



Ahmed Chakankiry; winning the President's Cup

The 13th Sharqia Festival for Arabian Horses

On the 11th of September Ahmed Chakankiry on 'Best Time' won the President's cup in the 13th Sharqia Festival for Arabian Horses, completing a clear round in 60.63 seconds. While the second place winner, Ismail Rashdan, also did a clear round but finishing in 60.80 seconds. According to Chakankiry, the fierce competition between him and Rashdan was one of the "significant motives" for him during the competition, since the third place winner finished in 65 seconds.

On the day prior to the festival all participants entered the qualifications; this year five riders out of eight were qualified. On the festival day, the competition was a "Speed Class", where the riders should jump a clear round riding against the clock.

Chakankiry rides for the Presidential Guard Equestrian Club, and his father, Mohamed Chakankiry, is a remarkable horse breeder in Egypt. This is the third time for Chakankiry to participate in the Sharqia Festival; on 2001 he won fifth place, and in 2002 he won sixth place. In the National Competition this year he won tenth place in the C class; which qualifies him to enter the B class in the upcoming season.

However, Chakankiry prefers participating in the national competitions more as he believes that the competition between the large number of contestants would be more useful technically, as it encourage the riders to professionally improve on his/her riding skills. However, the Sharqia festival enjoys the benefit of more media cover-



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