



ABDELKEBIR OUADDAR  
**LE GRAND**

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COUNTRY: MOROCCO

DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 15 1962

PROFESSION: SHOW JUMPING RIDER

*Abdelkebir & Quickly make a very harmonious combination*

ABDELKEBIR OUADDAR, THE NUMBER ONE RIDER IN MOROCCO, IS THE CAPTAIN OF HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED'S VI SHOW JUMPING TEAM. AN EXTREMELY DOWN-TO-EARTH HUMAN BEING AND LOCAL FAVOURITE CHEERED FOR UPON TROTTING INTO THE ARENA, HE AND HIS NINE-YEAR-OLD STALLION 'QUICKLY DE KREISKER' EARNED A FIFTH PLACE IN THE GRAND PRIX OF CSI-4\* FRANCONVILLE THIS PAST JUNE AND BECAME THE FIRST MOROCCAN PAIR TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2014 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES IN NORMANDY, FRANCE. BASED IN BOIS-LE-ROI, FRANCE, AND TRAINED BY OLYMPIC MEDALLIST JEAN-MARCEL ROZIER, OUADDAR NEARLY WON EVERY CSI3\*-W EVENT OF MOROCCO'S ROYAL TOUR, THE KICK OFF TO THE WORLD CUP ARAB LEAGUE 2013/2014 SEASON. THE SEVEN-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION WON CSI3\*-TETOUAN AND WAS PLACED FOURTH IN THE GRAND PRIX OF CSI3\*-EL JADIDA WHERE HT SAT DOWN WITH HIM AND HE SPOKE ABOUT HIS EARLY DAYS AS WELL AS HIS ASPIRATIONS.

**BACKGROUND:**

I first got introduced to show jumping through Princess Fatima Al Zahraa. She was around me as much as my parents were and I used to ride alongside her son, Prince Moulay Abdellah Alaoui, President of the Moroccan Royal Federation for Equestrian Sports (FRMSE). Once

I finished my studies, I immediately wanted to become a professional show jumper. I travelled and started to train with Nelson Pessoa in Chantilly and so over the years I gained a great amount of experience which led me to seven victories in the Moroccan National Championships.

I am currently training in France,

with no sponsor but with the undivided support of His Majesty King Mohammed VI who keeps a close eye on my results. Without his support I probably would not have been able to participate in as many international events such as the Global Champions Tour (GCT) where I finished 3rd in the 2012 Monaco Grand Prix. This placement

has opened so many doors for me and for that I am extremely grateful.

**TRAINERS AND INFLUENCE:**

My current coach is Marcel Rozier who is now retired but still gives me excellent pointers. His son, Philippe Rozier, has been selected to be the Moroccan Team coach so I also get some insight from him as well. As for the people who have influenced me, I would say they are Nelson Pessoa and Marcel who, over the years, have had a great impact on me. They were both my favourite riders while growing up and I always wanted to be able to ride like they did one day.

**TRAINING PROGRAMME:**

I have three competition stallions at the time, being: ten-year-old Porche du Fruitier, nine-year-old Quickly de Kreisker, and eleven-year-old Cordano Sitte Z Cordano. I also have young horses who are still under training but I ride daily, approximately five to six times a day,

at Marcel's Stables where I regularly camp. His Majesty King Mohammed VI also has stables in France which allows me to train there as well. Being based in France makes it easier for me to travel throughout Europe for competitions.

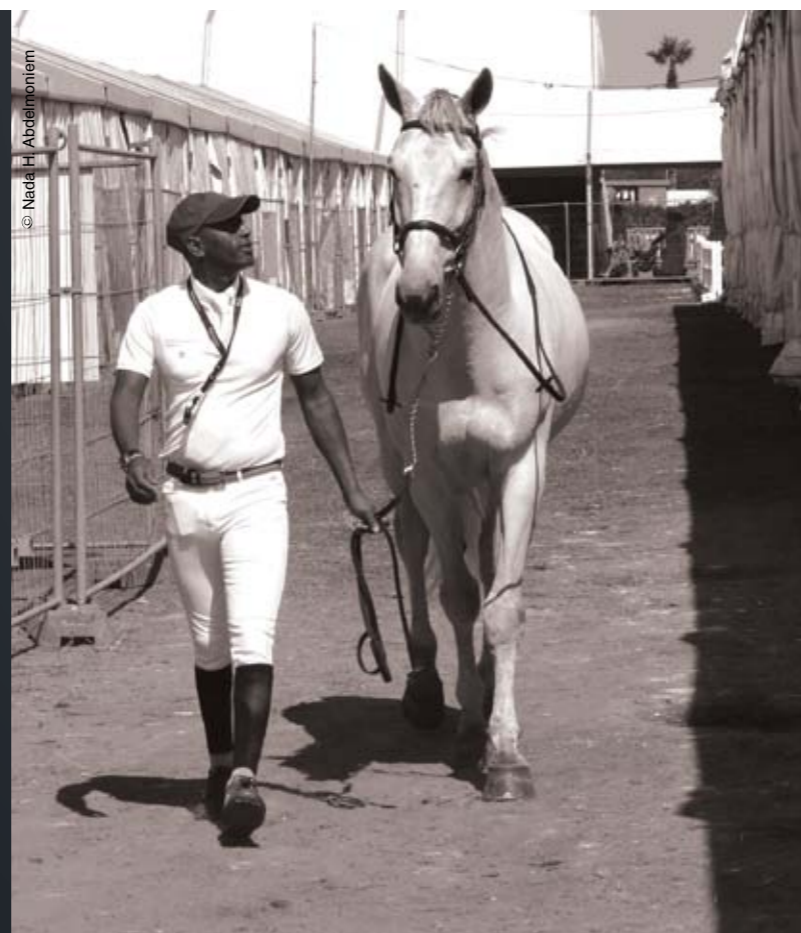
**TWO YEAR PLAN AND FAMILY:**

I hope that my will and strength will stay strong to allow me to continue to be as successful. I am currently putting all my effort and concentration on preparing for

the World Equestrian Games with Quickly. I would also love to be able to compete in the Olympics so that is part of my plan as well.

As for my family, they give me all the strength and support that make me want to continue. My wife is amazing and she manages my entire schedule. My daughter Soukaina is not less amazing. Throughout the years that I have been competing, they have always been by my side during the ups, and during the downs. 🙏

*"I WOULD CHANGE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT ABDELKEBIR. I DON'T DRINK, I DON'T GAMBLE, I PRAY, I LOVE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND THEY LOVE ME. PEOPLE LOVE ME, JOURNALISTS LIKE YOU LOVE ME...SO WHY WOULD I WANT TO CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT ME? I THANK GOD 1,000 TIMES FOR BEING WHO I AM AND WOULD LIKE TO STAY JUST THE WAY I AM MEANT TO BE."*



At the 2012 GCT in Monaco

Out for a walk

Abdelkebir with his bundle of joy, Soukaina