

Bougedelah Grabs Last Gasp Victory In Sharjah Feature



6 January 2018, Sharjah, UAE ~ The best was saved to last at Sharjah on Saturday afternoon, 6 January, when the featured 1700m handicap, the final of six races, produced a thrilling finish with the first three home just a neck apart. In the end it was Bougedelah snatching the spoils close to home.

Entering the short Sharjah straight, long time leader **Delishess** cried enough and was pounced on by **Bainoon**, keeping a brief lead, and **Dassan Da**, in front with 200m to run. Gerald Avranche and Bainoona fought back with neither of the pair relinquishing a stride towards the finish when Pat Dobbs and Bougedelah, trained by Doug Watson, suddenly appeared on the scene.

Dassan Da and Pat Cosgrave looked to have the race won despite Bainoona's persistent challenge, only for Dobbs' mount to dash between the pair and land the prize. A maiden before the race after nine starts, five locally, **Bougedelah** (Munjiz x Munjiz x Santale) was having his first start since late November and Watson explained: *"We gelded him six weeks ago after his last run because he has always worked like a decent horse but was not showing it on the track. Pat has given him a great ride and it was nice to see him go past horses and now that he has put his head in front, hopefully he can progress."*