

## TM Fred Texas shows Qatar he's ready

**March 14, 2012 Qatar**~ It was the talented TM Fred Texas' show at the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (REC) as he captured the Losail Cup during the 37th race meeting on March 14, Wednesday.

The Mohammed Hamad Al Attiya trained TM Fred Texas (Burning Sand-Queen Kong) swept past the opposition in style to come home by a comfortable five-length success. TM Fred Texas is the prized possession of Sheikh Hamad Bin Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani.

Losail Cup was a 1,200-metre Pure Arabian Stakes contest and jockey Marvin Suerland took TM Fred Texas to victory which was also the rider's third win of the day.

TM Fred Texas had to miss out on Qatar International Trophy race as he had suffered a setback while being flown into Doha from Houston. However, TM Fred Texas showed his class to win on Wednesday.

TM Fred Texas won "Horse Of The Year" honour recently and he might now run in the Kahalya Classic in Dubai later this month.

TM Fred Texas was returning to the race track after five months and he was quite comfortable in bouncing back to top form in the very first outing. He left the rest of the pack far behind as he approached the final furlong and won with ease.

Assistant trainer Hector said it was his dream to come to Qatar and win a race.

"This was my dream to come to Qatar and win a race. I am really proud to train the winner for Sheikh Joaan. This was an amazing win for TM Fred Texas as he was running for the first time after five months and we are immensely pleased that he is back in form. He is likely to go to Dubai for the Kahalya Classic if invited to be a part of the classic on March 31," Hector said.

Suerland was ecstatic with his treble and overjoyed riding a top class horse like TM Fred Texas. He said he was lucky to ride the winner today.

"I was very lucky to get this ride and I am very proud to ride in the colours of Sheikh Joaan in Qatar. He is a very good horse but I was worried about the 1,200 metres trip. In the end Fred Texas was up to the task on hand and won very well. Hope he gets the opportunity to take part in the race in Dubai," the rider opined.

Suerland started off the day by riding Trompette to victory and later won one more race with Jalmoud Al Jazeera in the fifth race of the evening and capped off a memorable day with TM Fred Texas.

After riding Trompette, Suerland posted his second success when he piloted Jalmoud Al Jazeera to a start-to-finish in the Local Bred Pure Arabian Handicap race for horses rated 35 to 60. Jalmoud Al Jazeera is trained and owned by Hassan Ali Hassan Al Matwi.

Jalmoud Al Jazeera, the son Djelmador, was ridden to the first place and he held on to that position till the end of the contest. Al Yarmouk tried to upstage the leader but in vain.

Trainer-Jockey combination of Jassim Al Ghazali and Stephen Ladjadj recorded a double. Maricopa and Johny Hancocks won with the pair.

Stephen Ladjadj-piloted Maricopa came up with a gutsy run in the Thoroughbred Maiden Plate to edge his stable mate Protect in the final few meters of the contest and won by one and three-fourths length. Maginot Line set the pace but faded away before the race reached a crucial stage. L'Immortel was third.

Maginot Line who set the pace, was a beaten horse well before the race came on the boil. L'Immortel came from way behind to finish third.

In the Thoroughbred Handicap race for horses rated 50 to 70, Johny Hancocks had to ward off Walfa's challenge to triumph.

Baaria, trained by Alban de Mieulle, was ridden with ease by David Bouland to take the honours in the Local Thoroughbred Handicap contest for horses rated 0 to 50. Baaria was in second spot and slowly kept increasing the pace and sped away from the rest to win by a commanding six lengths.

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