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Juma's Team, the marriage that has changed the global endurance

The story of Jaume Puntí and María Álvarez, two fans of horses that have become world champions and have earned the respect of international endurance

Jaume Puntí Dachs and María Álvarez del Pontón. Juma's Team. Do not look for them on social networks. They only have one web page with most of their sections outdated or under construction. If you want something from them, look for them at 7:00 in the stables, Monday through Sunday, holidays included, Christmas day included. In Girona. Working.

"I started with my neighbor's mule. I have no idea why, but since I have reason I liked them, it came from within. Then came the 'I want a horse, I want a pony' ... until I got it".

Cantabrian by birth, María Álvarez found subsidized courses: *"And I did all I could in an equestrian center. I did jumping, I had made dressage, I really liked the thoroughbred races I saw on the beach, but at 15 I discovered what endurance was in a horse magazine, where the champion of Spain appeared. Is there a sport in which there are 160km on horseback? During the week she rode, but on weekends she grabbed sandwich and mare and ran miles. I've always been very competitive, I tried it, I loved it until today".*

Seven years older than she is Jaume Puntí. His love for horses was born in Vic (Barcelona), where some friends of his parents saw the passion that little 13-year-old Juma had for them: *"They told me: if you can do these hours, you can come with me. I did 130h in school. And on Saturdays and Sundays I spent cleaning stables to ride. And from that I started working. I was able to buy a horse and spent all my money in the business we had, in pig farms and in horses".*

The year 1992 in Barcelona will be remembered for the Olympic Games. However, another sporting event took place in Barcelona the same year that Jaume Puntí does not forget: *"The endurance I discovered with 15 years, but in fact it was in Barcelona 92, in the World Championship. I participated as a volunteer and I liked it. There I saw Becky Hart, the American who won. We have a very good friendship and I saw that we had to change many things in Spain to reach that level".*

Jaume Puntí was dedicated to farms and horses. Until the Arabs changed their life: *"I was lucky that one of the horses liked the Arabs and wanted to buy him. With the score of yes and no we did make a good relationship. After a while it coincides that two people wanted to buy the same horse for the same owner, and we agreed to sell him if I trained him. We signed the contract and I received the money".*

Everything seemed normal, but there was a trick: *"One day after receiving the money they told me: When are you coming to Dubai?" Juma's surprise was capital: "To Dubai? To do what? I collected the money yesterday". The importance of knowing what is signed: "Yes, and you said you would train him but you did not sign where". Go to Dubai? Juma consulted his father: "He told me that if I really liked it so much, I would go for a year and try, while he stayed with the farms that I owned".*

There he went, in 1999, to put the first stones of a place that has become the second house of all those who are dedicated to the world of endurance: riders, veterinarians, grooms.





Many are those who in the last three decades have traveled to the Emirates to devote themselves to the horses. One of those people was Maria, that Cantabrian who wanted to get away from the endurance to be able to finish veterinary. *"But before finishing a race of endurance of Antonio Moreno, it got the chance for me to go to Dubai. I went on a fun experience plan. Go six months, the season, and come back. I was a rider and my idea was to return later to finish veterinary. But I met Juma and I stayed 14 years".*

Yes, she took a break to finish the veterinary: *"I took a flat in Cáceres, I got a change of plan and lost a lot of credits but I enrolled in everything, and I went to Dubai again".*

In Dubai, Juma was already a champion who was clear, from the beginning, his philosophy: *"My goal was never to live from the past and win a great race every year. And I was lucky that every year I could do it. After two years I met María. It*

was 17 years in Dubai and we are still in Dubai. Now we are at home because children have to be raised at home but monthly we go there". Summers in England and winters in Dubai, this was the life of Juma and Maria until the children arrived and they settled in Catalonia.

In 2008 and 2010, Maria was proclaimed world champion. In 2016, the World gold went to Jaume. In 2014 and 2016, both took the podium as World endurance team champions. In Tryon they were about to get back on the highest step, although the race never ended.

Their story is barely known. It is the philosophy of Juma's Team, the past does not matter. Proof of this is how Maria reacts when she is presented: *"This is Maria, the best, champion of everything several times, of the world, of Europe... ". No matter how many times they say it, she always answers the same thing: "That was a long time ago, it's been a while, now it's very complicated".*

Because your humility is one of your traits,

other than your identity traits, the other Juma's Team's identity signs are living the present. What you did an hour ago doesn't count, it's worth what you're going to do now. His philosophy is work, work and more work. Constant. Uninterrupted. And if you want to work with them, be part of their team, you have to live up to it, be Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum or be a groom.

All who work with them corroborate it. They have the respect of national and international endurance. The respect of the Sheikhs and the grooms. They have more than 200 horses between Spain, France, Uruguay and Dubai. An empire built and maintained based on work. From two children who were born passionate about horses, they found their sport and built their lives around.

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Juma's Team, el matrimonio que ha cambiado el raid mundial

La historia de Jaume Puntí y María Álvarez, dos apasionados de los caballos que se han convertido en campeones del mundo y se han ganado el respeto del raid internacional.

Jaume Puntí Dachs y María Álvarez del Pontón. Juma's Team. No les busques en las redes sociales. Solo tienen una página web con la mayoría de sus secciones desactualizadas o en construcción. Si quieres algo de ellos, búscalos a las 7:00 en las cuadras, de lunes a domingo, festivos incluidos, día de Navidad inclusive. En Girona. Trabajando.

"Yo empecé con la mula de mi vecino. No tengo ni idea de por qué, pero desde que tengo uso de razón me gustaban, me salió de dentro. Luego llegó el "quiero un caballo, quiero un poni... hasta que lo conseguí".

Cántabra de nacimiento, María Álvarez encontró unos cursos subvencionados: "E hice todos los que pude en una hipica de allí. Hacía salto, había hecho doma, me gustaban mucho las carreras de pura sangre que veía en la playa, pero a los 15 años descubrí lo que era el raid en una revista de caballos, donde aparecía el campeón de España. ¿Hay un deporte en el que hay 160km a caballo? Entre semana montaba, pero los fines de semana agarraba bocado y yegua y a tirar millas. Siempre he sido muy competitiva, lo probé, me encantó y hasta hoy."

Siete años mayor que ella es Jaume Puntí. Su amor por los caballos nació en Vic (Barcelona), donde unos amigos de sus padres vieron la pasión que el pequeño Juma de 13 años tenía por ellos: "Me dijeron: si puedes hacer estas horas, te puedes venir conmigo. Hice 130h en escuela. Y los sábados y domingos me los pasaba limpiando cuadras para poder montar. Y a partir de eso empecé a trabajar. Pude comprarme un caballo y gastaba todo el dinero mío en el negocio que teníamos, en las granjas de porcino y en los caballos".

El año 1992 en Barcelona será recordado por

los Juegos Olímpicos. Sin embargo, otro acontecimiento deportivo tuvo lugar en la Ciudad Condal el mismo año del que no se olvida Jaume Puntí: "El raid lo descubrí con 15 años, pero en realidad fue en Barcelona 92, en el Campeonato del Mundo. Participé de voluntario y me gustó. Allí vi a Becky Hart, la americana que ganó. Tenemos muy buena amistad y vi que teníamos que cambiar muchas cosas en España para poder llegar a ese nivel".

Jaume Puntí se dedicaba a las granjas y los caballos. Hasta que los árabes cambiaron su vida: "Tuve la suerte de que uno de los caballos les gustó a los árabes y me lo quisieron comprar. Con el tanteo de sí y no hicimos buena relación. Al cabo del tiempo coincidió que dos personas quisieron comprar el mismo caballo para el mismo dueño, y estuvimos de acuerdo en venderlo si lo entrenaba yo. Firmamos el contrato y recibí el dinero".

Todo parecía normal, pero había truco: "Un día después de recibir el dinero me dijeron: ¿Cuándo te vienes a Dubai?". La sorpresa de Juma fue mayúscula: "¿A Dubai? ¿A hacer qué? Yo cobré el dinero ayer". La importancia de saber lo que se firma: "Sí, y dijiste que lo entrenarías, pero no firmaste dónde". ¿Irse a Dubai? Juma lo consultó con su padre: "Me dijo que si de verdad me gustaba tanto, que me fuese un año y probase, mientras él se quedaba las granjas que yo tenía en propiedad".

Allí se fue, en 1999, a poner las primeras piedras de un lugar que se ha convertido en la segunda casa de todos aquellos que se dedican al mundo del raid: jinetes, veterinarios, mozos...

Muchos son los que en las últimas tres décadas han viajado a Emiratos para dedicarse a los caballos. Una de esas personas fue María, aquella cántabra que quería alejarse del raid para poder

terminar veterinaria. "Pero antes de terminar la carrera, en un raid de Antonio Moreno, surgió la posibilidad de irme a Dubai. Fui en plan experiencia divertida. Ir seis meses, la temporada, y volver. Me iba de jinete y mi idea era regresar después a terminar veterinaria. Pero conocí a Juma y me quedé 14 años".

Eso sí, hizo un paréntesis para terminar la carrera: "Me cogí un piso en Cáceres, me pilló cambio de plan y perdí un montón de créditos pero me matriculé de todo, y me fui a Dubai otra vez".

En Dubai, Juma ya era un campeón que tenía claro, desde el principio, su filosofía: "Mi objetivo era no vivir nunca del pasado y ganar una gran carrera cada año. Y tuve la suerte de que cada año lo pude hacer. Al cabo de dos años conocí a María. Fueron 17 años en Dubai y aún seguimos en Dubai. Ahora estamos en casa porque los niños se tenían que criar en casa pero mensualmente vamos ahí". Veranos en Inglaterra e inviernos en Dubai, así era la vida de Juma y María hasta que llegaron los niños y se asentaron en Cataluña.

En 2008 y 2010, María se proclamó campeona del Mundo. En 2016, el oro Mundial fue para Jaume. En 2014 y 2016, ambos se subieron al podio como campeones del Mundo de raid por equipos. En Tryon estuvieron a punto de volver a subirse al escalón más alto, aunque la carrera nunca terminó.

Su historia apenas es conocida. Es la filosofía del Juma's Team, el pasado no importa. Prueba de ello es cómo reacciona María cuando la presentan: "Esta es María, la mejor, campeona de todo varias veces, del mundo, de Europa...". No importa las veces que lo digan, ella siempre responde lo mismo: "Eso fue hace mucho, ya ha pasado tiempo, ahora está muy complicado". Porque si la humildad es uno de sus rasgos, otra de sus señas de identidad, o mejor, otra de las señas de identidad de Juma's Team es vivir el presente. Lo que hiciste hace una hora no cuenta, vale lo que vas a hacer ahora. Su filosofía es trabajo, trabajo y más trabajo. Constante, ininterrumpido. Y si quieres trabajar con ellos, formar parte de su equipo, tienes que estar a la altura, seas el jeque Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum o seas un mozo.

Lo corroboran todos los que trabajan con ellos. Tienen el respeto del raid nacional e internacional. El respeto de los jeques y de los grooms. Tienen más de 200 caballos entre España, Francia, Uruguay y Dubai. Un imperio construido y mantenido a base de trabajo. De dos niños que nacieron apasionados por los caballos, encontraron su deporte y construyeron su vida alrededor.



Juma's Team dominated the one and two star races

French rider Camille Garbet won the CEI3*** of Barcelona Santa Susanna with BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE in front of Anna María Yebra with GIROLA-DE-QUERCUS and Ricard Domingo with VIKITIKITAVI-D'SALLAZ. In two stars, the riders of the Juma's Team Paula Muntala, with CAPRI-EL-ANTHELIOS, and Bruna Pujols, with AKIMA-DE-COTTEREUIL, respectively won the CEI2** and the CEIYJ2**, while Iris Pérez and ER- ARDUZ won the CEI1*.

The races of the 66th edition of the Raid de Barcelona Santa Susanna, dean of the European calendar and last three stars of the 2019 season were played from December 5 to 7, organized by the team of the Garbi Equestrian Club, led by Joan Rodríguez and Jordi Bordas.

In addition to CEI3*** of 192 (2 x 96) kilometers in 2 days and 3 phases each day, two races of two stars over 152 (2 x 76) kilometers and one of a star over 85 kilometers in 3 phases were also played.

The two-day races were held on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7, and the CEI1* on Thursday, Day 5.

In the queen race, the CEI3***, 23 binomials left in 18 at the start of the second day. The leading group, at the end of the fifth phase, had remained in four binomials that reached the penultimate phase together: María Álvarez with COMBACK-DE-LAMONIE, Camille Garbet with BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE, Ricard Domingo with VIKITIKITAVI-D 'SALLAZ and Anna María Yebra with GIROLA-DE-QUERCUS.

In the endless rise of the last phase COMBACK could not keep up with BALTIKA and GIROLA, while VIKITIKITAVI adapted her speed to the harsh circumstances.

In the final meters the French binomial was the strongest, entering Camille Garbet and BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE winners with a 4-second advantage over Anna María Yebra and GIROLA-DE-QUERCUS.

Ricard Domingo and VIKITIKITAVI-D'SALLAZ were third, 22 minutes, followed by the Portuguese binomial João Moura and GAIATO, 3 minutes more. In total, 8 binomials of the 23 that started were classified.

In 2-star race the Juma's Team binomials dominated both races. In the CEI2** Paula Muntala, with CAPRI-EL-ANTHELIOS, Gil Berenguer with AMESKAN and Roger Codina with AKTHARA ran

in the race from the first kilometers to the final phase, entering in this order.

Mikel Vila and TBO-JOY went back from eighth place in the first phase to finish fourth, followed by Luca Campagnoni with ALIZARINA-BY-LUSY, Marc Vila with LOSTREGO, Daniele Seriola with GA-AMIR-AL-AUTAN and Laurent Mosti with BATAKLHAN -DU-CADE. 37 of the 76 registered were classified.

Very similar race for the CEIYJ2**, with 18 binomials at the start, and with the riders Bruna Pujols and Jana Oms, respectively riding AKIMA-DE-COTTEREUIL and ALEXCAM-DES-SERRES, in head from beginning to end. At 13 minutes the Italian Camilla Coppini was third with QUALITA-BY-ERCULES, followed by Carla Mosti with LOUNBA-DE-L'ISLES, up to a total of 11 classified.

On Thursday, in the CEI1*, with 76 binomials at the start, the lead group was made up of 10 binomials in the first phase, stayed at 9 in the second phase and finally there were 6 who disputed the victory in the sprint final, imposing the riders of the Juma's Team, winning Iris Pérez with ER-ARDUZ in front of Manon Capitaine with ER-ABAKAY and María Rolan with ER-TULIYHA.

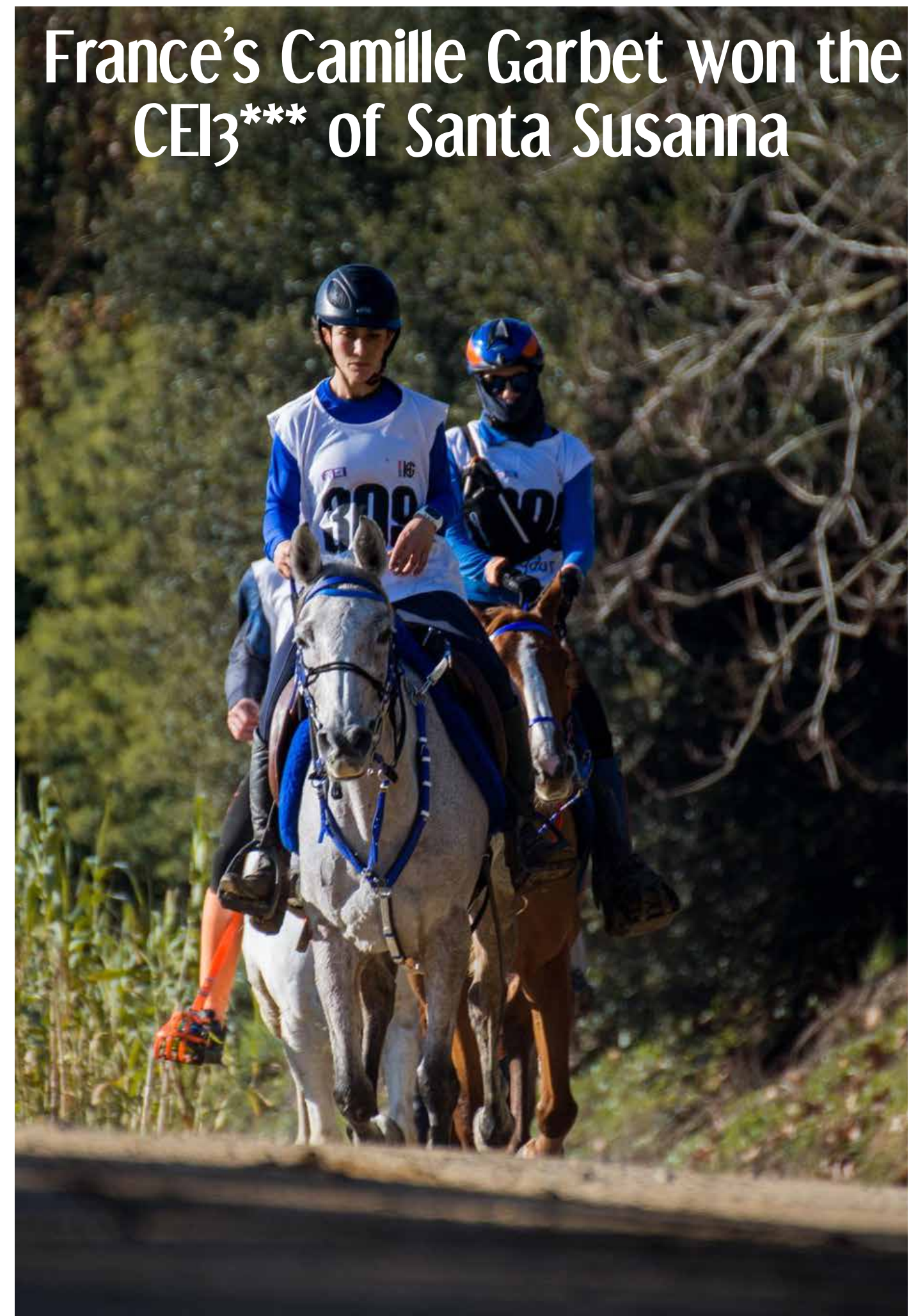
Noa Aleix was fourth with TAIGA-DU-CAMMAS, followed by Jordi Muntasell with MB-PRISH and Omar Blanco with AS-SUPER. 55 binomials were classified.

Congratulations to all!

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France's Camille Garbet won the CEI3*** of Santa Susanna





Paula Muntala with Capri El Anthelios [45]

Berta Barnils



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Iris Pérez on ER Arduz

La francesa Camille Garbet ganó el CEI3*** de Santa Susanna



Juma's Team dominó las carreras de una y dos estrellas

La amazona francesa Camille Garbet ganó el CEI3*** de Barcelona Santa Susanna con BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE delante de Anna María Yebra con GIROLA-DE- QUERCUS y de Ricard Domingo con VIKITIKITAVI-D'SALLAZ. En dos estrellas, las amazonas del Juma´s Team Paula Muntala, con CAPRI-EL-ANTHELIOS, y Bruna Pujols, con AKIMA-DE-COTTEREUIL, ganaron respectivamente el CEI2** y el CEIYJ2**, mientras que Iris Pérez y ER-ARDUZ ganaban el CEI1*.

Las carreras de la 66ª edición del Raid de Barcelona Santa Susanna, decano del calendario europeo y último tres estrellas de la temporada 2019, se disputaron del 5 al 7 de diciembre, organizados por el equipo del Club Hípico de Garbi, capitaneado por Joan Rodríguez y Jordi Bordas.

Además de CEI3*** de 192 (2x96) kilómetros en 2 días y 3 fases cada día, también se disputaron dos carreras de dos estrellas sobre 152 (2x76) kilómetros y una de una estrella sobre 85 kilómetros en 3 fases.

Las carreras de dos días se disputaron los viernes 6 y sábado 7 de diciembre, y el CEI1* el jueves día 5.

En la prueba reina, el CEI3***, tomaron la salida 23 binomios que se quedaron en 18 al inicio de la segunda jornada.

El grupo de cabeza, al final de la quinta fase, se había quedado en cuatro binomios que llegaron juntos a la penúltima meta: María Álvarez con COMBACK- DE-LAMONIE, Camille Garbet con BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE, Ricard Domingo con VIKITIKITAVI-D'SALLAZ y Anna María Yebra con GIROLA-DE-QUERCUS.

En la interminable subida de la última fase COMBACK no pudo seguir el ritmo de BALTIKA y GIROLA, mientras que VIKITIKITAVI adaptó su velocidad a las duras circunstancias.

En los metros finales el binomio francés fue el más fuerte, entrando Camille Garbet y BALTIKA-D'AURABELLE ganadoras con 4 segundos de ventaja sobre Anna María Yebra y GIROLA-DE-QUERCUS. Ricard Domingo y VIKITIKITAVI-D'SALLAZ fueron terceros, a 22 minutos, seguidos del binomio portugués João Moura y GAIATO, a 3 minutos más. En total se clasificaron 8 binomios de los 23 que tomaron la salida.

En 2 estrellas los binomios del Juma's Team dominaron ambas carreras. En el CEI2** Paula Muntala, con CAPRI-EL-ANTHELIOS, Gil Berenguer con AMESKAN y Roger Codina con AKTHARA rodaron en cabeza de carrera desde los primeros kilómetros hasta la meta final, entrando por este orden.

Mikel Vila y TBO-JOY remontaron desde el

puesto octavo en la primera fase hasta terminar cuartos, seguidos por Luca Campagnoni con ALIZARINA-BY- LUSY, Marc Vila con LOSTREGO, Daniele Seroli con GA-AMIR-AL-AUTAN y Laurent Mosti con BATAKLHAN-DU-CADE. Se clasificaron 37 de los 76 inscritos.

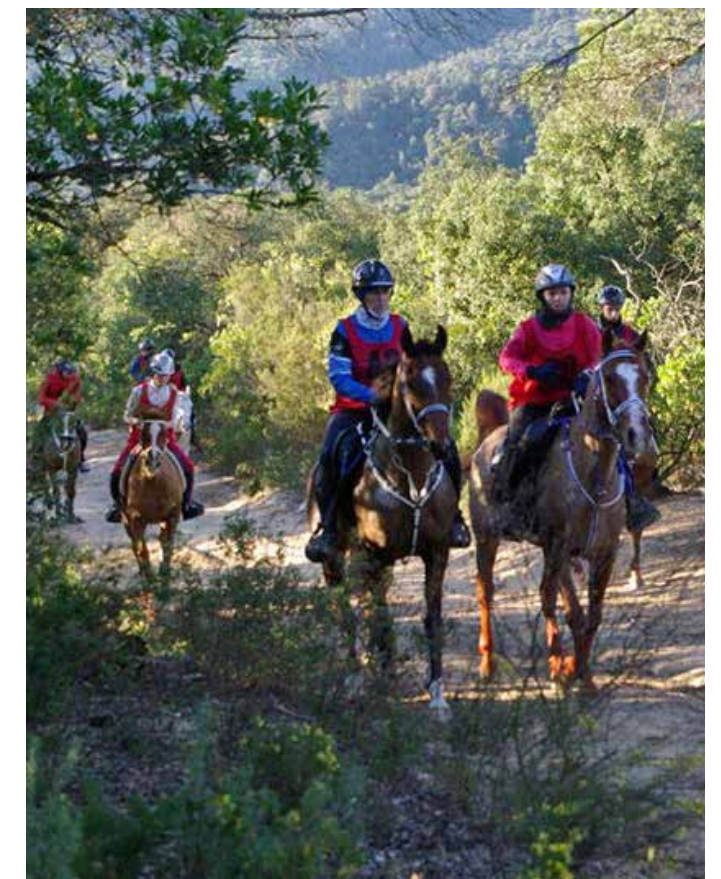
Carrera muy similar para el CEIYJ2**, con 18 binomios en la salida, y con las amazonas Bruna Pujols y Jana Oms, montando respectivamente a AKIMA-DE-COTTEREUIL y ALEXCAM-DSSERRES, en cabeza de principio a fin. A 13 minutos la italiana Camilla Coppini fue tercera con QUALITA-BY-ERCULES, seguida de Carla Mosti con LOUNBA-DE- L'ISLES, hasta un total de 11 clasificados.

El jueves, en el CEI1*, con 76 binomios en la salida, el grupo de cabeza estaba formado por 10 binomios en la primera fase, se quedó en 9 en la segunda meta y finalmente fueron 6 los que se disputaron la victoria en el sprint final, imponiéndose las amazonas del Juma's Team, ganando Iris Pérez con ER-ARDUZ delante de Manon Capitaine con ER-ABAKAY y de María Rolan con ER-TULIYHA.

Noa Aleix fue cuarta con TAIGA-DU-CAMMAS, seguida de Jordi Muntasell con MB-PRISH y de Omar Blanco con AS-SUPER. Se clasificaron 55 binomios.

¡Enhorabuena a todos!

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Al Muhairi leads domain of United Arab Emirates



Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis Al Muhairi wins the individual title of the FEI Meydan World Endurance Championship Young Riders & Juniors. UAE wins team gold, silver for Spain and bronze for Italy

SAN ROSSORE (PISA) – United Arab Emirates absolute protagonists of the FEI Meydan World Championship Young Riders & Juniors 2019, which took place on September 18, at the San Rossore racecourse as part of the fifth edition of Toscana Endurance Lifestyle.

The individual title went to Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis Al Muhairi, who, riding Bingo de la Tour, won with the average speed of 25.15 km / h, confirming himself as World Champion under 21 and repeating the success he had achieved two years ago in Valeggio sul Mincio, Italy. Behind him the compatriots Shaheen Yayhya Shaheen Khalfan Almazrouei on Keeshan d'Aillas and Saif Ahmed Mohammed Ali Almazrouei on Perzan.

For the young rider and his teammates it was an unforgettable day: five at the start and five at the top five places on the arrival, with the conquest of the team gold medal; second place for Spain (Jana Oms Quert, Bruna Pujols Amantell and Anna Soler Vila) and third place for Italy (Camilla Coppini, Camilla Malta, Caterina Coppini), celebrated in San Rossore by an enthusiastic and proud president Marco Di Paola.

The 105 binomials representing 35 nations have aligned themselves at the start of the first of the three races scheduled for the Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2019 (HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival, the FEI Meydan World Endurance Championship Young Horses 2019) have kept the expectations of the eve in full, providing high-level technical services and making the most of the great opportunities guaranteed by a race course that year after year is noted for smoothness, reliability and safety ensured to the pairs in race.

Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis Al Muhairi and his four companions took advantage of the opportunity to the fullest and, at the end of the last of the four loops in which the 120-kilometer track was divided, appeared on the finishing lane of the San Rossore racecourse in parade, digging a margin of 4'37 "against the sixth classified, the Spanish Jana Oms Quert.

Archive the emotions of the FEI Meydan World Championship young riders & juniors 2019, with the festive award ceremony that lit the limelight on the winners.

The 105 riders from 35 nations, including Al-

geria, Andorra, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, South Korea, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, United Arab Emirates, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Namibia, Norway, Holland, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Slovakia, USA, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Hungary, and Uruguay. Very significant numbers, which give even more weight to just how important San Rossore has become.

The venue for the Young Riders & Juniors World Championship boasts the largest number of competitors on the old continent.

Equally significant is the number of riders at the starting line. There were more than 100 riders, a number that hasn't been surpassed in twelve years: 93 teams at Valeggio sul Mincio (Italy) in 2017, 50 at Santo Domingo (Chile) in 2015, 86 at Tarbes (France) in 2013, 79 at Abu Dhabi (UAE) in 2011, 93 in Babolna (Hungary) in 2009 and 57 at Campo de Mayo (Argentina) in 2007.

The high number of teams starting is also synonymous with high technical levels. The most qualified young riders on the world scene, many of whom are already leaders in the FEI Endurance Young Riders World Rankings, competed on the 120-kilometer-long San Rossore course with three major objectives: to complete the race, to do so while maintaining the wellbeing of the horse, and to achieve the best possible ranking.

The three competitions of Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2019 extended along a 120-km racecourse, and the starting line, finish line and mid-way checks took place at the San Rossore racecourse. The track was chosen based on terrains that alternate dirt roads with sand and grassy fields, guaranteeing maximum safety and the absolute wellbeing of the horses, thanks to consistent and shady areas. These are ideal conditions, further enriched by the existing structures at the San Rossore racecourse and in the International Village that will be built inside the historic track, an endurance bastion designed to be the heart of the event, beginning with the opening ceremony on Monday 16 September at 7:30 p.m. Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2019 will also reach its full networking potential here, with the interaction between large events and the area, and the meetings of different peoples and cultures.

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FEI WORLD ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP YOUNG RIDERS & JUNIORS THE WINNERS

2001 Segovia (Spa)

Individual: Shh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum-Alrika (UAE)

Team: Spain

2003 Rocca di Papa (Ita)

Individual: Jacopo Di Matteo-Uruguay (Ita)

Team: Italy

2005 Bahrain (Brn)

Individual: Fahad Sulaiman Alazri-Lormar Lorraine

Team: Australia

2007 Campo de Mayo (Arg)

Individual: Manuela Antonaccio-Metiche (Uru)

Team: Uruguay

2009 Babolna (Hun)

Individual: Hussain Ali Al Marzouoi-Sergai (UAE)

Team: France

2011 Abu Dhabi (UAE)

Individual: Martin Stirling-Vendaval (Uru) - Team: Uruguay

2013 Tarbes (Fra)

Individual: Khalifa Ali Khalifan Al Jahouri-Niac Armor (UAE)

Team: France

2015 Santo Domingo (Chi)

Individual: Fahad Helal Mohamed Al Khatri-Poly de Coat Frity (Brn)

Team: Bahrain

2017 Valeggio sul Mincio (Ita)

Individual: Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis Al Muhairi-Rabdan (UAE)

Team: UAE

2019 San Rossore (ITA)

Individual: Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis Al Muhairi-Bingo dela Tour (UAE)

Team: UAE



Kalia Des Cygnes gives to the UAE the Young Horses World Championship



Kalia des Cygnes, of the M7 Stables, mounted by Suhail Ali Rashed Ali Al Ghailani, wins before the Spanish pair composed of Lepanto de Guadarranque and Gil Berenguer Carrera. Third are the French C’Pieraz du Vialaret and Melody Theolissant

The Young Horses World Championship in the name of the United Arab Emirates that the last day of Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2019 complete the clean sweep of victories that characterized the three-day San Rossore.

The Meydan World Endurance Championship Young Horses 2019 was won by Kalia des Cygnes, who along with Suhail Ali Rashed Ali Al Ghailani crossed the finish line ahead of the Spanish combination of Lepanto de Guadarranque and Gil Berenguer Carrera.

Kalia des Cygnes and Suhail Ali Rashed Ali Al Ghailani ended a race from the first to the last of the planned 120 kilometers with an average speed of 23.32 km / h. Only the binomial of Spain managed to keep their rhythm along the straight and in the woods of San Rossore.

The rest of the group, instead, had to fall back on a more conservative tactic in order to finish the race and overcome the final veterinary inspection. In third place with 15'41 "of late from the leaders, after a comeback set in the name of regularity, he closed the French pair formed by C’Pieraz du Vialaret and the expert Melody Theolissant. First of the Italians was Filodendro, who together with Caterina De Marchis took tenth place.

To enhance the performance of the young horses arrived in Pisa for the World Championship reserved for subjects up to 7 years, as had happened in the previous days on the occasion of the awarding of the FED Meydan World Endurance Championship Young Riders & Juniors 2019 and the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid At the Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival 2019, it was once again the San Rossore track.

And the temperature a few degrees lower than in the previous days has created even more advantageous conditions for the champions of the future to succeed in giving their best.

With the award ceremony of the Meydan World Endurance Championship FEI Young Horses 2019 the curtain fell on the races of a Toscana Endurance Lifestyle, which from a technical point of view have reaffirmed the leadership of the United Arab Emirates worldwide: the budget speaks of four first, second and third place, three second places for Spain and third place each for Italy, Portugal and France.



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Saeed Sultan Shames Al Maamri wins HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival



United Arab Emirates, Spain and Portugal on the San Rossore Podium

Saeed Sultan Shames Al Maamri wins HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival, second place for David Abad Guerra and third place Mariana Gomes Oliveira

Three different flags on the three flagpoles behind the podium of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival, which featured the second day of Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2019 in San Rossore.

The 120 kilometer race, in which 225 pairs from 35 nations took part, was won by Saeed Sultan Shames Al Maamri (United Arab Emirates) riding Andy, averaging 22.24 km / h, ahead of Spaniard David Abad Guerra on Nadin Fay and the Portuguese Mariana Gomes Oliveira on Jilguero II ex Clavijo de Guad.

The Emirati rider and the mare of the MRM Stables became the protagonists of a small masterpiece on the arrival avenue, at the entrance of which they appeared paired with the Spanish pair.

Complying with the trajectory wanted by his horse, which forced him to lose a few meters over his rival, Saeed Sultan Shames Al Maamri ended up in the outer fence, from where Andy gave him the last gift of a progressive comeback that ended with the solitary arrival on the finish line.

Behind the three pairs finished on the podium, fourth place for the Italian Daniele Seriola on Deizi, fifth place for the Spanish Daniel Garcia Cano with F General and Brazilian Felipe de Azevedo Mogullis on sixth place riding Saiph SBV.

The victory of Al Maamri confirms the special relationship with the victory that the Emirati riders have when they come to competing in Toscana Endurance Lifestyle. With this year's success, the United Arab Emirates riders have won 8 of the 10 races held so far in the four consecutive editions of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Italy Endurance Festival.

The quality of the performances of the pairs engaged in the 120 km of San Rossore has once again certified the goodness and the technical opportunities of the route that develops in the pine forest that surrounds the Pisan hippodrome.

Not by chance, the one organized by the team of Gianluca Laliscia is one of only two events (the other was held on 18 August in Euston Park, England) which take place under the umbrella of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai.



David Abad Guerra on Nadin Fay



Mariana Gomes Oliveira on Jilguero II ex Clavijo de Guad



The event director Gianluca Laliscia and Manuel Bandeira de Mello FEI Endurance Director

My Twenty Mule Team 65 Ride Story

By Dominique Freeman



Named after the historical Twenty-mule teams which were teams of eighteen mules and two horses attached to large wagons that transported borax out of Death Valley from 1883 to 1889, the Twenty Mule Team has always been an event of interesting history and the chance to meet up with great friends and ride breathtaking desert trail. My first 20 Mule Team in 2001 was no different, and the 'gang' from Braganca Paulista SP Brasil joined me for the 160 km event eager to try the storied trail.



The Braganca 'Outlaws': from L to R Gerson Viera DVM, Léo Steinbruch, Claudio Bagaroli, Sergio Iasi, Ariel Adjiman, Hank Webb, me (Big Loira) and Jair Justino

Fast forward to 2019, Twenty Mule Team ride (in its 40th year on Ridgecrest, California, on February 23, 2019, with distances of 35, 65, and 100 miles) is going to be the site of the AERC National Championships, riders from all over the US will enjoy the challenging trail with long climbs coupled with flat sandy tracks with beautiful vistas. The trails were the same that will be covered in the AERC National Championship rides on October 31-November 3.

This year I decided to do the 65-mile ride since we had so much rain in California we were limited to hand walking the horses and using the exerciser. A tune up ride at the Laurel Mt 50 in February with some similar trail to Twenty Mule Team and we were ready to haul 9 hours south over Tehachapi Pass (in a snowstorm) past the beautiful Red Rock Canyon to the town of Ridgecrest which happily had no snow, no rain and no wind!



The Fairgrounds is well suited to hosting endurance riders with their rigs and this year we had the pre-ride vet in on the grass.



Rising Heat (Desert Heat VF x *Zemina) aka 'Raizin' pre-race presentation to vets

I was fortunate to have my WEG crew Dr Michele Roush and Jonathon Appleby (intrepid photographer and fellow Brit) who would be helping us through the three vet checks ("Sandpit" at 20 miles, "Garlock Road" at 32 miles and 395 crossing at 55 miles).

A beautiful desert morning with a 6 am start with a gentle warm up after a controlled start, followed by a climb up and down college heights and crossing 395 past the Petroglyphs (rock art by the Coso people).

Rising Heat (Raizin) recovered in his usual 90 seconds at the "Sandpit" to catch riders in the top 10.

Leaving the "sandpit" vet check – Michele Roush DVM doing the final check before we leave



The next loop into the "Garlock Road" vet check has lots of challenging trail, through sandy washes, rock strewn canyons, past old mining shafts and down a long descent into the sheltered lunch stop

Raizin again recovered quickly and went out 20 minutes behind the leaders in the 100. The 65 and 100's had started together so it was going to be fun figuring out how many 65-mile riders were in the bunch ahead of us. There is a lovely long sandy road before the 5 mile climb up Laurel Mountain

and we passed one 65 miler riding with a 100 miler and then another 100 miler at the bottom of the mountain.



Crossing the road after the lunch vet check at Garlock Road to head up Laurel Mountain

Raizin was feeling really good after the 5-mile climb to the top of Laurel Mountain so we moved into his big trot passing several riders reaching the 395 vet check where Raizin recovered quickly, only to learn that we were in first place 4 minutes ahead of the 65 miler we had passed on the mountain!

With 10 miles to go, and Raizin always knows when we are heading back to the Fairgrounds, it was all I could do to keep him steady going up the last steep climb and then long downhill to the finish.



We crossed the finish line in first place and headed back to camp with Raizin pulling on the lead rope. After chowing down his dinner and enjoying his brushing, Michele showed for BC where he looked great and had compliments from the vets. It was one of those rides where a happy horse really means a happy finish.

Twenty Mule Team is a fabulous scenic trail well marked and well managed by Brian and Valorie Reeves and we are looking forward to the AERC Championships in November.

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The sixth edition of Shaghya Arabian Cup was also the National Championship and International Endurance and was held on 7 September at Buftea, Ilfov, Romania

This endurance event hosted as well all the levels of National competition (30km up to 80km) as international CEI1*and CEI2** rides.

Overall, the organization was perfect and of the standard of many high level endurance events ! The entries, not yet very numerous, were satisfactory altogether and spread rather equally over the different distances on offer. The "head organiser" Viorel Dabija and his team can be congratulated for the good work.

Elimination rates were reasonable and despite the hot weather, no horses have been in metabolic distress or needed vet-treatment during or at the end of the ride.

LOCATION

The location close to Bucarest, near the Otopeni airport, and thus of easy access.

The vet-gate is located on the premises of National Football Training Center:

There is accommodation available on the spot for officials /participants, located between vet-gate and stables, normally used for the football athletes.

The region is essentially flat, has large agricultural parcels of regular form that are adjoined by forests with many natural water-points. I have heard no complaining about quality of the going.

ORGANISATION

There is a roomy, flat area for vet-gate, grooming area and stables in the close vicinity of the vetting area. .

There is no permanent boxes available, but renting of temporary boxes of good size and safe construction in ample numbers, installed the horses adequately. Quality straw and hay was available in sufficient quantities Water also on the spot. Stables quiet over night before the ride , ample lanes between the lines of boxes to prepare the horses safely. Overall a calm atmosphere around the horses.

International riders (Bulgaria) were welcomed healthily and helped when necessary. A good

atmosphere of sportsmanship was experienced.

VIP-tent for local authorities and bigger tent for officials and administration office.

Hospitality for officials very good (in Football training center or hotel downtown)

Attractive booths with variety of drinks and light food (coffee-bike) available (for free for the officials), good set-up for public.

Teams of vet's and ground jury and stewards were ample and seemed to run well

The timing and results was done by the very experienced and perfectly running STYRIA TEAM, helped by local secretaries satisfying in their jobs . The heart-beat measurements were visible on screens for each lane for the international competitions.

Official time and "decount-time" shown at start-gate transponders available in due time before the start of first loop.

A series of small party-tents for shadow for horses when checked and vet's and their stewards.

RIDE

50 horses participated in the international and national competition

Loops are successive extensions of basic 15km loop, with good variety in the further parts of the loops (40km / 30 km / 20 km).

The marking on the course was efficiently done by one of the experienced riders of Romania. No complaints from the riders cc going nor cc marking of the loops

Water amply available on the loops + natural water points.

Large grooming area and good trotting area in the vet-gate.

Despite all distances were run on the same day, there were sufficient trotting lanes, clearly / safely marked off.

Very large screens available for map of loops and for intermediate.

Ample trophy's, even for best condition. Prize-money for international rides (3000 euro in total for the CEI-rides).

Source: Club Sportiv Shagya / Photos : Luxury Photo-Video



**Barbara Promberger winner of
CEI2** 120 km in Romania**

Results

CEI2* 120 km

First place: Barbara Promberger aboard Amirah Bint Takko (BC), from Romania
Total time: 06:19:59,
Speed: 18,948 km/h

Second place: Irina Ivanova aboard Argentyna, from Bulgaria
Total time: 06:35:04
Speed: 18,225 km/h

CEI1* 90 km

First place: Razvan Stefanescu riding Samir De Rendpleine, from Romania
Total time: 05:02:11
Speed: 17,870 km/h

Second place: Nikolay Nikolov, riding Amazonka Parva (BC), from Bulgaria
Total time: 05:02:12
Speed: 17,869 km/h

Third place: Jordan Yankov aboard Akila Ahmir, from Bulgaria
Total Time: 06:26:23
Speed: 16,545

CEN 60 km

First place: Gabriela Berejovschi aboard Tiana, from Romania
Total time: 04: 02: 25
Speed: 14,850

Second place: Bogdan Grigore aboard Haifa, from Romania
Total time: 04:38:20
Speed: 12,934

CEN 40km

First place: Laura Martinez riding Amal, from Romania
Total time: 03:15:49
Speed: 12,256

Second place: Morics Rudolff riding New Hope, from Romania
Total time: 03:16:53
Speed: 12,190

Third place: Ana Diaconu
Total time: 03:17:55
Speed: 12,126

CEN 30 km

First place: Maria-Ruxandra Budai riding Missy, from Romania
Total Time: 02:49:23

Second place: Mihai Berejovschi riding Saia, from Romania
Total time: 02:54:32

Third place: Cornel Dinicu riding Tusa, from Romania
Total Time: 02:54:40



Clara Haug wins Endurance Ride Possen



Clara Haug with Carhim des Aubepines

At the beginning of September, Saturday 7, a new international endurance ride was established on the Possen, in Sondershausen/Türingen (GER), which also offered four different national rides.

Anne Wegner from Scheden (Göttingen) and her team of the Aynur Endurance Stable tried to create a beautiful and exciting event, which they did with a lot of work and effort. Beside the event, the participants could enjoy some attractions, like local wild animals, cheetahs, bears, a petting zoo, the famous Possenturm and the high ropes course on the Possen.

Already Thursday afternoon the first participants arrived with their horses at the Freizeitpark Possen. Till the next day, paddocks and cooling areas were quickly equipped and set up. In the afternoon the veterinary preliminary examination, which was passed by all horses, was scheduled, afterwards the animals were cared for and waited now for the next morning to start the race.

Many of the participants of the event, whether official or starter, were impressed by the beautiful location of the Possen. "This place definitely has potential."

For this first event, 20 riders started on the different tracks, over 41 km to 124 km national (CEN) and 83 km to 124 km international (CEI & CEIYJ). Unfortunately, there was no rider on the 160 km CEI.

The tracks led over fields, meadow paths and through the forest of the Thüringer Hainleite. In the process, some differences in altitude had to be passed, approx. 1500 hm on the CEI**, a technically demanding course. In summary, there were four different loops (17 km, 22 km, 24 km and 36 km), which were ridden on the two international rides.

Four CEI** riders started the first round over 36 km in the morning, three seniors and one junior. The field of riders stayed together for a longer period of the ride. After the last fifth loop, Clara Haug with Carhim des Aubepines and Anna-Lena Weiershäuser with Alw Alors on Danse crossed the finish line hand in hand, with a speed of 14,8 km/h.

But Clara's horse had the nose ahead and won the CEI**, Anna-Lena rode on the second place. Third place went to Anne-Kathrin Melles with the stallion Pagur at 12 km/h. Unfortunately, the junior rider, Nico Helta with Heronimo ox, could not finish the race.

At the second international rode, two participants started over the 83 km CEI*. Michaela Wilczek, with C'est la vie and Wencke Herrmann with Walpurgis al Haria. Michaela rode with a speed of 11,3 km/h to the first place. But unfortunately, Wencke could not finish the race in the classification.

The Endurance Ride Possen was a very nice event, with a beautiful location, nice tracks and pure nature. And the organizer hopes for an equally beautiful event next year, with even more riders who want to enjoy this great event.

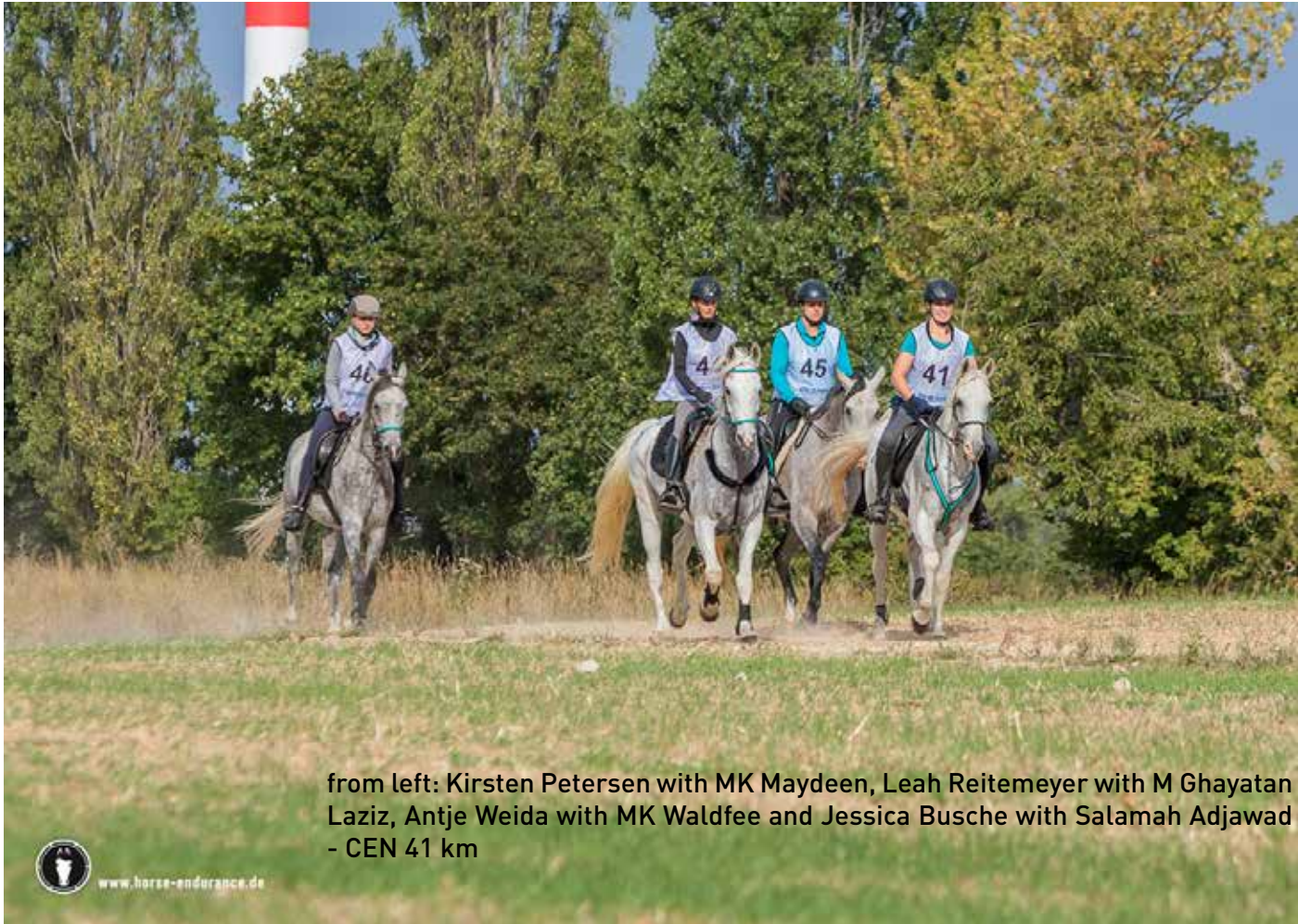
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Anna-Lena Weiershäuser with Alw Alors on Danse (CEI**)w



Michela Wilczek with C'est la vie (CEI*)



from left: Kirsten Petersen with MK Maydeen, Leah Reitemeyer with M Ghayatan Laziz, Antje Weida with MK Waldfee and Jessica Busche with Salamah Adjawad - CEN 41 km



Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia September 23, 2019
- France won both the Individual and Team awards at the Gobi Desert Cup, 27 August - 6 September 2019.

Vive la France! After months of preparation and six days of endurance racing Mongolian horses across the Gobi Desert, Cassandra Carmona the 23-year old eventer from France earns top points to win the Gobi Desert Cup!

Cassandra rode with strategy and managed her horses beautifully over 480 kilometers. She finished in first place twice as well as always placing in the top of the leaderboard throughout the race. More, she secured additional points for Best Managed Horse on Day Four, which ensured she had the edge to succeed among the competition. Cassandra competed as part of Team France, who won the overall team award with combined points to beat the other four teams. Her team consisted of Gold and Bronze World Endurance Champion Laetitia Goncalves, Sarah Bertaux D'Agier, and Virginie Jacquet Bournazel.

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This challenge is the only one of its kind to combine equestrian adventure and distance riding while positively supporting Mongolian nomadic culture and their horses before, during, and after the event. Combining the safety protocols and regulations of three international endurance organizations with semi-wild Mongolian horses and horsemanship, the event occurs over multiple terrains from dunes to rolling, verdant hills. Each of the 21 international riders rode six horses in six days, testing their horsemanship, their endurance and their sense of adventure. Each horse was chosen specifically for their physical strength and quiet temper and trained specially for the race by our team of Mongolian herdsman and veterinarians.



French riders dominate the 2019 Gobi Desert Cup



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Please contact Camille Champagne to learn more or for an interview at info@gobidesertcup.com

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Kaylea Maher takes out 2019 Tom Quilty Gold Cup

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Photo credit: Sue Crockett



Local endurance rider Kaylea Maher got to fulfil her dream of holding up the most coveted prize in the sport of endurance - the Tom Quilty Gold Cup - when she crossed the line ahead of 298 other riders from across Australia and abroad in the iconic 160km endurance race.

Kaylea completed the ride, which was hosted at the Stirling's Crossing Equestrian Complex in Imbil Queensland, in ten hours and eight minutes after setting off on the ultimate endurance challenge at midnight last night.

She said she was hopeful of taking out the win but there were many factors that influenced the end result.

"Every ride you just take as it comes as you never know what the end result is going to be," said Kaylea.

"You always have to have hope in your horse and believe in your horse and that's what we did today. We believed in each other and we worked through all our challenges and he came home really strong. I'm really happy with his achievement today."

"Credit goes to the people at home in our stable, they do a fantastic job of looking after him and yes, it's a lot of hours and a lot of time; a lot of tears and sweat that go into getting a horse to the condition they need to be in to perform on the day. And that's what we've seen, the hard work's definitely paid off and I want to thank everyone who's helped me get there today."

"It doesn't matter if you're at home or away, the competition is still there but to actually pull it off on home ground with the support from all my family, my friends and my team, I guess that's where it comes down to feeling good about having this win on home ground."

Kaylea also gave credit to her horse, Matta Mia Dimari, a locally bred Arabian with a feisty spirit.

"The first time I saw this horse I had a connection with him and I always believed from the first time I rode him that he could take home the Gold Cup," said Kaylea.

"I worked with him from day one on our farm and I had the goal set in my mind that I was going to work towards getting him ready for this 2019 Tom Quilty Gold Cup."

Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club hosted the ride and President Kim Moir said she was delighted that a local rider took home the Tom Quilty Gold Cup, especially a success story like



Kaylea Maher.

"Kaylea has had an impressive endurance record having completed 122 official rides covering over 11,600km to this point, as well as taking home the lightweight title at the Tom Quilty Gold Cup three times in the seven years she has competed," Kim said.

"She's been riding since she was a young girl and now dedicates her time to training endurance horses, something she does incredibly well as seen in her performance today."

"The ride has been very successful with exceptional conditions today given the cool, dry weather and condition of the tracks in the Imbil State Forest. There are riders aged 12 to 77 still out on the track and they have until midnight tonight to complete the ride."

"There is great prestige associated with completing the ride, hence the tagline: To complete is to win, and every rider out there today will be aiming to complete within the 24-hour deadline of midnight tonight to collect their Quilty buckle."

"We've also got the original Tom Quilty Gold Cup here from the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame which for many riders is a wonderful connection to when this ride began 54 years ago. The idea was based on the premise of completing 100 miles (or 160km) in one day and when R.M. Williams approached his good friend Tom Quilty about the idea in 1966, Tom donated the \$1,000 which paid for the original gold cup which is here today."

Second place and Best Condition Award went to Jamie Green, from Brisbane, riding No Regret Shocking and third place to Paul Bidei, from France, riding Beaudacious TE who both rode in the middleweight division.

There was much excitement for the Cole family from Panuara, NSW when mum Jolene took out the heavyweight division while her 13-year-old daughter Emma was the first junior.

“Endurance is a family sport and the passion for horses and the sport is often passed down through the generations,” Ms Moir said.

“We’re thrilled for Jolene and Emma on this great result and with the age limit for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup being 12 years of age, having a 13-year-old take out the title is quite an achievement.

In the lightweight division Emma Dimech from Table Top, NSW was the top of the leader board while joint second went to Nikki Scott from

Imbil and Floor Braunius from the Netherlands who rode a horse from Marburg, Queensland.

Ms Braunius had the ride of her life to achieve what doctors said would be impossible when she shattered her knee in a riding accident two years ago.

“I almost lost my leg three times during surgery and the doctors told me I could never ride a horse again,” said Ms Braunius.

“I made a promise to myself that not only would I ride again, but my goal was to ride in this year’s Tom Quilty. I rode Treasure TE from Toft Endurance stud who made it possible for me to achieve my dream.”

This is the first time that the Tom Quilty Gold Cup has been hosted at the Stirling’s Crossing Equestrian Complex and the iconic ride attracted around 2,000 riders, support crew and spectators to the town.

RESULTS

TQ19 OVERALL WINNERS

- 1ST: Kaylea Maher, Imbil / QLD, on Matta Mia Dimari
2ND: Jamie Green, Brisbane / QLD, on No Regret Shocking (BC)
3RD: Paul Bidei, France, on Beaudacious te

HEAVYWEIGHT:

- 1ST: Jolene Cole, Panuara / NSW, on Baribo (BC)
2ND: Paul Roosen, Cedar Creek / QLD, on Kinder Surprise Silkk
3RD: Luke Annetts, Glen Innes / NSW, on Churinga Taboo

MIDDLEWEIGHT:

- 1ST: Kaylea Maher, Imbil / QLD, on Matta Mia Dimari
2ND: Jamie Green, Brisbane / QLD, on No Regret Shocking (BC)
3RD: Paul Bidei, France, on Beaudacious te

LIGHTWEIGHT:

- 1ST: Emma Dimech, Table Top / NSW, on Oso Diamond Dazzler (BC)
2ND: Nikki Scott, Imbil / QLD, on Anglesea Finneas
2ND: Floor Braunius, Netherlands, on Larntainey Silver Treasure

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- 1ST: Emma Cole, Panuara / NSW, on Windradyne Flame (BC)
2ND: Georgie Barber, Dayboro / QLD, on Concerto
3RD: Modena Schofield, Bellingen / NSW, on Sharabel Kalarney



Jamie Green and No Regreat Shocking



Jolene Cole and Baribo



Emma Dimech and Oso Diamond Dazzler



Emma Cole, Panuara / NSW, on Windradyne Flame



The binomials of the Juma's Team and Julia Montagne dominated the international race 2 * of the X Raids of Carmona, with the victory of Jana Oms and JM Diminuta in the CEI2 ** and Rocío Herrera with Pique JC in the CEI1 *.

On Saturday, September 28, the races of the tenth edition of the Carmona Raids were held in Carmona (Sevilla), with two international two-star and one-star endurance races, and three regional qualifying races. The race master, the CEI2 ** was played over a total of 120 kilometers in four phases of 37, 37, 30 and 17 kilometers respectively, and with 21 binomials at the start, at seven in the morning.

The leading group, in the first phase, consisted of 10 binomials that entered practically together, followed by a second group for almost a quarter of an hour. In the second phase they entered 9 together, followed by Ramón Mora and Jarrer at 4 minutes, Marta Cuevas with Cacin at 3 minutes more and the remaining about 20 minutes from the first, or more. The first continued together in the third phase, with Mora and Cuevas entering respectively 12 and 25 minutes, and the others all for more than half an hour.

In the final phase the Juma's Team and Julia Montagne increased the pace, leaving a sextet in the lead, and in the final sprint the victory went to Jana Oms with JM Diminuta in front of Bruna Pujols with JM Elinotte, Paula Muntalà with JM Dédado, Ángel Soy with Urican de La Saulire, Julia Montagne with Al Jaimir de Bozouls and Elisabet Casademunt with Aigoual Imilil.

The CEI1 * race was played over 83 kilometers in three phases, with 26 binomials at the start, and a head quintet entering first with about 3 minutes on a chasing trio, and another two to 2 more minutes and the rest all more 10 minutes. Rocío Herrera with Pique JC and Gregorio Núñez de Arenas with Disparate entered first in the second phase, followed 3 minutes by Luis Alonso with Farruquito, Francisco Herrera with Ventolera and José Rodríguez with Irika, but the latter two did not pass the vetgate, while Pique JC passed with a minute and a half of advantage over Disparate.

In the final phase Herrera and Pique JC increased their advantage in another minute to enter winners in front of Gregorio Núñez de Arenas and Disparate, followed by Argentine rider Mercedes Tapia with Invasor del Reparo,

15 minutes away. In the end, in CEI2 ** ride 12 were classified and in CEI1 * 13 binomials finished.

Congratulations to all!

Source: RFHE/<http://www.rfhe.com> / Photos: Eva Lázaro Arribas



Jana Oms wins in the International Raid of Carmona



Los binomios del Juma's Team y Julia Montagne dominaron la carrera internacional 2* de los X Raids de Carmona, con victoria de Jana Oms y JM Diminuta en el CEI2** y de Rocío Herrera con Pique JC en el CEI1*.

El pasado sábado 28 de setiembre se disputaron en Carmona (Sevilla) las carreras de la décima edición de los Raids de Carmona, con dos raids internacionales de dos y una estrellas, y tres carreras autonómicas de clasificación. La prueba reina, la CEI2** se disputó sobre un total de 120 kilómetros en cuatro fases de 37, 37, 30 y 17 kilómetros respectivamente, y con 21 binomios en la salida, a las siete de la mañana.

El grupo de cabeza, en la primera fase, constaba de 10 binomios que entraron prácticamente juntos, seguidos por un segundo grupo a casi un cuarto de hora. En la segunda fase entraron 9 juntos, seguidos por Ramón Mora y Jarrer a 4 minutos, Marta Cuevas con Cacin a 3 minutos más y los restantes a unos 20 minutos de los primeros, ó más. Los primeros siguieron juntos en la tercera fase, con Mora y Cuevas entrando respectivamente a 12 y 25 minutos, y los demás todos á más de media hora.

En la fase final el Juma's Team y Julia Montagne subieron el ritmo, quedando un sexteto en cabeza, y en el sprint final la victoria fue para Jana Oms con JM Diminuta delante de Bruna Pujols con JM Elinotte, Paula Muntalà con JM Dédado, Ángel Soy con Urican de La Saulière, Julia Montagne con AL-Jaimir de Bozouls y Elisabet Casademunt con Aigoual Imlil.

La carrera CEI1* se disputó sobre 83 kilómetros en tres fases, con 26 binomios en la salida, y un quinteto de cabeza entrando en la primera meta con unos 3 minutos sobre un trío perseguidor, y otros dos a 2 minutos más y los restantes todos a más de 10 minutos. Rocío Herrera con Pique JC y Gregorio Núñez de Arenas con Disparate entraron primeros en la segunda fase, seguidos a 3 minutos por Luis Alonso con Farruquito, Francisco Herrera con Ventolera y José Rodríguez con Irika, pero estos dos últimos no pasaron el vetgate, mientras que Pique JC pasaba con minuto y medio de ventaja sobre Disparate.

En la fase final Herrera y Pique JC aumentaban su ventaja en otro minuto más para entrar ganadores delante de Gregorio Núñez de Arenas y Disparate, seguidos por la amazona argentina Mercedes Tapia con Invasor del Reparo, a 15 minutos. Al final, en dos estrellas se clasificaron

12 y en una estrella 13 binomios.
¡Enhorabuena a todos!

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Victoria de Jana Oms en el Raid Internacional de Carmona



Jordi Puig won the CEI2** of Ripoll 2019 with SW-ENTHY, in front of Tarek If-kiran with AMEL-DE-VAUMARTIN and Mohammed Abdula with RENETA-OF-GREDOS. In the CEI1* the victory went to Ángel Soy with MADONA, followed by Africa Pou with ZAGOLY-D-ARSOL and Julia Montagne with LOTUS-GLABER-IC.

On the weekend, from Friday, August 30 to Sunday, September 1, were held the endurance races of the twenty-second edition of the Raid "Comte Arnau", of Ripoll (Girona, Catalonia), with a CEI2** of 140 kms in two days of three phases every day, and a CEI1* over three phases and 84 kms.

In the CEI2 ** 19 binomials started, and since the first phase a head group of five binomials was formed that arrived with an advantage of about 13 minutes over a second group of six and more than half an hour over the remaining.

Few changes in the second phase and in the third the differences rose to 23 and 72 minutes compared to the two follower groups. On Sunday morning, the top five came out within the first minute, and remained together until four left after the fifth vetgate.

On arrival Jordi Puig and SW-ENTHY won the sprint in front of Tarek If-kiran with AMEL-DE-VAUMARTIN and Mohammed Abdula with RE-

Ángel Soy ganó el CEI1*

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El fin de semana, del viernes 30 de agosto al domingo 1 de setiembre, se disputaron los Raids de la vigésima segunda edición del Raid "Comte Arnau", de Ripoll (Gerona, Cataluña), con un CEI2** de 140 kms en dos días de tres fases cada día, y un CEI1* sobre tres fases y 84 kms.

En el CEI2** tomaron la salida 19 binomios, y desde la primera fase se formó un grupo de cabeza de cinco binomios que llegaron con una ventaja de unos 13 minutos sobre un segundo grupo de seis y más de media hora sobre los restantes.

Pocos cambios en la segunda fase y en la tercera las diferencias subieron a 23 y 72 minutos respecto a los dos grupos seguidores. El domingo por la mañana los cinco de cabeza salieron dentro del primer minuto, y siguieron juntos hasta que quedaron cuatro después del quinto vetgate.

En la meta final Jordi Puig y SW-ENTHY ganaron el sprint delante de Tarek Ifkiran con

NETA-OF-GREDOS, entering Josep Roma with BAJ-DU-DURZON 2 minutes away. Behind, 22 minutes from the winners, Rocío Herrera was fifth with SPRINT-ENDURANCE, followed by Paula Muntala with UKBARDES-ARMOR and Jana Oms with CHARAFF-EL-PANIS.

The 47 binomials participating in the CEI1 * left at a quarter to eight in the morning on Saturday, August 31, and in the first phase a head quartet was formed: Javier Vilaplana with CADER, Angel Soy with MADONA, Marc Vila with RIBADESELLA and Joan Moret with ROSSINYOL, who did not pass the trot of the first vetgate. In the second phase Vilaplana and Soy came first with an advantage of 20 minutes over their closest followers, but in the vetgate MADONA spent almost 8 minutes on CADER, enough to go through the final phase without any pressure and winning with Ángel Soy.

From behind Africa Pou and ZAGOLY-D-ARSOL staged a beautiful re-assembled, entering second place 7 minutes from the winning pair. The third place, more than half an hour from the first, went to Julia Montagne and LOTUS-GLABER-IC.

In total 16 of 19 were classified in two stars and 30 in one star. Congratulations to all!
Source: Real Federación Hípica Española

AMEL-DE-VAUMARTIN y de Mohammed Abdula con RENETA- OF-GREDOS, entrando Josep Roma con BAJ-DU-DURZON a 2 minutos. Detrás, a 22 minutos de los ganadores, Rocío Herrera fue quinta con SPRINT-ENDURANCE, seguida de Paula Muntala con UKBARDES-ARMOR y de Jana Oms con CHARAFF-EL-PANIS.

Los 47 binomios participantes en el CEI1* tomaron la salida a las ocho menos cuarto de la mañana del sábado 31 de agosto, y en la primera fase se formó un cuarteto de cabeza: Javier Vilaplana con CADER, Ángel Soy con MADONA, Marc Vila con RIBADESELLA y Joan Moret con ROSSINYOL, que no pasó el trote del primer vetgate. En la segunda fase Vilaplana y Soy llegaron primeros con una ventaja de 20 minutos sobre sus seguidores más próximos, pero en el vetgate MADONA pasó con casi 8 minutos sobre CADER, suficientes para recorrer la fase final sin presión alguna entrando ganadora con Ángel Soy.

Desde atrás África Pou y ZAGOLY-D-ARSOL protagonizaron una preciosa remontada, entrando en segunda posición a 7 minutos del binomio ganador. El tercer puesto, a más de media hora de los primeros, fue para Julia Montagne y LOTUS-GLABER-IC.

En total se clasificaron 16 de 19 en dos estrellas y 30 en una estrella. ¡Enhorabuena a todos!

Source: Real Federación Hípica Española

Jordi Puig's victory in the CEI2** of Ripoll 2019, Ángel Soy won the CEI1*





The return of the Crack: Ciro Magnum and Raimundo Undurraga steal the movie

In a year of Pan American, each race we see how our riders and horses bring all the cavalry to show what they can do and how they can become cards for the Pan American. Less than two months from the great event of this season and precisely on the track that will host the international event we saw the eternal *Ciro Magnum* run again.

This version of Llay-Llay, held on August 30, would not be easy for anyone. Excellent horses came to try each other *Chambon*, *Sh* *Ciro*, *Ama-lik*, *Katana* that is on the rise among many others.

However early in the race *Ciro Magnum* showed why it is made for great things. The experience and nerves of steel of *Raimundo Undurraga*, combined in a great race.

He stayed for 120km among the first and second place showing recoveries of 1 minute or less. Until the start of the last 20km; this is where good horses are separated from tremendous ones. After 100km it is as it says "where the roosters are seen". And we were all expectant in the start.

Raimundo only had two minutes of advantage

over *Martín García* riding *Chambón*, another excellent horse. However, there was no possibility of catching the winner, who after a long race had no problems in averaging 24.36 km/h. Simply amazing. Especially considering that this has been the fastest race in 120Km so far this year, on the track of Llay-Llay.

Ladies and gentlemen, for those who could be in this cup, I tell you that you saw a live crack.

You saw a horse that finished 7th in the Young Riders World Endurance Championship.

He ran in the H.H. Skeikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Endurance Cup.

He participated and completed the Panamerican of Uruguay.

He won a 160km and today he wins again at 120km.

It remains to add to this feat that this horse only had a 40Km race this year. I only have the question. What is the roof of *Ciro Magnum*? I hope we can see him because it's always a show to see this crack.

The podium of the race was completed by *Martin García* with *Chambon* also making another great race and in third placey *Mauricio Rogel* with his mare *Patagonia Ameera*. Pretty mare that has shown, race by race, a steady advance and debuts in the great leagues with this podium.

Pablo Valdez and *Amapola* are officially a binomial to fear! This binomial has been consolidating for years. Both started in this discipline together and have forged a team that constantly shows progress.

This Saturday they completed it with a beautiful race in Llay-Llay. While the other riders did not make it easy, *Pablo* remained in the first places during the entire ride. Finally and once both the track and the kilometers were consuming some sets *Amapola* would start at the last stage first and with an incredible 48 minutes of advantage!

The rest was just enjoying the race and getting on the podium.

Ernesto de la Fuente and *Abdallah* opened and closed the category. The 80Km started and *Ernesto* directed the orchestra. However *David Ramirez A*, also disputed who would be the director of the piece, starting from the group along with *De la Fuente*. Unfortunately he could not pass the veterinary inspection of the first stage and left only his competition in the first place.

From now on it would be a monologue of *Abdallah*. They got an advantage over 20 minutes to second placed.

Enough distance to make the last loop with



total peace of mind and add another victory to his career as a specialist in 80Km.

Alvaro Cox the bandit of Llay-Llay wins the 80Km Young Riders. The 80Km Young Riders category was not easy. Only two were able to complete it, however *Alvaro* stayed out of this percentage. He stayed at the tip and each passing stage moved further away from the rest. It mattered little if his competition was eliminated or not.

He distanced himself on his *Bandolero* until the last stage where he would start with 11 minutes ahead. There were no difficulties for this binomial that stretched the difference to 14 minutes if they stayed with the first place!

Congratulations to all the winners and their respective teams that surround them.

Text: *André Álvarez* / Photos: *Francisco Boetsch Tagle*



Pedro Valdez and Amapola



Alvaro Cox and Bandolero (yellow)

El regreso del Crak: Ciro Magnum y Raimundo Undurraga se roban la película

En un año de Panamericano, cada carrera vemos cómo nuestros jinetes y caballos traen toda la caballería para mostrar que pueden hacer y cómo pueden convertirse en cartas para el panamericano. A menos de dos meses del gran evento de esta temporada y precisamente en la pista que acogerá la cita internacional vimos correr nuevamente al eterno Ciro Magnum.

Esta versión de Llay-Llay, realizada el 30 de agosto, no sería fácil para nadie. Excelentes caballos vinieron a probarse entre ellos Chambon, Sh Ciro, Amalik, Katana que viene en ascenso entre muchos otros. Sin embargo temprano en la carrera Ciro Magnum demostraba por qué está hecho para grandes cosas. La experiencia y nervios de acero de Raimundo Undurraga, conjugaron en una gran carrera.

Se mantuvo durante los 120km entre el primero y segundo lugar haciendo gala de recuperaciones de 1 minuto o menos. Hasta la largada de los últimos 20K. Aquí es donde se separan los caballos buenos de los tremendos. Pasados los 100 es como se dice *"donde se ven los gallos"*. Y todos estábamos expectantes en la largada.

Raimundo gozaba solo de dos minutos de ventaja sobre Martín García que montaba a Chambón, otro excelente caballo. Sin embargo no hubo posibilidad de pillar al ganador, que después de una larga carrera no tuvo problemas en promediar 24,36km/h. Simplemente impresionante. Sobre todo considerando que esta ha sido la carrera más rápida en 120Km en lo que va del año, en la pista de Llay-Llay.

Damas y caballeros, para los que pudieron estar en esta copa, les cuento que vieron a un crack en vivo.

Vieron un caballo que salió 7º del mundo en el mundial Young Riders.

Corrió en la H.H. Skeikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Endurance Cup.

Participó y completó el Panamericano de Uruguay.

Ganó un 160Km y hoy vuelve a ganar en 120km.

Queda agregar a esta hazaña que este ejemplar solo tenía un 40Km este año. Sólo me queda la pregunta. ¿Cuál es el techo de Ciro Magnum? Espero podamos verlo porque siempre es un espectáculo ver a este crack.

El podio de la carrera lo completó Martín Gar-

cía en Chambon realizando también otra gran carrera y en tercer lugar remató Mauricio Rogel en su yegua Patagonia Ameera. Bonita yegua que ha mostrado carrera a carrera un avance firme y debuta en las grandes ligas con este podio.

Pablo Valdez y Amapola son oficialmente un binomio de temer! Este binomio viene consolidándose desde hace años. Ambos comenzaron en esta disciplina juntos y han forjado un equipo que constantemente muestra avances.

Este sábado lo concretaron con una linda carrera en Llay-Llay. Si bien los demás jinetes no se lo hicieron fácil Pablo se mantuvo en los primeros lugares durante todo el evento. Por último y una vez que tanto la pista como los kilómetros fueron consumiendo algunos binomios Amapola largaría a la última etapa primera y con unos increíbles 48 minutos de ventaja!

El resto fue solo disfrutar la carrera y subirse al podio.

Ernesto de la Fuente y Abdallah abrieron y cerraron la categoría. Largaron los 80Km y Ernesto dirigió la orquesta. Sin embargo David Ramirez A, también disputó quién sería el director de la pieza, arrancándose del grupo junto con De la Fuente. Lamentablemente no pudo superar la inspección veterinaria de la primera etapa y dejó sólo a su competencia en el primer lugar.

De aquí en adelante sería un monólogo de Abdallah. Llegaron a tener una ventaja sobre los 20 minutos al segundo lugar.

Distancia suficiente para hacer la última vuelta con total tranquilidad y sumar otra victoria a su carrera de especialista en 80Km.

Alvaro Cox el bandolero de Llay-Llay gana los 80K Young Riders. La categoría 80Km Young riders no estuvo fácil. Sólo dos pudieron completarla sin embargo Alvaro se mantuvo al margen de este porcentaje. Se mantuvo en la punta y cada etapa que pasaba se alejaba más del resto. Poco importaba si su competencia era eliminada o no.

Él se distanciaba sobre su Bandolero hasta la última manga donde largaría con 11 minutos de ventaja. No hubo dificultades para este binomio que estiró a 14 la diferencia si se quedaron con el primer lugar!

Felicitaciones a todos los ganadores y sus respectivos equipos que los rodean.

Texto: André Álvarez / Fotos: Francisco Boetsch Tagle

European Team success in Nations Cup at Euston Park



Salem Hamad Saeed Malhoof Al Kitbi on As Banderazo

Attention on day three of The HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum UK Endurance Festival turned to CEI rides over 120Km and 80Km, with young rider classes as well as senior in both distances, held on August 18. For the second day running the team competition, this time in the CEIO2* (Nations Cup) presented by Longines, was gripping, with many possible outcomes. It was France that secured gold place followed by Spain and then Belgium.

In the individual CEIO2*, Salem Hamad Saeed Malhoof Al Kitbi (UAE) came home first on As Banderazo in a total ride time of 04:38:30. He was presented with a Longines HydroConquest watch by Benjamin Aeby, International Sponsorship and Events Manager, Longines.

Mohamed Aida riding Akaban Des Oliviers finished second (4:52:32) followed by Saeed Ahmad Jaber Al Harbi on Kalody Park Rockin Robin (04:55:05).

The CEIYJ2* 120Km sponsored by Azizi, was won by Abdulla Ali Mohamed Ali Alamri riding Longrun Mikami in a total time of 04:47:51. Rashid Humaid Saeed Al Ghandi riding Ashva Kunama (04:47:51) and Shaheen Yayhya Shaheen Khalfan Al Mazrouei on Tami Du Durzon (04:48:47) finished second and third respectively.

In the CEI1* 80Km Sponsored by Mubadala, Khalaf Ahmad Saeed Al Ghaith (UAE) was victorious on Lauralyn Kasey in a total ride time of 03:07:16.

In second place Amy Louise Mcauley riding Marshdale Cheeky Lad (03:07:24) followed by Meike Fickenscher on Yourmystar (03:30:45)

The CEIYJ1* 80Km, sponsored by Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum City – District One, made it four from four for the UAE, with Zayed Ghanim Mohammad Al Marri finishing in a total ride time of 03:22:16 on Netanya Al Ain. While Maitha Mohamed Humaid Mohamed Al Qubaisi finished second riding Tonki Dee Boo Matilda (03:22:24) and Manon Capitaine crossed in third mounting Farima de Bozouls (04:03:30).

There were 275 starters across the four classes and 159 finishers meaning a completion rate of 57% for the day.

Event Director, Nick Brooks-Ward said: "We had a big day of competition here today and after such a fantastic European Championship yesterday it was incredible to see so many riders out again for a second day running. I was delighted to see Ireland's Tom MacGuinness finish in 21st place in the CEIO2* leading the Irish team to fourth place in the Nations Cup, their first team competition at Euston Park. Having also come 11th in yesterday's 160Km at the tender age of 69 - it's a remarkable achievement."

It was also heartening to see so many British riders competing again in all the divisions today and we look forward to welcoming 165 riders for the day of national rides tomorrow, bringing the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum UK Endurance Festival to a close."

Source: EustonParkEndurance






Abdulla Ali Mohamed Ali Alamri on Longrun Mikami



Endurance Festival CEIO2* 120KM

Aug 18 2019 7:00AM

CEIO2*, Euston Park, UK

Team	Start #	Rank	Rider	Horse	Riding Time
FRA		1			17:21:01
	92	8	FRANCE PAUL/10091633/FRA	TAJ MAHAL/2007/Grey/Gelding	5:33:30
	139	9	ELENA PATON/10066237/FRA	UPAL CABIRAT/2008/Chestnut/Mare	5:33:30
	90	17	ALLAN LEON/10014291/FRA	BABEL DE CROUZ/2011/Bay/Mare	6:14:01
ESP		2			17:48:13
	71	10	MARTA MATAS FAGREGA/10116519/ESP	IV STYLE/2009/Bay/Mare	5:45:45
	68	12	ALEX CRIVILLÉ TAPIAS/10067341/ESP	ASIFA/2007/Grey/Mare	5:51:06
	77	14	ANNA SOLER VILA/10095275/ESP	BELHARRA D ESQUIRIA/2011/Bay/Mare	6:11:22
BEL		3			19:38:54
	53	18	LOUNA SCHUITEN/10037899/BEL	HH MANANITA/2011/Chestnut/Mare	6:17:29
	49	20	CARINE BOULANGER/10014168/BEL	TAWFIQ DU COURTISOT/2007/Bay/Gelding	6:26:44
	52	33	JULIE SCHOUPPE/10143981/BEL	TABAL DU COURTISOT/2007/Bay/Gelding	6:54:41



A new generation of endurance stars took their place on the European stage at the 2019 Meydan FEI European Championship at Euston Park in Suffolk, England on Saturday, August 17.

Clear skies and moderate temperatures greeted the 63 riders representing 20 countries in the 160-km championship ride.

The individual gold went to Italy while Spain captured the individual silver and bronze.

The team standings were suspenseful until the end, with Spain, France, and Germany receiving gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Gold for Costanza...

Costanza Laliscia of Italy riding Sacha El Kandhaar, a 13-year old grey gelding owned by F3 Stables, won the individual gold medal.

Costanza draped her arms around her horse's neck in a celebratory hug as it passed the final veterinary inspection.

Costanza rose through the young rider ranks, and earned her top spot in the Meydan FEI Endurance European Championship.

"I am really emotional, it is incredible to be the individual European champion," she said. "My horse was top notch from the first kilometer to the

last. I want to thank my team, crew, and Italy for their support."

Costanza was one of many young riders in the competition at 20-years old, but is no stranger to FEI endurance competition.

Her father represented Italy in endurance as well, and won gold in 2004 at the World Equestrian Games (WEG). Costanza represented Italy ten years later at WEG in Normandy, and was the youngest endurance competitor in the event that year at 14-years old.

"A new generation coming through," said Gianluca Laliscia, father of Costanza after her gold medal finish.

Silver and Bronze

Paula Muntala Sanchez of Spain, riding T'aime De Coeur, was the silver medal winner. Gold and silver averaged 22 km/h on the course. T'aime De Coeur is a 12-year old chestnut gelding, owned by Jumas Team SL.

At age 24, Paula was very happy completing her first European Championship as a senior rider, and said her horse was strong throughout the event.

Jaume Puntí Dachs of Spain took the bronze



Spanish Team

Laliscia Takes Individual Gold and Spain by Team at European Championship





Paula Muntala Sanchez riding T'aime De Coeur

medal with Echo Falls after Caroline Tavassoli Asli of Italy, who led for the first five phases on Sequinte, was eliminated after the final veterinary inspection. Echo Falls is a 13-year old gelding also owned by Jumas Team SL.

Tactical Teamwork Leads to Medals

Spain was tactical throughout the Championships, riding as a team, and winning the team gold for the third European Championship in a row.

Omar Blanco Rodrigo finished fourth and Angel Soy Coll in fifth to secure the team gold medal.

Riders used team strategy to work through the six phases of the event. Teams from the 20 countries represented were riding together much of the competition.

France and Belgium vied closely for the silver medal in a tense competition that was neck and neck throughout the day. The French rode together the entire competition, and the tactic was critical in winning the silver medal.

Riders used Team Strategy

Josephine Thomas, Nicholas Ballarin, and Roman LaFaure of France finished sixth, seventh and eighth. Louna Schuiten and Celine Just of Belgium followed them in ninth and tenth...

Ultimately, Germany took the bronze medal with riders finishing in 16th, 17th, and 18th after Belgium riders finished in 9th, and 10th with the other team members eliminated.

Tom MacGuinness of Ireland, the senior rider on course, was eleventh. Michaela Supekova, age 20, of Slovakia rode Girola De Quercus to a twelfth place finish after riding with the leaders for the first three loops.

Mother-daughter team of Rachael Atkinson and Kate Atkinson were on the team for Great Britain, finishing 23rd and 26th respectively. At 22-years old, Kate also has a bright future in endurance.

Competition was exciting from start to finish at the 2019 Meydan FEI Endurance European Championships as these talented horses and riders worked through the course.

These horse and athlete combinations have a

bright future as they demonstrated exceptional horsemanship, the bond between horse and rider, and amazing athleticism.

The Championship had a completion rate of 49% and the final riders came home in darkness to an appreciative crowd, some 14 hours 16 minutes after the 07:00 hrs start. A true feat of endurance!

Home nation Great Britain saw four out of five starters successfully home and registered their first successful team finishes since 2010.

Nick Brooks-Ward, Event Director: "What an incredible day of sport! Euston Park was absolutely electric today with so many fans supporting the riders and teams and a competition that kept everyone guessing until the end. All horses came home safely and it was evident that their welfare was paramount to everyone involved."

I am hugely grateful to all of the officials and stewards who worked so hard all day, and to the competitors and their teams who brought such a great spirit to this Championship."

Manuel Bandeira de Mello, FEI Endurance Director: "It's been a fantastic day of endurance riding and I have been delighted to see such a fair competition with excellent standards of horse-care and some very happy horses."

***Carolina Tavassoli Asli was disqualified under FEI Endurance Rules (812) – minimum weight.**



Costanza Laliscia and Gianluca Laliscia

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Jaime Puntí Dachs on Echo Falls and Omar Blanco Rodrigo on Priam Des Roches



France Team



Germany Team

After 14 years, finally a Brazilian Equestrian Endurance Championship (CBEE) as long ago was not seen. Held on August 3 and 4 at Haras Albar, located at Fazenda São Vicente, in Campinas, the XXIX Brazilian Championship had a record number of participants: 203 - being 115 sets in Free speed and 88 sets in regular -; and the champions in the CEI*** 160 km, CEI** 120 km Adult and Young Riders and CEI* 80 km Adult and Young Riders competitions received the prize for participating in the Fontainebleau race in 2020.

On Saturday, August 3, the CEI*** 160 km, CEI** 120 km and CEN 60 km races were held. The cold front that began on Friday night provided an excellent day for the animals.

In the CEI*** 160 km race, five binomials left at five o'clock to compete for the title of Brazilian champion in the longest distance race and three finished.

Felipe Azevedo Morgulis riding Piva Endurance dominated the race from the start, closely followed by Pedro Stefani Marino (2018 Brazilian 160 km champion with RG Komo) who rode *Al Saida Larzac (with whom he was Brazilian 120 km champion in 2018) and more ago by Telmo Sousa Gois with El Gazaal Dinn RET.

After the start for the last loop, a dispute between Morgulis and Marino was expected by all present, as less than a minute separated them, but Morgulis crossed first and became 2019 Brazilian National champion 160 km in 08: 25:06 with an average speed of 19.01 km/h. Marino won the runner-up at 08:31:31 and 18.77 km/h and Gois completed the course at 09:40:27 and 16.54 km/h.

"This is a win for Odyssey's Riders and not just mine. In order not to sound outdated and meaningless rhetoric, understanding the context of this statement is critical. Three years ago I joined the team thanks to Dr. Gerson Acedo's commitment to start competing long distance races. By then I had reached the 80km FEI qualification with Haras SBV's great breeding work. I started to experience endurance in a more intense way, due to the real possibility of competing at the highest level and in a climate of total partnership. The Brazilian National Championship CEI*** 160 km is the best expression of this. In 2017 I came in 3rd place and Ana Carla in second. In 2018 I came in second and Ana Carla in third".

"This year, the partnership happened again, but in a different way. With great generosity Ana gave me Piva Endurance and so I say that

we won together. When I joined the team three years ago, Piva, who was preparing for the Samorin World Cup, unfortunately suffered an injury. During this period, on the one hand, the team worked with great care and effort to bring Piva back to its peak. On the other hand, I received all the support and teachings to develop as an endurance rider. What for me was the beginning, for Piva it represented the restart. So I say that I just did part of a long process built by everyone at Odyssey's Riders (Olavo, Gerson, Ana Carla, Thiago, Juninho, Julio, Adilson and Cecil)".

"This Brazilian National Championship was a celebration of national endurance. With a fantastic organization by Mari (NE: Mari Quinteri, manager and veterinarian) and Carlito (NE: Carlos Augusto Amaral Paes de Barros, owner of Haras Albar), not only were the 200 subscribers surpassed, but mainly it was given a unique experience to all who attended the event. I think when we talk about promoting sports, that's what really makes the difference. The endurance event should be an entertainment for non-athletes or sports professionals alike, because only then can new people understand why we are passionate. Congratulations, therefore, to Haras Albar for this great initiative", said Morgulis.

According to Pedro Stefani Marino, "The 160km race was wonderful and a battle with Felipe Morgulis from start to finish, with 500 meters left at the end of the Taquaral tunnel, really the * Al Saida Larzac didn't have the necessary breath to keep up with such an experienced mare as Piva Endurance, but * Al Saida is brilliant, a young nine-year-old mare and performed very well in her first 160km race".

At six o'clock in the morning, 21 sets started for the CEI ** 120 km race, Adult category, of which 10 finished; and at 6:15 am dropped the seven participants in the Young Riders category, and five finished.

In the first stage of the CEI** 120 km race, Adults category, three pairs stood out and held the same positions until the end: André Vidiz with Shogun Endurance, in the first place; João Leonel Antocheski riding RG Krab in second and José Caio Frisoni Vaz Guimarães with Douro Trio in third.

Vidiz (two-time Brazilian champion of 160 km: 2016 and 2017) dominated the race from the first stage and completed the course at 05:36:44 with an average speed of 21.38 km/h. In addition to the title of champion of the category he also

A Brazilian Championship with record number of participants Together we are stronger!



Felipe Azevedo Morgulis and Piva Endurance



André Vidiz and Shogun Endurance



Cecile Miletto Mosti and Magdan Raissa



Charles Gabriel N Mendes with RT Roger

won the much acclaimed Best Condition.

João Leonel Antocheski with RG Krab won the runner-up at 05:40:50 with an average of 21.12 km/h and José Caio Frisoni Vaz Guimarães and Douro Trio crossed in third place with a total ride time of 05:44:10 and average speed of 20.92 km/h.

"It was a very competitive race, because in addition to a large number of sets, had great horses and most riders were doing the race to win and the weather also helped. They were the ideal conditions for a fast and competitive race. My challenge mainly consisted of the first loop, because my horse is young and a little nervous, so I had to do the race in a way that he didn't wear out too much; and I think I managed to make him relatively quiet in the first loop. From then on things went more smoothly because he has a very fast recovery, which allowed me to always be ahead. As he was very well trained, he kept up the pace until the end. Even with two great horses chasing me I managed to reach first place and be Brazilian champion 120 km for the first time which made me very happy and proud of all the work of the Haras Endurance team that did

everything possible and impossible to provide that this result was achieved", commented Vidiz.

In the Young Riders category, Frenchwoman Carla Miletto Mosti who rode Magdan Raissa crossed the finish line first with a total ride time of 05:38:09 and an average of 21.29 km/h and won the Best Condition.

Charles Gabriel Nascimento Mendes with RT Roger finished second and won the title of Brazilian champion at 05:53:41 and average speed of 20.36 km/h. Third and as runner-up, Minas Gerais rider Tiago Manetta B. de Lana riding Veleiro Endurance completed the race at 06:31:44 and average speed of 18.38 km/h.

Carla Miletto Mosti is the daughter of world-renowned French endurance riders Cecile Miletto Mosti (three-time French Champion, world vice champion in 2000 and silver medal by team in 2010) and Laurent Mosti (member of the French team at the 2008 and 2010 world championships and winner of important races such as Florac, Compiègne, Rambouillet, Fontainebleau and Santa Susanna).

"This was my first 120 km race and also from RT Roger, who is a spectacular horse, in perfect



Tini Mendez and Cannadá da Barra



Artur Leonel Ulsenheimer and RG Kniaz

condition and with a metabolic that surprises us more and more. His strength and will makes him bigger than expected, because he is a horse that always wants to lead the race, does not like to be left behind because it is not part of his routine. And led us to victory for his potential."

"Competing alongside excellent riders such as Tiago Manetta, who with all his experience has represented Brazil in various competitions and Carla Mosti, a person who has a great experience competing in and out of his country, made the race tense and competitive. Among the Brazilians I led the race from the beginning, always trusting the potential of my horse and how far I could count on him This is the great advantage of those who train the horse which leads us to know the potential and his limits. He surprised me every loop and I could trust him and finish the race successfully".

"I thank all my team who encouraged me throughout the race, keeping the focus so that nothing goes wrong. This victory is not only mine, it is my whole team, CT Marechal's, Dr. Henrique Garcia's, RT Roger's that will surely compete in many other podiums. Being a Brazilian Cham

pionship and being among the best, makes us, because we are newcomers, with a certain fear, but I did not give up, I fought, I trusted the potential and the work of all and, thus, we won this victory that It gives us the opportunity to continue our work, to maintain the same structure, to correct the mistakes that always happen, but keeping the way we work, the respect with the animal and the whole team".

"This race gave me the opportunity to go a little further, to be able to compete next year at Fontainebleau, which I am sure will give me a lot more experience and especially because I will be able to compete in a country which is a reference in world endurance. I can only congratulate the organization and reception of Haras Albar, as they were excellent for the great event that provided us. Congratulations to all!" said Charles Gabriel.

The eight o'clock kicked off the endurance riders of the CEN 60 race, which featured 23 sets in the Adult category, of which 12 finished. Flávio Daccache riding Costa Azul Endurance won the title of champion and Felizardo Costa Brandão with Fabiano was the runner-up.



Pedro Stefani Marino and Quênia do Bom Viver



Flavio Daccache and Costa Azul Endurance



Renato Storani Saliba and Pelleus Rach



Gabriel Nascimento Arroyo and Fadel Rach

In the Young Riders category, the seven starting endurance riders completed the race and the champion was Renato Storani Saliba who rode Pelleus Rach and the runner-up was Carolina Rocca Borges with Oliver Rach.

Gabriel Nascimento Arroyo dos Santos riding Fadel Rach became champion in the Junior category.

At 7 am on Sunday, August 4, the 28 sets of the Adult category for the CEI * 80 km race started, of which 16 finished, and at 7:15 am the start for the 15 sets of the Young Riders category, 11 of which ended.

In this race, Pedro Stefani Marino riding Quênia from Bom Viver, maintained the lead from the first stage, followed by the 120 km runner-up from the previous day, João Leonel Antocheski riding Corlay Endurance.

Marino won the title of Brazilian National Champion CEI * 80 km with a total race time of 03:30:14 and average speed of 22.83 km/h and Quênia do Bom Viver won the Best Condition award. João Leonel Antocheski with Corlay Endurance won the runner-up at 03:34:56 and an average of 22.33 km/h.

"The Haras Albar race is always very special, the infrastructure is fantastic and this year the organization was impeccable. Speaking of the race and my expectations: I arrived with two mares, Quênia do Bom Viver, with which I was Brazilian National champion 80 km and *Al Saida Larzac was a breeding I wanted from a mare, daughter of Said Lotois X Babilonia by Persik, full sister of Persepolia Larzac, eight-year-old world champion mare in the 160km race in Compiègne."

"They are choices of almost a decade. I currently have this slightly broader view because we have our own breeding for my use and certainly for customers who want to value our products. Kenya is a seven year old mare and we will use her for breeding and rest her for next year to compete in 120km races. It is a life dedicated to the horse. I want to thank everyone on my team for their support and we will continue to make the sport evolve", said Marino.

The winner of the Young Riders category was Uruguay's endurance rider Valentina Maria Mendez Strauch who rode Cannadá da Barra, completing the race at 03:41:15 and with an average speed of 21.69 km/h, which also won the Best Condition award.

Artur Leonel Ulsenheimer of Paraná crossed in second place riding RG Kniaz and thus won the title of Brazilian champion of the category. The pair completed the 80 km at 03:48:51 and averaged 20.97 km/h. The runner-up was Campinas rider Elisa da Silva Penna Chaves riding ODM Bahrain. The pair completed the trail at 03:49:03 and average speed of 20.96 km/h.

"The race was amazing; the tracks were very good, did not have many holes and not very long stretches with rocks that could hurt the horse. The temperature of the day was the main reason for running at a slightly higher speed with the horse recovering in a short time. This factor also created a much more thrilling race, as me and Tini Mendez from Uruguay got pretty much together in the first and second loops and I had kept my horse for the third loop. At the beginning of the third loop I ran a little closer and managed to get closer to Tini, but when she saw me coming she just freaked out and ran at a speed that I would have to loop at 28 or 30 km/h".

"Another moment that caught my attention was the last mile when Elisa approached me and I didn't expect her to reach me for the last few meters. I thought she would approach near km 15 and this approach in the final meters caused a lot of excitement. This race was certainly a very good experience and feeling, because it can participate in the Brazilian championship and the most exciting was to win the title of champion, because whoever won would go to Fontainebleau (France), and this race is one of the most coveted. from France and perhaps one of the most famous in the world. The structure and reception of the Haras Albar were great. Congratulations to Mari and Carlito for organizing a race I'll never forget", said young Ulsenheimer.

In the Controlled Speed races, the champions were: Yolanda Teixeira Paes de Barros with Doppiosik CVV - 40 km Junior; Isadora Hermann and Maria Bonita Paulista (Creole) - 40 km Adult; Leonardo Alex Souza Silva and Stud Brazil Ipanema - 40 km Young; Eduardo Margara da Silva and Shakakan - 40 km Heavyweight; Guilherme Oliveira and Verona - 20 km Young; Henrique Vomero Daolio and Luna - 20 km Junior; Joseane Freitas and Chocolate - 20 km Adult and João Gilberto Galvão Rossi with Kentucky Pantaleão - 20 km Heavyweight.

After the arrival of all competitors, was held the "competition" most awaited by all and especially by small riders: the Endurinho in which children from 1 year and a half to five years old participate.

Accompanied and guided by their parents and relatives, the little ones traveled a distance of one kilometer. Mia Ibañez Arroyo, just 1 year and 7 months old, was the newest participant and everyone got Haras Albar gifts.

For Mari Quinteri, Haras Albar's manager and veterinarian and Racing Director at the Instituto Enduro Brasil, "organizing the XXIX Brazilian Equestrian Endurance Championship was extremely gratifying. It took months of hard work, sleepless nights, but in the end it was worth it!

I just have to thank the whole team Haras Albar, from Fazenda São Vicente and Cellebrarevita, because without them, none of this would have happened. And, no doubt, to our Master Carlito for making this dream possible!"

Endurance Director of the Brazilian Equestrian Confederation (CBH), Silvio Arroyo stated that "when I took over as CBH Endurance Director at the end of December 2017, one of my goals was to return to the Brazilian Championship with all categories in just one event to be the most important race of the year. When I talked to the federation directors, I proposed to perform at Haras Albar, because Carlito has been organizing races since 2013 and never had the opportunity to hold the Brazilian championship and I was sure that at least we could put 200 horses in one CBEE race and we could give this year a boost in the sport with the resumption of its growth and strengthening. I couldn't do it in 2018 because the calendar was already ready, but I planned for 2019 and we managed, with all the difficulties we had, the participation of 203 binomials in the competition."

"And it was very good because we can use this structure to organize larger championships in the future, like a Pan American, for example. Haras Albar has already sent the official request to the Paulista Equestrian Federation (FPH), which forwarded it to the CBH and now we are sending to the Fédération Equestre Internationale the request to host the Pan American Championship in 2021 and perhaps in the future request the realization of the World Championship for Juniors and Young Riders in 2023. But let's take it easy, one step at a time. And I realized that the riders, owners, trainers and veterinarians were happy and enthusiastic about this race and, perhaps, is the starting point for us to resume at the end of the second semester and next year with ever better races; with more participants and we will have more riders competing for a place on the Brazilian team for the next Pan American and World Championships."

"I am pleased because one of my goals I managed to achieve: a high level Brazilian championship, with at least 200 sets. It is the largest Brazilian Equestrian Endurance Championship, in number of participants, to date. I just have to thank Carlito and his team for the great work and commitment they had to organize a beautiful race and the support of FPH and IEB that helped us in the 29th edition of CBEE."

Haras Albar organizer and owner Carlos Augusto Amaral Paes de Barros, our dear Carlito, stated that "realizing the moment of disruption and paradigm changes of Endurance in Brazil; I decided to catalyze this evolution, contributing fundamentally with actions aimed at promoting and the maximum quality of the standard FEI rides. In the last 10 years I've found myself involved in Endurance in such a way that I see this whole universe as a lifestyle and reason for life".

"I feel like a form of gratitude, recognition and self-esteem for Endurance environment, it is I can give back every year with an important festival celebrating this entire universe. So I worry about the social character and mainly technical event. I want to transpire the culmination of a Endurance race with the same wingspan of a race at Fontainebleau, for example. And this claim is not motivated for me, but for the world of Endurance, for Brazilians and for anyone directly or indirectly related to sports. It's time for me to talk to Endurance and say THANK YOU! I RESPECT YOU A LOT".

"With this philosophy in mind, I wanted this year to convey the message of the celebration and promotion of Endurance in Brazil. I think we succeeded in this message: We had over 200 entries in the 2019 Brazilian Championship, an epic grandeur for our moment in the sport. I also think that with this motivation to offer a great event at Albar, we have created a spirit for all endurance riders in Brazil, besides contributing, even indirectly, to the growth of our sport".

"Albar's motivations, moods and pretensions towards Brazilian Endurance are greater and rampant. We are candidates to offer one of the most significant and outstanding Endurance events in the world: We are struggling to host the 2021 Pan American Endurance Championship".

"Albar follows the philosophy of aggregate, adding and always showing the utmost gratitude to Endurance".

The XXIX Brazilian Equestrian Endurance Championship was organized by Haras Albar, Instituto Enduro Brasil, with the support of Brazilian Equestrian Confederation (CBH) and was supported by the Paulista Equestrian Federation, the Brazilian Equestrian Confederation and the FEI.

As the Haras Albar motto says, this edition of the Brazilian Equestrian Endurance Championship proved that **Together we are stronger!**



Yolanda Teixeira Paes de Barros with Doppiosik CVV



Henrique Vomero Daolio and Luna



Podium 20 km Junior



Podium 40 km Senior



Podium 40 km Young

Future of Endurance



Podium 40 km Heavyweight





Nasser Bin Hamad praises results of UAE's competitors and the Bahrainis in the Prestige Cup

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affair, President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and Captain of Bahrain Royal Endurance Team, the UAE's participants for sweeping the podium of the Chantilly Endurance Race in France which held under the patronage of Bahrain Royal Endurance Team. The 120km prestigious race featured a broad pool of 100 elite participants from both genders, representing 21 countries from across the world, including Bahrain and UAE.

Triumphing in the event was Saeed Salim of UAE, who completed the race in 5 hours, 14 minutes and 40 seconds, nearly one minute ahead of second-placed compatriot Saeed Ahmed Al Harbi (5:16.01), while their country fellow Salim Hamad Al Katbi came third in 5:31.04 hours. Elizabeth Hardy of Belgium finished fourth after crossing the finish line in 5 hours, 38 minutes and 22 seconds.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed his utmost happiness at the performances displayed during the race as well as the wide participation from various studs from all over the world, pointing out that Bahrain Royal Endurance Team have achieved many objectives set out for participating in the event ahead of the World Championship which will take place in Italy in September.

He further added that the team has proved they are ready for the upcoming big event, adding that there were some weaknesses that would be addressed, while the strengths of the Bahraini squad will be boosted. "Chantilly Endurance Race is one of the leading endurance races and it always features stiff competition among all the participants. We are happy with the level of the displays showcased by all the participants in this race," HH Shaikh Nasser explained, praising the efforts of the Bahraini participants in the race as well as the team's technical and administrative personnel.

"The challenge in the event was high and it only confirms the outstanding level of development in the performances of the UAE's and Bahrain's participants. Bahrain Royal Endurance Team members gave their all in the race and we are happy with their results given the fact that we are here to prepare for the World Championship," HH Shaikh Nasser further added.

Furthermore, he congratulated Saeed Salim on his victory and his overall performance

throughout the race, praising at the same time Bahrain's Dana Albinghadeer's sixth-place finish in the race. He also applauded Elizabeth Hardy of Belgium for finishing fourth.

It's worth noting that Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa of Bahrain Royal Endurance Team came in the 13th position, while his teammates Rashid Jamal and Jaffar Mirza finished in the 15th and 17th positions respectively.

From their side, the UAE's participants hailed HH Shaikh Nasser's efforts towards developing the horse endurance sport and his keenness to Bahrain Royal Endurance Team sponsoring Chantilly Endurance Race.



PRESTIGE CUP ENDURANCE CHANTILLY 2019 - CEI** 120km

Sunday 7th of July, 2019
Chantilly Polo Club, France

The Prestige Cup Endurance Chantilly is becoming a « not to be missed » event with its Eco responsible CEI** 120km.

HIGH LEVEL SPORT

The Prestige Cup Endurance Chantilly was a good opportunity to train riders and horses, less

than 5 weeks before the European Championship in Euston Park, Great Britain in August.

The organizing committee renewed its willingness to ensure a financial return to the endurance riders: 300€ entry fees have been refunded to all finishers.

Winner of the ride was SAEED SALEM ATIQ KHAMIS ALMUHAIRI (from UAE), riding RAS GIN (from M7 Endurance Stables)

First European rider on the podium is ELIZABETH HARDY (from Belgium) riding KRACK LC.

First French rider was ADRIEN BENEDETTI riding UZIM D'ALTARE who made it inside the top ten!

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- 71 riders and horses on the start line
- 40 riders and horses finishing
- 10 riders on the podium
- 18 nations
- 126km ride divided in 4 loops
- 3 Forest: Ermenonville, Halatte and Chantilly
- 20 officials of which 10 vets
- 17 institutional partners
- 16 sponsors and official partners
- 8 exhibitors
- 8 animations, free for the public
- 2 equestrian shows of the French Garde Républicaine
- more than 100 people from the organizing committee working on site and on the tracks
- almost 1 000 nights booked in the local hotels

ECORESPONSIBLE COMMITMENTS RE-NEWED

The Prestige Cup renewed and improved its 2018 commitments:

- ✓ an eco-ride that preserves tracks, crossed green spaces and reduces environmental impact,
- ✓ a fair ride which ensures a strict application of FEI rules, sport integrity and fair play compliance,
- ✓ a cost efficient ride which is aimed to optimize resources and expenses, boosts endurance market, promotes a positive image of the discipline, and creates development opportunities for the region.

The Prestige Cup Endurance Chantilly has been approved by EQUURES label in 2018 and 2019 which rewards high environmental and animal welfare standards. The Prestige Cup Endurance Chantilly was the first equestrian endurance

ride in the world to receive this label.

ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY

The organizing committee's wish was to open the endurance world to more people and gather general public during this international ride. In order to entertain visitors, entrance was free, and animations happened all along the day: Polo games, carriage rides, ponies rides for kids, live music, etc. The GPS live tracking was displayed on a giant screen in the Village in order to enable the public to follow the ride when horses were in the forest.

EXCLUSIVE SHOWS: the Prestige Cup hosted 2 exclusive representations of the academic dressage performance of the French Garde Républicaine. Performed by 12 chestnut horses and riders, this show is the heritage of our French riding principles. The riders associate equestrian precision and military discipline with outstanding uniforms and horses.

Source: HH Sheikh Nasser Media Office and Prestige Cup Organization



This competition also qualified several binomials to the Pan American Endurance

A new day of equestrian endurance was held in Pujilí last Saturday, July 20, to which 42 binomials met in order to complete the race, score points in the national ranking and get the long-awaited pass to the Pan American Endurance to be held in Chile in October of this year.

The big winners of this day were the binomials formed by Pablo Vintimilla and his mare "Guapa" and Héctor Almeida with his mare "Maravilla", who obtained first and second place respectively in the 120 km international elite competition.

Vintimilla won the race in a ride time of 7 hours, 14 minutes and 34 seconds, in addition to winning the "best condition", recognition given to the performance of the horse, closely followed by Almeida, a rider with great experience in this discipline, who completed the race in a ride time of 7 hours 42 minutes and 51 seconds.

"For this race, I had a weekly scheduled training, being five days of preparation and two days of rest with proper control of the horse, before and after it. In addition to a meal plan and a periodic veterinary review", said Vintimilla.

The podium was completed by Bernarda González, of the Seguros Equinoccial team, who reached the finish line in a ride time of 8 hours 30 minutes and 51 seconds. It should be noted that Vintimilla and Almeida in this VII CHONE of Endurance got their long-awaited ticket the Pan-American Endurance Championship Chile 2019, thus joining the already classified José Daniel Andrade, Nathalie Weemaels, Manuela Jaramillo and Fernando Medina.

Manuela Jaramillo (16 years old) and José Daniel Andrade (19 years old) will be the tricolor representatives who will be present at the most important Young Rider Endurance event in the world. The national team arrives at this World Cup event with great expectations for achieving important results. The two athletes had very competitive qualifying processes both nationally and internationally.

In the Team category, the winner of the day was Seguros Equinoccial took first place, accumulating 250.94 points.

In this VII Endurance CHONE, which was sponsored by Humana, Cooperativa Andalucía, Seguros del Pichincha, James Brown, Superior, Smart Cleaning, Casa Gangotena, Derby, Mashpi Lodge, several categories between 10, 20, 40,

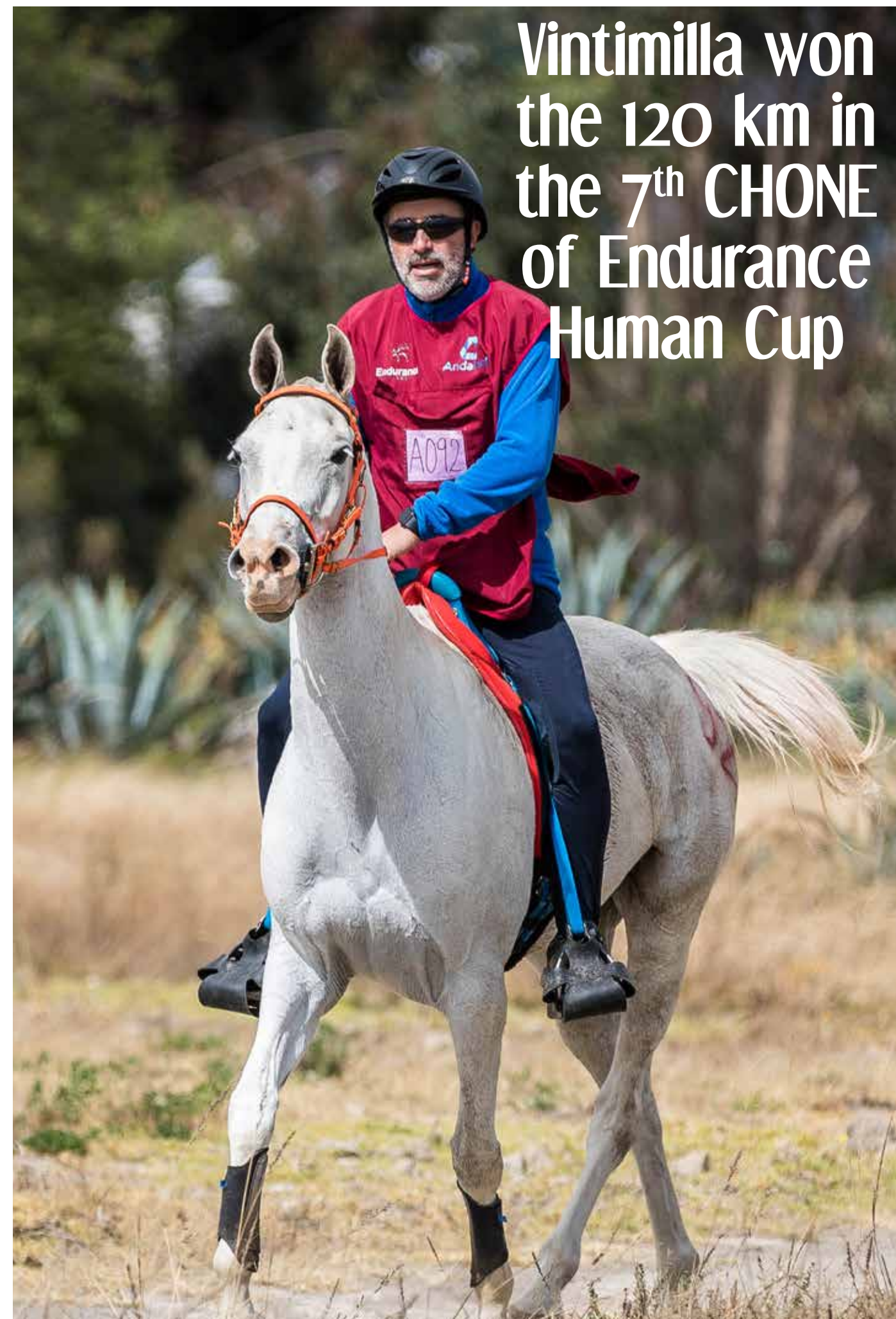
60, 80 and 120 km, were disputed in free and controlled speeds, which allowed riders and amazons, from beginners to elites, to test their cross-country skills.

The event was attended by 3 international judges 2 from Chile and 1 judge from Argentina, in addition to 4 Chilean veterinarians.

Endurance is an inclusive sport that works together with all the communities where each competition takes place, for that occasion the Endurance party was attended by the municipal band of Pujilí and the Los Danzantes group thanks to the support of the Municipal GAD.

The next international Endurance race will take place in September, where the Ecuadorian team that will represent us in the most important Endurance event on the continent will also be announced.

Source: Endurance Ecuador
Photos: Pablo Albuja Fotografía





Vintimilla gana los 120 km en el 7MO CHONE de Endurance Copa Humana

Esta competencia además clasificó a varios binomios al Panamericano de Endurance

Una nueva jornada de enduro ecuestre se llevó a cabo en Pujilí el pasado sábado 20 de julio, a la cual se dieron cita 42 binomios con el fin de completar la carrera, sumar puntos en el ranking nacional y conseguir el tan ansiado pase al Panamericano de Endurance a desarrollarse en Chile en octubre de este año.

Los grandes ganadores de esta jornada fueron los binomios conformados por Pablo Vintimilla y su yegua "Guapa" y Héctor Almeida con su yegua "Maravilla", quienes obtuvieron el primer y segundo lugar respectivamente en la competencia élite internacional de los 120 km categoría abierta velocidad libre.

Vintimilla ganó la carrera en un tiempo de competencia de 7 horas, 14 minutos y 34 segundos, además de ganar el "best condition", reconocimiento que se da al desempeño del caballo, seguido de cerca por Almeida, jinete con gran experiencia en esta disciplina, quien completó la carrera en un tiempo de competencia de 7 horas 42 minutos y 51 segundos.

"Para esta carrera, tuve un entrenamiento programado semanalmente, siendo cinco días de preparación y dos de descanso con el debido control del caballo, antes y después del mismo. Además de un plan de alimentación y una revisión veterinaria periódica", dice Vintimilla.

El podio lo completó Bernarda González, del equipo Seguros Equinoccial, quien llegó a la línea de meta en un tiempo de competencia de 8 horas 30 minutos y 51 segundos. Cabe destacar que Vintimilla y Almeida en este VII CHONE de Endurance consiguieron su tan ansiado boleto al Panamericano de Endurance Chile 2019, sumándose así a los ya clasificados José Daniel Andrade, Nathalie Weemaels, Manuela Jaramillo y Fernando Medina.

Manuela Jaramillo (16 años) y José Daniel An-

drade (19 años) serán los representantes tricolores que estarán presentes en el evento juvenil de Endurance más importante del mundo. El equipo nacional llega a esta cita mundialista con grandes expectativas por lograr resultados importantes. Los dos deportistas tuvieron procesos clasificatorios muy competitivos tanto a nivel nacional como internacional.

En la categoría de equipos, el ganador de la jornada fue Seguros Equinoccial se quedó con el primer lugar, al acumular 250,94 puntos.

En este VII CHONE de Endurance, que contó con el auspicio de Humana, Cooperativa Andalucía, Seguros del Pichincha, James Brown, Superior, Smart Cleaning, Casa Gangotena, Derby, Mashpi Lodge, se disputaron varias categorías comprendidas entre 10, 20, 40, 60, 80 y 120 km, en velocidades libres y controladas, las cuales permitieron que jinetes y amazonas, desde principiantes hasta élites, pongan a prueba sus destrezas a campo traviesa.

El evento contó con la presencia de 3 jueces internacionales 2 de Chile y 1 juez de Argentina, además de 4 veterinarios chilenos.

El Endurance es un deporte inclusivo que trabaja en conjunto con todas las comunidades en donde se desarrolla cada competencia, para esa ocasión la fiesta del Endurance contó con la presencia de la banda municipal de Pujilí y el grupo los danzantes gracias al apoyo del GAD Municipal.

La próxima carrera internacional de Endurance se llevará a cabo en el mes de septiembre, en donde además se dará a conocer al equipo ecuatoriano que nos representará en el evento de Endurance más importante del continente.

Source: Endurance Ecuador

Photos: Pablo Albuja Fotografía



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Kissed by the sun the three strongest women in Italy



Carolina Tavassoli Asli on Valda du Vallois

The strongest in Italy are women!

The 2019 Equiplanet Absolute Italian Championships were held at the Horse Country Resort & Spa in Arborea (OR) on 18-19 May.

Despite the adverse weather forecasts, the sun wanted to kiss the three strongest women in Italy starting with the gold of Carolina Tavassoli Asli riding Valda du Vallois. The teammate and award-winning Costanza Laliscia riding Rok won the silver medal, after losing an iron a few miles from the arrival.

Bronze medal to Isabella Bonetto riding Ottello with the applause of a lot of people who came to the beautiful grounds of the Resort.

A race started at 5.00 am, in absolute dar-

kness and with a strong wind which made the race more difficult.

15 the pairings that got together under the start banner in search of that place in the sun that decided in the afternoon to kiss the trained and strong amazons.

Spectacular and very ancient, the discipline of the Endurance is, as the name suggests, a resistance race between horses, and Horse Country Resort of Arborea (OR) has been hosting major national and international events for several years.

The Equiplanet Absolute Italian Championship CEI3 * took place on Saturday 18 May.

Sunday, May 19, the Italian Cup was in the

categories CEI1 * from 90km, CEI2 * from 120km and CEI2 * J / YR from 120km.

On the same day the competitions of the Sardinia Cup Stage were held - Agris Circuit in the categories Debutanti, CEN-A / CEN-B.

Saturday evening there were the award ceremonies of the Equiplanet Absolute Italian Championship CEI3* at the Horse Country Resort Saloon where a Sardinian themed evening was organized with bands, artists, performers, music, traditional dances and a tasting of eno - gastronomic products - typical Sardinian food and wine.

The course, judged by the riders and experts as one of the most comfortable, pleasant and safe on the international endurance scene, consists of 4 rings: 36 km red, 25 km each yellow and 20 km green.

From the "Camminiare" with a sandy and grassy terrain that characterizes the area of the Gulf of Oristano, to the pond of S'Ena Arrubia, home of the pink flamingos up to the picturesque fishing village of Marceddì: these are just some of the scenic wonders that will accompany horses and riders from all over the world during the race.

The event is organized by Horse Country Resort in collaboration with FISE, the Italian Federation of Equestrian Sports, with the support of Agris, the Agency for research in agriculture of the Sardinia Region, the Municipality of Arborea and Terralba, and Antonio Sardo Setzi Saddles and ACME.

Horse Country Resort, born to give hospitality to horse lovers and equestrian sports practitioners, is equipped with numerous services such as 315 rooms, 58 small villas, 4 restaurants, 3 bars, Spa, 2 swimming pools, congress hall, private beach, shop, amphitheater and sports fields. The Equestrian Center, one of the largest in Europe, has a budding competition field from which the Endurance race will start. There are also two sand courts for heating and the practice of western and English riding and a covered field (of 6000 square meters) for mounting all year round.

"The riders have found a pleasant and comfortable environment where they can relax to compete in the best conditions; as well as the horses, which have at their disposal comfortable over-sized boxes (4.5m x 4.5m) to rest before and after the race. It is a pleasure and an honor for us to be able to host an event of this magnitude and support



Costanza Laliscia on Rok

the Federation and the entire national equestrian movement”, said Riccardo Giachino, President of the Organizing Committee and Administrator of the Horse Country Resort in Arborea.

FISE President Marco Di Paola said: “The peculiarity of equestrian sports is to see two athletes at work: the man and the horse. The Endurance discipline, in particular, allows those who love to practice this fantastic specialty, at an amateur and competitive level, to be in contact with nature. Our Italy is full of architectural, cultural and naturalistic beauties, which have the continuous need to be valued. This is also the purpose of our sport, to link competitive discipline to culture and why not to tourism. It is also for this reason that the Italian Equestrian Sport Federation has decided to assign the Italian Endurance Equiplanet Absolute Championship to Arborea. A magnificent land, Sardinia, will be the stage; to make headquarters one of the most beautiful and functional structures in the area: the Horse Country Resort, which perfectly combines the concept of sport and tourism”.

Source: Horse Country Resort / Photos: Oreste Testa



Isabella Bonetto riding Ottello

Premier Endurance Festival in South Africa



Premier Equestrian Club in South Africa presented the "Premier Endurance Festival" at Sondela Nature Reserve and Spa from the 30th May to the 2 June 2019.

This year, due to having the pleasure of having Dr Martha Misheff (USA) as well as a host of national 4* veterinarians on the event veterinary panel, we as organisers decided to make use of this unique opportunity of having great endurance minds descending on the event so we arranged an "Endurance 101" congress for veterinarians.

Presenters for the congress were Dr Martha Misheff(USA) Dr David Marlin (UK) via skype, Dr Albertus Coetzee, Dr Ingrid Cilliers, Dr Glynn Catton and Dr Sheelagh Higgerty. 49 delegates attended the 2 day congress and a practical session headed by seasoned endurance veterinarians was held at the end of the congress to demonstrate the procedure for an endurance veterinary inspection.

The endurance race included CEI3*, CEN3*, CEI2*, CEN2*, CEI1* and CEN1* categories as well as a 40km CEN event with 206 horses starting over the 2 days of endurance riding.

Day 1 saw 168 horses start. The CEI3*(2) and CEN3*(1) event started at 03h30 but unfortunately no rider managed to complete the course.

13 horses started the 120km CEI2*(8) and

CEN2*(5) with 8 finishers. CEI2* rider Rachel de Beer clocked the fastest time of 06:14:51 on Arkab Kwafat. CEI2* rider Lanel van Nieuwenhuizen on Jozami Saleehah was awarded the Midfeeds Best Conditioned Award.

98 competitors started the CEI1*(16) CEN1*(82). 14 of the CEI1* riders completed the 80km course and 66 of the CEN1* riders completed. Young rider Lente Schutte on Yentl Samih clocked the fastest time for the day in 3:48:28 and Hanro Korb on Izra Airbus was the fastest senior in a time of 3:56:24 and was also awarded the overall best conditioned award for the 80km event.

29 of the 38 riders either starting their novice phase or were riding their first endurance ride completed the 40km event on day 1. Overall 117 of the 168 riders completed the event which is a 69.6% completion rate.

The second day of the Premier Endurance Festival saw 38 starters. 5 of the 6 CEI1* horses completed the 80km and 27 of the CEN1* riders completed in their respective categories. The fastest time for day 2 of the event was national rider Lisa Sue Hoffman on Siloah Soraya in a time of 3:57:17.

Source: Susan Koekemoer

Photos: Manie Ward, Dr Martha Misheffs and Susan Koekemoer



M7 Festival 2019, June 7 – 9. These 3 days of races were full of surprises and intense sport. Due to a very good organisation, riders ran on various and technical tracks among beautiful landscapes. The 2 flagship races were the 2* (120km) and the 3* (160km).

Friday 05 :30 AM : Real things begin!

Well-known for being difficult, the 3* race kept its promises. From sadness to tears of joy, flashback on a race full of twists. In the early mornig, 45 couples crossed the start lines for 6 loops and 160km, under a threatening weather. Windy tracks and few raindrops did not helped the riders. Furthermore, this 3* race was a qualification race for the French riders, for the Endurance European Championships in Euston Park.

The french trainer, Jean-Michel Grimal, gave new directive : gallop fast during the first 10 km, in order to make a better start and not being pulled away by the other competitors.

Untill the 4th loop, the best riders kept the speed, with a top group wich was clearing gradually. 3 couples have got a gap, leaving the others far behind. The 5th loop was the decisive loop. Christophe Nogueira – Piros de Fontanel (France) and the Omani rider Ahmed Salim Mohamed al Hamdani – Veinard Secondo were taking the lead while they made an error on the track at the last crew point.

As the loop was not fully ran, the jury had no choice but downgrade the 2 riders, nevertheless allowing them to finish their course « overtaking » the 3 missing kilometers, during the final loop. Thus, the 2 riders kept their qualification on this distance.

Piros de Fontanel made an exemplary race showing a great physical fitness.

At the start of the 6th loop, the French couple Roman Lafaure – Valdez Cabirat ranked first on paper. But ...

It was without counting on the Spanish troublemakers David Abad Guerra ridden Nadin Fay who tumbled down on the French couples arriving at the lake, and then overtook him and took the lead up to the end. Roman Lafaure wisely decided to let the Spanish rider going ahead: « Valdez was not as usual ».

David Abad Guerra finished the race in 08 :51 :57 at an average speed of 18.047 km/hour, just 1:19mn ahead of Roman Lafaure (08 :53 :19 km/h, av.speed = 18.002 km/h)

The big surprise in this race comes from the

French rider Servann Le Bitoux with her sensitive mare Sanitza Armor. 19th at the arrival of the 1st loop, they finished 3rd, reaching a 1st podium on 160km. Sanitza Armor easily lasted the distance and the technical difficulties : «*the only time, I pushed her was at the finish line !* ». And this effort has payed off as the couple crossed the finish line by a nose.

This is a nice story when one knows that this mare was to be sent to the slaughterhouse because she was « *unmanageable* ». Sanitza was fortunate to meet the Le Bitoux family.

While she went with the leading group, Virginie Atger and Ras Payador had to ease up et finally finished 6th after a finish sprint with the Omani Al Hamdani.

David very happy and Roman a bit disappointed.

The Spanish rider is obviously happy, grabbing its first podium and its first 160 with Nadin Fay, at a speed of 18.1km/hour. « *My fiancée trains my horse, mainly walking in the mountain* ». David is a farrier and do not have much time to train himself. Hoping for being in the top 10, « *but looking at the list of competitors, it was a long shot !* » David said, he took Jordi Arbou Santacreu's advices : go slow and wait.

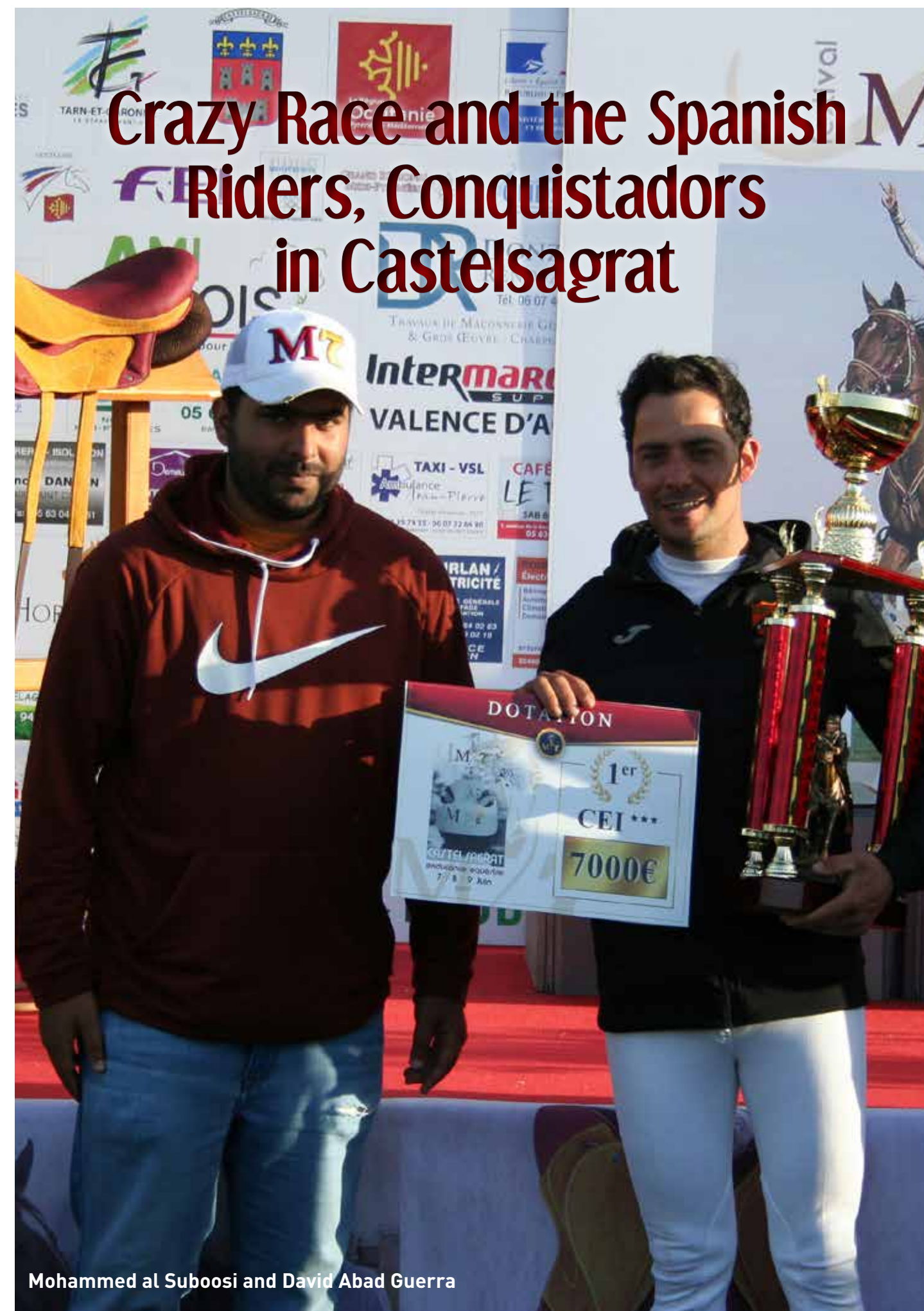
If Roman is happy with this first podium for Valdez cabirat on a 160km race, he has not the same feeling about his race : « *I followed the leading group and I went too quickly* ». His goal is half reached : he was chasing the top 5.

CEI2* : Another victory for Spain !

After a victory in the 160km race, a 1st, 3rd and 6th place on the CEI1* on Saturday, who won the CEI2* on Sunday : Spain again !

It is the very young Marc Vila Sabata (aged 16 !), with TBO Señora Mia, who held the pole position on the third loop and did not let it go. He completed the race in 05 :53 :05 at an average speed of 20.392 km/h.

The French César Donais and Jedran did everything to catch the Spanish, but had to cede him 9" and finally took the 2nd place. « *I run the first two loops with the Spanish, but Jedran had hard time to recover, although he felt comfortable on the track. I had to slow down.* » Then the couple set up on Arthur Desprez- Nabat des Pins (3rd place of this race), who knows full well the Castelsagrat tracks. Jedran (8 years old), fulfils hopes his rider pins on him : « *he is a pro ! He eats, he*



Mohammed al Suboosi and David Abad Guerra

pees, he has a good mind. Jedran has not showed yet all what he is capable of ! ».

To the contrary of Jedran, Nabat des Pins had difficulty climbing the mythical laundry hill, located at the end of the race.

Lilou Tomas Arnaud put France place back!

She was awaited on the CEIJ2* ; she was there. 17th in the first phase, then 2nd, Lilou and Stella du Claux claimed top spot in the 3rd loop and stayed there. They confirm their strong abilities. They run the 120km of the race in 6 :10 :26 at an average speed of 19.437 km/hour.

This race showed the « Girl Power » as the girls scored a top 10 results in this race, and only French riders !

The first foreign young rider finished 12th is Saif Juma Mohamed Khamis Beljafla – Bonito Cabirat from U.A.E, and the first guy is from France too and finished 11th is Armand Ferrere – Sham's al Galahad.

M7 – Castelsagrat: an ongoing partnership

Mohammed al Suboosi, M7 manager confirmed that the partnership initiated last year with the organizing committee will be extended to 2020 ... but a bigger one.

M7 really appreciate this partnership as the collaboration with the organizers is very smooth and leads to a super event.

M7 choose Castelsagrat because it is a real challenge for the both U.A.E riders and horses. The goal is that more and more U.A.E riders can compete in Castelsagrat.

« It is a challenge as it is difficult to make speed here. It's not easy ! » Mohammed said.

Of course, Castelsagrat is very different from U.A.E or other European races, as there is a lot of level crossings. But many things will change as M7 just bought barns near Toulouse : « France is the country of endurance. Sheikh Mohammed (editor's note : Sheikh Mohammed by Rashid al Maktoum – owner of M7), thinks the best way to start a horse is to do it here ». Riders and horse will take the ability to cope with the sleepiest slopes now : « people and horses will be ready earlier to prepare the race » added the manager.

And Mohammed dreams big for Castelsagrat : « One day, there will be an emirates team in Castelsagrat. I dream that we can organize a world cup. The organization is very good and responsible. The team is ready and all spaces are ok. ».

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum shows « the right things » to Mohammed : there is a mutual trust between them.

When we ask Mohammed if he is happy with this partnership, the reponse he makes without the slightest hesitation is : « if people are happy, I am happy ! ».

Let's wait and see for the next edition ...

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Servann Le Bitoux with Sanitza Armor



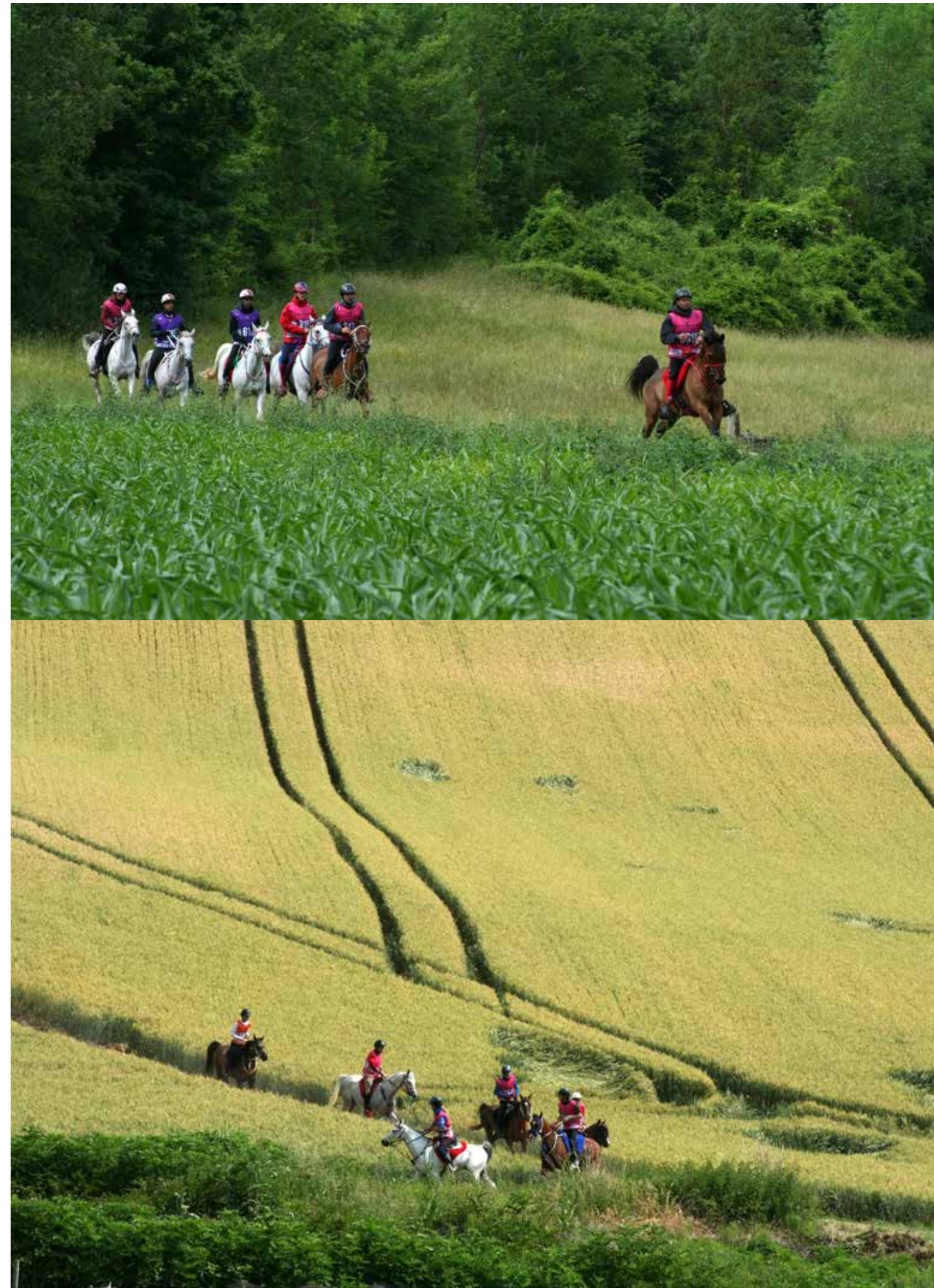
Philippe Tomas and Lilou Tomas Arnaud



Mrs Francine Fillastre giving a present to Mohammed Al Suboosi (M7 manager)



Marc Vila Sabata with TBO Señora Mia



For second consecutive year, Chacras del Bragado received more than 150 entries in its BEF - Bragado Endurance Festival held on 3-4 of May, in Bragado, Buenos Aires. This time with M7 Stables Sponsorship!

Without doubt, after the magnificent organization of the year 2018, many riders and spectators joined the event. There were Uruguayan, Chilean, American, Chinese and local riders.

This time, the HR system for the races was a local one called Kronos, and same as last year Yamamah app. showed our lives results.

On Thursday 2nd May, after horse admission, a horse auction was held to collected the money, in part, to subsidize the expenses of the Argentine team that travels to compete in the Pan American Championship in the month of October in Llay Llay, Chile. These horses were donated by Argentine breeders to promote the sport and help the Argentine riders. The auction was a success and all horses were sold.

On Friday 3rd, it was the first day of competition and there was a spectacular weather with sun and a little breeze. The circuit was in optimal conditions. All loops have the same sandy floor ideal for compete.

Result Summary:

For CEI3* 160 km, in the first place the Uruguayan Fernanda Villar with LG Sajj, who led the whole race making an average speed of 20 km/h; she told us her experience "Very anxious waiting for the BEF 2019 we left from Uruguay with four horses. One for 160 km, two horses for 120 km and one for the ladies race. The CO received us in an amazing way and made us feel at home. The strategy for 160 km race was to maintain an average speed of 20 km/h. From the first loop we keep the average, until the third loop that Manuela's horse was eliminate so we were at a difference of almost 2h 30 min from the second competitor. My horse adapted very well to the track that is very soft for the horses and with a very nice landscape for the riders".

The second place was for the Chinese Huilin Jia with the Argentine horse HT Maluco owned by Haras Torue, and the third place for the Chinese Yuandong Huang with the Argentine horse HCE Magkalvin.

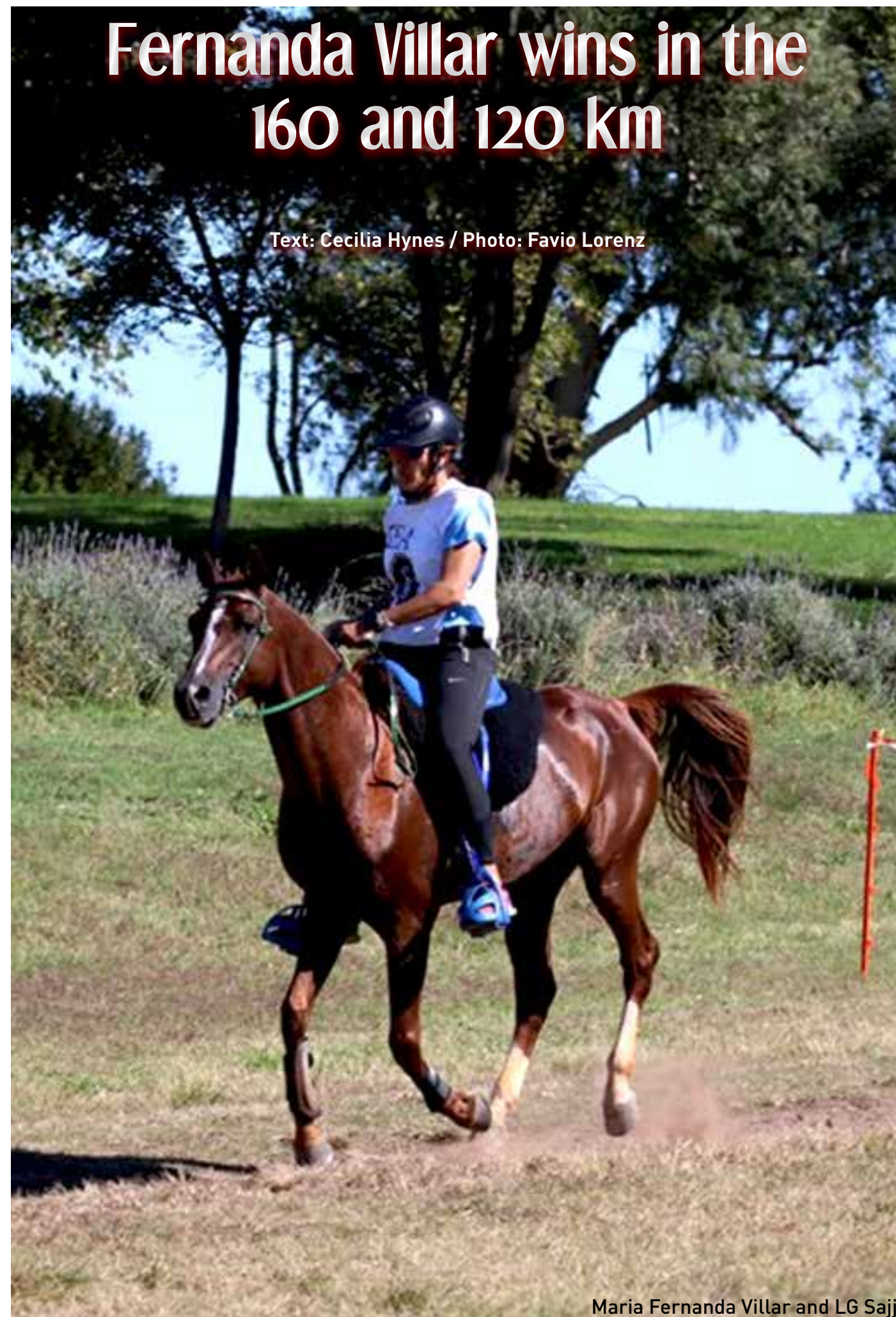
That same day, CEI1* 100 km for Ladies where the winner was Sabrina Bessi with the horse Elanus, told us her BEF experience "The 100 km race



Fernanda Villar and Yuyo

Fernanda Villar wins in the 160 and 120 km

Text: Cecilia Hynes / Photo: Favio Lorenz



Maria Fernanda Villar and LG Sajj



From China: Yuandong Huang (white jacket) and Huilin Jia

was very demanding for the horses, because although the averages were not very high, the speed was the same throughout the race. The whole event was developed under an excellent organization, from the circuit to the very good disposition of the organizers, where it was notice from the first day, the previous work that they have done as well as the support they got from different institutions. Therefore I have no more to thank and congratulate the hosts, my congratulations to them and I hope that the next races continue to come out that way".

The second place was for Josefina Rolt riding her mare JC Seductora, plus Best Condition award and third place Delfina "PIPI" Gauthier and the horse FD Mustafa.

For Saturday, the sky dawned cloudier but that did not stop people from continuing to come to the venue to witness the event. This day was competed in CEI2 * 120 km, where the winner in the Young Rider category was Trinidad Mendez with the mare VS Amancay, who led the whole race and won the Best Condition award.

"Everything was very good in the race, the pulse control systems for the horses and the order in the vet gate. There was always water available and the circuit has a very good floor,

for sure I am coming back next year", Trinidad Mendez said.

Second place was for Josefina Rolt with Embujo del Reparo and the third place for Antonella Moreno with Ras El Patron CCA owned by Mrs. Claudia Caraballo of Haras Las Cortaderas.

In the Senior category the first place was again for Fernanda Villar and her Uruguayan horse Yuyo.

"In the 120 km race we left to canter at a good speed from the start with a strategy that made us took a great advantage over the rest of the others competitors. In the arrival of the 2nd loop Ignacio Sanguinetti and Emilio have a trip that leaves them out of the race. Yuyo responded very well alone and came strongly to the last loop, proving that he's a horse with a lot of future", said Villar.

The second place was for Fausto Sanchez riding S Thiago and third place for Beatriz Muriel and her horse Fiador AP who also won the Best Condition award.

"The day started with a nice weather to race, the track was very good and the organization impeccable. The race was developed early with dominance of the Uruguayan riders. With Fiador we left in a second group and we gained posi-

tions thanks for his good recovery. The definition of the last loop was very fought and we finished in the 3rd position", said Villar.

In CEI1* 80 km Senior category, first place for Nadia Fernandez Cid and Rab Pitted, who gave us her testimony.

"When we noticed that we will have race in Bragado, we were very happy because the place is beautiful and the track to run is spectacular. When we thought about which horses to race and which distance to take we decided to do the second 80 km race to RAB Pisteed. And the race was given as in the first loop we went at a speed of 23/24 km/h and like this we continue to the other loop. Finally, in the last loop the mare was amazing and flew. I felt her with power the whole loop. It really was an incredible race."

The second place and Best Condition was for Alejo Rossi with JC Burak and third place for Karen Gomez riding La Lojanera.

In CEI1* 80 km Young Riders, won the Uruguayan rider Joaquin Stirling with the Argentine horse LM Batman of Haras La Matera. Second place for the Uruguayan Teresa Sanchez with the horse FC Fariid and third place for Juana Demicheli with LC Amur.

Without a doubt, the BEF 2019 was a success; the OC was present in all the needs of the competitors. Very good gastronomy, medical service of excellence available and the firefighters so that water is never lacking to recover the horses between the stages and throw the loops.

Looking forward for BEF 2020; with this OC that continues improving year after year.



CEI* 100 km Ladies: Sabrina Bessi with Elanus



Trinidad Mendez with VS Amancay (BC, right) and Josefina Rolt with Embrujo del Reparó



Joaquin Stirling with LM Batman (right) and Teresa Sanchez with FC Fariid



Nadia Fernandez Cid and Rab Pitted





The Biltmore Endurance Challenge 2019: a very technical ride in a historical state

Text: Nathalie Weemaels
Photos: Becky Pearman

On the 4th of May, I participated at the 26th Annual Biltmore Endurance Challenge that took place in Asheville, North Carolina, and was without a doubt one of the highlights of the 2019 USA Endurance calendar. Qualified as one of the most technical FEI rides of the USA, it attracted the participation of 227 competitors coming from ten different countries. Although this high number of inscriptions was mainly due to the excellent organization and the tourist appeal of Biltmore Estate, it might also have been related to the holding of the Arabian Horse Association's Region XII Championship 100-mile ride and to the fact that the CEIYJ2* ride was a selection trial for Young Rider team going this year to the World Championship in Italy.

I took part in the Challenge competing in the CEI2* with my Arabian mare Box Bruma, who had traveled from Ecuador two months earlier.

This was my first experience with own horse in the US, without considering my participation at the WEG 2018. I expected a technical ride as are most of the US competitions, nevertheless, the course was much more complicated than I had imagined. Indeed, most of it consisted in narrow trails winding through the forest, dotted with roots and stones, going up and down on rolling hills totaling approximately 2000 meters of elevation gain over the distance of 120 kilometers. And the tropical rain that fell all the afternoon didn't help as it turned the trails very muddy and slippery.

Nevertheless, I particularly appreciated the diversity of footings and landscapes. Indeed, what an extraordinary experience to trot between trees through the subtropical forest or canter across pastures and open vineyards, meeting with wild geese and turkeys, crossing bridges

and streams, riding along the French Broad River and above all, discovering fairy tale views of the Vanderbilt House. To compete at an endurance ride on Biltmore Estate was definitively a wonderful and unforgettable experience!

Biltmore Estate was created in 1895 by George W. Vanderbilt, as an escape from everyday life for family and friends. Today, it is a historic and tourist attraction, with its main residence, a French Renaissance Revival style mansion, being the largest privately-owned house in the United States. Covering an area of approximately 3250 hectares, Biltmore Estate offers 130 kilometers of beautiful wooded and riverside equestrian trails which were kindly made available for the two-days Endurance Challenge.

On Saturday 4th of May, 6am, start was given in drizzle and fog to the 22 competitors of the open 100-mile and CEI3*. As still in the dark,

riders were guided by small orange glow sticks hanging in the trees along the trail. For most of the riders, the first 3 loops took place in good weather conditions while the 3 last ones suffered heavy rainfall interspersed with brief spells. Nevertheless, 12 competitors finished the ride (54% completion), being the winners of the open category Sudi Lenhart on Wiebow and Cindy Young on KC Lucks Lil Buck while Nicki Meuten finished third on FYF Dutch.

Of them, six riders entered the FEI CEI 3* 160 km senior ride, four being from the USA, one from Great Britain, and one from Republic of South Africa. Four finished the ride, with Meg Sleeper on Syrocco Madrigal winning with an average speed of 10km/h, in front of Steve Rojek on Tribune and as third, Cheryl van Deusen on Spotless Summer Magic. Meg Sleeper and Syrocco also won the Best Condition award.

At 6:30am the same day, I was one of the 28 riders to start the 75-mile open, CEI2* and CEI-YJ2*, of which we were 23 to finish, with a 82% completion rate. First loop was the Orange East, of 23,3 km long and with an elevation gain of 450m. It took us through the woodlands East of the Biltmore Equestrian Center, and along the French Broad River. Although it had rained on Friday, trails were quite dry and steady.

After crossing French Broad River on a large bridge, second loop took us to the Western part of Biltmore Estate, amongst pastures and open vineyards usually closed to the public. With its 32,7 km length, this loop was not only the longest but also the one with most altitude difference totaling 650m of ups and downs. At that point, weather was perfect and most of the competitors were doing well, going a good pace and somehow finding their place in relation to each other.

Third loop was the Red South Short, and this is when torrents of water began to fall and turned the trails into rivers. Although of only 24 kilometers, it took me what seemed to be an eternity to complete the phase that meandered in the forest. Nevertheless, once out of the woodlands, I enjoyed cantering on the flat trail along the river although getting absolutely soaked as not covered by trees anymore. When I arrived at the camp, my team was waiting for me in a flooded rest area! Never mind, that's what endurance is...

Excellent recuperation of Box Bruma, excellent vet check, I changed clothes and we were gone

for next loop which I thought would take me less time as of only 17,9 kilometers. Unfortunately it was not the case as Blue South Short also cut through woodlands and rain continued to wash trails that at some points turned out to be dangerously slippery. Thunder felt close to us, atmosphere was heavy and dark, like it would never stop raining. Happily, the sky finally opened during our last rest and stayed clear during our fifth loop, the White River one, of 22,7 kilometers. That last loop would have been absolute pleasure if not for the mud: rolling hills amongst pastures with farm animals, opened areas and long straight trails along the river, a perfect end for a 120km ride! Unfortunately, many trails were still very muddy, which forced me to dismount in the descents to avoid a last loop accident. I passed the finish line in a time of 9h56'32", on fifth place amongst the 28 riders, a great result for the first CEI2* of Box Bruma.

From first loop, Rae Shumate-Tysor on her DM Michaelangelo headed the 75-mile ride together with young rider Kimberly Loutzenheiser on Shahqueem. They finished strong at 6:28pm, with Rae Shumate-Tysor winning shortly followed almost instantly by Kimberly Loutzenheiser. Third to complete was Hanna Weightmann on Dude Free Gold.

As for the CEI 2* 120 km senior, we were eight riders representing four countries (USA, Ecuador, Colombia and Canada), with seven completions. Rae Shumate-Tysor and DM Michaelangelo won the ride with an average speed of 13,5km/h while I arrived in second place with Box Bruma. Third was Daniel Vasquez from Colombia on Carlos Lleras' Play It Louder. Rae's DM Michaelangelo won the CEI2* Best Condition award.

Five young riders, all from the USA, entered the CEIYJ2* event with four completing. Unfortunately, none of them reached the minimum speed of 14 km/h required for the qualification at Young Rider World Championship in Italy. Kimberly Loutzenheiser won the ride on Shahqueem with an average speed of 13,49 km/h while Hanna Weightman on Dude Free Gold followed in second, with third being Kate Bishop on Cheryl van Deusen's Hoover the Mover. The CEIYJ2* Best Condition award went to Kate Bishop on Cheryl van Deusen's Hoover the Mover.

The 55-mile ride on Saturday had 26 starters in total, including open riders, CEI1* and CEIYJ1*. With 18 completing the four loops and 88 kilometers ride, completion rate was of 69%. Bob.



Meg Sleeper on Syrocco Madrigal won the 3* FEI ride, 100-mile BC and 3* FEI BC

ly, with a time of 6:21:04 and an average speed of 13,6 km/h. Second place was a three-way tie among Bonni Hannah on FinderZKeepers, Clare Summers on Georgy Girl, and Susan Wilson on LA Casper. Three juniors started the ride in the Open category, with two completing, first being Laney Jarrett and second Maddie Rogers on her KF Baran's Melody.

Of them, five riders entered the CEI1*, being from the US, Canada, Ireland and Bermuda, with three completing. Bob Gielen (Canada) and his MoreBangforYourBuck won handily in front of Clarke Martin on DCL Mooi Penny. Third place was Hilda Donahue (Ireland) on her Skys Sahalie. Bob Gielen's MoreBangforYourBuck won the Best Condition Award.

Friday 50-mile ride attracted 58 riders in total, of whom 43 completed for a 74% completion rate. As AERC allows ties, there was a dramatic 4-way declared title for first place among Kate Bishop on LR April Breeze, Tom Hagis on Indian Reinman, Cheryl van Deusen on Snake Eyes Leroy, and Mark Lipold on GL Trail Reader. Three juniors started the ride, with all three completing. The first junior was Laney Jarrett on her Pimpin'.

Eleven horses and riders started the CEI 1*, and eight completed. Cheryl van Deusen won the division on her Snake Eyes Leroy with an average speed of 13,6 km/h. Second was Valerie Kanavy on her Fine Cut Gold, and third went to Eone Willemse from Republic of South Africa Cruzin' for Gold. Best Condition award was won by Cheryl van Deusen's Snake Eyes Leroy.

First (and only) CEIYJ1* rider on Friday was Kate Bishop on LR April Breeze, who also won the Best Condition award.

The Biltmore Endurance Challenge also hosted two limited distance rides, of 25 miles on Friday and 30 miles on Saturday, which attracted a high number of competitors, 53 for the first one and 50 on Saturday, being the completion rates of 83% and 75%, respectively.

AHA Awards

The Biltmore Endurance Challenge hosted the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Region XII 100-mile Championship for 2019. A total of 10 horses / riders both qualified and entered the event: six full Arabs, and four Half Arabs. Entry requirements included that, the rider and owner must be 2019 'Competition' members of AHA and the horse must be AHA registered. Furthermore, as a Regional Championship ride, the horse must have had a minimum of 100 lifetime miles of



Nathalie Weemaels came in second in the CEI2* on Box Bruma

which 50 miles may be from an AHA Regional or National Competitive Trail Ride, but any other miles must be Endurance miles (not Limited Distance).

The AHA Region XII champion Arab was Wiebow, ridden by owner Sudi Lenhart, in a ride time of 14:18:17. Reserve champion Arab was FYF Dutch owned and ridden by Nicki Meuten, in a ride time of 15:01:08. Full Arab Best Condition Award was won by Meg Sleeper on Syrocco Madrigal.

The AHA Region XII champion Half Arab was KC Lucks Lil Buck, ridden by owner Cindy Young, in a ride time of 14:18:17. Reserve champion Half Arab was Wallace Hill Sundance owned Amy Wallace-Whelan and ridden by Annie Whelan, in a ride time of 15:57:13. Best Conditioned Half Arab was won by Cindy Young's KC Lucks Lil Buck.

ECAHS Awards

Another interesting Award was the "Best Crabbet" horse award given in each distance by the Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society ECAHS, offered to both Young Rider / Junior (YJ) and Senior divisions. To compete, the horse must have been Crabbet-certified as having at least 25% Crabbet blood by April 27. Results are as follow: on 100 mile ride, Cheryl van Deusen on Ebs Regal Majjaan; on 75 mile ride, Mike Bostic on SVA Verafy and Kate Bishop on Hoover the Mover (young rider); on 30 mile ride, Patricia Gowen on PW September Hero; on 50 mile (Friday), Tom Hagis on Indian Reinman and Kate Bishop on LR April Breeze (young rider); on 25 mile ride, Alayna Hay on BR Satevis.

To participate at the Biltmore Endurance Challenge was one of my best endurance ride ever. With breathtaking views, very technical and complex course, excellent organization and riders conscientious and respectful of their horses, this ride should be on the calendar of all the endurance riders who want to participate at a technical FEI ride in the USA.

Results and information on Biltmore Endurance Challenge: www.biltmoreendurance.com

The Biltmore Equestrian Center, located on the grounds of George Vanderbilt's historic Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, hosted the twenty-sixth annual Biltmore Challenge Endurance Rides on: May 3 and 4-5, 2019.



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Bob Gielen and BangBang won the CEI11* 55-mile ride and got BC



Sudi Lenhart on Wiebow ties with Cindy Young on KC Lucks Lil Buck for first place of the 100-mile ride



Cheryl van Deusen on Snake Eyes Lero won Friday's CEI1*

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It required a massive effort, but in the end Saeed Ahmad Jaber Al Harbi and Lockelea Starwood Comet got the job done winning the HH The President of the United Arab Emirates Endurance Cup at Al Wathba for F3 Stables. The event is held under the directives of HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE, and HH General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. Al Harbi and Lockelea Starwood Comet completed the gruelling FEI CEI 3* 160km ride at Emirates International Endurance Village in Al Wathba with a time of 6 hours 14 minutes and 12 seconds in a race that had been divided into six phases.

The race climaxed with a last minute twist that saw Al Harbi steal the show from Al Wathba Stables' rider Abdul Rahman Saeed Al Ghailani, who led for most of the race but had to be content with a second place finish aboard Sarab after eventually finishing 37 seconds behind the winner. In third place was Al Harbi's F3 Stables teammate Salim Said Al Owais aboard Castlebar Cadabra with a time of 6:21:08. HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Dubai Crown Prince, who is also

the patron of F3 Stables, was thrilled with the result of his riders and said F3 were always keen on competing at the highest level. "Our goal is to always be at the top in the most prestigious races and any competitive event we are asked to participate in. We will be present and make sure that the UAE is at the top place,"

Sheikh Hamdan said on live television. "F3 will always offer their best in every race and HH The President of the UAE Endurance Cup is one of the top rides in the world and our objective was to compete. "Races like these are the toughest to win because when they are prestigious events you get the best riders in the world participating. Winning easy races is something that can be achieved by anyone, but it's winning races like these that matters!" Al Harbi was as thrilled as his boss and credited Sheikh Hamdan for his lead all the way from the planning stage. "It feels great to have won the title for the first time as this is one of the most prized events on the UAE endurance calendar and that of the world," he said. "My job was to lead the horse and follow up on the plan prepared by Sheikh Hamdan and I dedicate this victory to him and HH Sheikh M o h a m m e d bin Rashid Al Maktoum."



Al Harbi rides Lockelea Starwood Comet to President Cup Success



Al Harbi and Lockelea Starwood Comet, trained by Khalifa Ghanim Al Marri, had to fight hard to get themselves in contention in a race where 313 rider and horse pairs started. Placed 46th at the end of the first loop over 40km, Al Harbi knew he had his work cut out and started to juggle things under the supervision of Sheikh Hamdan. He made rapid progress in the second 33km phase climbing 29 spots to reach 17th on the leaderboard. It was rapid upwards progress thereafter as he moved to 11th then seventh and was placed third behind his Emirati compatriot and Al Wathba Stables' rider Al Ghailani going into the final phase over 20km. Al Ghailani had led since the end of the third phase and had a :2:46s lead over Salim Said Al Owais who was second heading into the final loop. At that point Al Harbi was a further four seconds off the pace.

It looked all over, but Sheikh Hamdan's man Al Harbi had other plans and having preserved Lockelea Starwood Comet, he now had the opportunity to pull out all the stops. Asked to go, the horse obliged with a pace that was nearly 7kph quicker and as the finish loomed into sight he was able to seize the initiative from Al Ghailani, who was then forced to finish second 37 seconds behind. Third placed Al Owais had kept close to the top all along, but dropped a spot to finish third after finding himself second at the end of the penultimate loop. A total of 183 rider and horse pairs failed to complete the gruelling ride. Major General Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, president of the UAE Equestrian Federation, said: "I am proud of the way this event was handled.

The organisers have done a fantastic job to provide transparency and fairness throughout the ride in accordance with the directives of HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs." Adnan Sultan Al Nuaimi, director general of Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, which organised the event, said the presence of Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan gave the race character and motivated the riders and stables to give their best. "It was a tough race because of the presence of some of the top riders from the UAE and around the world.

The discipline of the riders and teams helped us in organising the race because there were no mistakes and everyone was given an equal opportunity and the horses returned in good health," Al Nuaimi said. Lara Sawaya, executive director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al

Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, who was also part of the organising committee echoed similar sentiments when she said the presence of Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan would have been truly motivational for the riders. Sawaya added: "This event continues to surprise and is one of the toughest and most prestigious events in endurance riding around the world. And the presence of a top class field underlines its status among the elite events."

HH The President of the UAE Endurance Cup (Top 5)

1. Saeed Ahmad Jaber Al Harbi / Lockelea Starwood Comet - F3 Stables, 6:14.12
2. Abdul Rahman Saeed Al Ghailani / Sarab - Al Wathba, 6:14.49
3. Salim Said Al Owais / Castlebar Cadabra - F3 Stables, 6:21.08
4. Sh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum / Dahi - M7 Stables, 6:28.25
5. Hazza Abdul Khamis Ali Saeed / Perdeberg Rasta - Al Reef, 6:32.57

Sh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum / Dahi



Salim Said Al Owais / Castlebar Cadabra



Abdul Rahman Saeed Al Ghailani



UAE Team, winner of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Endurance Cup



From left to right: Salem Hamad Al Kitbi on Blakeridge Indigo, Abdullah Ghanim Al Marri aboard Wamid and Saif Ahmed Al Mazrouei on Razorback Mechano

Held under the patronage of his Royal Highness Prince Muhammad Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince, Chairman of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of Madinah Al Munawarah Province, awarded the winners of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Endurance Cup, which concluded on February 2 in Al Fursan Village, in the region of Al-Ula, with the presence of His Highness Prince Bader bin Abdullah bin Farhan Al Saud, the governor of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula.

The race was also attended by the Chairman of the Saudi Equestrian Federation, his Royal Highness Prince Abdallah bin Fahd bin Abdallah and Engineer Amr Al Madani, CEO of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula, as part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to strengthen Al-Ula's position as an exceptional tourist destination boasting a unique heritage rich in arts, culture and sports.

The credentials of the UAE as one of the top distance riding nations in the region and the world was highlighted by a top ten finish

at the CEI 2* 120km The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Endurance Cup at Al-Ula in Saudi Arabia on February 2. Salem Hamad Al Kitbi riding M7 Endurance Stables' Blakeridge Indigo won with a time of 4 hours 25 minutes and 43 seconds. The pair rode at an average speed of 27.1kph over the four loops to finish fractions of a second ahead of Abdullah Ghanim Al Marri of F3 Stables, who was aboard Wamid, with MRM Stables' rider Saif Ahmed Al Mazrouei placing third on the back of Razorback Mechano with time of 4:25:44.

Al Kitbi increased his riding speed during the 33km second loop and continued his domination as he held on to the top at the halfway mark. With two more loops left and 52km of surface yet to be covered, Al Kitbi decided to rein in Blakeridge Indigo, trained by Mohammed Ali Al Subousi. He lowered his riding speed a bit which allowed F3 Stables' rider Abdullah Ghanim Al Marri aboard Wamid to take temporary charge of the race. Al Kitbi was off the pace by just 34 seconds and knew he had to revert back to a higher pace if he was to win; and when he asked Blakeridge Indigo



to step it up by nearly 6kph, the horse responded perfectly, which brought the pair home ahead of the rest by the tiniest of margins.

At the end of the race, his Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Governor of Madinah Al Munawarah Province presented the cup to the owner of Blakeridge Indigo who completed the race in 4 hours 25 minutes 43 seconds, in the presence of His Highness Prince Bader bin Abdullah bin Farhan Al Saud, the Governor of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula and His Highness Prince Abdallah bin Fahd bin Abdallah, Chairman of the Saudi Equestrian Federation. His Royal Highness Prince Faisal lauded the efforts of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula and the Saudi Equestrian Federation teams as well as the Emirates Equestrian Federation for the organization of the event and the great support they provided to the participants.

His Highness Prince Bader bin Abdullah bin Farhan Al Saud, the Governor of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula, said: "The history of Al-Ula bears a lot of inscriptions that highlight the population's interest in Arabian horses, which makes Al-Ula the perfect location for the launch of the prestigious Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Endurance Cup, the biggest prize of its kind in the world, with the full support and close supervision from His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman, Crown Prince and Chairman of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula. We are happy to see the huge efforts of the residents of Al-Ula as we seek to provide

more job opportunities to its youth through the organization of different events and activities." The Governor of the Royal Commission for Al-Ula congratulated the competitors and Salem Hamad Al Kitbi from M7 Endurance stables on his win.

The race was part of the Winter at Tantora festival in Al-Ula held in partnership with the Saudi Equestrian Federation and the Emirati Equestrian Federation to highlight the heritage of Al-Ula that goes back thousands of years.

The FEI sanctioned, two-star classification race covered 120 km over four loops through the magnificent mountains of Al-Ula, a technical course between desert and mountains. The race saw the participation of 234 riders from 12 countries around the world including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, Egypt, Sudan, Spain, Italy, France and Uruguay. The riders competed for a prize pot of 15 million SAR. A total of 76 riders from the initial start list managed to complete the grueling ride.

HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, witnessed the crowning of the Emirati riders and congratulated The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on the successful organisation of the endurance championship as part of the new comprehensive





HH Sheikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Al Ghali

overhaul in many sectors thanks to Vision 2030. "We are very pleased by the invitation extended to us from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to come and compete here and we were very touched by how welcoming the crowd was towards us and our people.

We are happy to come and see this beautiful area," Sheikh Mohammed told Saudi television. HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, also attended the race. "The beautiful, natural desert scene in this area cannot be compared to any other place and it is wonderful that the Saudi government is taking care of this area," Sheikh Hamdan said. Al Kitbi started off well and with the lead after the 35km first phase. He was chased by two Saudi riders at the time, Mohammed Ali Allazam and Abdulwahab Al Harbi, but both local riders dropped out of contention and were replaced by Emiratis.

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Uruguayan Cecília Garcia crowned champion of HM The King Cup



In the Presence of HM the King and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashed Historical Triumph for the Royal Victorious Team in First 160 km Race Nasser bin Hamad Crowns Garcia as Champion

Under the patronage of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic and Honourary President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), crowned Cecilia Garcia of Bahrain Royal Team's Victorious as the champion of HM the King International Endurance Cup, the 17th edition of the international endurance race, which took place on March 2. The Uruguayan defeated a pool of elite endurance professionals en route to top the podium of this major global event which was sponsored by GFH Financial Group.

She completed the 160 km race in 6.24.41 hours, travelling at a speed of 26 km/h. Finishing second was Salem Al Kitbi of UAE riding Langasem Kwarter Bloom (06:24:43 and 24,95 km/h), who was only two seconds behind the winner, but was a mere one second ahead of third-placed Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa with

Tammam La Lizonne (06:24:44 and 24,95 km/h). Following the events of the race were HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain and HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser dedicated this victory to HM the King, stressing that many achievements in the endurance sport have been accomplished in HM's bright era thanks to HM's support and keen interest and care. Furthermore, HH Shaikh Nasser expressed his appreciation and gratitude to HM the King for patronising this event, stating that HM's sponsorship was a great source of motivation to all the participants to give their best.

Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser welcomed HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa on the occasion of HH's visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain to follow the race. Additionally, HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated the winners of the top three places, stating that he was happy to see such performances in the race. Finally, HH Shaikh Nasser praised GFH Financial Group's sponsorship to the event, saying the Group's backing contributing to making the race a huge success.

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Salem Al Kitbi riding Langasem Kwarter Bloom
(right) Shaikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa
with Tammam La Lizonne

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**HH Sh Nasser
crowns Beljafla
as winner of
the Youth and
Junior Event**

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic and Honourary President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) crowned UAE's Saif Juma Beljafla as champion of HM the King International Endurance Cup for Youth and Juniors, on February 28.

The UAE participant completed the four stages of the race in 4.29.20, riding Bogdan Du Chigny at a speed of 26/hour. The champion was followed by Ahmed Al Nuaimi riding Afnan, of Bahrain, who was six minutes behind as third place went to Dana Ali Albenghadeer with Avel Du Parck, also Bahraini national. The latter completed the race in 4.35.50.

On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated the podium winners, praising their performances throughout the race. He asserted that the event witnessed a stiff competition among all the participants. HH Shaikh Nasser underlined that HM the King International Endurance Cup Festival is among the major endurance races worldwide thanks to the fierce competition it witnesses annually. HH Shaikh Nasser explained that this year's edition would witness extraordinary contest among the competitor who will take part thanks to its importance.

Furthermore, HH Shaikh Nasser backed local participants to shine in the event, expressing confidence in their potentials to top the podium. Moreover, HH Shaikh Nasser valued the

sponsorship of GFH Financial Group to the event, stating that it would contribute to its success.

From his side, HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, President of BREEF and Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment paid tribute to the cooperation among the various parties involved in organising HM the King International Endurance Cup Festival, confirming that the event would be a major success. It's worth noting that HM the King International Endurance Cup will commence today and will cover a distance of 120 km. The event is sponsored by GFH Financial Group.

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Dana Ali Albenghadeer with Avel Du Parck



Ahmed Al Nuaimi riding Afnan



HH Sh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic and Honourary President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) crowned UAE's Saif Beljafla, who rode Didjicko, as the champion of HM the King Endurance Cup for GCC Studs, on March 1.

This was the second victory in the event after he triumphed in HM the King Endurance Cup for Youth and Juniors. In his latest victory, Beljafla crossed the finish line in 4.33 minutes, travelling at 26 km/h.

Behind him was Naryan Singh riding La Soledad and Ahmed Saleh Al Shehhi on Baraka Barak in second and third respectively. Both of them were from UAE too. On this occasion, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulated the podium winners, praising their performances in the four-stage race. It's the first time the event

will have a course of this length, taking place at Bahrain International Endurance Village. The race will also feature five stages.

Commenting on Saturday's race, trainer of Al Nasser Stud which belongs to the Royal Team Shaikh Salman Bin Saqer Al Khalifa described the Grand Prix as a strong contest, pointing out that it requires a special strategy to win it. He relished the opportunity to have top experienced contestants from UAE taking part in the event.

Moreover, HM the King International Endurance Cup Festival will include two showjumping competition as well as one for cowboys. Both of them will take place on Saturday too. The event is sponsored by GFH Financial Group. Hisham Al Rayes, the Group's CEO, expressed pride at backing the Festival, stating that this sponsorship is part of GFH Financial Group's strategy and culture to support major sports events.

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Naryan Singh and La Soledad



Ahmed Saleh Al Shehhi on Baraka Barak

Salman Isa triumphs in Nasser Bin Hamad Race



Royal Windsor Endurance Riders take to the Park

The Royal Windsor Endurance ride, kindly supported by the Kingdom of Bahrain took place on Saturday, May 11, with seventy riders heading out into the in Windsor Great Park to compete in CEI2* 120Km and CEI1* 80Km classes.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Captain of Bahrain Royal Endurance, underscored that the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, to follow the race is the biggest honour for all the participants as HM the King is the biggest supporter of sport in Bahrain and this played a key role in motivating the competitors to win top places.

This was the seventh edition of Royal Windsor Endurance and ten nations entered with riders travelling from as far as Australia and Uruguay. In fact, Emma Dimech from Australia was riding in the CEI** to try and qualify for the Young Riders Championship in Pisa, Italy later this year. She did so, by completing safely in a time of 08:05:30 on her grey gelding, Oso Spiralling Wind.

The ride starts happened in a heavy mist, and so Organisers implemented a rolling start for safety. As the morning progressed the sun came out, but conditions remained cool, with a light breeze. The going was surprisingly good following heavy rain on Thursday. The rides avoided Ascot Racecourse this year and so the Course Designer, John Robertson was able to find new routes through the Great Park.

The CEI2* 120Km had a UAE one, two, three, four and the class was won by Ghanim Said Salim Al Owaisi (UAE) on Maison Blanche Vengai in a time of 04:52:29. The CEI1* 80Km was won by Bahrain's Fahad Helal Mohamed Al Khatri on L M Troyano in a time of 03:23:47. The completion rate in the CEI** was 39% and in the CEI1* 56%.

There was a strong Great British representation, with 24 riders starting the 80Km and one in the 120Km. 14 riders completed the CEI1* and the highest place Brit was Bury St Edmunds' Lauren Mills riding HS Jamal. She finished eighth in 04:12:11.

Commenting on her day, Lauren said: *"It was another fantastic year at Royal Windsor Endurance and it all came together for me today. My horse,*

HS Jamal took to the course, felt incredible all day and cantered us over the line. I had an amazing crew team supporting me today and they worked tirelessly to ensure my horse had everything he needed to run a safe but competitive race. All in all I am thrilled and had a wonderful day!"

Royal Windsor Endurance Director, Nick Brooks-Ward, said: *"Royal Windsor Endurance is always a special event, and today the team adapted well to the changing conditions. We are grateful to all our officials, sponsors and to the Crown Estate for making us so welcome in their beautiful park."*

President of the Ground Jury, Michael Gill (GBR), said: *"It was a great event today and we had an excellent team of Officials from around the world. I would like to extend my particular thanks to the excellent Veterinary Commission for the high standard of care they showed."*

Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Constança Moreira Da Fonseca (POR), said: *"The Veterinary Commission worked really well today and, together with the officials, riders and crew there was a good, cooperative team effort. The ride was well organised and as Vets we had access to excellent facilities which optimised the service we were able to offer and reflected the high standard of organisation throughout the event. Two horses were referred for further assessment and all others were passed as fit to travel home today."*

"I am very happy with the results accomplished. We want to continue on this path and gain more experience as we look forward to getting more positive results at the international level, including in the Royal Windsor Endurance Race which was established by the Kingdom of Bahrain following directives from HM the King in appreciation to the strong ties between Bahrain and the UK. It's a great delight to see how much our King was happy with our team's performance in this race which featured participants from Bahrain, UAE and Britain and several European countries," HH Shaikh Nasser explained, pointing out that the race was strong that it was narrowly contested.

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Fahad Helal Mohamed Al Khatri / LM Troyano



Ghanin Said Salim Al Owaisi / Maison Blanche Vengai



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