

RIDER'S PROFILE

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Some people are born with natural talents; others just have to work twice as hard to achieve the same level of success. C'est la vie! Watch Mohamed Abdel Warith ride and you'll understand the concept of horse and rider becoming one.



Mohamed riding Love Story

Being only 10 years old, Mohamed has been riding for 5 years (that is actually half of his life!) He began riding an Arabian horse named Jamil in the Gezira club and hasn't stopped ever since. Mohamed bought his first horse, Dream (mixed breed) in 1997. He then began riding in the Ferousia Club with Khaled Assem, who is both his trainer and his mentor. Shortly after his dad, Dr. Ahmed Abdel Warith, bought him another horse, this time an Irish bred called Love Story. Mohamed enjoys showjumping more with Love Story, explaining that thoroughbreds are stronger and better for jumping. However, he still prefers the beauty of the Arab horse to any other breed.



Mohamed and his grand father Dr. Ahmed Abdel Warith senior

Being a keen and persistent rider, Mohamed trains on a regular basis during school days and proudly admits that he does not skip riding because of the simple reason that it takes practice and time to become a professional rider. And that is exactly what Mohamed wishes to become one day. Amongst his favorite riders are Rodrigo Pessoa, the Whitaker brothers, and Vision Babiere classified as his choice of best horse.

With the beginning of the next showjumping season in September, Mohamed will hopefully begin competing his horses in the "D" class. His father, who also rides, supports his son's equestrian interests and hopes to see him fulfill his dreams by becoming an international rider one day.

His granfather - a horse lover - was behind his father's interest in horses and proudly looks forward to his grandson; a champion in the making.

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