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**Nil Ashal shows a strong performance in the QATAR NEAR AVENCHES Race,**  
July 26th 2012

*On July 26<sup>th</sup> the 4-year old stallion Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) achieved the good second place at his second lifetime start against good competition from Germany.*



*Nil Ashal ridden by Tim Bürgin in the QATAR NEAR Avenches race. Foto Scarlett Schär.*

A field of 8 horses was competing over 1'800 meters in the QATAR NEAR AVENCHES race. Four Swiss bred horses were running against four horses from Germany. Our German guests came with their best three horses considering their handicap ratings in Germany. The 6-year old stallion Terach El Samawi (Tidjani x Octavia El Samawi) with a rating of 91 kg was the clear favorite followed by the 8-year old stallion Sayf (Kesberoy x Solonge) with a rating of 84 kg and the 6-year old stallion Badjy (Dormane x Badjaya) rated with 80 kg.

After the start, the two stallions Badjy and Nil Karazi took the lead and made a good pace. Favorite Terach El Samawi followed on third position. Nil Ashal was placed in last position and had some troubles to follow the field on the first 500 meters. End of last turn, Terach El Samawi was quickly in front with two or three length. Nil Ashal was attacking outside from the last position and showed an impressive finish. Passing the second and third placed horses Badjy and Sayf he was coming closer and closer to the leading Terach El Samawi. At the end Terach could save his win one and half lengths in front of Nil Ashal.

Nil Ashal's trainer Franziska Aeschbacher was happy with his performance at his first race in 2012 and second lifetime start, where he confirmed his win from his 1<sup>st</sup> start as a 3 years old. Franziska is convinced that Nil Ashal has some good stayer qualities.