

Another podium place for Nil Aziz in the HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup in Rome, 4th June 2017

Only three weeks after his 2nd place in the Dubai International Arabian Stakes in Rome, the 5-yrs. old colt convinced again on the same track. This time he finished 3rd over the distance of 2'400m in a € 35'200.—Listed race. His 9-yrs. old half-brother Nil Ashal finished 5th.



Nil Aziz (Dahess x Nil Abiat) with his trainer Franziska Aeschbacher happy back home after his 3rd Black Type performance this year. (Photo Nile Arabians)

The two grey colts Nil Aziz (Dahess x Nil Abiat) and Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) trained by Franziska Aeschbacher proved their outstanding hardiness and mental during the last three weeks: Within 20 days, they were travelling two times to Rome, a total of 4'000 km and competed in two Listed races, the first over the distance of 1900m, the second over 2400m.

Nil Aziz, who could win one race and get three times placed in 2016 improved a lot over the winter period and is now ready to race successfully on high level. In 2017, he has been racing three Listed races so far: winner in February over 1600m on snow, 2nd in May over 1900m on the selective track of Rome and 3rd over 2400m in Rome in June. You can rarely find a horse who has got the extraordinary ability to race successfully on Listed level over different distances and on different surfaces.

Nil Aziz, ridden by Champion jockey Carlo Fiocchi was travelling during the race on 2nd and 3rd position. Favorite Metrag (Amer x Massamarie) and Nil Aziz were fighting head by head two furlongs out. Metrag proved his stayer quality and made the decision, followed by Ramiz al Aziz (Akbar – Win Taouy) with a weight of 58.5kg finished 2nd, 1 length in front of Nil Aziz with 59.5kg who finished third. Three weeks ago, over the distance of 1900m, Nil Aziz was 2nd while Ramiz Al Aziz followed as 7th with a distance of 14 lengths.

Trainer Franziska Aeschbacher feels that Nil Aziz' best distances are from 1'800m to 2'200m.

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Nil Aziz (Dahess x Nil Abiat) at the race track of Avenches a week after his return from Rome. Foto Nile Arabians.

