

Two Black Type performances of Nil Aziz and Nil Ashal in the Dubai International Arabian Stakes, Rome 14th May 2017

The two half-brothers Nil Aziz and Nil Ashal convinced in the Dubai International Arabian Stakes in Rome on a sunny day with 28°C. They finished this race on the 2nd and 3rd place out of 16 runners.



The two half-brothers Nil Aziz (left) and Nil Ashal (right) with lad Xavier Grassini and trainer Franziska Aeschbacher after the race in Rome. Photo Enrico Querci

At the Dubai Day, one of the most important race meetings in Italy, two races for pure bred Arabian horses had been held: the Shadwell Arabian Stallion Price for 3-years old and the Dubai International Arabian Stakes for 4-years old and elder pure bred Arabian horses. A full field of 16 runners was competing in the Listed/Stakes race, where the best Italian Arabian race horses were racing against one horse from France, one from Germany and the two Swiss horses Nil Aziz and Nil Ashal.

Favorite was the Al Shaqab owned 5 yrs. old colt Meblsh (Amer x Nyriad), followed by Nil Aziz (Dahees x Nil Abiat). Meblsh was born in Qatar and is trained by T. Fourcy, France and is a French Group horse. He came with a 3rd place in a group II race in Toulouse where he was running against the best French horses. Nil Aziz came with a win on 12.02.17 in the Listed race on snow in St. Moritz and with another win in a condition race on turf on 26.03.17 in Pisa.

A top track with a selective finish line of 600m on the famous race track of Rome Capannelle, Nil Aziz was attacking about 400m before the finish and took the lead. Meblsh himself reacted immediately and dominated Nil Aziz at the end by 7 lengths. Nil Aziz finished clear 2nd, followed by 3,5 lengths by Nil Ashal who showed great speed on the last 300m coming from behind.

Trainer Franziska Aeschbacher was happy with the result of her two runners: despite the long trip of almost 1000km the day before the race, despite the high temperatures and the selective race – both her horses have been happy, sound and motivated and could fight with lots of potential. “I am certainly very happy for their dam Nil Abiat who showed herself lots of potential in training before having a bad accident. Nil Ashal and Nil Aziz, her two first sons are Black Type. Her 2017 colt by Damis pleases a lot and gives hope to develop into another valuable race horse. His name is Nil Adamis, a correct, compact, strong colt with a calm, clear mind and an outstanding stride”.