

Home victory for Nil Ashal in the Qatar NEAR Avenches Race, June 17th

The 5-year old stallion Nil Ashal was winning over 1'600 meters setting a new track record for pure bred Arabians on the Avenches race track. His most dangerous contender was the favorite Fanal El Samawi who won the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup in St. Moritz in February 2013.



Nil Ashal, Fanal El Samawi and Sayf fighting for the win with new track record over the mile (1:44:71)

Seven horses were entered in the Qatar NEAR Avenches Race. One of them was non-starter with veterinary certificate.

The 5-year old Dormane daughter Ghilali, owned by Guy Authier from Switzerland, took quickly the lead with 7 to 10 length ahead of the field. The two "Nile horses" Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) and Nil Kebira (Dahess x Kahloucha) were running on last and second last position. In the last turn the favorite Fanal El Samawi (Ainhua St. Faust x Octavia El Samawi) closed the gap between the front runner Ghilali and the field and took easily the lead.

On the home stretch Nil Ashal attacked from second last position and was crossing the finishing line by a head in front of Fanal El Samawi. Third placed horse was the 9-year old Kesberoy son Sayf out of Solonge 1 1/4 length behind Fanal El Samawi. The 4th and 5th placed horses are the two mares Ghilali (Dormane x Iakouba) and Nil Kebira (Dahess x Kahloucha).

Nil Ashal, winning with a time of 1:44:71, is trained by Franziska Aeschbacher.