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The 28th Dubai Day Anniversary Premier Handicap Stakes 0-90 over 6 Furlongs:

A thrilling finish to this renewal as Julie Green continues to ride the crest of a wave of victory and saddled her second winner in as many runs. Zayin Barakaldo (her only horse in training) annihilated a classy field of sprint handicappers by making them look very ordinary and won on the bridle with two lengths to spare. Superbly ridden by Martin Smith this tall scopey gelding was settled in nicely behind as Noble Athlete set a strong pace with Hidalgo, Mutafani and Ashwaaq in contention, as they turned for home Smith made his move on **Zayin Barakaldo (Khoutoubia x Barryh (Djelfor))** who galloped readily clear and won with ease and lengths to spare at the line. Speaking afterwards his delighted owner and trainer Julie Green said “ *I was hopeful he would run well today, but he was so impressive and did it so easily, he’s so relaxed as well and Martin said he idled on the run in but still won well. On Monday he was on the beach cantering along with the greyhounds and today he wins a big race, he’s a star and will head straight for the Group 1 President of UAE Cup Derby at Ascot*”. Back in second was an excellent run from Hidalgo (Samern x Pella De La Coste) in arguably his toughest race yet, he travelled well and quickened nicely in the final furlong and although he had no chance with the winner he was safely holding the field. Whilst the Royal Cavalry of Oman continued their fine run of form with Mutafani (Amer x Cheikha) running a bold race in third, he galloped on well in the closing stages and put himself right into contention for this years Group 1 Zaabeel Stakes (which he was 2nd in 2008).