



MOHAMED MANSOUR

THE QUEST

MOHAMED MANSOUR IS A BUSINESSMAN WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT RIDING. HE STARTED AS AN AMATEUR AND WISHED TO TAKE HIS TRAINING A BIT FURTHER. IN THE QUEST TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL, RIDING REQUIRED DEDICATION AND TIME, ALONG WITH GOOD TRAINING, GOOD HORSES, EXPOSURE AT SHOWS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE'S SKILLS.

By Khaled Assem

Starting early in 2009, Mansour started training with international rider and trainer Andre Sakakini. By March, they had already spent 3 weeks competing in Arezzo riding 'Crazy Ann' and 'Picina'. Mansour then also competed with his stallion 'Cyberspace' whom he later swapped with Michael Whitaker for 'Its Super Girl'. Whitaker went on to compete with 'Cyberspace' in the Puissance Class in Italy – jumping a 2.25cm wall in order to set a new world record for the show.

Mansour also rode for 2 weeks in Cortina d'Ampezzo riding 'Picina', 'Crazy Ann' and 'Its Super Girl'; matters then came into shape and he started winning some classes.

He then went to compete in Germany at Gera. For 2 weeks, he jumped the 140cm classes and came in 7th place with 'Crazy Ann' and 8th place with 'Its Super Girl'. Upon entering the Grand Prix with that horse, he unluckily knocked 3 fences down.

Mansour afterwards went to compete in Haachenburg, a 3 star show that was a preparation for the European Championships. 'Crazy Ann' knocked 2 fences down on the 145cm of the 1st day.

CSI*** SHARM EL SHEIKH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

October 2009, Mansour comes in 1st place riding 'Its Super Girl' at the Medium tour of Sharm El Sheikh Championships, and 4th place also riding the same mare at the 3 star show.

On his win and riding improvements, he quotes, "My next goal is to get solid results in the National Championships 'A1' Classes, and to train my horses to compete in the summer around Europe - and to also find a horse to compete with at those top shows.

During the Sharm event, my mare jumped very well during the first week of the competitions and so she gained confidence; I was not too worried about her, just had to give her a good ride. For the past 5 or 6 years I was not training consistently due to work, but I made the decision of concentrating on training by going to Europe to do courses starting February 2009. I did 78 rounds that I think paid off here! This sort of international exposure showed me what the real world was like." **HT**



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▲ Known to be one of the most chivalrous riders in the riding scene, Mansour received a standing ovation for coming in 1st place. Eng. Hisham Hattab, President of the Egyptian Equestrian Federation & Najib Chami, Foreign Judge, handed him his prize

▼ Mansour was confident about the abilities of 'Its Super Girl' who jumped clear during the 140cm height Medium Tour of CSI*** Sharm El Sheikh International Championships



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