

THE XVIII Mediterranean Games – SPAIN 2018

EGYPT'S ABDELSAID CLINCHES A FINAL SPOT ON THE PODIUM

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THIS YEAR WITNESSED THE XVIII MEDITERRANEAN GAMES THAT WERE HELD AT THE ROYAL POLO CLUB DE BARCELONA, VENUE OF THE FEI NATIONS CUP FINALS. COMPETITION WAS VERY INTENSE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF 59 RIDERS FROM 15 COUNTRIES.



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Day One, Wednesday June 27 - Team Competitions

On the first day of the jumping competitions 12 teams competed through two identical rounds, which included a water jump.

The starting order of the second round was in reverse order of results in the first round and there was a jump off for medals (Gold/Silver & Silver/Bronze), if necessary. All four riders of each team join the Jump Off. That's why there was a jump off that took place between Portugal and France for the Gold medal. And the final results were as follows:

FIRST PLACE - TEAM PORTUGAL

1. RODRIGO ALMEIDA & ISOLDE VD HEFFINCK
2. ANTONIOJOSE MATOS ALMEIDA & IRENE CAN DE KWACHTHOEVE
3. LUIS SABINO GONCALVES & ACHEO DI SAN PATRIGNANO
4. DUARTE SEABRA & FERNHILL CURRA QUINN

SECOND PLACE - TEAM FRANCE

1. FELCIE BERTRAND & SULTANE DES IBIS

2. ALEXANDRA PAILLOT & TONIO LA GOUTELLE
3. PIERRE ALAIN MORTIES & JUST DO IT R
4. TITOUAN SCHUMACHE R & ATOME Z

THIRD PLACE - TEAM ITALY

1. GIAMPIERO GAROFALO & SCARE MOUCHE
2. FRANCESCA ARIOLDI & LORO PIANA CELTIC
3. FILIPPO MARCO BOLOGNI & QUIDICH DE LA CHAVEE
4. MATTEO LEONARDI & MARKO POLO

FOURTH PLACE - TEAM SPAIN

1. EDUARDO LUIS ALVAREZ AZNAR & FIDUX
2. GERARDO MENENDEZ MIERES & COSTELLO DC
3. PAOLO AMILIBIA & JULIETA
4. PILAR LUCRECIA & GRAND CRU VAN DE ROZENBERG

FOURTH PLACE - TEAM EGYPT

1. ABDELKADER SAID & HOPE VAN SCHERPEN DONDER
2. KARIM EL-ZOGHBY & CAVEMAN DH Z
3. ALAA MAYSSARA & DITTORIO S
4. MOHAMED ZEYADA & COLOUR GIRL

Day Two, Friday June 29: Individual Competitions

The second day of the competition was scheduled for individual competitions with 46 riders joining from different countries. There was a new draw for the first round and the starting order of the second individual round was in reverse order of the overall aggregate results.

Two different rounds were held and the second round had no water jump. Afterward there was a jump off for all riders with clear rounds that included 3 riders from France, 1 from Italy and 1 from Egypt. Riders carried their faults from Day One; that's why faults in all classes were added up for final results which were as follows:

1. FELICIE BERTRAND & SULTANE DES IBIS - FRANCE
2. ALEXANDRA PAILLOT & TONIO LA GOUTELLE - FRANCE
3. ABDELKADER SAID & HOPE VAN SCHERPEN DONDER - EGYPT

4. TITOUAN SCHUMACHER & ATOME Z - FRANCE

5. MARCO FILIPPO BOLOGNI & QUIDICH DA LA CHAVEE - ITALY

IMPORTANT FACTS

The Mediterranean Games should have been held in 2017. But for financial reasons, they were postponed till 2018. Also during the XVII Mediterranean Games that were held in Istanbul, equestrian showjumping competitions were cancelled for two reasons:

The venue of the equestrian events (City of Adana) was considered to be in Asia. Veterinary conditions and movement of horses differ from Asia to Europe (the host city: Istanbul, being in Europe).

Adana was 300 km away from Istanbul (Rule allows a radius of 100 km max, around the host city).

The next Mediterranean Games will take place in Oran, Algeria 2021.