

Ontario HF

(Monarch AH – HF Orzonna/Pepton)



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Ontario HF:

a splashing entrance at the races in Poland

The American-bred chief sire **Ontario HF** (Monarch AH – HF Orzonna /Pepton), standing at stud at Tarnawka (Poland, Rzeszów district) since 2007, made a splashing entrance at the Warsaw track in the 2012 season as the sire of get registered in the Polish Arabian Stud Book (PASB). According to the official statistics published on the website of the Polish Jockey Club, Ontario HF placed first in terms of the amount of money won – 17 racing horses won a total of over 216 thousand PLN (about 54 thousand euro). The second spot went to **Akbars** (Nougatin – Arka/Karnaval) – 151,860 (8 horses) and the third to **Ganges** (Monogramm – Garonna/Fanatyk) – 119,550 (26 horses). Ontario HF leads the list also in the 2013 season: on the date August 19th the total amount of money won by his offspring was of over 175 thousand PLN (15 horses). Among the seven winners there is the new Derby record holder!



Tarnawka Stud (photo: Tarnawka archive)



Addis (Ontario HF – Amina) photo: Zuzanna Zaib

In the 2012 season victorious get by Ontario HF were the following 4 year olds: Addis – 3, Ekorix – 2, Wasilew – 2, Wielki Damati, Evilla and Mizara – 1 each; 3 year olds: Netka and Migma – 3 each, Wielka Damira – 2 and Wares, Fibia and Auza – 1 each. 12 horses by Ontario scored a total of 21 victories.

During two seasons (2011–2012) 19 horses by Ontario HF made it to the start line: in 2011 – 7 and in 2012 – 17. Thirteen of them won a total of 28 victories. Between them first was Addis – 5 (2 times as a 3yo, incl. I gr. Pepton Prize, 3 times as a 4yo, incl. I gr. El Ghazi Prize), 2nd Wielki Damati – 4 (3 times as a 3yo, incl. I gr. Eldon Prize and B cat. Piechur St., 1 time as a 4yo – Criterium St., second in the Derby and Bogdan Ziemiański Memorial) and third Ekorix – 3 (once as a 3yo and 2 times as a 4yo), Wasilew – 3 (once as a 3yo, 2 times as a 4yo), Netka – 3 (incl. B cat. Bask St. and A cat. Sambor St.) and Migma – 3 (incl. I gr. Orgia Prize and B cat. Sasanka St.). Victorious on their debut were only Netka and Wares.

► The (indeed) great Wielki Damati

The palm with no question goes to **Wielki Damati** [Great Damati] (out of Wielka Dama/El Amor), bred by Krzysztof Zakolski and owned by trainer Jan Głowacki. He put on a



Netka (Ontario HF – Nesstika Bint Nessa) photo: Zuzanna Zaib

wonderful finish in the Derby, coming in second behind **Pirat** (Akbars – Parafraza/Arbil), surely besting the weakening favorite Hyaff Al Khalediah, son of the famous Tiwaiq. He confirmed his great racing talent in the Criterium St., stripping Pirat of the victory over the final meters, after a beautiful fight. Wielki Damati is continuing his battle against the top racers at the age of 5.



Also standing out among 4 year olds was the bred by Zbigniew Górski **Addis** (out of Amina/Murat Gazon), trained by Małgorzata Łojek. He won three races. Two races were won by the unevenly performing **Ekorix** (out of Elba/Gabaryt) and **Wasilew** (out of Warta/Wermut), who likes to push the pace.

► All line up for the Derby! Wares is the 2013 Derby winner

The get of Ontario HF was calling the shots in the Derby run of 2013. Participants included the best 3 year old of the previous season, f. **Netka** (out of Nesstika Bint Nessa/Gips) bred by



Wares (Ontario HF – Wienerwa), the 2013 Derby Winner photo: Zuzanna Zajbt

Tarnawka Stud, trained by Janusz Kozłowski (she won three races; in the A cat. Sambor St. she proved superior to the solid favorite trained by Adam Wyrzyk, **Master Bars**, by Akbars out of Mergissa by Ganges). Aspiring to the Derby was also another horse by Ontario HF: son of the superb Wienerwa **Wares**, bred by Jan Głowacki (Mała Wieś Arabians) and trained by his son Bartosz.

During three racing seasons (2004–2006) Wares dam **Wienerwa** by Santhos won 11 stake races, including Sambor, Białka, Criterium, as well as twice Michałów and Kurozwięki St. She fought unforgettable battles with Derby winner **Gorec** (Druid – Gordaia/Damascus), bred by Anna Nieora-Tchkuaseli. She was second at the wire in the Europa Cup, twice (2005–2006). After shelving her career Wienerwa was bred to Ontario HF in 2008.



Such a pedigree guaranteed with great probability that Wares may become a superb race horse. Głowacki Sr, in an act of encouragement, gifted the horse to his middle son Bartosz, who was the only one to show a greater interest in racing horses. After passing the exam in 2012, Bartosz not only became Wares' owner, but also his trainer.

On July 28th, during the Derby run at Warsaw's Służewiec race course, a strong pace right after the start was set by **Poranny**



Wielki Damati (Ontario HF – Wielka Dama) photo: Zuzanna Zajb

Blask (Porto – Parafraza/Arbil), who was joined by **Elbrus** (Enzo – Elima/Eukaliptus) and **Gabon** (FS Bengali – Gracea/Etogram), bred and owned by Mała Wieś Arabians, the leader for Wares. The soon-to-be-winner positioned himself at fifth spot. The first to wear out was Gabon, while Poranny Blask and Elbrus had enough stamina to lead as far as the final stretch. That's when the leading position was claimed by **Etard** (Ganges – Etezja/Pilot). He made an attempt at taking off from the rest of the field and for just a moment a huge sensation hung in the air. However soon Wares and **Wierzbin** (Gorec – Wiatka/Pamir) began their pursuit. They caught the runaway about 200 m before the wire and battled it out fiercely among themselves for the victory. Wares proved better by 3/4 length. The time of this killer race, which took place in monstrous heat, turned out to be record-making. For the first time in history the barrier of 3'30 over 3000 m was broken – Wares covered this distance in 3'27,9. The previous record belonged to last year's Derby winner Pirat with 3'30,6.

„On Monday Wares showed no signs of any exertion after this record race. He had a big appetite. Now he has a longer rest ahead of him. He will race not earlier than September in the Michałów St. and will end this season with a performance in the Criterium St. at the beginning of November”, said trainer Bartosz Głowacki.



Wasilew (Ontario HF – Warta) photo: Zuzanna Zajt

► How Tarnawka Stud (previously: Kielnarowa) grew in strength

Life has a funny way of throwing things in your way. Without intuition, a bit of luck, some risk and friendly advice you wouldn't be where you are now.

Czesław Witko, when establishing his stud in 2001 in the Dynowskie Foothill, had first of all performance and endurance horses in mind. And he bred them for six years, until at the end of 2006, during his trip to the US, where he went to perhaps buy that “something”, he was persuaded by a known breeder and owner of racing Arabians, Longin Błachut, to purchase Ontario HF.

„It wasn't that easy,” says Czesław Witko. “The owner of the stallion wasn't sure whether to sell him, but ultimately – thanks to Longin, who is well acquainted with the American market – we sealed the deal. Present during this purchase was also the breeder, trainer and owner of Głowacki Arabians stud, Jan Głowacki. He already had significant racing successes, even greater than those of Błachut, so he also believed that it was best

to strike when the iron is hot. Ontario HF lured with a wonderful, 90% Polish pedigree. His parents are American, but the subsequent generations are pure Polish. The stallion is athletically built, has strong hindquarters, a slanting, long shoulder and solid legs. Despite his conformation of a race horse, he displays Arabian type and Polish beauty” sums up Czesław Witko.

Ontario HF is sired by the phenomenal race horse and outstanding sire – **Monarch AH**, who represents the sire line of Kuhailan Haifi d.b. Monarch AH's sire – **Wiking** – represented the splendid racing bloodline from Janów Podlaski, stemming from the Laur (by Lotnik) daughter, Worskla. Among others, **Worskla** is the progenitor of: Derby winner **Wosk**, Oaks winner **Sanna** and her full sister (born in United States, but bred in Janów) **AH Rapsodyn Blue**, the winner of the IAHA Oaks. Wiking raced with success for 5 years in Poland and in the USA, but most importantly he turned out to be the best sire of racing horses in the US (and possibly in the world). In 1999 the total amount of prize money won by his descendants exceeded 5 million USD. In the same classification he was pursued by his own son – Monarch AH, who was at third place after the 1999 season in the American Evertime Ranking. Possibly this result could've been much better, but the

stallion was sold in 2001 to the Middle East, and this fact makes it difficult to analyze the achievements of his descendants. It should be stressed that through his legendary dam Sasanka, Monarch AH represents the marvelous racing line of the family of Sabellina. This one of a kind family was prolonged by Saracen's dam – the Triple Crowned **Sarmacja**, winner of the Derby and the Oaks, as before her **Sabellina**, **Santa**, **Sasanka** and **Saszetka**. A worthy heir to Sarmacja is her daughter **Savannah** – full sister to **Saracen** – who due to a change of trainer and the jockey shortly prior to the Derby didn't win the blue ribbon, but was definitely the best horse of her crop and not only.

Ontario HF is also a representative of another excellent Polish line, originating from Orla from Janów Podlaski. His dam **HF Orzonna** was born in the USA, but conceived in Janów and exported in utero. She was a granddaughter of the phenomenal Triple Crowned **Orla**. HF Orzonna, an Oaks winner in California, finished her racing career with a result of 2/10 (7-2-0) 0+3+1. As for a horse with such an impressive pedigree, Ontario HF – during his three year racing career – raced 22 times, always placing in the money, and won a total of 137,116 USD. In each of the 8 stakes in which he participated, he placed in the top three (and won four of them). Ontario HF won the prestigious Darley prize in the category of Best Four Year Old Horse of 2003, which is awarded by the Arabian Jockey Club.

After ending his career at the track he commenced duties as a chief sire at his maternal stud. In November of 2006 he was bought by Mr. Czesław Witko, who brought him to his stud at Tarnawka in January of 2007.

▶ A stallion worth his weight in gold

In 2013 Ontario HF had more than 30 mares covered. “We haven't frozen Ontario's semen yet, but we probably will, as the French have expressed their interest in him. We are very interested what would result from the mating of our stallion and French mares, much better than the Polish ones in terms of racing talent,” says stud manager Piotr Bułafa. “In Poland several breeders bought chilled semen from us, but we haven't yet heard about the resulting foals.”

„The following horses have been entered to race in the 2013 season by Ontario HF: **Esponna** (out of Elegantka z Izb/Mocny), **Es-Fahan** (out of E-Diva/Grafik), **Wakat** (out of Wiatka/Pamir) and **Wespa** (out of Wimejka/Wachlarz), but this doesn't mean that there was a sudden decrease in the interest in our stallion in 2010. Not all breeders and owners send their horses to the track. However this year's number of breedings shows that results from the track of his older get make the best promotion. We sell a lot of horses, recently a buyer from Morocco purchased a group of 20 Arabians, which included 9 mares in foal to Ontario HF and four foals by him. One thing is sure, this stallion is worth his weight in gold to us. His breedings and semen, as well as his get bred by us, are for sale. But he himself is not!”, sums up Piotr Bułafa.

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