

Raqee Wins Al Shaqab Cup in Doha

Raqee edges out Rasan & Istibdad

Hassan Ali Hassan Al Matwi's **RAQEE** (Mared Al Sahra x Cath) had finished behind the Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi-trained **RASSAN** (Amer x Sandytiki) in the C&D Doha Cup in November. On Wednesday, 9 January 2019 at the Al Rayyan Park's dirt track, the 5yo edged out the Harry Bentley-helmed **Rasan** by half a length, under a fantastic ride by Saleem Golam in the six-furlong AL SHAQAB CUP sprint for local Purebred Arabians. Yet another runner from the stables of the champion trainer Jassim Mohammed Ghazali Jahromi, **ISTIBDAD** (AF Albahar x Mari Chou), had to settle for third with JP Guillambert in the saddle.

In the first race of eight, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani's **Murihk**,(Asraa Min Albarq x Baldora De Brugere) shed his maiden status on his second career outing for trainer Julian Colin Smart in the PUREBRED ARABIAN MAIDEN PLATE (4 Year/olds) In the 1700m run on dirt, Theo Bachelot helmed the colt to a comfortable victory with two lengths and a quarter to spare.

In the next unrated Maiden, the five year old **Samad** (Majed Al Arab x Al Sajel) shed her maiden for owner Mr. Mubarak Bin Saeed Aljafai Al Naimi and trainer. Rashid Mohammed S Al Jehani under Jean Babtiste Hamel.