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Mullen makes the most on Dorhess De Brugere

Wathba Stud Farm Cup in Al Ain

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USPA NEWS - Richard Mullen, one of the Jockeys' Ambassador for the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, extended his red-hot form to Al Ain.

Mullen who rode three winners at Meydan on Thursday evening, struck again with a double in Al Ain on Friday, March 10

And one of his two wins came in the Festival's Wathba Stud Farm Cup For Private Owners race.

The Al Ain meeting opened with the Dh 70,000 Wathba Stud Farm Cup 2000m handicap and Mullen scored on Dorhess De Brugere. Having tracked the pace throughout the vast majority of the race, they hit the front over 300m and kept on strongly to win fairly comfortably.

"The horses are in great form and he responded gamely when I asked him," said Mullen. "Hopefully, we can continue this good run until the end of the season."

Mullen completed his second hat-trick in less than 24 hours in the final race, a 1000m handicap for trainer Ernst Oertel and owner Khalid Khalifa Al Naboodah on AF Meeqat.

In between he captured the day's feature event - the Al Ain Mile - for trainer Helal Al Alawi who saddled Aslaan to beat stable companion, RB Goliath, in the 1600m Prestige contest.

The winner is owned by HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs and was winning for the fourth time and third time at Al Ain, as well as a third victory this season.

The pair had the race between themselves throughout the final 200m when Royston Ffrench and RB Goliath, who had been settled just off the pace, set sail for home.

However, Aslaan and Richard Mullen, made stealthy progress throughout the straight and were soon challenging before taking the initiative with 100m remaining.

They galloped on resolutely with Ffrench's mount keeping on well in second.

"Full credit to connections as the trainer was pretty confident he would run a big race, said Mullen. "He stays a lot further so I knew he would be staying on strongly in the straight and it is great to ride another nice winner for HH Sheikh Mansoor."

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