

Alban De Mieulle Trained Yazeed Wins the Qatar Gold Sword Gr1 in Doha

11 April, 2019, Doha, Qatar ~ YAZEED (Munjiz x Al Dahma) capped a fantastic day for Umm Qarn and trainer Alban Elie De Mieulle with Olivier Peslier riding the 6yo to a well deserved QATAR GOLD SWORD (Gr1 PA) victory on the Al Rayyan Park turf on Thursday, 4 April 2019 at the Doha race course.

The colt, having missed out on HH The Amir Sword in February despite starting his season with a victory in the Qatar National Day Trophy in December, put up a determined run on the home straight for the 2000m race, and managed to hold off the Theo Bachelot-helmed **GAZWAN** (Amer x Arc De Ciel), saddled by Julian Colin Smart by half a length at the post. Another De Mieulle charge, **TAYF** (Amer x Djelmila), rounded off the top three and a good day in office for jockey Ronan Thomas.

Umm Qarn's **AAHIL** (Munjiz x Daniah) beat Molheb Al Naif to the victory for the second straight outing for Alban De Mieulle and a double for he and Ronan Thomas, who was in the saddle. The two put up a thrilling run on the home straight for the mile long **QATAR SILVER TROPHY** (4yo & older Local PA). **Aahil** edged out Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi trained 7yo by a neck at the post for Thomas' fourth win of the day.

Second in HH The Amir Silver Sword in February, Al Jeryan Stud's **AJS MOADDIE** (AF AlBahar x Gabie De Carrere) made some amends taking the **QATAR SILVER SWORD** for Qatari owners only (4yo PA). Ronan Thomas helmed the Silver Sword Trial toppler for the first time, and the two combined well in the 1850m run, to take a fine one length victory. Hadi Nasser Rashid Al Ramzani

trained consistent colt took his overall tally to three from nine races.

Umm Qarn's **GOLD AMER** (Amer x Al Hanoof) went one better than his previous outing to shed his maiden status in a thrilling finish to the **PUREBRED ARABIAN MAIDEN PLATE** (3-6yo). In the seven furlong run with **Ronan Thomas** in the saddle for the first time for the 4yo, but his third win of the day and second Alban Elie Marie De Mieulle. The colt topped the Ibrahim Saeed Ibrahim Al Malki trained **Fuwairat** by half a length for a fine win on his third outing.

Thoroughbred races

It was a Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi charge, **THE BLUE EYE** (Dubawi x Soneva) that won the **QATAR GOLD TROPHY** (QA Gr 1) (4yo & older Thoroughbreds, with Harry Bentley in the saddle. The 7yo took the advantage on the home straight a furlong out and then held on for a fantastic win, his second this season, having missed out in the Festival Thoroughbred feature last time. The run saw Al Shaqab Racing's **HESHEM** (Footstepsinthesand x Doohula), trained by Alban Elie Marie De Mieulle, finishing runner-up under Olivier Peslier, having edged out another one of the champion trainer's charge, **ALIGNEMENT** (Pivotal x Soldata), by a nose.

Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi saddled his second straight winner of the day when Khalifa Bin Sheail Al Kuwari's **LUCHADOR** (Holy Roman Emperor x Bride Unbridled) raced to her second consecutive victory of the season under JP Guillambert. In the process, the filly also showed versatility having come off a six furlong win two weeks ago, to top the 1850m **AL WAJBA TROPHY** (3yo **THOROUGHBREDS** (Class 2)). Guillambert and Luchador beat Maxime Guyon ridden Arabic Channel with a length and a quarter to spare at the post.

Khalifa Bin Sheail Al Kuwari's **ANIMA ROCK** (ShamalGAN x Carnet De Bal) improved his already impressive strike rate even further with his fifth victory of the season. The sprinter, trained by Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi, had Theo Bachelot for company, and the two raced to their third victory together this season when they edged out Hadi Nasser Rashid Al Ramzani saddled Top Face by a nose in the six furlong **SEALINE SPRINT TROPHY** (3yo & older **THOROUGHBREDS**).

Al Jeryan Stud's **AL LUSAIL** (Footstepsinthesand x Gooley) had never finished outside the top three coming into Thursday's **LOCAL THOROUGHBREDS** race. The record stayed intact as trainer Hadi Nasser Rashid Al Ramzani saddled his second straight winner on the day with Ronan Thomas as the rider. In the 1850m race, Thomas helmed the 5yo to a dominant three and a half-length victory with Eduardo Pedroza guiding Surra Man Raa to the runner-up spot.

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