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Abdulsamad hero in endurance race

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MOHAMMED Abdulsamad steered Bigad to victory in the 80-km Qualifying Ride, the first event of the 2012/13 Endurance Horse Ride Season at Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhir.

The Al Khalidiya Stable member completed the three-stage event on top with a total ride time of three hours, 15 minutes and 15 seconds at an average speed of 24 km/h.

Not far behind was Royal Endurance Team rider Jaffer Mirza (3:23:26), riding SM Kobela, in second place with an average speed of 23 km/h.

Hood Bucheeri, also of Royal Endurance Team, rounded off the podium by coming third on Qeops De Kerbreden with an average speed of 23 km/h.

More than 70 riders of different stables took part in the inaugural race of the new season, which is a warm-up event aimed to help participants prepare for the main championship that will be organised later this season.

The season opener was organised by Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (Breef) and was held under the patronage of its president Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Riders from Royal Endurance Team, Al Khalidiya Stable, Al Asayel, Ahmed Al Fateh, Al Montasir, Khalid Al Rowaie, Al Muqheerat, Al Ajiyal, Al Shawamek and Saar Riding School took part in the ride.

They competed over three stages. Royal Endurance Team rider Raed Mahmood led the 30-km first stage on Movisko Du Lauragais in one hour eight minutes and 36 second.

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He was followed by teammate Hary Singh (1:08:42), who steered R P Sebastopol to second place while Abdulrahman Al Zayed (1:10:27), also of Royal Endurance Team, was third on Soria Du Mas.

In the second stage, which also covered a similar distance of 30 kms, Singh improved on his performance to climb to the top in 2:13:22.

Abdulsamad also improved his overall placing by moving up to second in 02:33:40, followed by Abdulhaq Qadoori (2:39:48) of Royal Endurance Team on Jamal.

Excitement mounted in the third and final stage, which was over 20 kms, when Abdulsamad came from behind the pack to take over the lead which he maintained till the end.

The race, which was flagged off by Breef general secretary Ghalib Al Alawi earlier yesterday, concluded with a prize-giving ceremony where every rider who completed one of the three stages was awarded BD100 each.

This initiative was in line with the directives of federation president Shaikh Khalid, who said he was pleased with the overall results.

