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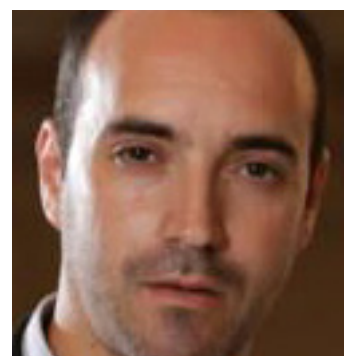
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# Messi, the horse, takes the Crown in Abu Dhabi for Belgium



European class scored the winning goal on Friday evening, December 4, when Timo Keersmaekers-trained Messi (Dahess x Jeanne D'Arc by Dormane) flashed home an easy winner in the Group 1 AED 5 million (\$1.35 million) Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown at Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, December 4, the most valuable race to be staged in the capital all season.

Previously contested over 1600m, but increased 600m in distance this year, the new trip certainly suited the winner under a very polished and confident ride from Pat Dobbs.

Under a confident ride by Pat Dobbs, sitting

comfortably in third, then fourth on the back-side, the grey Belgium-bred/owned/trained son of Dahess relaxed noticeably amid foes. Dribbling up three-wide with 600m remaining on the final turn to strategically keep his position, Messi then was asked by Dobbs as they straightened out with just under 400m to go and quickly had the goal line in sight. Opening up a comfortable lead that ultimately became 3 1/2 lengths at the finish, the nearly white Purebred Arabian landed his first G1 race—a feat made that much sweeter after a pair of unlucky seconds in top-level company at Paris-Longchamp this fall.

HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's

Meydan-based Al Zahir (Madjani x Petite Class by Barour De Cardonne) closed well to finish second, a nose to the good of Yas Horse Racing Management's France-based Hayyan (Munjiz x Dahwa by Tidjani) in third. Well-fancied Hajres and Somoud managed sixth and 12th in the 16-horse field.

The remarkable Messi, who is hitting his peak at age eight, has finished first or second in eight of his past 10 starts and won for the seventh time in 24 tries. Two starts back, he was second in the Arabian World Cup (G1) on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe undercard. Dobbs, based locally with Doug Watson's Red Stables, was riding him for the first time.

The final time was 2:30.65 for 2200m, an increase in trip (from 1600m) for the affair, commencing this year.

"I was always travelling strongly, though he was a bit on and off the bit until he saw real daylight. Then when he quickened, I knew it would take a really good one to get past us and nobody was able to challenge us. He is clearly a very good Purebred Arabian and it is amazing to win such a

prize in one of the world's biggest Arabian races". Pat Dobbs said.

This was his seventh career win, fifth on turf, but his first at Group 1 level and a delighted Timo Keersmaekers said: "That was brilliant! The horse has been in such good form all year and had been working well, so we were hopeful."

Keersmakers added: "It's a dream come true. I've been coming to Abu Dhabi and seen what's happening and you think one day maybe you could have something like that. I'm really happy with what (Messi) achieved. I want to thank all the people involved with him. It has been a great year and I hoped he could close the year like he started the year and he did. I'm extremely happy."

"Pat Dobbs has given him the perfect ride and I must thank Adrie de Vries for recommending Pat when it was clear he could not take the ride. My wife is here with our young daughter which makes it extra special."

Source: Emirates Racing Authority – Image Credit: Shamela Hanley Photos







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## AF Majalis wins the last Wathba Stallions Cup of 2020



Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda won the last Wathba Stallions Cup for Private Owners Only of the 2020, in Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, on Sunday 20 December, with AF Majalis (AF Albahar x Khute by Djouras Tu) ridden by Tadhg O'Shea.

For horses in private ownership, a 1600m handicap produced a gutsy performance from AF Majalis, another to make virtually all the running, this time with O'Shea successfully utilizing the positive tactics.

Riding in the silks of his main employer, UAE Champion Owner Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda, O'Shea was hard at work on the homebred 4-year-old early in the straight, but found a very willing partner who answered his every call to make it consecutive course victories having landed a 1200m maiden here in the capital five weeks ago.

In this race Al Nabooda had six horses of his breeding competing: four of which he owned

and bred and two as a breeder: AF Majalis, the winner, AF Makerah, AF Hakeem and AF Ashras; AF Alareeq and AF Almajhaz as breeder

O'Shea said: *"That was very pleasing because it was my last ride for both the owner and trainer in 2020, so it is the perfect way to sign off for them. He has had to dig deep there for me because AF Alareeq was trying his best to get past, but my fellow was determined not to let him."*

*"AF Majalis is a promising horse that I raised on my farm in France. I believe that as he is getting older he will be much stronger and much better. The second horse, which ran by another Owner; and the third I bred them in the UAE and thanks to Allah the breeding in the UAE is very good and promising and can compete with overseas horses",* said Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda.

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Hazeem Al Raed ridden by Antonio Fresu



AF Alareeq ridden by Connor Beasley

Jawal Al Reef ridden by Richard Mullen



## Jawal Al Reef, Hazeem Al Raed and AF Alareeq winners in the Wathba Stallions Cup for Private Owners Only

Sunday evening's racing on the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club turf, on December 13, in the Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only, a 2200m handicap provided the perfect opportunity for Richard Mullen to complete a double, producing Jawal Al Reef (Bibi De Carrere x Darffa by Kesberoy) to lead early in the straight before staying on strongly for trainer Ahmed Al Mehairbi and owner Saif Asheer Ali Sulaiman Al Mazrouei, a second winner for each this season.

Settled nearer last than first after a tardy start, the 7-year-old entire made stealthy progress on the back straight before challenging as the leaders entered the home turn. It was a fourth win for the horse, third on turf, but over further than a 1400m and two 1600m victories.

Mullen said: "Stamina was perhaps a concern, but he settled very well and has actually seen the trip out very well indeed. It has been a good evening."

The meeting at Al Ain on Saturday, December 5, kicked off with a 1000m maiden for horses in private ownership, the Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only, which attracted the maximum allowed field of 15, but was totally dominated by Hazeem Al Raed (TM Fred Texas x Karizma CS by Kador de Blaziet). In front after a

handful of strides, the 5-year-old entire was clear at halfway under Antonio Fresu who was able to allow his mount to coast home to record a clear cut victory.

The drop to the minimum trip and the addition of a visor for the first time clearly suited him on his fifth start, providing trainer Ahmed Al Shemali a career best third winner of the season. It was a second victory of the campaign to sport the predominantly green silks of owner Hassan Saleh Al Hammadi who also trained this horse for his first career start.

Fresu said: "That was pretty comfortable. He broke ok, but was soon into stride and showed plenty of speed to win in style."

The previous race of the Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only was held at Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club on December 4.

Connor Beasley was also reunited with an old friend to land the concluding 1400m handicap for horses in private ownership, producing AF Alareeq (Al Kesbe x Balerina by Djel Bon) to lead in the closing stages. The pair landed a 1600m maiden in the capital in March for trainer Ahmed Al Mehairbi and owner Saif Asheer Ali Sulaiman Al Mazrouei.

Source and photos: Emirates Racing Authority





## Céphale de Ghazal on debut completes a double for Al Shaqab Racing at Pau

Shortly after the success of Almafjar (Mister Ginoux x Al Dhabi by Mahabb), Al Shaqab Racing celebrated a second Purebred Arabian winner at Pau on Tuesday, 8 December 2020!

Céphale de Ghazal, a three-year-old daughter of Munjiz, lifted the UAE National Archives Cup-Sheikh Mansoor Festival, a smart maiden race on the all-weather track over 2,000 metres, on her debut in a contest against horses, who had already won.

Just like Almafjar, Céphale de Ghazal (Munjiz x Chamade de Ghazal by Dormane), is trained by Elisabeth Bernard and was ridden on her winning debut by apprentice jockey Anaëlle Mekouche.

She led home a 1-2 for Al Shaqab Racing and Elisabeth Bernard, with Alarish (TM Fred Texas x Nasrat by Amer) finishing runner-up three quarters of a length behind her.

Elisabeth Bernard commented: *"I wasn't expecting Céphale de Ghazal to win against this field on her debut. I don't often have my horses sharpened up before their debuts, so it's a nice surprise. Her jockey told me that she has a fantastic ride and that the filly was easy to ride. She rode her exceptionally well. The weight allowance is a definite help, but it is still great to win on debut. It's often a size of quality. I think she will be very nice next year. As for Alarish, I'm very happy with his race and he should improve with age."*

Djafar (Dahess x Badira by Munjiz), ridden by Jerome Cabre, finished third. He is trained by Thomas Fourcy and owned by Amandine Fourcy.

Source: Jour de Galop/Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club. Photo: Robert Polin



## Al Shaqab Racing's homebred Almafjar backs up promising debut with cosy victory at Pau

Bred and owned by Al Shaqab Racing, and by the Al Shaqab Racing sire Mister Ginoux, the three-year-old Purebred Arabian colt Almafjar (FR) was the latest winner in the silver and maroon silks at Pau, France on Tuesday, 8 December.

In the DCT Abu Dhabi Cup-Sheikh Mansoor Festival, over 1,400m, the colt was having just his second career start having finished fourth on his debut at Toulouse three weeks earlier. He was ridden up near the pace and on the rail in third position by apprentice jockey Gary Sanchez.

Coming under pressure from his jockey at the beginning of the straight, he showed some immaturity when drifting to the centre of the track. However, once he found his stride, Almafjar (Mister Ginoux x Al Dhabi by Mahabb) showed plenty of class to accelerate past the front runners, who had gone two lengths clear. He maintained his run to the line to notch a two-and-a-half length victory in front of the hot favourite Namrood (General x Essalda by Al Sakbe).

Trainer Elisabeth Bernard commented, *"I am delighted, as Almafjar is very complicated to train. He pulls a lot in the mornings, but he is much easier in the afternoons, like very good racehorses are! He's a good looking horse. He suffered from sore shins during the summer and needed time. I would like to thank Ioritz Mendizabal who respected the horse when he debuted and gave him an excellent ride. In the race today, he profited from that experience and Gary Sanchez's weight allowance, which is always important. I think he could run over further, but given his behaviour in the mornings, I am obliged to run him over a shorter trip. But I believe he would stay up to 1,800m."*

Almafjar is out of the Mahabb mare Al Dhabi, who was bred in Qatar. He is her first foal, and she has a two-year-old by General in training with Thomas Fourcy.

Source: Jour de Galop/Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club. Photo: Robert Polin



# Winked won HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup for Ajban Stables



Abdallah Al Hammadi and his main patron, Al Ajban Stables, just 30 minutes after the first race, were celebrating a double, this time combining with Connor Beasley who was also aboard Ottoman, when Winked (Thoroughbred (x Sand Witchh by Burning Sand) led close home to take the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup, a conditions race over 1600m, but for fillies and mares. Top weight RB Money To Burn (Majd Al Arab x RB Burn Baby Burn by TH Richie), owned by Shkha Alyazia bint Sultan Al Nahyan and trained by Eric Lemartinel, looked the likely winner entering the short straight, but seemingly tiring, she hung left towards the standside under Fabice Veron, initially forfeiting the lead to Hakeemat Muscat (Akim De Ducor x Djourella by Kerbella), owned and bred by Muscat Stud and trained by Ibrahim Al Hadhrami, about 150m out.

Veron's mount tried to fight back but eventually had to settle for third behind Hakeemat Muscat, ridden by Szczepan Mazur in what was virtually a triple photo finish. Meanwhile, after a slow start, Beasley crept Winked into contention on the bend and his 4-year-old filly finished powerfully, leading in the closing stages to register a

hard fought victory, her second career success after just five outings.

*"I won a 1600m maiden at Al Ain on dirt on this filly. We were probably never headed that day, but this evening she half missed the break and I have had to be patient. She has finished the race very strongly and I was able to glance across so was pretty confident we had won", Beasley said.*

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# Dalil De Carrere comfortably won the fifth Wathba Stallions Cup race



In the Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owner Only, restricted to horses in private ownership, the opening 2000m handicap was won comfortably by Dalil De Carrere (Scoubidou De Carrere x Viki De Carrere by Dormane), continuing the good weekend for Brazilian jockey Bernardo Pinheiro who also landed the first race at Meydan the previous evening, the Group 2 Bani Yas aboard Jayide Al Boraq.

Riding on this occasion in the silks of Saif Bakheet Saif Murshed Al Marar for trainer Mohamed Daggash, Pinheiro settled his mount just behind the leaders before navigating an inside route on the home turn, saving valuable ground

and hitting the front halfway up the straight.

The 7-year-old entire shot clear, breaking the track record and doubling his career haul in the process having won a 2000m Al Ain maiden three weeks ago.

Pinheiro said: *"The horse obviously likes it here at Al Ain and we know he stays further, so I was happy to commit about a fair way out fully aware he would keep going all the way to the line."*

Source and photo: Emirates Racing Authority



# Ricardo Saliba's Menthor Rach and Osiris Rach win Wathba Stallions Cup for Colts and Fillies



Menthor Rach ridden by I. Silva

HE Ibrahim Salem Alalawi, Consul General of the UAE in São Paulo, crowned the winners of the Wathba Stallions Cup for Colts and Fillies at Cidade Jardim Racecourse, Jockey Club de São Paulo, on Friday December 4.

Through Rach Stud Agropecuária; Brothers Ricardo and Paulo Saliba and trainer Lucas Quintana won both races.

The races were played in 1,000 m on turf and had a purse of R \$ 20,000. The Wathba Stallions Cup for Colts for 3 years old & more, up to 3 victories, while Wathba Stallion Cup For Fillies for 3 years old & more, up to 2 victories.

While Ricardo Jamil Saliba's Menthor Rach won the Wathba Stallions Cup for Colts, Osiris Rach won the Wathba Stallions Cup for Fillies.

Before starting the first race, Menthor Rach already demonstrated that this time he wanted to win, as he finished second in the first race of the year.

The race was well contested until the final 700 meters when Menthor Rach (\*Sarmata x Musa

Rach by \*Polonez), conducted by the Apprentice jockey I. Silva, takes the lead while El Chall LA (Magnun Chall HVP x Arabesca LA by \*Ansata Shaamis) ridden by A. Mesquita fight with Graccus Rach (Veracious Rach x Gracyara HCF by LD Halston), guided by Apprentice jockey R. Mendonça, for the second place.

In the final 200 meters, the duo Menthor Rach and Graccus Rach take the lead and strive for victory.

With six lengths of advantage, Menthor Rach wins the 1,000 m race on turf and Graccus Rach finishes again in second, followed by El Chall LA.

*"Menthor Rach is a Pure Polish stallion and another son of \*Sarmata to win in Cidade Jardim. The previous two races were won by his paternal brother Mahatma Rach. \*Sarmata was an excellent runner in Poland and his sons have given us a lot of joy. In this race, Menthor broke the male record for 1000m and now we will see how he will do over the longest distances. We believe that due to the consistency of his pedigree and excellent*



Osiris Rach ridden by A. R. Oliveira

*conformation, he should go very well!"* said Paulo Saliba.

*"Menthor Rach is a pure Polish stallion son of \*Sarmata in a daughter of \*Polonez, two of our stallions champion of the breed and who have had excellent results in the sport. At the same distance, he broke the record that Mahatma Rach won in the November 14th race. Menthor will probably be our main racehorse in the 2021 season",* declared Ricardo Saliba.

In the Wathba Stallions Cup for Fillies, Maísa do Bagdá ( Magic Shadeedeh x Katyusha LM by \*Shahllenger), ridden by O. Pereira Filho, owned by Marta Regina Oliveira de Moraes, and Zarmacja Rach (\*Sarmata x Zahara Rach by \*Ek-sport ), conducted by apprentice jockey P. Jesus and owned by Paulo Jamil Saliba, stand out and remain in the top positions until halfway through the five furlong race, however Osiris Rach (Eksort Rach x Olympia Rach by \*Aicyng AHRA), under the command of A. R. Oliveira and Revelation Rach (\*Ek-sport x Rapunzel Rach by Voltaire Rach)

mounted by R. Mendonça attack; and in the final 200 meters Osiris Rach opens four lengths of advantage, followed by Revelation Rach who made an excellent race and both cross in first and second place followed by Zarmacja Rach.

Two big wins for Rach Stud Agropecuária, which has supported Purebred Arabian races in Brazil since returning in 2014 and its trainer Lucas Quintana.

*"On the mares, Osiris Rach, a beautiful chestnut daughter of Eksort Rach, a purebred Polish blood stallion who successfully completed 160km Endurance races, had a firm victory and showed a lot of category in this early career. We are very pleased with her performance and soon she should be ready for longer distances, as she seems to have a huge heart!"* Paulo Saliba declared.

*"Osiris Rach is also a mare with a predominantly Polish lineage, the daughter of Eksort Rach, a stallion of ours who ended up in two 160 km races in endurance and proved to be a very fast horse. So we had a lot of hope that his sons would*



do well in the Arabian races and last year Gunther Rach, who is his son, won and in her first race, Osiris also won.

Revelation Rach made its second race and finished second and Zarmacja Rach third. In the four races in a row that we won, I believe it is because during the quarantine they continued training on the farm, where we made a track to train. And I believe this has been a great advantage, because they arrived trained and now we will hope that they will maintain this quality in 2021", commented Ricardo Saliba.

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"On this occasion, I would like to thank His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Presidential Affairs, for his unlimited support for sport in general and equestrian sport in particular, which has had a major impact on the current status and in the future of Arabian horses around the world."

"We are proud when we see the flag of the

United Arab Emirates flying in the fields of Brazil and also with the success that the festival has achieved here and in various parts of the world."

"Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Lara Sawaya, CEO of the festival, and also the team for their continued efforts to make this festival a local and international success", said His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Salem Alalawi, Consul General of the UAE in the State of São Paulo.

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HE Ibrahim Salem Alalawi, Lucas Quintana, I. Silva and Almir José Ribeiro



HE Ibrahim Salem Alalawi, Almir José Ribeiro, Lucas Santana, A. R. Oliveira and R. Mendonça



They appeared to go very fast from the outset in the Wathba Stallions Cup a 1400m handicap for horses in private ownership, on November 15, which seemingly suited Faiza (Dormane x Ushamman De Carrere by Sire D'Albret) who was able to overcome the burden of joint top weight.

A 5-year-old mare trained by Ali Rashid Al Rayhi for Jumaa Mubarak Al Junaibi, she was doubling her career tally and has now won thrice, having also scored in a handicap, over this Abu Dhabi 1400m, for Paiva in February.

She lost her maiden tag over 1600m on the

Toulouse turf in her native France in April 2019.

Settled in midfield here, she made smooth progress on the home turn, soon hitting the front and Paiva said: *"I was actually quite excited to be back on her in a race, especially over this course and distance, because I know it really suits her."*

*"She had a big weight tonight, but I was always pretty confident, both before and during the race. It was perhaps quite close at the line, but I was always happy I was going to come out on top."*

Source and photos: Emirates Racing Authority

## Brazilian Paiva wins in Abu Dhabi with Faiza



Seven horses went to post for the opening 1600m Wathba Stallions Cup for Private Owners Only, restricted to 3-year-olds foaled in the UAE and in private ownership, but only two were ever really involved with Tadhg O'Shea attempting to lead from the outset on AF Istintaq (AF Al Bu-raq x AF Onshoda by Awaj) but his mount had no answer when challenged by debutant Samau Xmnsor (Jibril x Tres Yac by Al Sakbe) about 275m from home.

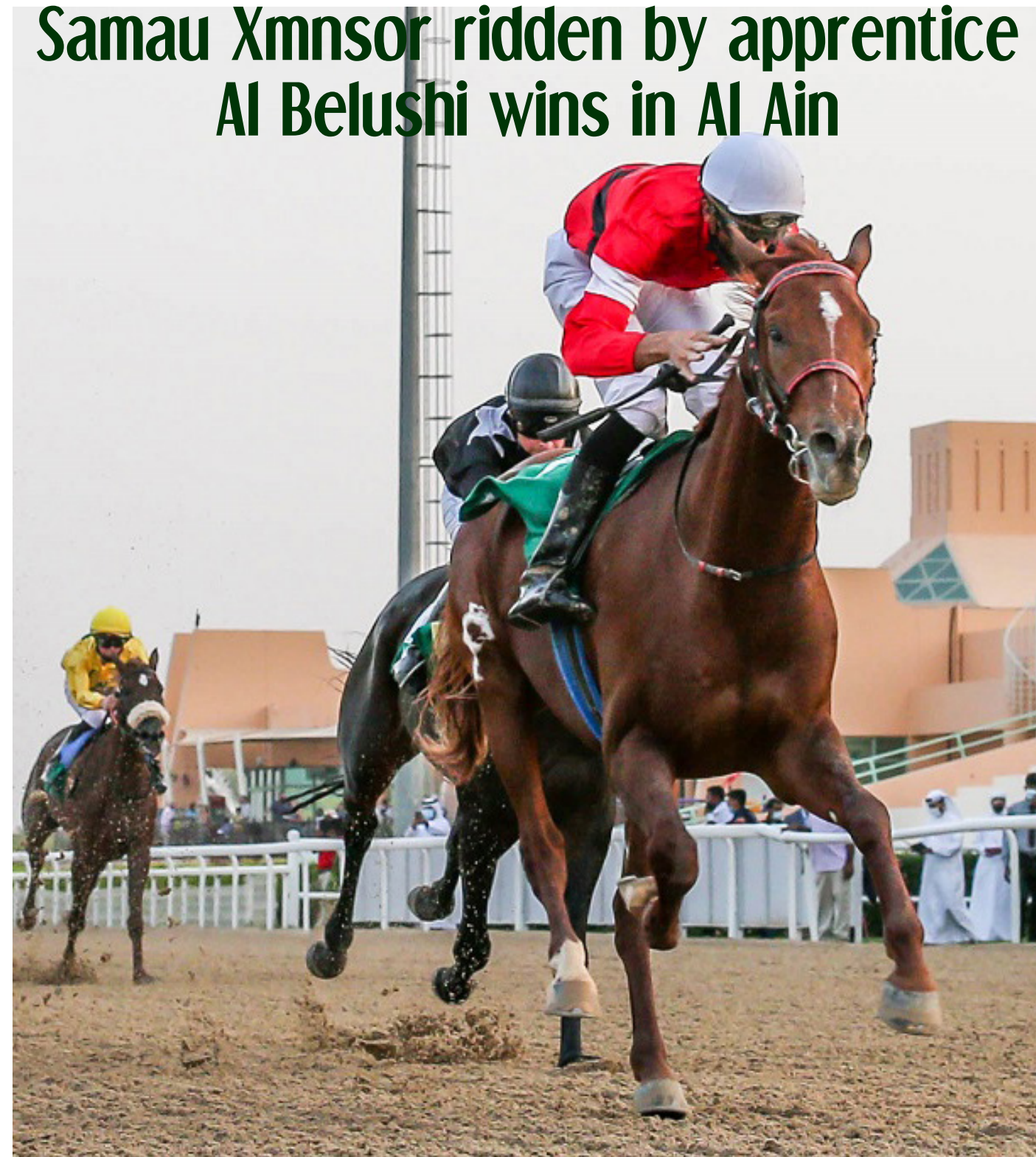
Having stalked O'Shea, whose mount had the advantage of one previous outing, Omani apprentice Abdul Aziz Al Belushi drove his mount

to the front and found a willing partner, always seemingly in control once in front, the jockey opening his account for the season in the process.

Trainer Ibrahim Al Hadhrami, opening his tally for the new campaign, said: *"We are very pleased with that. We hoped he would run well, but to win on debut is great and the first two were a long way clear, so hopefully, it will prove a good performance."*

Souce and photo: Emirates Racing Authority

## Samau Xmnsor ridden by apprentice Al Belushi wins in Al Ain





# Exciting Somoud makes perfect start for De Roualle



Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club staged their first fixture of the new campaign on Sunday evening, November 8, highlighted by the Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown Prep, a 2200m rated conditions contest, won stylishly by the classy Somoud under a very confident ride from Richard Mullen.

Having initially raced in midfield, always travelling strongly, Mullen's mount cruised into contention behind the leaders with about 700m remaining before sent to the lead at the top of the straight with 350m left to cover. They never looked in any danger thereafter with the apple of trainer Jean de Roualle's eye powering home to score an impressive success, a sixth career win, all in the UAE where he has raced just 11 times.

Homebred, the Yas Racing-owned 6-year-old entire landed his final three outings of the last campaign, a handicap over Sunday's course and distance, the Group 3 Al Ain Mile and the Group 1 Emirates Championship, again over this 2200m

track and trip.

It was actually the first time he had been saddled by De Roualle who said: *"Mr Al Mehairbi did very well with this horse last season and I am delighted to have him in the yard. I love this horse, he is so talented, but also a real gentleman and pleasure to deal with."*

*"We have four weeks until the big race which is perfect and I am hoping this horse can land that prize which I have not won before."*

Mullen added: *"He is a very smart horse as we saw last season. Jean has done very well with him, as did Ahmed Al Mehairbi who trained him last season. He has improved so much, from handicaps into Group One races and the fact that the big race is over 2200m now certainly suits him. Hopefully we will go there with a nice chance."*

Source: Emirates Racing Authority

# AF Arrab wins in Abu Dhabi



The 1600m handicap Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only produced a nail biting finish with Tadhg O'Shea, riding for his main employer Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda and trainer Ernst Oertel, driving AF Arrab (Victor Adam x AF Alriaah by Tidjari Des Forges) to a narrow success over MH Wari (Zefiro de Nulvi x Arkadya by Dormane) ridden by Ryan Curatolo, trained by Elise Jeanne, owned and bred by Mansoor Khalifa Sultan Bin Habtoor.

Homebred, the 5-year-old entire was doubling his career tally in the process having fought back to regain the initiative right on the line. Having

led from the outset, he was headed with about 75m remaining, but stuck his neck out to lead when it mattered.

Oertel said: *"I thought he would win at Sharjah a fortnight ago, but he did not run well. That was a brave effort this evening and he will have a bit of a break now."*

*"He now has a turf win to add to his dirt success, so that gives us more options."*

Source: Emirates Racing Authority





جوهرة تاج الشيخ زايد بن سلطان آل نهيان  
Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown

## Race distance extended for AED 5 million Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Group 1 Jewel Crown

In line with the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, The AED 5 million Group 1 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown, one of the world's richest horse races for Purebred Arabians; will now be run over a distance of 2,200m.

The organising committee of His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival continually strives to promote Arabian Racing around the World whilst endeavoring to develop the festival, to best satisfy the expectations of the participants. With this in mind and after consultation with both Emirates Racing Authority (ERA) and The International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR) it has been decided to increase the distance of the group 1, Jewel Crown race from 1600m to 2200 metres. This change to the United Arab Emirates iconic Arabian Race is seen as a positive move which will attract a greater number of horses from around the world to the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, when it hosts this fantastic event on December 4th 2020.

This year will mark the 12th anniversary Finale of the Festival which was launched in 2009 under the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, in Europe, and has since grown into one of the world's most prestigious racing events that attracts local and international racehorses, trainers, jockeys and owners, of the highest caliber.

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Source: HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival



Uptown Georgie (Burning Sand x Noble Leap by Patriot Missile) cruised to his first career win by 9 3/4 lengths in the Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Racing Festival's Wathba Stallions Cup at Lone Star Park, in Texas, on Sunday night October 1.

The race of six furlongs on the dirt and for maidens three years olds and upward had a purse of US\$15,000 and the participation of 12 horses.

The 3-year-old grey gelding bred and owned by Uptown Arabians and trained by Glen Rottweiler was ahead by three lengths after a quarter mile and continued to extend his lead.

Jockey Anardis Rodriguez is on a hot streak riding Arabians at Lone Star Park with three wins and three seconds in his last eight starts. The final time for 6 furlongs was 1:20.31.

Owned and bred by James E. and Susan C.

Meyer and trained by Jeremias Castro, On the Verge (Line Dancer x Whos Your Daddy by The Fast Lane) captured the second place ridden by Ivan Arellano.

Third place went to WMA North Wind (Norphe x WMA Tikis Banner by Bandera KA) conducted by Victor M Urieta Jr and trained by breeder and owner Rita Deleon.

In fourth place, Like Moulin Rouge (Moulin Rouge MAF x WWell Liked by Chndaka), ridden by Francisco Calderon is trained by the owner and bred Ken Danyluk followed by RB Rath (Rathowan x RB Rich Kin by TH Richie) ridden by Luis L. Vivanco is trained by Jerenesto Torrez and owned by Rosebrook Farms LLC.

Source: Arabian Jockey Club and Cidinha Franzão. Photos by Dustin Orona Photography



# Al Nabooda wins 1-2 in the first race at Al Ain

The new UAE racing season kicked off at Al Ain on Thursday with a seven race card and the first stage of Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only. The curtain raiser for the new campaign, a 1400m maiden for horses aged four and in private ownership was, like so many races of its ilk, dominated by Champion Owner Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda and his main trainer, Ernst Oertel.

They provided first and second with the owner's retained jockey, UAE champion Tadhg O'Shea landing the spoils aboard AF Nashrah (AF Maqam Alezz x Dahab Al Reef by Saklawi Jadrane), denying Fabrice Veron aboard stable companion AF Musannef (AF Al Buraq x Nasemah by Kaolino).

The pair having the race to themselves throughout the final 300m of the first race of the Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only at the Al Ain Racecourse on October 29.

Settled just behind the leaders, O'Shea drove his mount to challenge halfway up the straight, leading at the 300m pole and always holding off the challenge of Veron's mount.

Homebred, the winner was opening her account at the fourth attempt and second dirt appearance.

O'Shea said: *"That is the perfect way to start the season! She is a nice filly who should improve because she is still learning what is required."*

Source: Emirates Racing Authority - <http://www.emiratesracing.com/>



# Al Azeeza wins for the second time in Belgium

After winning the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup stage held on September 13 in Hippodrome Waregem, Al Azeeza (Munjiz x Ouassila Thabet) wins again, this time the Wathba Stallions Cup held on October 27 at Hippodrome Wallonie-Mons, Ghlin, Belgium.

The 1,500 meter race that was attended by six horses - 4yo and more - and was won by Al Azeeza (Munjiz x Ouassila Thabet) ridden by Stephen Hellyn under the colours of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and trained by James Owen.

Second place went to El Zarka D.A. (AF Albahar x Schiva D.A.) very well conducted by Jurico Bogaerts, trained and owned by Johan Verstrepen.

Mysshwan de Piboul (Nashwan Al Khalidiah x Myss de Piboul) under the saddle of Gary Sanchez, trained by Mme Jean-François Bernard and owned by Marcel Mezy finished third.

James Owen was fresh from success in the Wathba Stallions Cup in Belgium, with the second victory of Al Azeeza for HH Sheikh Hamdan: "Al Azeeza did it well in the race. I'm pleased with how all the horses are running at the moment."

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Text: Cidinha França / Photo: Hippodrome Wallonie-Mons







## Qamriyah wins in Agen!

Associated with Nuno Duarte, QAMRIYAH wins a second success after a nice fifth place in Group 1. Congratulations to the Royal Cavalry of Oman, owners and breeders of the mare!

Well done to our entire team for this nice double!

The Prix Frederic Bouas – Wathba Stallions Cup was held on October 25 at Hippodrome d'Agen, France. Played in 2,500 meters on turf and had the participation of 15 horses.

Results:

**1 - Qamriyah** (General x Vivamaria by Njewman) – trainer Charles Gourdain, ridden by Nuno Manuel Lopes Duarte, owned and bred by Royal Cavalry of Oman

**2 - Favori de Bozouls** (Muguet de Pascade x Ujdjodor de Bozouls by Dormane), trained by

Mme Jean-François Bernard, ridden by Dylan Alberca-Gavilan, owned by Marcel Mezy, breeder Earl Mezagri

**3 - Gharffar de Brugere** (Dahor de Brugere x Limited Edition by Ezil), trained by Frederic Sanchez, ridden by Emilien Revolte, owned by Awn Al Aidarous, bred by Mme Am. Hamilton Al Aidarous

**4 - Badi Al Cham** (Azadi x Al Mazina by Dormane) trained by Thomas Fourcy, ridden by Laurie Foulard and owned by Al Shaqab Racing

**5 - Bahjah** (Majd Al Arab x Forgehill Chantilly by Dormane) trained by Charles Gourdain, ridden by Clement Merille and owned/bred by Royal Cavalry of Oman

Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photos: Hippodrome d'Agen



## Sam Vasquez' Golly Shez Hot SV wins in Texas

Golly Shez Hot SV won Wathba Stallions Cup at Lone Star Park on October 24, which served as not only the first career wins for the Sam Vasquez-bred 5-year-old grey mare but also the first for a horse sired by Mags Mad Max. Mags Mad Max also represented Vasquez and won multiple stakes races in a 50-race career that took him all around the country from 2004 to 2009.

Congratulations to the connections of Golly Shez Hot SV (Mags Mad Max x Gizmoson Fire, by Burning Sand). She is bred/owned by Sam Vasquez, trained by Renee Lafleur-Diaz, and was ridden by Victor Manuel Urieta Jr.

Golly Shez Hot SV held under steady urging to win by 1 1/2 lengths over the Grilla daughter, Nilla.

Many thanks to the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin

Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival for bringing the Wathba Stallions Cup to Texas.

The HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival has played a significant role in the promotion of Arabian racing and breeding since it began in 2009. The Festival aims to continue the efforts made by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan to preserve heritage sports and equestrian sport in particular, promoting Arabian horses and UAE heritage around the world.

Many thanks to the HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival for bringing this wonderful series to Texas this fall!

Source: Arabian Jockey Club. Photo: Dustin Orona Photography







# Hattal, the big winner in Toulouse



Hattal was the of the French Arabian Breeders' Challenge Classic – HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (Gr1 PA), that was held on October 24 at Hippodrome de Toulouse.

This treble constitutes a remarkable achievement for a 4-year-old. Hattal (Mahabb x Mizzna by Akbar) was still travelling very strongly on hitting the straight despite the fact that he had also raced quite freely. After a brief struggle, he took the measure of the front-running Nalink (Amer x Nalika by Dormane), although the latter managed to keep second at the main expense of his stablemate Snan (Al Mamun Monlau x Nevada de Cardonne by Tornado de Syrah).

Bred and owned by Yas Horse Racing Management, belonging to HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Hattal is trained by Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte and was ridden by Ioritz Mendizabal.

Ioritz Mendizabal said of the Yas Horse Racing Management runner: *"He travelled like a winner throughout. He won with something in hand. I had doubts about the trip but his trainer was right on*

*this score. He gave a very good account of himself over the 2,200m (11f) trip."*

Trainer Thomas Fourcy took second place with Nalink (ridden by Julien Auge, owned by HH Sheikh Saad Al Mukhani Bahwan and bred by Mme M.C. Biaudis), third place with Snan (ridden by Jerome Cabre, owned and bred by Al Shaqab Racing) and fourth place with Zalej Al Cham (Azadi x Al Kahira by Akbar) ridden by Jean-Bernard Eyquem, owned by Al Shaqab Racing and bred by H. Mousli and Mme N. Mousalli.

Hattal hails from the yard of Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte and he's probably the only trainer to have trained PA horses and English thoroughbreds to achieve podium finishes at Gr1 level in 2020. As he also conditions the Darley Prix Jean Romanet (Gr1) second Ambition (Dubawi).

Given that the yard is home to Hayyan (Munjiz) and Hattal, it should ensure that the colours of HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan are very competitive in the top PA races next year.

Source: JDG Arabians and Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Hippodrome de Toulouse

# 1-2 for Elisabeth Bernard in Milan



On Sunday 25 October the Wathba Stallions Cup race at the Milan - San Siro Hippodrome reserved for Purebred Arabian horses saw two horses trained by Elisabeth Bernard as protagonists.

Reserved for three years old horses, the Wathba Stallions Cup, saw in the first two places Hahlem El Ahlem (Jalnar Al Khalidiah x Myrzam), ridden by Olivier Peslier and owned by Athban Racing Stable; and Safi Al Zaman (AF Albahar x Gold Label) ridden by Anthony Crastus and owned by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Faleh AlThani, the two horses are trained in France by

Elisabeth Bernard, close to the third and fourth two bearers of ANICA partner Massimiliano Narduzzi, Baudelaire CPS (Filindeu x Medea) bred by partner Sebastiana Maria Cau) and Boss De Salute (Zafem Al Shajaa x Estasia) bred by Soc. Ag. Fratelli Deriu.

Italian horses are always better in these international comparisons!

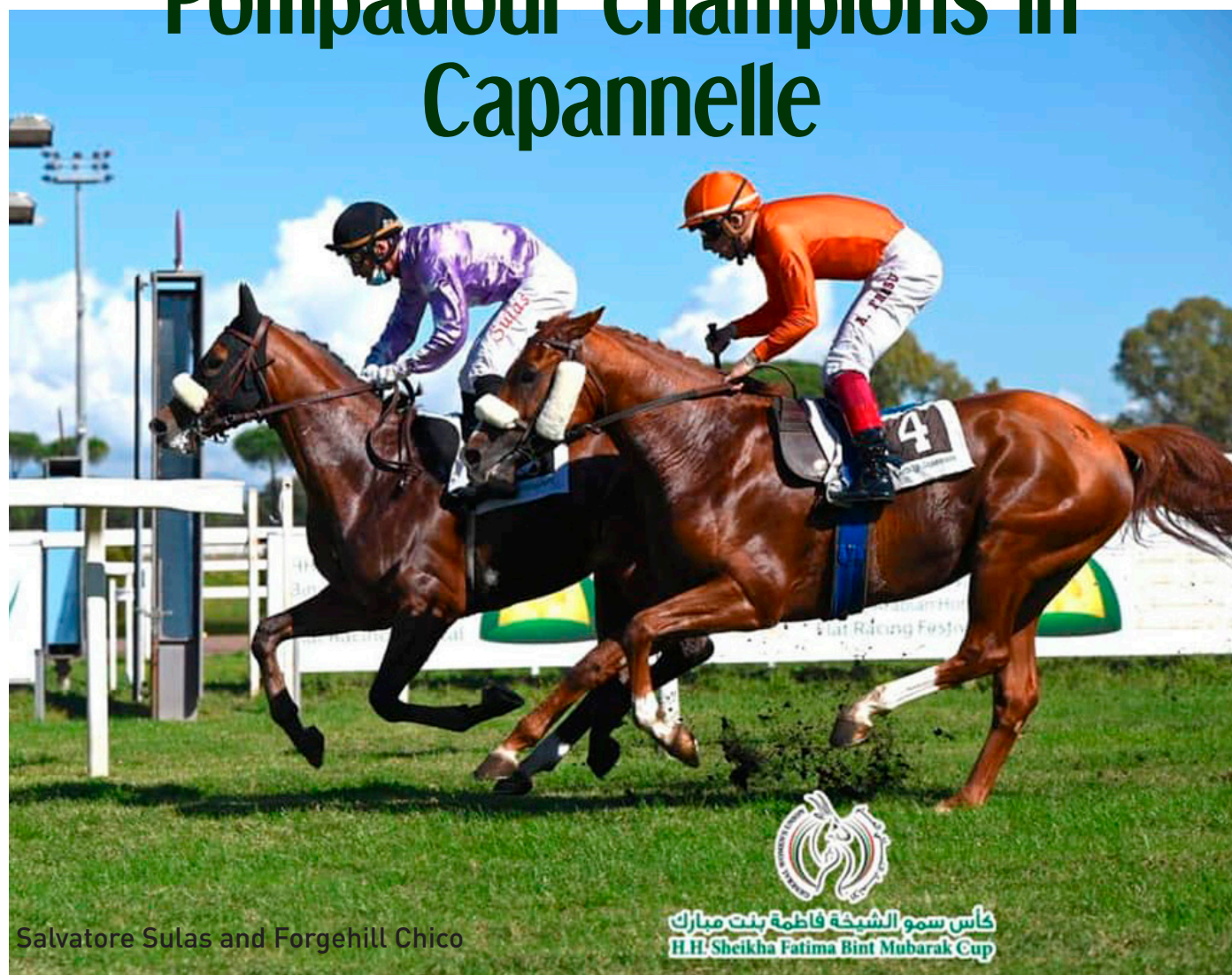
Congratulations to the Italian owners, coaches and breeders.

Source: ANICA – Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo





# Forgehill Chico and Gandalf de Pompadour champions in Capannelle



Salvatore Sulas and Forgehill Chico

The Capannelle racecourse saw two races reserved for Purebred Arabian horses on Sunday 18 October, both sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival in Abu Dhabi. All the horses that participated in these races are ANICA (Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo) horses.

In the first of the two, the Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup, on the third attempt the qualification of maiden Forgehill Chico (Hilal Al Zaman x Change of Scent) of our English partner Valerie Anne Bunting it was very successful. In second place the former Italian Champion ANICA Amour (Filindeu x Tadasuni), bred by the partner Salvatorica Tillorica and belonging to the partner Massimiliano Narduzzi.

In third place Zoe di Gallura (Ulumu x Eltra de Nulvi), homebred of the partner Giovanna Picconi. At the finish line Zoe di Gallura was second

but was outdistanced in third place for having damaged Amour in the final stages of the race. Amour and Zoe di Gallura were born and bred in Italy.

In the Wathba Stallions Cup the unbeaten Gandalf de Pompadour (Hilal Al Zaman x Ghaidaa) was put to the test but managed to win the third race out of three, to the delight of our Iraqi partner Mohammad Al Nujaifi.

The courageous Baudelaire CPS (Filindeu x Medea) of the partner Massimiliano Narduzzi (bred by the partner Sebastiana Maria Cau) tried to the end. In third place the mare Bellagioia (Filindeu x Missambra) bred by our partner Antonio Conti who had just returned from the victory in the Derby del Purosangue Arabo di Chilivani.

Source: ANICA – Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo



Antonio Fresu and Gandalf de Pompadour

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## Afja'An wins Sheikh Zayed leg in Bro Park

The Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (L/PA) 2020 attracted the best horses Scandinavia can offer. Eight of them not including the polish raider Atilla and topped by Maria Hagman's duo Ayman and Afja'An. The owner/trainer meant to win this 1750 meter turf event so graciously offered by HH's Racing Festival and just to make sure, she packed more ammunition.

Stallwart Jaldi Karo coming from a burst of good races and the new ex-pole Lazom Al Khaleidiah. He was slow at the kick, however, and Macallan wouldn't let Jaldi Karo set the pace again. Behind these Ayman was on the rail bunched up with Afja'an on the outside and Max Factor sandwiched between them.

Round the last bend Macallan was still in front, while Jaldi Karo got company from the three behind. Bunched up Ayman lost ground and at the same time Lazom al Khaleidiah was working his way up through the field with young Mohaymin following more sedately behind him. Into the

straight Max Factor was fading, but Afja'An was upsides Macallan with Lazom Al Khaleidiah trying to get on terms.

At the distance it was all over in a couple of strides, when Carlos Lopez set sails on Afja'An and Macallan called it a day. For a while it looked like a double for Hagman as Lazom Khaleidiah stayed on, but he had to surrender second place to Mohaymin, who came with a late run, which brought him within a long length of Afja'An for the second time in a short while.

Ayman showed just enough of his class to be fourth followed by Jaldi Karo and making it a 1, 3, 4, 5 for the Hagman stables in the Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup at Bro Park, Sweden on October 18.

Well done. It was a fine race and we all hope to welcome it back at Gärdet on National Day 2021.

Text: Nils Rosenkjaer / Photo: Elina Björklund, SG



## Amir Al Zaman conquers Prix Fleur d'Avril

Prix Fleur D'Avril – Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup  
Hippodrome Tarbes (Tarbes-Laloubère), October 11 – 2.300m

1: AMIR AL ZAMAN (HILAL AL ZAMAN X HAMMIYA by AL HASIM). Trained by D. Watrigant; ridden by Guillaume Guedj-Gay. Breeder and Owner: Al Nujaifi Racing Ltd.

2: GHAFAR DE BRUGERE (DAHOR DE BRUGERE x LIMITED EDITION by EZIL). Trained by F. Sanchez; ridden by Mathieu Pelletan. Owner: Awn Al Aidarous. Breeder: Mme AM. Hamilton Al Aidarous.

3: NO AND NO AL MAURY (NIZAM x NO DOUBT AL MAURY by DORMANE). Trained by D. Watrigant; ridden by Mlle Clara Cornet. Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Breeder: Mlle RL. Koch.

Photo: Hippodrome Tarbes (Tarbes-Laloubère)







## Conchita DA, Belgian victory in Sweden

Belgian bred Gr1 victress Conchita DA came to Sweden to add yet more black type to her name in the Wathba Stallions Sprint Cup. Sponsored by HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan and his partners she disappointed neither breeder Verstrepen nor owner/trainer Peter Deckers in the 1200 m dash on the dirt.

After the first rush van den Troost was satisfied to sit tucked in behind the pace set by young Highland Queen and Top Medina with Cleopatre and Macallan behind her while Jaldi Karo couldn't go the early pace. In the bend Highland Queen had done her share and stable-mate Macallan set sails and were upsides Top Medina with Conchita between them coming into the straight.

While Cleopatre and Jaldi Karo began to make headway, Macallan couldn't go through with his attack and left Conchita and Top Medina to fight it out and with no gas left he had to see

first Cleopatre pass him for third- and then by Jaldi Karo for fourth place in the dying stages. Exactly the same order in which the three finished in last year's Wathba Stallions Sprint.

In the 2020 race, however, they had two in front of them and not least Conchita DA. When the 5-y-o daughter by AF Al Bahar out of an Amer mare got a reminder, she strode clear in good style to cross the line a length in front of the consistent, Swedish bred Top Medina.

The Wathba Stallions Sprint Cup 2020 was fine race and Scandinavian Arabian Racing Association and everybody else is grateful for the Festival's continued support even in these unusual times. I'm sure mr. Deckers and ms. Engels are. They looked happy.

Congratulations to a worthwhile visit and welcome back.

Text and photos by Nils Rosenkjaer

The horse Storm Troupour (Nivour de Cardonne x ES Ornetta by Monarch AH) returned to Ashour's hurdle and under the supervision of the same owner, and the leadership of the Belgian jockey Anna van den Troost, to the path of victories when he was crowned champion of the Wathba Stallions Cup race that was held on September 28 at Hippodrome Wallonie Mons, in Ghlin, Belgique, as part of the activities of the 12th edition of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Purebred Arabian Horse Festival.

The race is held according to the directives of HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, in line with the festival's strategy to support owners and breeders in most countries of the world and motivate them to increase interest in the Arabian horse.

And in the 1500-meter race, with 12 purebred Arabian horses, aged three years and over, competed strongly for the prize money of 5 thousand euros, Storm Troupour did not find any difficulty in winning.

The 9-year-old horse's superiority came 2.5 in length from the mare Jadaayil (No Risk Al Maury x Zormanian by Dormane) to HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance, under the supervision of James Owen and the leadership of Damien Artu.

The hero traveled the distance of 1,500 meters in 1:43:66 minutes, while owner Johan Versterben came in third place. El Zarka D.A. (AF Albahar x Schiva D.A. by Amer) under the supervision of the same owner and led by Jurico Bogaerts.

Text: Cidinha Franzão / Photos: Hippodrome Wallonie Mons

## Storm Troupour returns to the winning streak





# King Monlau asserts absolute control in Bordeaux



The horse King Monlau (Jalnar Al Khalidiah x Ishraf by Ezil), for HH Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Adviser, under the supervision of Elizabeth Bernard and the leadership of Anthony Crastus, imposed absolute control, with a deserved and easy victory in the Prix Nedjari - Al Wathba Stallions Cup race, which was held on September 22 at the French Bordeaux le Bouscat Racecourse.

The Al Wathba Cup Stallions series of races is held under the directives of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, to promote purebred Arabian horses and increase the interest of owners and breeders in them on the local and international arenas.

The 1900-meter race came with the participation of 11 fast competitors, and the challenged General Scoot led, followed by Ghaffar de Bruge-

re while King Monlau was in fourth place, waiting for the appropriate opportunity to pounce on the lead.

And extended King Monlau absolute control over the course of the race from the depth of the straight line, despite the desperate attempts made by the horses competing, but the champion enjoyed the fastest pace ever to record his second victory in his racing history.

The 5-year-old champion won with a difference of 3 lengths for the Bahjar (Majd Al Arab x Forgehill Chantilly by Dormane), of the Omani Royal Cavalry, under the supervision of Charles Gourdain, and the leadership of Clemente Merille, recording a time of 2:19:91.

Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photos: Bordeaux le Bouscat Racecourse

# Hoggar de L'Ardus wins Prix 7eme Spahis



Hoggar de L'Ardus (Mister Ginoux x Alda de L'Ardus by Kash de L'Ardus), ridden by Mlle Lily Le Pemp won first place in the Prix 7eme Spahis-Wathba Stallions Cup held at the Hippodrome de Montauban on September 20.

The horse is trained by Mme JF. Bernard and owned and bred by Philippe Meunier.

Second place went to Halisco (Josco du Cayrou x Johalina by Octavius), a horse trained by Thomas Fourcy and which was ridden by Clement Cadel.

Chanel du Loup (Majd Al Arab x Fauvette du Loup by Tornado de Syrah) conducted by Mathias Lauron crossed in third place. Trained by T. Lemer, Chanel du Loup is owned by Libero Mazzone and bred by JM. Saphores.

Giboulée du Jura (Mister Ginoux x Myrtille de Jura by Dormane) ridden by Gabriel Bom and Hosco de Bozouls ridden by Sebastien Prugnaud finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photos: Hippodrome de Montauban







Ballad ridden by Alessandro Fiori



### Show in Chilivani with the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival

On Saturday 19 September the Chilivani racecourse hosted two important races for Purebred Arabian sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival.

In the Listed Race for 4 years and over, the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup, victory at the edge of the pole by the very favorite Ramiz Al Aziz (Akbar x Win Taouy) who only in the final meters bent the resistance of the brave Antares Del Ma (AF Albahar x Majie De Piboul), replicating the success achieved last year.

Trained by Endo Botti Galoppo snc and Manuela Daverio-Scharfenberg's Ramiz Aziz was ridden by Italian jockey Antonio Fresu.

Antares Del Ma, ridden by Maikol Arras and trained by Giulia Accorra, yielded to his rival only near the finish line, causing the farmer partner Azienda Agricola del Ma and the owner Anna Teresa Vincentelli, also an ANICA shareholder, to be anxious to the last. However, the native won the first prize to the breeder.

Also trained by Endo Botti Galoppo snc, Zoe

di Gallura (Ulumu x Elettra de Nulvi), homebred of the partner Giovanna Picconi, finished third under the saddle of Mario Sanna.

The Wathba Stallion Summer Cup saw the triumph of Ballad (Damish x Qatarh), bred by partner Piero Putzu and belonging to the T.S.A. partner stable, ridden by Alessandro Fiori and trained by Mariatina Floris dominated the thick field of starters preceding the favorite Belshatsar (Daheess x Win Toauy).

Belshatsar, mounted by Andrea Fredu, is another horse trained by Endo Botti Galoppo snc and owned by Manuela Daverio-Scharfenberg.

Trained by Cosimo Congiu, Bonta Sarda (Qatar di Gallura x Curre Sola) finished third place. The horse is owned by Andrea Gosamo and was conducted by Nino Murru.

Once again the synergy between sponsors, ANICA and the Chilivani racecourse has given good results: see you next year!

Source: ANICA and Cidinha Franzão / Photo credit: Monica Scano





# Owen wins 1-3 again in Belgium



One day after winning first and second place in the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup, James Owen wins again this time at the Hippodrome de Wallonie, Mons, at the Wathba Stallions Cup, on September 14, a 2,300 meter turf race and which featured nine registered horses from 4yo & more.

Defending the colors of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Owen won first place with Rafeef (No Risk Al Maury x Maiziane by Al Sakbe) under Stephan Breux; and third place with Emiraaty (Al Saoudi x Horkidee by Tidjani) ridden by Mexim Pecheur.

Owner and trainer Peter Deckers won second place with Viho D.A. (Majid Al Arab x Cheyenne D.A. by Ellos de Carrere) mounted by jockey Koen Clijmans and fifth place with Jamas DA (AF Albahar x Toyah DA by Altis del Sol) under Anna van den Troost 's saddle.

Another son of AF Albahar, Probat T (AF Albahar x Porta T by Marwan), was fourth. The animal has as trainer and owner Gerd T. Zaoetellier and was very well led by Stephen Hellyn.

Text: Cidinha Franzão / Photos: Hippodrome de Wallonie



# Mazzyoonah wins with the colours of HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum

The Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) was delighted for ARO Patron, HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum who had his first success of the UK Arabian racing season when Mazzyoonah won the Wathba Stallions Cup Handicap Stakes at Wolverhampton on September 14.

Trained by James Owen and ridden by Jack Mitchell, the five-year-old daughter of No Risk Al Maury finished three-quarters of a length ahead of Alghally, also trained by Owen, with Al Monther trained by Phil Collington a further half-length back in third. Both placed horses were also bred and owned by His Highness.

2019 ARO champion trainer James Owen was slightly surprised with Mazzyoonah's win saying: "I thought she'd struggle under joint top weight and the trip would be on the short-side for her as she won nicely over six furlongs in Holland last year. Jack gave her a lovely patient ride today and it all came right for her. I'd thought Alghally was my strongest chance, but this was only his third start and I think he's still a bit green, Mazzyoonah is more experienced and it showed today."

Owen was fresh from success in another Sheikh Mansoor Festival race, the HH Sheikh Fatima bint Mubarak Cup in Belgium, where he also trained the first two home in Al Azeza for HH Sheikh Hamdan and Tijaary for his own syndicate, the James Owen Racing Club. Of that achievement he commented: "Al Azeza did it

well yesterday and Tijaary ran great too, he continues to improve. I'm pleased with how all the horses are running at the moment."

Jack Mitchell was recording his first ever win on an Arabian from just a handful of previous rides he said: "I just nursed her into it, and we got lucky as the race opened up for her when it mattered, and she did it well. She'll definitely improve for that run."

Genny Haynes, ARO Commercial and Finance Director said: "ARO warmly congratulates our Patron HH Sheikh Hamdan with his first UK Arabian victory of 2020. It has been a fantastic season for him here with his thoroughbreds, and we wish him continued success now our season is under-way."

"ARO is extremely grateful for the continued support of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, who have been sponsoring with us since 2011. This year has been an exceptional time with many new challenges and we also thank the British Horseracing Authority and Wolverhampton racecourses for the support and assistance in enabling our racing to go ahead."

Source: Arabian Racing Organisation.  
Photo: Debbie Burt



Trainer James Owen took first and second place in the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup stage held on September 13 in Hippodroom Waregem, Belgium.

The 1,600 meter race that was attended by eight horses - 3yo and more - and was won by Al Azeza (Munjiz x Ouassila Thabet) ridden by Stephen Hellyn under the colours of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Second place went to Tijaary conducted by Damien Artu, trained and owned by James Owen.

Pytha D.A (Hilal Al Zaman x Scheila D.A) under the saddle of Fabian Xavier Weissmeier, trained by Johan Vestrepen and owned by Kurdi Osama Mosli finished third.

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Text: Cidinha Franzão / Photo: Hippodroom Waregem

## 1-2 for James Owen in Waregem



## Equario, the Wathba Stallion Cup winner in Ploiesti



Equario kidnapped the title of the Al Wathba Stallions Cup race at the Ploiesti Hippodrome, Romanian Racecourse which was held on September 13, as part of the activities of the 12th edition of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival.

The holding of the festival race comes in implementation of the directives of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs. Seven 4yo and more horses competed in the 1,800 meter race in turf

The horse Equario (Pedagog x Equaria) by its owner Alexandru Ivan, under the supervision of C. Lucian and under the leadership of Sandu Oc-

tavian, named it in the records of the champions of the Wathba Stallion Cup, when it surpassed the Walala led by Luigi Toporan, trained by Guillaume Fillet for her owner Kinda-Maria Fillet.

The victory of the Polish-born horse came against an elite of Romanian horses and one horse representing Belgium, and managed to cover the race distance of 1,800 meters in a time of 2:17:00 minutes, while Uthifa came in third place, ridden by Szabolcs Bology for the trainer and owner Viorei Dabija.

Text: Cidinha Franzão / Photos: Ploiesti Hippodrome





The horse HM Jalfane under the training of Thomas Fourcy and led by Mlle. Laurie Follard won the Al Wathba Stallions Cup - Prix Flipper, which took place on the afternoon of Tuesday 08/09/2020, at the Hippodrome de Mont-de-Marsan, under the aegis of the twelfth edition of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival.

HM Jalfane was debuting in this Prix Flipper and Hassan Mousli & Nada Mousalli's representative did something to win. A bad start, and a few lengths behind the peloton early in the race, HM Halfane started to pull in on the rope side in the line in front.

The 2,000-meter race attracted 15 three-year-old purebred Arabian horses, which competed heavily for the 15,000 euro cash prize, after an interval of emotion and suspense during which

the winner was known just a few meters away.

HM Jalfane (Dahess x Al Musck by Azad) overtook A'Them Bahar (AF Albahar x Gold Label by Akbar) under the supervision of Elizabeth Bernard and led by Gary Sanchez, recording a time of 2:19:60 minutes, while Munir du Soleil took third place under the supervision of Thomas Fourcy and ridden by Julien Auge.

Laurie Foulard chose to progress along the rail in the straight line, avoiding the waves caused by A'Them Bahar. The latter, although floating a lot under the effort, finished strong, a short header from HM Jalfane. Munir du Soleil (Munjiz), coming on the outside, took a close third place. HM Halfane benefited from the discharge of Laurie Foulard, but he shows the means.

Photo: Hippodrome de Mont-de-Marsan

## HM Jalfane wins Prix Flipper at Mont-de-Marsan



## Al Shaamikh wins for new trainer Jessica Quinlan



The Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) was delighted for new trainer Jessica Quinlan who won the Wathba Stallions Cup Maiden Stakes with her first ever runner Al Shaamikh, ridden by Lewis Edmunds. The seven-furlong (1400m) contest was the first domestic race of the UK season, which opened the nine-race card at Wolverhampton on Saturday September 5.

Quinlan who started training from her Newmarket base earlier this year has three Arabians in her care, two of which, Al Shaamikh and Toufan Du Croate, are for the Qatari-based owner Mohammed Fahad Al-Attiyah. Of her success she commented: "I'm delighted, hopefully that won't be my only winner! Al Shaamikh is a game little horse; the race didn't quite go his way to start with. He didn't jump off quite as quickly as we'd hoped and because he was drawn on the inside, he had quite a lot of cover. As soon as Lewis got a bit of room, he galloped on through it and has won well."

"I wanted to see how both horses ran before making any firm plans as to what races would come next. Al Shaamikh could stay at this trip or we could go a bit further. Toufan Du Croate got away more quickly than we expected, but we thought this distance would probably be too sharp for him, he ran well but was outpaced in the final furlong. It's great to have my first runners and I'm pleased for the owner who has been very patient, waiting for the season to start."

Lewis Edmunds who was also recording his first win on an Arabian said: "He was green to begin with and a bit unsure of himself when we were in the pack, racing on and off the bit. When

we turned for home he was always staying on and I could see the horse in front starting to idle, which helped him - having a horse to aim at. I think there's definitely a lot more improvement in him."

2019 ARO champion trainer James Owen had five horses entered of which the newcomers Sattam for his James Owen Racing Club and Wanaasa for HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum were second and third, confirmed by a photo finish.

The Wathba Stallions Cup series has been an integral part of the UK Arabian racing calendar for many years and their next sponsored race will be held at Wolverhampton on Monday September 14. The series is a popular addition to the Arabian racing programme worldwide and is run as part of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

Genny Haynes, ARO Commercial and Finance Director said: "ARO is delighted for Jessica Quinlan's success with Al Shaamikh. It is great to see a young trainer, new to the sport and with no previous connections to Arabian racing gain her first winner, from her first two runners. ARO is extremely grateful for the continued support of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, who have been sponsoring with us since 2011. This year has been an exceptional time with many new challenges and we also thank the British Horseracing Authority and Wolverhampton racecourses for the support and assistance in enabling our racing to go ahead."

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# Shadad wins Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup in Spain



The Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (listed race) and the Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup took place at San Sebastian racetrack in Spain. In the second race for 4yo, 3 of the 5 participating horses had their first race.

Shadad (TM Fred Texas x Nasrat by Amer) added a new Stakes race to his record when giving a fine demonstration on the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup at San Sebastian, Spain on September 2.

The Al Shaqab Racing's homebred gelding is trained by Charles Gourdain and was already a Group winner last year as a three-year-old.

With Maxime Foulon in the saddle, the grey sat prominently in this five-runner race and, in the straight, pulled clear of his rivals. Despite drifting off his line into the centre of the track, he secured an easy one and a quarter-length victory.

Al Shaqab Racing & Nada Moussali-owned Zalej Al Cham (Azadi x Al Kahira) was the runners up, securing a one-two for the silver and maroon colours. He is trained by Thomas Fourcy and was ridden by Jerome Cabre.

Mohamed Bin Fahad Al Attiyah's Miss Boum Al Maury (Boum De Ghazal x Melody Al Maury by Way to Go) was a further length behind, completing a fully-Qatari coloured frame. The Mrs JF Bernard-trained bay filly was ridden by Antoine Werle.

Shadad is by Al Shaqab stallion TM Fred Texas. He is out of the Amer mare Nasrat. He is her first winner recorded on France Galop. Nasrat is a daughter of the excellent producer Nerva de Cassou, the dam of Nizam amongst others.

Photos: Hipódromo de San Sebastián



# Guinness D'Violettes wins HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup

In the second race of the day, HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup, jockey Antoine Werle, who finished third in the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup, led Guinness D'Violettes (AF Albarhar x Usa des Violettes by Akbar) to the victory.

Six horses participated in the race over a distance of 1,600 m and with a total prize of 8,000 euros. After a very well-balanced and exciting race, Guinness D'Vi-alettes trained by Mme. Jean François Bernard and owned by Jean-Pierre Raynal, won by 0.75 lengths of difference the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Cup.

Munjiz's two grandson, by sire line and trained by Thomas Fourcy, finished second and third: Hazzam and Halisco.

Al Shaqab Racing's Hazzam (Al Mamun Monlau by Munjiz x Fidwah by Amer), was ridden by Jerome Cabre and Halisco (Josco du Cayrou by

Munjizx Johalina by Octavius) was conducted by Julien Grosjean.

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Photos: Hipódromo de San Sebastián



The four race of day in the Wathba Stallions Cup series (Nagroda Emaela) was won by Mantaa trained by Maciej Janikowski. The mare in the finish turned out to be unexpectedly the best under Aleksander Reznikov. The highly favored Farielle disappointed. Celebryk and Pilargo from Janów fought a fierce fight for the second place, who, despite his exterior background, is doing well on the track. Mantaa has obtained an additional bonus of 5000 EUR for its breeder and owner, Zbigniew Górski.

The Wathba Stallions Cup – Nagroda Emae-

la was held in Poland at Tor Sluzewiec Racetrack and was run on August 30 over

In the paddock, the winners were decorated by the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, His Excellency Dr. Abdulrahim Yousef Alawadhi and the Second Secretary of the UAE Embassy Mr. Ahmed Almansoori, accompanied by Tomasz Chalimoniuk - President of the Polish Horse Racing Club and Board Member of Totalizator Sportowy Bogdan Pukowiec.

Source and photos: Tor Sluzewiec Racetrack



Mantaa is the winner in Warsaw



Shadwan Al Khalediah won the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan race

The Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan race - The European Award (Nagroda Europy, G3) was won by Shadwan Al Khalediah under Szczepan Mazur. It was the third victory of the horse owned by Al Khalediah Polska on this prestigious day. Shadwan's trainer, like Amwaj Al Khalediah, who won the Sabellina Prize half an hour later, is Maciej Kacprzyk.

The GR3 Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup was held in Poland at Tor Sluzewiec Racetrack and was run on August 30 2600 m in demanding ground.

On a highly flexible treadmill, Shadwan Al Khalediah led in his own style. From time to time the stallion jumped over standing puddles, but despite everything he maintained a significant advantage over the horses running to the next position from Sweden – Afja'an and Ayman.

Then the peloton, led by Bandolero, galloped, followed closely by the Wielki Dakris (ridden by Srnec, Martin finished third). Bandolero and Ayman attacked, and widely, in the wake of Shadwan, was Dragon. In the middle of the straight, only Shadwan and Dragon (ridden by Reznikov, Alexander finished second) who were trying to attack him were fighting for victory.

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Source and photos: Tor Sluzewiec Racetrack







## Gaby de Faust wins Prix Alban Jamme – Wathba Stallions Cup

The Hippodrome de Royan Atlantique La Palmyre, France, hosted on August 30 a meeting of 10 Arabian horses aged four or more, for the Prix Alban Jamme - Wathba Stallions Cup played in 1,600 meters in turf, with a purse of 12,000 euros

After a very balanced dispute between the top five places, Gaby de Faust very well led by Guillaume Guedj-Gay wins by a nose of difference over Nayar Athbah that was set up by Gary Sanchez.

Trained by D. Watrigant and owned by Mme Laura Perez, Gaby de Faust is the son of Dahess x Voltah by Njeuman, and breeding from SARL Haras de Saint-Faust.

The runner-up, Nayar Athbah (AF Albahar x Sifflet Al Maury by Akbar) is trained by Mme JF. Bernard and is breeding from Athbah Stud Limited and Mohammed Alhuzami is the owner.

Trained by Julian Smart and owned by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalif Al Thani (Al Shahania Stud of Qatar), Ghali Al Athman (Harran ASF x Al Nefor by Amer), crossed in third place ridden by Damien Morin.

Text: Cidinha Franzão / Photos: Hippodrome de Royan Atlantique La Palmyre



## Hazim Al Khalediah winner in Poland

In the race for the Trafa Award, held as part of the Wathba Stallions Cup, on August 16 at Tor Sluzewiec racecourse in Warsaw for young Polish-bred Arabians, two favorites, Hazim Al Khalediah (Kasir Al Khalediah x WFA Harmony by Djebbel) and Hefira Grand, drove off their rivals.

The 1800 m race for 3-year-old Arabian horses was attended by 13 animals.

The stallion led by Szczepan Mazur imposed a strong and steady pace.

The mare left the group of horses and set off in pursuit, but the mare ridden by Daria Pantchev did not manage to defeat her most dangerous rival.

Ridden by K. Grzybowski, Kenjiy finished in third place.

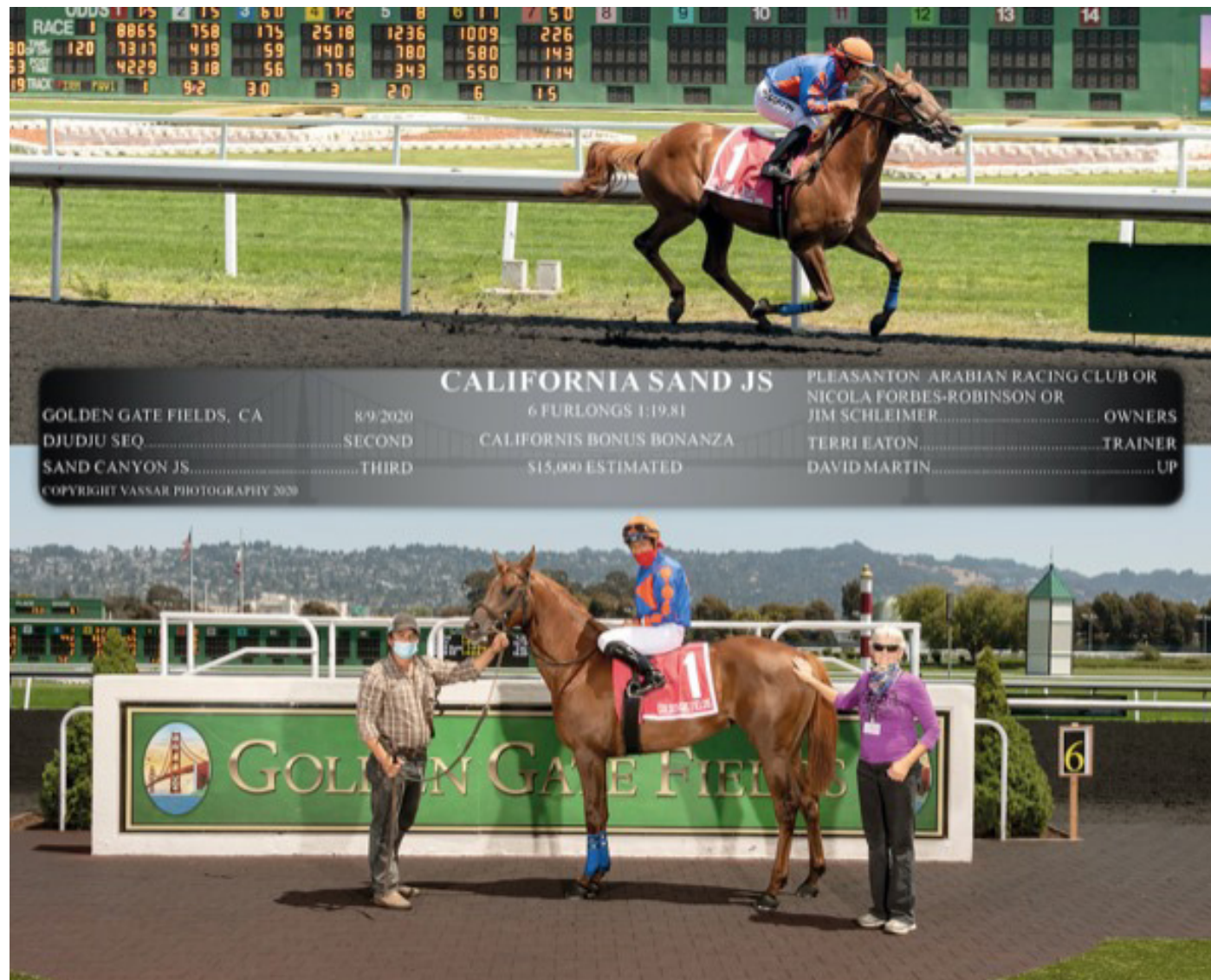
Hazima Al Khalediah trains in Służewiec Maciej Kacprzyk.

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# California Sand JS wins 2nd race of Wathba Stallions Bonanza Stakes



The second race of the Wathba Stallions Bonanza series run at Golden Gate Fields on tapeta and California Sand JS (Burning Sand X Summer Reign CS) was ridden with precision by David Martin and ended in a sweeping home run by an impressive six lengths. The Terri Eaton - trained colt by Burning Sand is owned by N. Forbes Robinson and J. Schleimer and leased by PARC Racing Club. This makes three wins for three races for this talented Burning Sand JS colt and second consecutive win at the Wathba Stallions Bonanza Stakes Series.

The connections also had third place Sand Canyon JS. Coming in second place was Djudju Seq.

The winner's share of the \$15,000 prize money sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival and the winning time was 1:19:81.

J. Schleimer and N. Forbes Robinson will also receive Cal-Bred bonus award funds for Breeder and Owner of California Sand JS (Burning Sand x California Reign CS) and Sand Canyon JS (Burning Sand x Reign Supreme).

The third and final race of the Wathba Stallions Bonanza Stakes Series is set for 17 October at Pleasanton, California.

Source and photo: Arabian Racing Association of California

H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani had a new winner on Saturday, 15 August, when Antar (Al Mamun Monlau x Al Dahma) ran out the impressive winner of the Premio Sheikh Mansoor Festival Maiden, a mile for three-year-old and older Purebred Arabians. The three-year-old colt is trained in France by Didier Guillemin and this was his first win, following two promising second places and a fifth in the Qatar Coupe de France des Pur-Sang Arabes (Gr2 PA).

The runners were sharply away over 1,600 metres on the Spanish track of San Sebastián, with Antar sitting just behind the leaders with no cover. The jockeys took the field towards the outside of the track to find the better ground.

Coming into the turn, the pace steadied and they came back to the rail, with Antar sitting on the rail behind the pace setter Bovary de Pompadour (Madjani x Berenice Royale). Perfectly placed coming off the turn into the straight, jockey Emilien Revolte sat quietly with plenty of confidence in his mount before unleashing him in the final 200 metres. With great ease, Antar took the lead and won by almost two lengths

under top weight from a fast finishing Rannan (No Risk Al Maury x Pralinedo).

The bay colt Antar, also bred by H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani, is by Al Shaqab Racing Purebred Arabian sire Al Mamun Monlau, who stands at Haras du Grand Courgeon. He is out of the prolific Al Dahma (Amer) – the winner of 25 races from the ages of 3 to 8. She recorded notable wins, including the Gr1s PA: the Coupe d'Europe des Chevaux Arabes PA (three times), the French Arabian Breeders' Cup Mile PA, the HH The Amir Sword PA (twice), the Qatar International Trophy PA (four times), the HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani Trophy PA, the Qatar National Day Trophy PA (twice), the Dubai International Stakes PA, the President Cup, and the Malazgirt Trophy. After generating the champion Yazeed (Munjiz), Al Dahma has also produced Marid (TM Fred Texas), a dual Gr1 PA winner, and the top-rated French colt of 2018, and Chamekh (Munjiz), whose third racecourse appearance was in the HH Amir Sword (Gr1 PA).

Source: QREC/JDG. Photo: Hipódromo de San Sebastián

## Antar a new winner for H.H. Sh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani







## Consistent Mountasir wins in Spain

Mountasir (Tabarak x Basilic d'Elíos) landed a second victory in the Premio Wathba Stallion Cup at San Sebastian, Spain on Sunday, 9 August.

Bred and owned by H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani, he was the hot favorite of this race. It was his first attempt over the distance of 1,500m.

Trained by Thomas Fourcy, Mountasir won a nice race earlier this year in France and has proved to be a very consistent competitor in all of his four starts. Ridden by Jerome Cabre, he jumped well to take the lead before the first bend, followed by Gaby de Faust (Dahess).

In the straight, Mountasir was headed by Gaby de Faust, but Mountasir showed he is not only

talented but also tough. When Jerome Cabre asked him, he stormed to the retake the lead and win comfortably. Natalma Al Maury (Dahess) finished in second, just in front of Gaby de Faust.

Mountasir is a son of Tabarak, champion racehorse for H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani. He is a grandson of the famous French mare Bergeronnette (Djouran), the origin of numerous top-class Purebred Arabian racehorses, including the Gr1 PA winners Amyr du Soleil (Amer), Mahess du Soleil (Dahess), Dahor de Brugère (Dahess).

Source: QREC/JDG. Photo: Hipódromo de San Sebastián

Maghamir des Forges (Mahabb x Djezabel des Forges by Al Sakbe) landed a first victory in the Prix Danbik – Wathba Stallions Cup at Pompadour, France, on Sunday, 9 August, evening. This was a first success in France for the colours of Nasser Bin Saeed Al-Eida. It was also a first run on the fibre-sand for the David Morisson-trained gelding.

Maghamir des Forges had a good start, close to the pacesetter Ijaba V (Jalnar Al Khalidiah). Ridden by Damien Morin, the future winner was third at the end of the bend. The Pompadour track is a very challenging one, with a climbing straight and Maghamir des Forges was headed by Ijaba V and Almaajid (No Risk Al Maury).

However, he proved to be the strongest and he quite easily took the lead. Ghassan de Montamel (Al Mamun Monlau) finished second thanks to a very pleasant effort in the last furlong. Gebreel de Carrere (Nieshan) was third.

Maghamir des Forges was bred by Catherine de Robert Labarthe and Stéphane Dubois. His dam is the sister for the champion mare Djainka des Forges (Kerbella), winner of the Qatar Arabian World Cup (Gr1 PA), the Hatta International Stakes (Gr1 PA) and the Qatar Arabian Trophy des Pouliches (Gr1 PA).

Source: JDG/QREC. Photos: AFAC

## Maghamir des Forges wins for the first time





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The 4-year-old Purebred Arabian Kabeer (Mared Al Sahra x Nisae by Dormane) landed his first victory by a nose in the Prix Arca – Wathba Stallions Cup (maiden) at La Teste-de-Buch, France, on August 5.

He is owned by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani and this race was his seasonal comeback and also his first attempt over a mile. The last time out, in September, the Julian Smart-trained colt had finished third over 10 furlongs.

Under the saddle of Olivier Peslier, Miss Boum Al Maury (Boum de Ghazal x Melody Al Maury by Maneira de Ir) led the race with a very steady pace while Kabeer, ridden by Clément Cadel, sat in fourth position. Wearing blinkers, he showed a nice turn of foot in the straight. He had to battle with Nayar Athbah (AF Albahar x Sifflet Al Maury by Akbar) and Zalej Al Cham (Azadi x Al Kahira by Akbar) before taking the lead.

The Al Shaqab Racing-owned colt Zalej Al Cham, trained by Thomas Fourcy and ridden by Julien Auge, finished in second.

Bred by Al Shahania Stud, Kabeer is the broth-

er of Nimr ASF (Amer) winner of The Heir Apparent Sword, Mkeefa (Amer) winner of three Gr1s (PA) including the Qatar Arabian World Cup and Chaddad (Mared Al Sahra) winner of the Qatar Arabian Trophy des Poulains (Gr1 PA).

His sire Mared Al Sahra (Amer x Massamarie by Tidjani) is standing for HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

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Source: JDG/QREC. Photo: Robert Polin

## Kabeer records first victory



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Racing Statistics Pure Arabian Season  
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Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda was awarded the TOP OWNER of UAE for the Racing Season 2018-2019 (Mr. Karl Oertel (R) receiving the trophy)

Mr Ernst Oertel as the TOP TRAINER.

Tadhg O'Shea as the TOP JOCKEY with the highest wins for the season



“Statistics and records are there to be broken”  
Tadhg O'Shea - 1st Place Jockeys  
Racing Statistics Pure Arabian Season  
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# Emberator wins Prix Dahman for Al Shaqab Racing



Emberator (Munjiz x Zenhobie by Dormane), broke his maiden for Al Shaqab Racing at Dax, France, on Tuesday, 4 August, in Dax, France, and was champion of the 23rd round of the Al Wathba Stallions Cup series, in which 12 horses participated with a prize of 15,000 Euros.

This 3-year-old Purebred Arabian, who is trained in Pau by Charles Gourdain, won by a short head in front of Nafe'eh (No Risk Al Maury x Mangadore by Manganate), trained by Thomas Fourcy and ridden by Jerome Cabre with Sarhan (Mared Al Sahra x Alghasa by Arawak d'Aroco), trained by François Rohaut and ridden by Valentin Seguy just over a length further back in third.

Both the second and third run in the colours

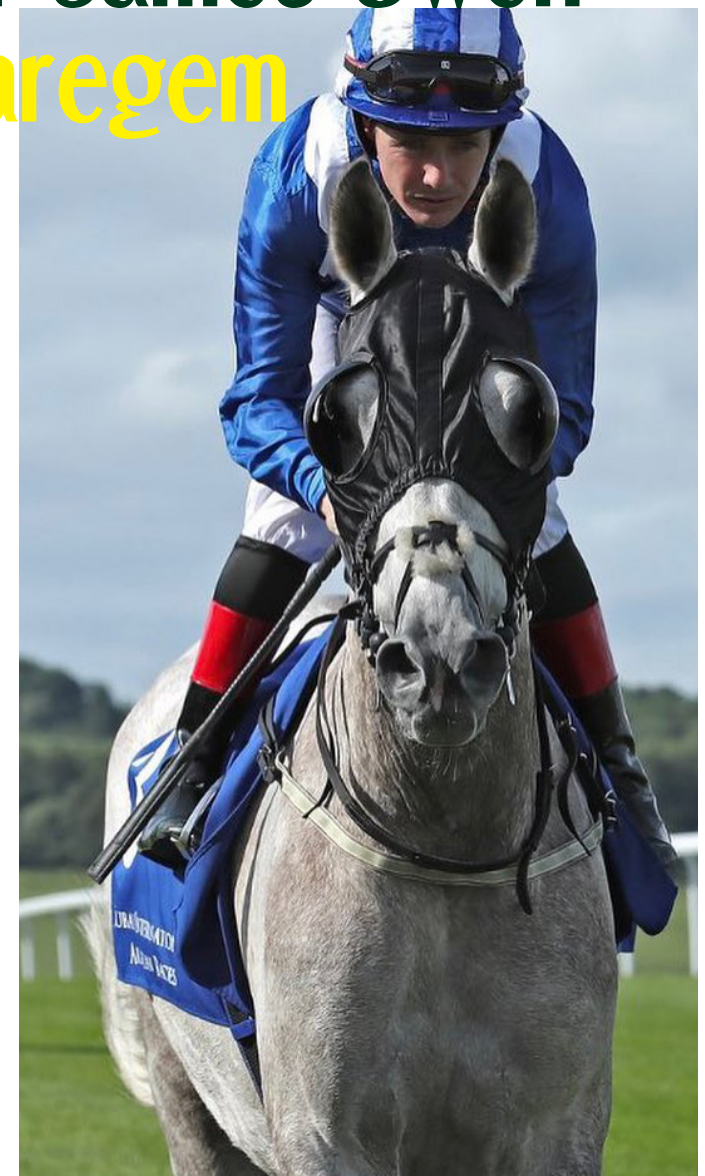
of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani, who also bred both colts.

Emberator was ridden here by Ioritz Mendizabal and is trained by Charles Gourdain. It was his first attempt at this distance of 2,300m, having run twice before over shorter trips finishing fourth on his previous start over 1,900m.

Emberator was bred by Mathieu de Watrigant and comes from the most successful bloodline of French Purebred Arabian breeders Haras de Mandore. His third dam is none other than French Champion mare Cherifa.

Source: AFAC/JDG with inputs Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Robert Polin

# Double win for James Owen in Waregem



Congratulations to HH Sh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Shadwell Stud, trainer James Owen for the great win of Alameen, ridden by Stephan Breux, in first place and Emiraaty, ridden by Stephen Hellyn, for second place at Wathba Stallions Cup held on August 3, in Waregem, Belgium.

Emiraaty seeks the title of the round for HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Governor of Dubai and Minister of Finance, competing with his stablemate Alameen, who wins the race.

Mme Jean-François Bernard wins third and fourth places for owner Marcel Mezy with Mishwan de Piboul, led by jockey Tracy Menuet and Halwicha de Bozouls with Gary Sanchez

The Purebre Arabian race over 1,600 m for 3yo+ with 12 runners, builds the start of the raceday in Belgium. Today; with a total prize of

5,000 euros, the race attracted 10 horses from Belgium, Holland, France and the UK and was full of excitement and parity.

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# 1-3 for Viorel Dabija in the first race of the

## Wathba Stallions Cup in Romania



The first stage of Wathba Stallions Cup in Romania was held on August 2 where six runners fought for the victory at Ploiesti racetrack over 1.800m. The next race will be on September 13.

The race was won by Valentin Atanasov (BG) aboard the stallion Zorab, 5yo (RO), trained and owned by Viorel Dabija (RO).

The race was on 1.800m with stargate on Hippodrome Ploiesti, near Bucharest, the capital city of Romania.

At the stargate were seven horses and on the half of race Zorab was on 4<sup>th</sup> after that he earned step by step until winning the race; and due to pandemic, the race was behind closed doors.

Only a limited number of persons apart from the trainers and grooms were allowed on the track.

"I am very proud of my stallion. Zorab. I would like to thank you to HH Sheikh Mansoor

Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Festival for sponsoring the races in Romania and, also, many thanks to Lara Sawaya for her continuous support", said Dabija who also won third place with Uthifa ridden by Octavian Sandu.

Second place went to trainer Contantin Ancuta's Nedjari XIII that was conducted by Dan Tufanoiu.

The race is carried out according to the guidelines of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Presidential Affairs, in line with the festival's strategy of supporting owners and breeders in most countries in the world and motivating them to increase interest in the Arabian horse.

Source: Viorel Dabija and Cidinha Franzão / Photos: Courtesy Viorel Dabija

# Alsayyad wins Prix de Sables for Royal Cavalry of Oman



Lucas Armand won the Prix des Sables-Wathba Stallions Cup with Alsayyad, a mare trained by Philippe Sogorb on behalf of the Royal Cavalry of Oman, on July 26 at Pompadour. The race with 1.700 m was for horses 4 years old and above with a purse of 12.000 €.

Alsayyad (Josco du Cayrou x Frida de Faust by Tidjani) bred and owned by Royal Cavalry of Oman finished first and was followed by Madja du Loup (Majd Al Arab x Fee du Loup by Akbar)

ridden by Emilien Revolte and trained by Thierry Lemmer and Ijaba V(Jalnar Al Khalidiah x Matmata by Chahata) conducted by Clement Merille and trained bu Charles Gourdain in second and third places respectively.

Source: AFAC – Association Française du Cheval Arabe de Course / Photos provided by Maxime Dupuy





# My Belle du Soleil is champion of the Prix Mangalie d'Albret

The little sister of Amyr du Soleil (Amer) immediately won in the Prix Mangalie d'Albret - Wathba Stallions Cup (Maiden). Patiently climbed by Vincent Cheminaud, in the middle of the peloton, on the outside, My Belle du Soleil (General x Balladore by Dormane) came in open stretch, taking the advantage 300m from the post.

The skillful My Belle du Soleil was crowned champion in the 18th round of the Al Wathba Stallions Cup Series-Prix Mangalie d'Albret, which took place on July 25 at La Teste de Buch Racecourse within the calendar of the 12th HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Festival for Arabian Breed Horses.

No one could question her superiority, not even her training companion Alawsj (Dahor de Brugère x Bint Jakkarta by AF Albahar), ridden by

Jerome Cabre, who finished second at a length and a half.

My Belle du Soleil is trained by Thomas Fourcy, who explained to Equidia: "These are two serious fillies that had work. They are lighter and more easier than the colts who started in the previous race. Now that she has won her maiden, My Belle du Soleil can go to the Breeders'Cup and then to the Gr1 of the l'Arc weekend. But, for that, it will have to be managed well, because it is not imposing. She'll have to keep enough substance until the fall. This is what we will set out to do".

My Belle du Soleil porte les couleurs du Qatari Ali Hamad Al Attiya et lui a été vendue par Paul Basquin.

The 1900 meter turf race received a record number of horses: 17 fillies at the age of just three years old who competed heavily in the race whose purse was 15,000 euros.



# Kanaan wins in Mont-de-Marsan

An imposing type, Kanaan (Sarrah x Shamayl by Kesberoy) needed to get back in the groove after a lengthy absence. Tackling a mile for the first time, the Yas Horse Racing runner scored an easy success in the Prix Burkeguy-Wathba Stallions Cup, which was held on July 24, at the French Racecourse in Mont-de-Marsan.

After initially occupying a mid-division berth in this small field, Kanaan patiently bided his time as Hilal Al Cham (Hilal Al Zaman) tried to make all. In mid-stretch, Ioritz Mendizabal had yet to ask Kanaan a serious question. However, an effective ability to quicken soon settled the issue as the latter easily pulled clear of Askar (Munjiz x Abigaille by Dormane), ridden by Valentin Seguy. It was a close run thing for minor honours as Barada Al Cham (AF Albahar x Al Ryma by Akbar) shaded third.

Granted the good to soft ground, the final

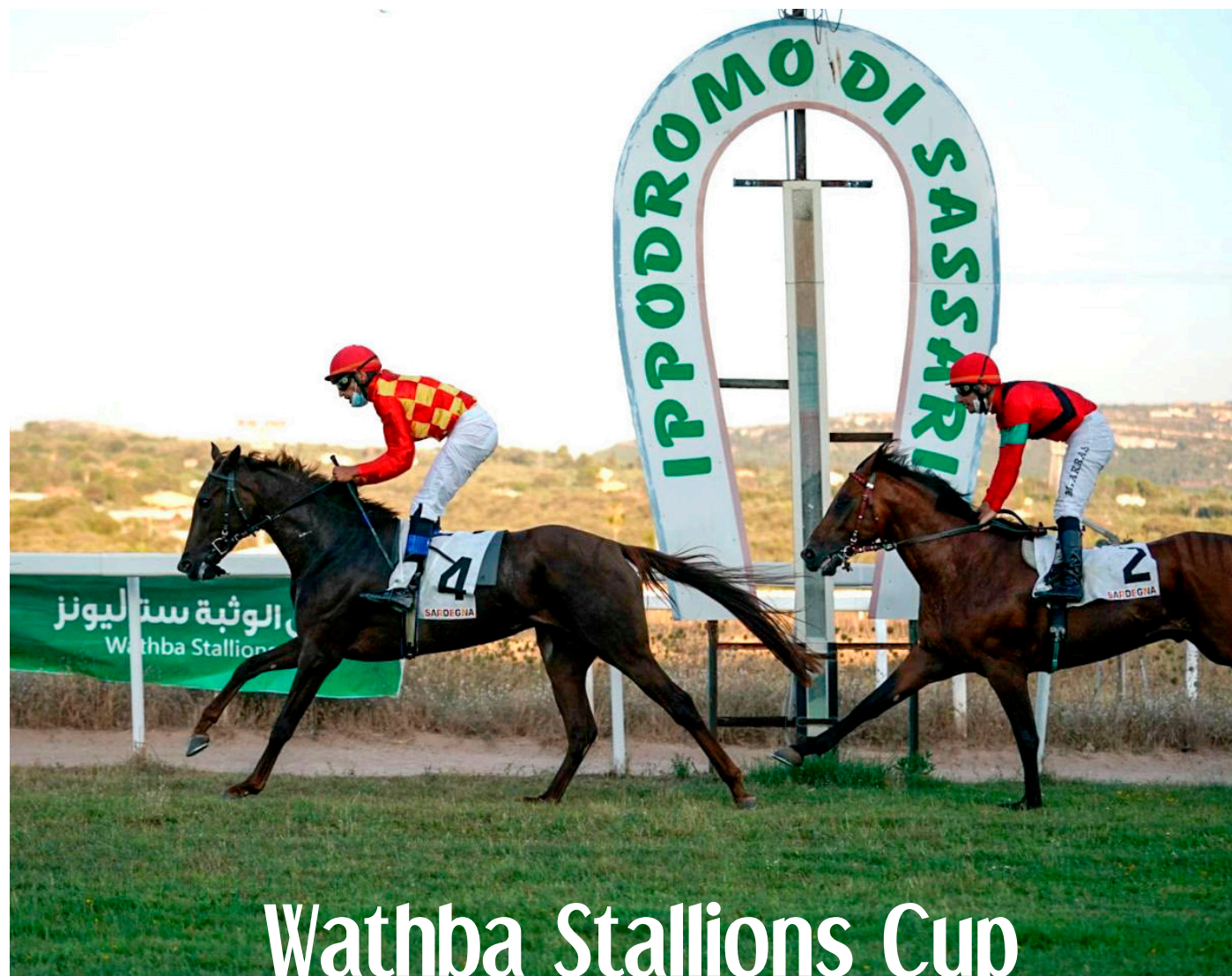
time (1'42"60) is remarkable because the winner was given a hands and heels ride.

Didier Guillemin, the winning trainer, said: "He did it easily. He's a somewhat heavy-topped horse, and his previous races have done him a power of good. He has stepped up markedly on previous form. Last season, he was sidelined for almost a year. It has taken time for him to reach peak fitness. Besides, Kanaan is a very straight forward, honest type. He really gives his all and it's a great feeling of satisfaction. I thought that the 1,600m (1m) trip would be on the sharp side for him, but no. He's adapted very well. He may prove very effective over distances ranging from 1,600 (1m) to 2,000m (10f). I haven't really given his future assignments much thought."

Source: AFAC/JDG. Photo: Robert Polin







## Wathba Stallions Cup also in Sassari

On Friday 24 July, the Emirati sponsor Wathba Stallions Cup gave his name to a 3-year PSA race at the Sassari racecourse. The maiden took place on 1,500 meters.

In the final, the winning shot was that of Bel-lagioia (Filindeu x Missambra), ridden by Michael Rossini, bred by Antonio Conti son and heir of that great, far-sighted character of the Sardinian gallop that corresponds to the name of Franceschino Conti. In her 3rd race the filly, trained by Cosimo Congiu for owner Gianluca Taccori, won with 1.25 length.

In second place went Bantu de Zamaglia (Sa-haat x Elena di Zamaglia), ridden by Maikol Arras, homebred of the partner Luigi Filippo Comidda. The podium was completed by Bidunelle di Barbagia (L'indagatto x Olga de Gavoi), ridden by Andrea Fele, with the jacket of partner Alfiero Mereu, bred by partner Domenico Soru.

The Sassari conference opened with another race for the Purebre Arabians, this time for 4 years or more, again on 1,500 meters in which Aquila Nera (Ameretto x Toeris) was the first to cross the finish line. Manuela Daverio's standard bearer has been in training for some time in Sardinia in the stable of Mariatina Floris.

Returning to the Wathba Stallions Cup Circuit, the Sassari race was the third in the series (after Rome and Florence) and will continue in September with the double appointment on September 19 in Chilivani with the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Cup (Listed Race) and the Wathba Stallions Cup, while in autumn it will end with the Roman appointment on 18 October and the Milanese one on 25 October.

Source: Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo / Photo di Monica Scano



## Fiorentine debut in the Wathba Stallions Cup

On Thursday 23 July, the Visarno racecourse in Florence hosted the first races for the Purebred Arabian Horses in its long and glorious history: just think that the Corsa dell'Arno is the oldest race in Italy, even more so than the Italian Derby.

The Florentine debut was in great style because the two races both had high level Emirati sponsors.

Let's start with the three-year-old horse race sponsored by the Wathba Stallions Cup. ANICA has always played an important role in connecting between the Italian racecourses and the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival in Abu Dhabi and its general manager Lara Sawaya.

The 1,800-meter race was dominated by rookie Gandalf de Pompadour (Hilal Al Zaman x Ghaiaadaa), ridden by Antonio Fresu, owned by Iraqi Mohammad Al Nujaifi and Englishwoman Val Bunting who have become ANICA members since this year. The two have several horses in training in Italy. In second place Belshatsar (Dahess x Win Taouy), ridden by Alberto Sanna, who preceded a still immature Conan by Luelle

(Logudorese x Luelle), first of the Italians, bred by Marta Balducci and belonging to the partner Massimiliano Narduzzi.

Both Gandalf de Pompadour and Belshatsar are trained by Endo Botti Galoppo Snc.

The other race, reserved for horses aged 4 and over, was sponsored by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Emirates Breeders Program. On the 2,000 meters, the undefeated Octopus Premier (Ameretto x Mak'Leopatre) confirmed himself and now has five victories out of as many races disputed.

The Florentine one suffered more than the others due to the reaction of Forgehill Chico (Hilal Al Zaman x Change of Scent) with third place Flore des Violettes (Hilal Al Zaman x Usa des Violettes). The first of the Italians was Abu di Gallura (Abu Aleramat x Elettra de Nulvi), bred by his partner Giovanna Picconi, trained and owned by a new entry in the sector: Simone Fiorentini.

Source: Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo



# Mayar Al Khalediya wins in Warsaw



The half-brother of Fazy Al Khalediah - Mayar Al Khalediah (Nashwan Al Khalidiah x Assma Al Khalediah by Amer) made a phenomenal impression in the race for the Bork Prize (Nagroda Borka), stage in Poland of Wathba Stallions Cup series, on July 18, at Tor Służewiec, Warsaw.

In the competition for the Bork Prize, Szczepan Mazur challenged the opponents, riding the favored Mayar Al Khalediah. The stallion, galloping "in hand", led at an extremely strong pace.

Meanwhile, Szczepan Mazur, at the exit to the straight, "asked" Mayar for more. It became clear that the competitors would only fight for second place.

Mayar Al Khalediah won arbitrarily, with an advantage of 11 lengths, in a very good time on 1800 m - 2'03.3 ". Hazim Al Khalediah quickly

finished from a far position, overtaking the tired Hadjar in the end.

In the fight for fourth place, Pressus slightly defeated Celebryk. The tremendous progress that Mayar Al Khalediah is making from start to start allows him to see him as a horse that, like Fazy Al Khalediah, will count in major international races.

Trained by Michał Borkowski, Mayar Al Khalediah is the half-brother of one of the best Arabs in the world - Fazy Al Khalediah (by Jalnar Al Khalidiah).

Source: <http://torsluzewiec.pl/> with inputs Cidinha Franzão. Photo: <http://torsluzewiec.pl/>

# California Sand JS wins in Pleasanton



California Sand JS (Burning Sand x Summer Reign CS by Kador de Blaziet) is the winner in the first of the Triple Series races for the California Wathba Stallions Cup Bonanza Stakes.

The first race of the Triple Series was held on July 18, at Pleasanton, California; disputed on five and one half furlongs, on the dirt, for 3-years-old and more and had a purse of \$15,000.00.

Trained by Terri Eaton, California Sand JS (Burning Sand x Summer Reign CS) was ridden by David Martin and is owned by N. Forbes-Robinson and J. Schleimer.

Djudju SEQ (Baseq Al Khalediah x Djewell by Calin du Loop) under Cristobal Herrera crossed second and AA Rich Whiskey (TH Richie x Salsa Dancer CS by Line Dancer) with Leonel Camacho-Flores crossed third.

The Wathba Stallions Bonanza Stakes is sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

## 2020 California Wathba Stallions Bonanza Stakes

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**First Race: 18 July**, Cal Expo at Pleasanton, California - Estimated Purse \$15,000.00, 5 1/2 furlongs, 3-year-old and up.

**Second Race: 9 August**, Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa, at Golden Gate Fields, California - Estimated Purse \$15,000.00, 6 furlongs, 3-year-old and up.

**Final Race: 17 October**, Fresno, California - Estimated Purse \$20,000.00, 6 furlongs Allowance Race: Horses 3 years and up.

Source: Arabian Racing Association of California / Vasser Photography



## Mysshwan De Pibul wins in Belgium



Marcel Mézy's Mysshwan De Piboul mare, under the supervision of Elizabeth Bernard and under the leadership of Tracy Menuet, won the thirteenth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup series, held on the night of Monday, July 6, in Waregem Koerse, Belgium, in the activities of the 12th edition of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival.

The 1,600-meter turf race is dedicated to purebred Arabian horses aged three or more, with a total cash prize of 5,000 euros, attracted nine horses from Belgium, the Netherlands, France and the UK.

The victory of Nashwan Al Khalidiya's descending heroine came in a surprise entrance from the inner path and a difference of 0.75 length, ahead of two animals from HH Sh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and trained by James Owens: Alameen, in second place conducted by Stephan Breux and Emiraaty, ridden by Stephen Hellyn.

Photo: Courtesy of the OC



## Sayaad wins Prix De Bournazel on his debut



The three-year-old Purebred Arabian Sayaad (Daess x Al Shahania Aseala by Arawak D'Aroco), a homebred for H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani, won the Prix De Bournazel – Wathba Stallions Cup on his debut at Pompadour, France on Sunday 5 July. Sayaad is trained by Thomas Fourcy and was ridden by Mlle. Laurie Foulard.

The Prix De Bournazel was the twelfth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup under the guidance of HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, according to the festival's strategy, with the aim of supporting owners and breeders in most countries in the world and motivating them to increase interest in the Arabian horse.

The black colt broke out well of the starting stalls and sat in fourth position, with the runners very strung out on the sand track, with the pace-setter Heros Des Vialettes (Seraphin Du Paon x

Star Des Violettes by Dormane) running very free.

Coming up the middle of the straight, Sayaad was very green and received two smacks of the whip, but ultimately he was the best horse in the six-furlong race for three-year-old maidens.

Despite his inexperience, he went two lengths in front of his nearest rival. Zulfaa (Rabbah de Carrerre x Bluedream by Akbar), trained by D. Morisson, was the runner-up under Maxime Foulon.

Trainer E. Dell'Ova's ward Rahi UAE (Nieshan x Barasti by Robbie) was further 4½ lengths behind in third under Gary Sanchez.

Source: QREC/JDG with inputs of Cidinha Franzão / Photo: Maxime Dupuis



## Rasmi Al Khalidiyah wins 11th round of Al Wathba Cup



Rasmi Al Khalidiyah proved way too good for his rivals in the Group 1 Wathba Stallions Cup race at Sluzewiec Racecourse in Warsaw, Poland, on June 28, winning the 1600m turf contest by a massive 15 lengths.

The race was part of the 12th edition of the Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival and run under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs.

Trained by Janusz Kozłowski, the 3yo Nayef Al Khalediah colt was always in control and stormed clear to win with minimal fuss under rider V Popov with a time of 1:50.60s.

Finishing second was Sidane, while Pilargo took third a further length and a quarter behind. Toulouse hosted a Wathba Stallions Cup double header, both of which were won by Thomas Fourcy-trained horses.

Source: <https://www.aladiyat.ae/> Photo: Monika Metza-Jodłowska / Mateusz Błaszczak

## Astral del Sol, champion in Rome



Tuesday 23 June, after those already played in Sardinia, the races for the Pure Arabian Bred returned to the Roman Ippodromo de Capannelle.

Astral del Sol, ridden by Antonio Fresu and trained by Christiana and Endo Botti, crowned owner Al Nujaifi Racing LTD, champion of the tenth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup.

Two races on the bill, the most important of which was the Wathba Stallions Cup, first of eight races for which ANICA (Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo) got sponsorship for this year of HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival.

The race was reserved for 3-year-old horses over the distance of 1,500 meters and many of the starters were making their debut. It was just a debutant to win, Astral del Sol (Hilal Al Zaman x A l'Envolee del Sol by Kesberoy) belonging to

a foreign ANICA associate: the Al Nujaifi Racing Ltd team.

The race, held on the turf track, was characterized by strength and challenge, mainly because these horses were trying to write their name in the champions' records to go to stardom in Italy and later in Europe.

Astral del Sol preceded three horses born and bred in Italy. Second came Conan by Luelle (Logudorese x Luelle) trained by Massimiliano Narduzzi and ridden by Germano Marcelli, just ahead of Ballad (Damis x Qatarh - breeder the partner Pietro Putzu) of the T.S.A. S.R.L., partner.

The marker was completed by Francesco Detori ridden-Borello Dibarbagi (Filindeu x Ombretta de Gavoi - breeder by the partner Domenico Soru) belonging to Alfiero Mereu and trained by Fabrizio Pinna, winner of his debut in Chilivani.





Martedì 23 giugno 2020 Ippodromo delle Capannelle  
Premio PREMIO KLARNET EX SHEIKH MANSOOR  
Antonio Fresu con OCTOPUS PREMIER  
Scuderia M.Daverio, Trainer E. Botti  
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Antonio Fresu and Octopus Premier

### Octopus Premier won his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive race

Exactly one year to the day after his debut, Octopus Premier (Ameretto x Mak'Leopatre by Dormane) won his 4th consecutive race, the Premio Klarnet Ex Sheikh Mansoor Cup, in Rome on 23 June. The four-year-old son of the Amer stallion Ameretto thus started his 2020 racing season as he finished it last year: as winner and under Italian jockey Antonio Fresu, who forms a winning team over all four rides with Octopus Premier.

A total of 4 victories in four starts with Octopus Premier makes one think a little bit of his successful sire, who among other races won the Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Triple Crown four times in a row, which no other Purebred Arabian achieved.

Octopus Premier confidently left his competitors behind him on the Roman racecourse Capannelle in the last furlong. Until then he consis-

tently held his position in second place behind the top speeding 5-year-old Zoe di Gallura (Ulu-mu x Elettra de Nulvi) under jockey Carlo Fiocchi; followed by Amour, who was kept in position for the next run to the top under Jockey A. Migheli.

The winning streak of his strong opponent Amour (Filindeu x Tadasuni), who dared to attack with nine starts and five wins, ended Octopus Premier with a shift forward on the last meters and won by two and a half lengths ahead of his attacking rival.

"We are delighted with the performance of the Ameretto son. He not only looks like his sire as a young stallion. He also shows the calm head and the power in the race," said breeder and owner Manuela Daverio-Scharfenberg and added: "Now he has to show that he can also really fight head-to-head. So far no attacker has been able to put him in trouble."

Source: ANICA, with inputs of Cidinha Franzão / Photo Domenico Savi

## Al Shaqab, 1-2 in Wathba Stallions Cup



The first two places of the 2,100 meters Prix Fernand Flottes – Wathba Stallions Cup were brilliantly secured by Namira Al Cham and Gohar Du Breuil on June, 21 at Toulouse. Owned in partnership with Nada Mousalli and trained by Thomas Fourcy, Namira Al Cham opened her winning account in style while the son of Al Mamun Monlau trained by Charles Gourdain, Gohar Du Breuil, displayed a terrific turn of foot to finish a strong second.

Toulouse Racetrack hosted the activities of the eighth and ninth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup Series (Prix Fernand Flottes) on the after-

noon of Sunday, June 21, with the participation of 23 horses, within the activities of the twelfth edition of the International Arabian Horse Festival of Mansour Bin Zayed.

Namira Al Cham (Azadi x Al Mazina by Dormane) landed her first victory in the colours of Al Shaqab Racing. Having run in a highly competitive company on her first three starts, the chestnut filly lined up in the Prix Fernand Flottes – Wathba Stallions Cup (eighth round), run over 2,100m for four-year-old and older Purebred Arabians, wearing blinkers for the first time.

M Almayasam (Mared Al Sahra x Iktidar by Djel-





Mme Laurie Foulard and Murbeh

for) set a selective pace, with Namira Al Cham sitting in behind the leaders. After 1,000m, Al Mahbooba (Madjani x Amann by Al Saoudi) was ridden up to take the lead and she set off at a very quick pace.

The Jerome Cabre-ridden Namira Al Cham was the only other runner in the race who managed to stay with Al Mahbooba through the final turn. Once in the straight, the 4-year-old ward of Thomas Fourcy had to put her head down and fight to the line, holding off a strong finish from Gohar Du Breuil (Al Mamun Monlau x Jamaa Du Breuil by Djouras TU), in Al Shaqab Racing colours as well, to win by half a length.

Gohar Du Breuil ridden by Maxime Foulon, was the runner-up for trainer Charles Gourdain. The Patrick Saint-Martin-owned and D. Morisson-trained Sharkh (Majd Al Arab x Siheme by Dormane) was only a further head behind in third under Mickael Forest.

Namira Al Cham was bred by Hassan Mousli, Nada Mousalli, and Faiz Al Elweet.

The ninth round of the Al Wathba Stallions Cup (Prix Fernand Flottes - (dédoublé)) was carried out with the same specifications as the eighth round and had the participation of 11 horses.

The second Wathba Stallions Cup race was held over the same 2100m distance and was won by Fourcy-trained and Royal Cavalry Oman-owned Murbeh who scored by a length and a half under Mlle Laurie Foulard. In second was Nayar Athbah GB trained by Mme. Jean Francois Bernard and ridden by Guillaume Guedj-Gay, while third a further three-quarters of a length in arrears was the Morrison-trained and Julien Grosjean-ridden Djalnor. Both races were run under the Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival banner. The festival aims at promoting the breeding and ownership of the Purebred Arabian breed around the world.

Source: AFAC/QREC/JDG with inputs of Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Robert Polin



## Sir Monlau wins the 7th race of the Wathba Stallions Cup

As of June 6, Thomas Fourcy ran three representatives of His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani in 2020 (in four races) and the three of them won! The new Sir Monlau (Al Mamun Monlau) is the latest. Still in the lead group, he was unapproachable in the final phase and won with a head start on his training companion Alhareth (Al Mamun Monlau x Tameemah by Amer).

This 3-year-old Purebred Arabian was making his racing debut on Saturday, June 6, at Toulouse, France, in the Prix Quittaine - Wathba Stallions Cup, a highly regarded maiden for Purebred Arabians.

Seven three-year-old Arabian horses competed in the 15,000 Euro prize round, held on the turf track for a distance of 2000 meters,

Sir Monlau jumped well before sitting in second place, very relaxed with a nice action for the early stages. In the final turn, jockey Jerome Cabre switched him to the inside and he came

into the straight in the lead. The Thomas Fourcy-trained bay colt kept accelerating throughout the long home straight, winning by a comfortable length.

Sir Monlau is by Al Mamun Monlau, the exciting young Purebred Arabian sire at Haras du Grand Courgeon, who also sired the second in the race the Laurie Foulard-ridden, Alhareth, running in the colours of Al Shaqab Racing and is also trained by Thomas Fourcy. The X. Thomas Demeaulte-trained Dakiss (Dahedd x Tikis French Kiss by Esmet Arbi), was a further length behind in third under Guillaume Guedj-Gay.

Sir Monlau is out of Al Anqa, the Group 1 PA placed mare by Amer. She is already a dam of winners and a sister to Group 1 winners, who are now sires; namely, Tabarak and Al Tair.

Source: QREC/AFAC with inputs of Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Robert Polin



# Mzoon wins Prix Cherifa



HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Racing Festival attracted several four-year-old horse races. Through two races: Prix Nefta-Dormane and Prix Cherifa, held on May 23 at the Hippodrome Bordeaux-Le Bouscat, under the auspices of the 12th edition of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival.

The Mzoon skill, bred and owned by Saeed Al Suwaidi, under the supervision of Eric Dell'Ova and conducted by Antoine Werle, won the title of the Prix Cherifa race, played over a distance of 1900 meters, with a prize of 14 thousand euros.

The last 200 meters witnessed an interval of excitement, before the daughter of Kerbala x Nagdine overtook Dihya de Monlau (bred and owned by Robert Bourdette), under the super-

vision of Olivier Trigodet ridden by Ioritz Mendizabal.

Third, Princesse du Connors (bred and owned by Owner Jean-Pierre Sarret), trained by David Morrison and ridden by Julien Grosjean, while UAE star Al Mahbooba came in sixth for a slight difference due to exit delay, but performed well in the last meters.

Mzoon (Kerbella x Nagdine by Baco du Cassou)  
Dihya De Monlau (Nizam x Salalah de Monalau by Tidjani)  
Princesse Du Connors (Al Mamun Monlau x Pia du Cassou by Darike)

Source: AFAC. Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photo: AFAC



Best 3yrs of the 2019 season, Amyr du Soleil confirmed that he survived his generation, since he very easily dominated the opposition for his return at the Sheikh Mansoor Festival - Prix Nefta-Dormane (Gr2 PA), at Hippodrome Bordeaux-Le Bouscat on May 23.

The race was disputed in 1,900m, for horses of 4 years and had a purse of 30,000 euros.

The representative of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani, trained by Thomas Fourcy, has everything to become a champion.

As he likes to do it, Amyr du Soleil, ridden by Julien Augé, took the lead, taking the small squad at his own pace, escorted inside by Jarif and outside by Zalej Al Cham. But, as soon as the final turn came out, Amyr du Soleil was irresistibly detached, encountering no opposition.

The filly Artemis finishes second, providing a double for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al

Thani. She is trained by Mme. JF. Bernard and was ridden by Olivier Peslier. Jarif also trained by Mme. JF. Bernard and ridden by Jean-Bernard Eyquem, finished third.

Thomas Fourcy, the winner's trainer, said: "Julien Augé told me that the horse had moved up a level compared to last year. He is much calmer when he leaves. We're going to go on the 4yr Derby. He wasn't 100% today but we don't ask him more. The only thing is that nobody comes to face him and it can be annoying for the rest of his career. It has hardened over the year, and this winter it has gained mass. So he has a lot more strength and that can make him a champion, if we take our time well. He has not yet faced the "old" horses including Ebraz, which belongs to the same owner. But it will be at the end of the year."

Source: AFAC/JDG. Photo: Robert Polin





## Joud Al Cham wins with ease

Joud Al Cham, from Al Shaqab Racing and Nada Mousalli, trained by Thomas Fourcy and led by Julian Oge, was crowned champion of the sixth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup - Prix Aicha - series, on Wednesday 20 May, at Hipodrome La Teste de Buch, under the umbrella of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival. He was discreet along the way. But in the finals he didn't give his opponents a chance. A single touch of his jockey was enough to increase the distance.

No and No Al Maury, who carried 3.5 kg more than the winner, crossed in second place. Owned by HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, trained by Damien Watrigant and ridden by Anthony Crastus, No and No Al Maury entered a strong competition in the final stretch with winner Joud Al Cham.

The debutante Midrass won an interesting third place. Trained by Elizabeth Bernard and led by Antoine Werle, he is owned by HE Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Also trained by Elizabeth Bernard, King Mon-lau (owned by HH Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Zayed Al Nahyan), ridden by Jean-Bernard Eyquem, won fourth place with a difference of just one nose. In addition to first place, trainer Thomas Fourcy took fifth place with Murbeh, ridden by Alexandre Gavilan and owned by Royal Cavalry of Oman.

Source: AFAC (Association Française du Cheval Arabe de Course).

Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Robert Polin

## Sihrano du Cayrou wins at Jägersro Galopp



Sihrano du Cayrou became the first Pattern Race winner of the Swedish 2020 season, at Jägersro Galopp on May 15. The Mahabb son is one of the contingents of horses Faisal Al Rahmani graciously has sent in training in the country.

The 4-y-o raced but once last year on Sicily, where the ex-Italian Frenchman finished a close second to a stablemate. Now trained by Camilla Nilsson, Sihrano du Cayrou made his seasonal bow on dirt.

Meeting seasoned warriors with already a race or two under their belts this year. Not deterred he made short work of it in the 1730 m long Gr3 race for the fifth round of the Wathba Stallions Cup sponsored by HH Sheikh Mansour and his partners' Global Festival.

Sihrano du Cayrou dictated the pace from early on and when asked by the mare Top Medina, he slipped her easily and alone down the straight he won as he pleased by a handfull of lengths

under just educational pressure from his jockey Elione Chaves.

Top Medina finished second from last year's DIAR Stockholm Cup (Gr3) victor Ayman with another 4-y-o newcomer Mohaymin in fourth place and multiple pattern race winner Macallan fifth.

"There are always question marks when you race a horse for the 'first' time", Camilla Nilsson said. "Especially in a Group race as the Wathba Stallions Cup we are so grateful the Festival continues to sponsor along with its other pattern races. I'm also very lucky indeed Mr Al Rahmani has this horse in training with me and I won't be afraid of racing him abroad once the traveling restrictions are lifted. I also have a 3-y-o which could bring Mr Al Rahmani a lot of fun, once those are allowed to race."

Source: IFHAR / Photo: Stefan Olsson (Svensk Galopp)



# Abbes, exciting maiden winner for HH Sheikh Abdullah



France held its first day of racing in nearly two months on Monday, May 11, with three meetings across the day and the colours of HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani were in the spotlight at Toulouse when his colt Abbes won the Prix Djelfor – Wathba Stallions Cup, a high-class maiden for 3-year-old Purebred Arabians.

Trained by Thomas Fourcy, Abbes dropped in behind the leaders in a slow run race in the early stages. He then sat patiently under Olivier Peslier, waiting for the opening at the top of the straight, and once he had a clear path through, he came with a strong run on the inside to post an imperative win.

Hadi de Carrere, owned by Guy Dell'Ova, who was making his racecourse debut, came with a strong challenge at the end but was never a dan-

ger to Abbes. On the saddle of Antoine Werle, he is trained by Eric Dell'Ova.

Third Majd'Or, owned by Haras Du Bosquet, is trained by Didier Guillemin and was ridden by Emilien Revolte.

In the race that had a prize of 15,000 euros and played in 1,600 meters, 12 three-year-old horses competed, who had never participated in races before.

This resumption of the calendar occurs after racing stops in most parts of the world due to the Corona virus pandemic, where races are held behind closed doors (without an audience).

Source: Qatar Tribune, with inputs of Cidinha Franzão. Photo: Robert Polin



## Hilal Al Cham, in the way of the strong

Hilal Al Cham was crowned champion of the third round of the Wathba Stallions Cup series. Owned by Al Shaqab Racing, he is trained by Thomas Forsey and was led masterfully by Julien Augé.

In the wake of his promising debut in July, Hilal Al Cham made his reappearance in the Wathba Stallions Cup - Prix Djouras Tu at Toulouse, on March 14.

Julien Augé wasted no time in making a bee-line for the lead on the winner, and the Al Shaqab Racing runner was never headed. Maleha was two and half lengths away in second, as the experienced Al Mahbooba was left to collect third.

The race, with a purse of 14,000 euros and disputed in 1,400 meters, had 10 horses registered for 4 years and up.

In second place and after a strong competition in the final stretch, Maleha, in the colors of the Royal Cavalry of Oman, under the supervision of Philip Sogorb and ridden by Julien Grosjean.

Third place went to the experienced Al Mahbooba, owned by HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, trained by François Rohaut and ridden by Valentin Seguy.

The first round was held on the Pooh French Track, while the second round was held in Houston, Texas.

The Wathba Stallions Cup races will be held according to the festival's strategy and the implementation of the guidelines of HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, with the aim of supporting small breeders in much of the world and motivating them to increase interest in the Arabian horse.

**1° HILAL AL CHAM** (Hilal Al Zaman & Ya Hala, by Azadi) / Owner: Al Shaqab Racing / Breeder: F. Al Elweet / Trainer: Thomas Fourcy Jockey: Julien Augé

**2° MALEHA** (Munjiz & Tell Arca, by Tidjani) / Owner & Breeder: Royal Cavalry of Oman / Trainer: Philip Sogorb / Jockey: Julien Grosjean

**3° AL MAHBOOBA** (Madjani & Amaan, by Al Saoudi) / Owner: Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid. Al Maktoum / Breeder: Shadwell France / Trainer: François Rohaut / Jockey: Valentin Seguy

Source: Source: AFAC (Association Française du Cheval Arabe de Course). Text: Cidinha Franzão. Photo: JDG





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**Wathba Stallions Cup  
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## Tadhg O'Shea dominates Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only

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On March 14, a 1600m conditions race Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only was dominated by Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda whose first colours were carried to a smooth victory by Tadhg O'Shea AF on Al Bairaq, trained by Ernst Oertel and chased home by the same owner's AF Momtaz who was saddled by Antonio Fresu and trained by Musabbeh Al Mheiri.

Homebred, the 6-year-old entire was having just his ninth outing and was winning for the second time having won 2018 Emirates the Colts Classic, a Prestige contest, over this Abu Dhabi 1600m.

Al Nabooda said: "That was very pleasing as I bred both horses as well, so it is a particularly good result for my whole operation."

### Shakir Al Balushi and Thulbaseera Al Jasra

Racing at Abu Dhabi on Sunday, March 8, evening was a low key affair, but a memorable one for trainer Ibrahim Al Hadhrami, as well as for Omani apprentice Shakir Al Balushi, who partnered his first winner in the UAE.

Al Hadhrami completed his brace in a 2200m handicap, restricted to horses in private ownership, in which Shakir Al Balushi and Thulbaseera Al Jasra just held on to deny Hawafez and Burj Al Reef, both of whom were closing fast having been held up a long way off the early pace.

Second throughout the first half of the race, Al Balushi's mount then took the lead with about 900m remaining and the jockey committed for home leaving the home turn in what was proba-





Shakir Al Balushi and Thulbaseera Al Jasra

bly a race winning move. They opened up a lead of about four lengths, but the line only just came in time with Hawafez a neck behind, himself a short-head in front of Burj Al Reef.

A 5-year-old entire owned by Hamad Abdul Rahman Mohd Kayed, the horse was recording a first victory having mustered a third, over this course and distance, as his best previous effort in 12 starts.

Al Hadhrami said: "It has been another very satisfying evening and our horses remain in good form, which is very gratifying."

Al Balushi said: "I knew my horse stays, so I was happy to be positive on him. Luckily we just held on and I am very grateful to connections for the ride on this horse."

## Richard Mullen on SS Jalmod

For horses in private ownership, a 1600m handicap may have attracted the maximum allowed field of 16, on March 1, but very of the runners ever threatened with AF Hakeem, owned and bred by Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda, making a bold bid to lead all the way under Brazilian jockey Bernardo Pinheiro, but unable, despite battling back, to deny SS Jalmod who gained the

initiative entering the final 250m before keeping on strongly.

Sporting the silks of Nasir Askar, Richard Mullen was in the saddle for Satish Seemar and had his mount in second or third throughout the majority of the contest before asked for an effort by his jockey, responding well and gaining a deserved success.

It was a second career win for the 5-year-old gelding, but first on turf having previously landed a 1400m at Al Ain last March when trained by Younis Al Kalbani.

Mullen said: "I am delighted for the owner and whole team to win on this horse who has run plenty of good races in defeat and is a fun little horse to have in the yard. He takes his racing well, so we were happy to run him again after he finished third at Jebel Ali just nine days ago."

## Tadhg O'Shea, victorious aboard AF Ashras

On February 16, five of the 16 runners in the 1600m handicap for horses in private ownership were saddled by Ernst Oertel for his main patron, Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda. They combined to provide first and second with the owner's re-



Richard Mullen on SS Jalmod



Tadhg O'Shea aboard AF Ashras



tained jockey, Tadhg O'Shea, victorious aboard AF Ashras, chased home by AF Akeem who had tried, valiantly to make all under Brazilian jockey Bernardo Pinheiro. Settled behind the leaders, the homebred 9-year-old entire eased into contention leaving the back straight before committing for home as the leaders departed the home turn and soon went clear with the race in safe-keeping. It was a fifth career victory for the horse.

O'Shea said: "Ernst has his horses in great form still and this is a lovely, genuine, old horse that has been running consistently well all season. As I always say, I am privileged to be riding these horses for Mr Al Nabooda, Ernst and his team. They make my job easy providing with good chances on a regular basis."

### Tadhg O'Shea on Noof KB

For horses Wathba Stallions Cup For Private Owners Only, the 1200m handicap, on February 9, went to the powerful team of owner Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda, his main trainer Ernst Oertel and retained jockey Tadhg O'Shea courtesy of Noof KB. Settled well off the early pace among

the 12 runners, the 7-year-old mare closed stylishly at the top of the straight before sprinting to the front inside the final 100m.

It was a fifth career victory for the mare, third over course and distance and O'Shea said: "The yards are in good form and everything went to plan with the race contested at a fast pace which she really likes. To be fair, she is an easy mare to ride and one of those that makes my job easy on the racecourse."

### Apprentice Sean Kirrane and AF Makerah

Restricted to horses in private ownership, a 1400m handicap provided the perfect opportunity for Irish apprentice Sean Kirrane to continue his fine recent run, landing the spoils on top weight AF Makerah for Ernst Oertel and Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda who also bred the 7-year-old mare, on February 2.

Having tracked the leaders throughout the first half of the race, Kirrane asked his mount to challenge early in the straight, the pair hitting the front 300m out and never looking likely to



Tadhg O'Shea on Noof KB



Sean Kirrane AF Makerah

be caught. It was a first Abu Dhabi victory for Kirrane, about 23 hours after his breakthrough winner at Meydan having also opened his Al Ain account at Al Ain on Friday when registering the first double of his fledgling career.

For AF Makerah it was a fifth career victory, all in Abu Dhabi and a second over this course and distance.

Kirrane, based with Satish Seemar at Zabeel Stables, said: "It has just been a brilliant three days and I cannot thank Mr Oertel and Mr Al Nabooda enough for this opportunity; you always know you have a definite chance riding for them in these races. She travelled well throughout the race and I was always pretty happy. When I asked her to go win her race she did just that and has won nicely."

### Dahess D'Arabe under Connor Beasley

Connor Beasley was back in the winner's enclosure, on January 19, combining with Helal Al Alawi to take the 1200m handicap, restricted to horses in private ownership, with Dahess D'Arabe who ran out a relatively comfortable victor for Saleh Omar Al bin Haidar.

Having chased the leaders throughout the first half of the race, Beasley drove the 6-year-old gelding to the front leaving the home turn and they never looked likely to be denied, the horse registering a fourth career success and second over course and distance having won a maiden under these conditions in March 2018.

Beasley said: "He has done that nicely in what had appeared a competitive race, but I was always pretty confident throughout and he quickened nicely when I asked him."



## Fernando Jara and Dahess D'Arabe

Champion UAE jockey 11 seasons ago when based with Doug Watson at Red Stables, Fernando Jara, who won the 2007 Dubai World Cup on Sheikh Hamdan's Invador, completed a treble with the ultra-smooth victory of Dahess D'Arabe in a 1600m handicap restricted to horses in private ownership, on December 22.

Saddled by Helal Al Alawi for Saleh Omar Ali bin Haidar, the 5-year-old gelding was registering a third career and UAE success on his 16th career start. Victorious over 1400m on the Al Ain dirt in February, his other winning note was hit in a 1200m maiden here in the capital in March 2018.

"That was a good win and I was always travelling well throughout the race," Jara said. "When I asked him to win his race, he responded well. That was quite impressive in what had looked a competitive race."

## Tadhg O'Shea aboard AF Taraha

A positive move from Tadhg O'Shea at the 450m pole, committing for home aboard AF Taraha, secured the 2200m handicap for horses in private ownership, on December 15.

Said 6-year-old mare had most of her 11 rivals immediately in trouble and powered all the way to the line to register her fourth career victory and second on turf. A course and distance winner on her penultimate start in November she was then, a week later, second over 1800m on the dirt at Al Ain. Homebred by Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda she, like the vast majority of the owner's string, is trained by Ernst Oertel.

O'Shea said: "Driving here this evening, I thought this was my best chance, so I am glad she has won again. I know she stays the trip well so was happy to be positive from a long way out and I had a very willing partner."

Al Nabooda added: "I have a great trainer and top jockey, so the team is strong behind me and that was a very good ride from Tadhg."

## Tadhg O'Shea on AF Ashras

For horses in private ownership, on December 8, the 1400m handicap was won convincingly by the reigning champions, owner Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda, trainer Ernst Oertel and jockey Tadhg O'Shea who was happy to track the early speed aboard AF Ashras before committing for home exiting the home turn.

A homebred 8-year-old entire, it was a fourth career victory for the horse, all but one on turf, but first since November 2017 when he landed a 1600m handicap here at Abu Dhabi.

O'Shea said: "That was a competitive little race, so we have to be happy with that. This is a horse who rarely runs a bad race, so it is great he has put his head back in front."

Owner and trainer completed a homebred double in the finale, a 1600m handicap, but this time it was Antonio Fresu in the saddle aboard Noof KB, a 6-year-old mare who recorded her fourth career victory.



Dahess D'Arabe under Connor Beasley



Tadhg O'Shea aboard AF Taraha



Fernando Jara and Dahess D'Arabe





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