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British Apprentice Buckell claims Al Ain victory in Wathba Stud Farm Cup

In a thrilling finish, Yalap Al Naif under Apprentice jockey George Buckell won the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's Wathba Stud Farm Cup for Private Owners Only race at the Al Ain race course on Friday.

The Wathba Stud Farm Cup was the opening 2000 metre handicap and the Helal Al Alawi-trained Yalap Al Naif under Buckell, won the Dh 70,000 race in the final strides. The winner denied stable companion, Al Gassimi who tried gallantly to lead throughout under Bruno Reis.

"This horse always tends to be slowly away and he was again today,' said Buckell.

"He makes life hard for himself but we know these conditions suit him after his very easy course and distance win on his penultimate start.

"He has been kept busy this season and perhaps deserves a little break now."

Al Alawi went on to complete a double, with Royston Ffrench the man in the saddle on this occasion and he was never headed aboard Naiem later in the meeting.

Faisal Al Rahmani, Chief of Al Ain racecourse, gave away the trophies to the winning connections of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup which is part of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival.

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