

HUNGARIAN HORSERACING NEWS

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In a year when most racing nations struggle with prize money reductions and painful restrictions in the racetracks, Kincsem Nemzeti Ltd. fights on in Kincsem Park with somewhat rearranged fixtures, but most importantly, without changes in the purses and with open gates for visitors.

The much awaited Autumn International Meeting took place on 16-18 October and featured Kincsem Stakes, one of the most prestigious races in Central Europe. In the history of the race it was the first time that foreign entrants outweighed their Hungarian rivals and it was also unprecedented that five Derby-winners lined up at the gates. Arcturus (Slovakian Derby, 2019), Golden Sea (Hungarian Derby, 2019), Faust (Hungarian Derby, 2020), Opanan (Czech Derby, 2020) and Zoriana (Slovakian Derby, 2017) represented the *crème de la crème* of the region. The Hungarian bred Államfő, winner of the 2019 Hungarian St. Leger and Tizedes, winner of St. Stephen Stakes also accepted the challenge along with six more premium thoroughbreds. In the fierce battle Opanan proved to be the best in the hands of Radek Koplík for Jozef Chodúr followed by Hungarian trained Golden Sea and Impression.



Opanan

Imperiál Stakes, the second richest race on the card was won by Cirfandli with Hungarian champion jockey Georgiev Stanislav on board, Tattersall's Overdose Stakes saw Crushing Power and Jaroslav Líněk crossing the line in first a field of eight, Mihály Kovács Memorial Stakes – Hungarian Grand Prix brought along the success of Stone Sober and Jan Verner.

The grandest trot-event took place a day earlier. The 106th Hungária Stakes over 2560 metres showcased seven brilliant horses and drivers out of whom Sloveninan Janko Sagaj and Maugli scorched home in front of Bonaparte Boss and 2020 Derby-winner Atomanti M. The main race of the day was József Marschall Memorial Stakes (Group III) over 1800 metres. After two solid triumphs in Italy, Victory Knick left no doubt in anyone' mind who the fastest horse of the field was and prevailed in the hands of Thorsten Tietz while Amy del Duomo and Hungarian trained Zeal Di Girifalco came home behind the couple.



Victory Knick

Sunday night welcomed the lovers of greyhound races in Kincsem National Greyhound Stadium. Europe Derby Sprint (280 m) was one by Jaytee Milan for trainer Gábor Tenczel and owners Lara and Barnabás Molnár. The feature race of the event was Europe Derby (480 m) that was concluded with the victory of Etalon for trainer-owner László Havasi and owner Ivett Bába.



Etalon

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