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In a thrilling display of stamina and courage, Al Dancer trained by Sam Thomas, produced an unforgettable performance to win the 63rd Badger Beer Handicap Chase at Wincanton.

The gallant grey, ridden by conditional jockey, Callum Pritchard, defied the odds to secure his tenth career victory, with a bold front-running ride that left his rivals trailing in his wake.

At 25-1, Al Dancer was not expected to lead the field. Setting a relentless pace, the 11-year-old gelding put his stamina and jumping ability to the test, ultimately finishing a remarkable 10 lengths clear of the favourite, Lord Accord.

For trainer Sam Thomas, this victory adds to his growing reputation as one of the rising stars in National Hunt training. *"Every trainer needs a horse like Al Dancer,"* he said. *"He's just a mega horse."*

Al Dancer's win at Wincanton further solidifies Sam Thomas as a trainer to watch, adding to his growing list of successes, including victories in high-profile races like the Welsh Grand National and the Grand Sefton.

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We wish Sam Thomas, Callum Pritchard, and the team behind Al Dancer continued success as they look ahead to more races. For trainers seeking to maximise their horses' potential, the SPILLERS Racing Range offers the support needed for success on the track.

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