

SAMEH EL DAHAN

# OUR SHOWJUMPING MO SALAH!

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EGYPT'S PHAROAH SAMEH EL DAHAN AMAZED EVERYONE WITH TWO INTERNATIONAL TITLES THESE PAST TWO MONTHS. FIRST WAS IN AUGUST WINNING THE GOLD IN THE LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONSTOUR IN PARIS .FOLLOWED BY A BRILLIANT WIN IN THE SPRUCE MEADOWS CP "INTERNATIONAL" REPRESENTED BY ROLEX.



“TO WIN A GRAND PRIX AS PRESTIGIOUS AS PARIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR EVERY RIDER AND OWNER AND IT IS AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR OUR WHOLE TEAM REFLECTING ON YEARS OF HARD WORK, DETERMINATION AND SACRIFICE TO GET TO THIS POINT. “SAYS JOANNE SLOAN ALLEN.

El Dahan and his mare Suma’s Zorro came in first place against top riders like Ben Maher and Bertram Allen after topping the jump off with a time of 36.2s and 0 faults.

“WHAT A DAY THAT WAS FOR THE WHOLE TEAM WINNING ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS LEGS OF THE LGCT IN PARIS WITH A WONDERFUL



BACKDROP OF THE TOUR DE EIFFEL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY. QUALIFICATION FOR PRAGUE WAS ONE OF OUR GOALS OF THE SEASON AND BY WINNING THE GRAND PRIX THAT WAS ACHIEVED, JOANNE LOVES IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER AND I’M SO GRATEFUL FOR HER FOR MOST OF MY SUCCESSES.”

The Egyptian star qualified for the LGCT Super Grand Prix which is taking place this December in Prague.

His iconic performance in Paris helped determine his participation and he is currently focusing on preparing his mare and ensuring that she is ready to compete. .

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A second brilliant triumph by Sameh riding Suma’s Zorro was in the individual jumping equestrian on the final day of the Masters tournament at Spruce Meadows on September 9 in Canada.

Sameh placed first with a jump-off time of 42.210 seconds and 0 faults.

“WHEN I LOOKED UP AT THE BIG SCREEN, BECAUSE I WASN’T SURE OF THE TIME, AND I SAW FIRST PLACE, IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT FEELING TO EXPLAIN. TO BE A WINNER OF ONE OF THE FOUR PRESTIGIOUS GRANDS PRIX, AS PART OF THE ROLEX GRAND SLAM OF SHOW JUMPING IS SOMETHING I THINK EVERY RIDER IN THE WORLD DREAMS OF.”

He also expressed great appreciation and gratitude for his mare and her performance “MY MARE TRIED HER HEART OUT”. He has been riding the 14 year old Irish mare for the past 7 years and has invested himself into building and training with Joanne to become as devoted as she was in Paris and Calgary.

When asked about his future plans Sameh said,

“THE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES IN TRYON, USA WILL BE OUR MAIN FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THEN PRAGUE IN DECEMBER WILL BE THE TARGET AFTER THAT, SO WE WILL HAVE A FEW MONTHS OF PRODUCING THE YOUNGER HORSES WHO WE FEEL WERE A BIT LEFT OUT THIS SEASON.”