

Brightwells Ascot Arabian Horse Sale Report
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This prestigious sale is now in its 7th year and has provided many owners, trainers and breeders with some rare and valuable bloodlines to add to their collections. Generously supported by Godolphin in the early days through the Kelanne Stud and more latterly through Janah Management Company Ltd, many superstars of the racing and endurance world have passed through this influential sale.

Sam Davison bought her foundation race mare Sing Me A Song at this sale as well as stable star Deolali who firmly put her on the map as one of Britain's best Arabian race horse trainers in the early days winning several races including a premier handicap and has been placed three years in a row on Dubai Day. Jackie Hutchings has bought several useful race horses at this sale for her Devon based Mellway Arabian Stud including race winner Take A Chance and the multiple placed The Debator. Delyth Thomas has bought Premier Handicap victor Final Fling and multiple winner Noble Athlete. Leading UK owner Linda Cross picked up Dubai Day listed handicap winner Almost All and multiple winner Debrett and Kizhi from this sale. As for endurance the incredible Vavaar went through this sale twice, and his second home with Eleanor George saw him crowned Endurance Champion 2007. This year's 100km ER Young Horse Barbury Castle Challenge was won by CS Kabira yet another Ascot graduate. Karen Caley came to this sale a few years back and picked up a foundation mare for her Alkara Stud, the wonderfully bred Rose About (About x Rose Bandola) who was in foal to leading endurance sire Tango D'Ayres.

This year's sale featured some top class racing stock with some wonderfully bred and unexposed youngsters from Bill Smith's Kelanne Stud consigned on behalf of Janah Management Company Ltd.

The only broodmare of the sale, CV Tulee (in foal to UK & UAE Group winner Khoutoubia), who won 6 races in the USA and who's daughter Tuleekah was 4th on her racecourse debut was secured by the Owen family and is destined to be an endurance broodmare it is believed. She was secured for £2,500.

Bargain of the day went to Angela Colledge buying on behalf of race horse owner Colin Banks (owner of 2007 Jebel Ali Gold Final winner Estival). She secured Angel Star for £1100, a lovely 2 yr old Makzan filly out of the smart American sprint mare CR Angel Kate, who won the Daughters of the Desert Futurity in America and was 2nd in the Grp. 1 Zabeel Stakes.

Jackie Hutchings has always picked decent horses here, securing the smart Pakama last year who was placed on her race course debut. She bought Daarkan, a nice Makzan filly out of a full sister to multiple race winner Khadeer. She went to £2,500 for this smart race prospect.

Caroline Stockman went to £3,500 to buy the beautifully bred Even Keener, a daughter of leading sire Bengali D'Albret out of Group 1 Hatta Stakes heroine Kenithra, from the dam line of Khairoun and Khoutoubia. The mare is due to join David Paton's in form yard.

Leading UK owner Linda Cross was the big spender of the sale, buying four outstanding race prospects, all to be trained by top level UK trainer Sam Davison (currently 3rd in the trainers table).

Bargain buy Syras Gris (£1,100) is a nice 2 yr old colt by Khoutoubia out of the useful French mare Akara De Syrah.

She also purchased a Kesberoy daughter from the powerful Asa damline which has produced such luminaries as Arawak D'Aroco, Avenirier and Houka Al Garamaze.

Wikkara (£1,900) is a nice colt by The Wiking out of same dam Akara De Syrah.

Lamiga (£3,200) a big strapping son of leading French sire Al Sakbe out of the useful French mare Amiga. Finally, she took home the enormous 2 yr old filly Des'brie from the damline of Bengali D'Albret (£2,300). A big built filly by multiple winner Vadeer out of the superb Elina Des Fabries a winner of 6 races and 2nd in Group 1 Hatta Stakes and full sister to Coupe De Asayl winner Falina Des Fabries, now a sire in America.

David Paton secured the nicely bred Dakaran, a Karmah daughter out of Djaxy Des Forges, a full sister to smart stayer Dedja Des Forges. Dakaran was bought for Sarah Saunders who has trained many winners from her Northern racing yard and this filly is half sister to race winners Djaxy King and Yakshi.

Top Lot was Malakbe a beautifully bred blue blooded filly by Al Sakbe out of a Persik daughter whose dam line traces to such Group 1 performers as Maderba De Piboul, Mawkab, Maheba De Piboul, Amerella and Group 1 Kahayala Classic winner Magic De Piboul. She was bought by Gillian Hay on behalf of Umm Qarn Farms for £7,600 setting a new Ascot Arab record. There were a couple of disappointed UK owners who were outbid.

Legendary owner, breeder and endurance rider Lesley Dunn purchased another superb mare to add to her valuable collection securing Norbella. She is by up and coming French sire Kerbella, who sired this years Group 1 Zabeel winner Quaolina, and out of smart USA mare Sherrie Noreen. This mare is half sister to multiple staying handicap winners Notid and Plus, both trained by David Paton. Norbella was secured for a bargain price of £1,600.

The beautifully bred filly Wourette by The Wiking out of last years top lot Amourette D'Or was bought by Arab race trainer Genny Haynes for £2,300. This filly comes from a powerful dam line which has produced Bengali D'Albret, Al Nasr and American sire Haffir El Rimal.

Angela Colledge offered up (on behalf of her existing owner) smart race prospect Nessima, a daughter of decent French sire Dorwan Du Cayrou out of Nelenghara, whose dam line produced leading French juvenile Babylon. Nessima was secured for £2,100 by in form trainer Beverley Paterson (who owns the half sister Nenette).

Ikram Sharif bought useful prospect Barik, by Darike out of the Djelfor daughter Bacifica from the dam line of race winner Pacific Way for £1,500. This colt was 2nd to subsequent Premier Handicap winner Ejaabi on his second start and is to be trained by leading West Country trainer Angela Colledge.

Vavavoom, a full brother to last years champion endurance horse Vavaar, was secured for the cheap price of £1,500 and looks set to follow in his brother's footsteps.

The final lot of the day, Florys Folly, was bought for £2,200 by Paul Beard. She's by useful sire and former European Champion sprinter Vert Olive out of the dam line that produced Akbar. She is due to be trained by leading Welsh trainer Delyth Thomas.