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## **AF Hakeem wins Wathba Stud Farm Cup for Al Naboodah in Abu Dhabi**

### **Al Naboodah struck**

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**USPA NEWS** - Owner-breeder Khalid Khalifa Al Naboodah struck again, this time with AF Hakeem, to win the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's Wathba Stud Farm Cup for Private Owners race at the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club race course on Sunday.

And one of their wins came courtesy of AF Hakeem who was never headed in a 1400m handicap with Antonio Fresu aboard the winner.

The same connections' AF Al Almaa looked a massive danger throughout the straight before weakening in the closing stages, losing second near the line to AF Al Mawhebah.

"He was always happy out in front and then responded well when challenged", said Fresu. "You always know you have a chance riding for these connections as they do so well in these races."

In the day's feature - the Emirates Colts Classic Prestige - was totally also dominated by Al Naboodah and Oertel who supplied the first three home, headed by AF Al Sajanjle.

The choice from the trio of Richard Mullen, the winner tracked stable companion, AF Maher under Antonio Fresu before throwing down a challenge on the home turn.

Fresu's mount put up a real fight and it was only about 300m from home that the winner took the initiative with the runner-up trying to fight back, ultimately, to no avail. Third was AF Yathroq.

The Wathba Stud Farm Cup race is held under the umbrella of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival which is sustained by the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority and coordinated by Abu Dhabi Sports Council, with National Feed and Flour Production and Marketing Co. LLC as associate sponsors,

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