

HH Sheikh Mansoor-owned Ziyadd Starts Favourite in Warsaw

20 August 2016, Warsaw ~ Recently crowned European Triple Crown winner Ziyadd, owned by HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs will be back in action in Sunday's, 21 August Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (Group 3) race at the Sluzewiec race course in Warsaw, Poland.

Ziyadd under Pierantonio Convertino is one of the nine runners in the line-up at the Polish racecourse where the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival stages all three of its top race series.

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) and HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship (IFAHR)

Kicking off the action in the 6th race of Sunday's meeting is the 1600-metre race that gives lady jockeys the final chance to qualify for the Abu Dhabi finale of the **HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) 2016** series. Ten lady riders are in the line-up and will join the previous 13 winners and two wild card entrants for the final which will be run on November 13 at the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club race course in the UAE capital. Another ten Apprentice jockeys from around the world will be vying to secure a berth in the **HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship (IFAHR)** series, with three more races after this Polish leg.

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (Group 3)

All eyes, however, will be on the **Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (Group 3)** and Ziyadd, trained by Antoine Watrigant for owner HH Sheikh Mansoor, will be starting as favourite with the main challenge expected from **Alladyn** and **Lares de Pine**. Other entrants in this feature race are **Ussam de Carrere, Magoum, Ramiz Al Aziz, Szakur, Tekfir and W Catchcash**.

"While the Sheikh Zayed Cup and the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship (IFAHR) series continue after Poland, it will be the final chance for the lady jockeys to clinch a spot in the final," said **Ms Lara Sawaya**, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of the International Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA), Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR).

"It has been an extremely busy period, we have the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival-supported endurance rides on in Belgium, Saturday's Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup in the United

Kingdom and tomorrow morning (Sunday) we will be flying to Warsaw for the afternoon's three races to be held under the umbrella of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival."

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