

NAYEL NASSAR

# OLYMPIC HOPES AND DREAMS

PART 2

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DURING MY MEETING WITH NAYEL ONE YEAR AHEAD OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND MONTHS BEFORE THE QUALIFICATIONS, I WAS EAGER TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIS VISION OF HIMSELF AND THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL TEAM FOR TOKYO 2020.



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Nowadays with the string of horses that I have and with the extra exposure to bigger shows I feel I am ready for that challenge. We have a very good chance with the present team to qualify and look forward to good results.

The team - those riders are well recognized on the **global scene with big wins** - we are just ready to put it all forward for such a goal and for Egypt.

We need to be based in the same place, jump a couple of Nations Cups together, *get some team spirit going!*

**DO YOU SEE A TEAM THAT IS READY TO CARRY THAT OLYMPIC CHALLENGE FORWARD?**

Yes, I definitely do!

Between Karim El-Zoghby, Sameh El-Dahan, Abdelkader Said, myself and Mohamed Taher Ziada who did very well at the World Championships in Tyron 2018.

Getting comfortable at that level, we certainly have much **more experience and horse power** than we did in prior years; we're all young with further growing experience at the top level.

*We are just a lot more equipped to focus on team championships and bigger goals than personal goals.*



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**AS AN EGYPTIAN RIDING UNDER THE EGYPTIAN FLAG EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE EQUESTRIAN SPORT IN EGYPT, THE EGYPTIAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, ESPECIALLY WITH THE OLYMPIC GAMES HAPPENING NEXT YEAR?**

With the **Olympic qualifier** coming up we are looking forward to having a strong team. We are willing to put our best horses forward and what we need is a plan; when we are needed? Where we are needed? and *we'll be there!*

I will bring my horses where the team needs me. I was based in California; I had only one horse that was the main source of my business. Now I have more flexibility; I have more horses in Europe and if **the Federation** requires our participation anywhere, that will be affordable and easily doable for me.

We are looking for early communication to come together to have more chances to succeed. I am more opt to serve this goal. *I am always keen to be on the team* and now I am much more prepared for that.



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Nayel, his mother Iman Harby and Khaled Assem

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