Athlète del Sol in the last bend but could resist. At the home straight Nil Aziz boosted his lead and was winning by 5 lengths in front of Athlète del Sol followed by Alibaba del Sol, Nil Ashal and Nil Alamoon placed 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The 5-year old winner Nil Aziz is the second foal out of the mare Nil Abiat (Darike x Kadjouna de Nerak by Djourman). Her first foal was Nil Ashal by Nil Bedouin. Nil Ashal is also a black type horse and a 8-times winner. Her third foal is a still unraced 3-year old colt by Burning Sand.

Although Nil Aziz was the outsider in the field, her trainer Franziska Aeschbacher was not surprised about his performance. She commented his win as follows: "Already last year, Nil Aziz was progressing as a 4-year old from race to race and I don't know where the journey goes. In December 2016 we gave him a race on Listed level against strong competitors in Pisa. There he was still unplaced but the race brought him a huge step further".



Prize giving ceremony for the HH Sheikh Zayed Listed Cup. From left to right: jockey Vaclav Janacek, trainer Franziska Aeschbacher, owner Sabine Aebi, breeder Urs Aeschbacher, Elisabeth Zindel responsible for White Turf Sponsoring and White Turf CEO Slivio Staub. Foto Yves Wiesmann turffotos.ch

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Rg	Pferd	Reiter	Box	Gewicht	GAG	Abstand	Quote	Preisgeld	Skl.	Trainer Besitzer
1.	 Nil Aziz (AV)	Janacek Vaclav	6	59	n.a.	ueberlegen	18.6	16'170	Skl	Aeschbacher Franziska Aebi S.+L.
2.	 Athlète del Sol (AV)	Pietsch Alexander	2	62	n.a.	5	6.2	8'085	-	Van den Bos Karin Landgoed Waterland
3.	 Alibaba del Sol (AV)	Porcu Daniele	8	61	n.a.	3.5	3.4	5'775	-	Van den Bos Karin Landgoed Waterland
4.	 Nil Ashal (AV)	Bürgin Tim	3	59	n.a.	1.5	6.5	3'850	Skl	Aeschbacher Franziska Aeschbacher Urs
5.	 Nil Alamoon (AV)	Wullschleger Astrid	7	57.5	n.a.	3.5	8.3	1'925	-	Aeschbacher Franziska Stall Golden Arabians
6.	 Nil Kamla (AV)	Lingg Raphael	1	58.5	n.a.	Weile	2.3	1'155	S.B.	Aeschbacher Franziska Aeschbacher Urs
7.	 Esid in Zamour (AV)	Murzabayev Bauyrzhan	5	57	n.a.	3	7.7	0	-	Borkowski Michal Stall Rez Stable
8.	 Estarion (AV)	Guilbert Nicolas	4	59	n.a.	Weile	9.6	0	S.B.	Borkowski Michal Stall Rez Stable

Bemerkungen

Als Letzte in die Startboxen: 2 ALIBABA DEL SOL, 4 NIL ASHAL und 6 NIL KAMLA

Rennleitungsentscheide

Bemerkung: Die Startboxe von Nil Kamla ging verzögert auf

Rennverlauf

Nil Aziz liess im Einlauf Athlète del Sol keine Siegchance mehr. Alibaba del Sol holte sich noch Rang drei.