

Huntingdon 2nd June Review

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Race 1- The Breeders Cup Launch Maiden over 1 Mile

Gill Duffield unleashed another potential Derby class recruit when HH Sheikh Hamdan's impeccably bred Nasij (Dormane x Elisa Du Paon) just got up on the line from stablemate Hathrah (Makzan x Ester Du Paon). Third home was the promising Oman bred Nahdah (Amer x Budoor).

Race 2 – The Brunton Handicap Stakes 0-65 over 6 Furlongs

Bill Smith scored with handicap debutant Djak Sprat (Al Sakbe x Djinka) for HH Sheikh Mohammed who out-sprinted his rivals coming clear 2 ½ lengths at the line. Second was The Way To Go (Way To Go x Nepenthes Al Maury) who kept on three lengths ahead of the ever consistent SA Bibi (Abitibi x Florich).

Race 3 – The Shaw & Fox Open race over 1 Mile

Fraternity (Grand Lodge x Catawba) followed up his recent Market Rasen with a quick double and did it with some authority stretching four lengths clear of stable mate Bold Maggie (Bold Edge x Vera's First) to give the James stable a solid 1-2. Hoofbeats Tour (Vettori x Sprite) stayed on for third and looks useful.

Race 4 – The Jebel Ali 0-75 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Mack The Knife (Makzan x GAS Pepelka) started as he means to go on with an emphatic victory for the Cook family, he came home two lengths to good for HH Sheikh Hamdan's runner Muzmin (Pepe Le Moco x Synaps), whilst Operatic (Vert Olive x Operetta) kept on for third ahead of the rest.

Race 5 – The Almost All Handicap Stakes 0-90 over & furlongs

HH Shiekh Hamdan and Gill Duffield completed a quick double when Tash Reefat (Bengali D'Albret x Seglaoui) opened her account for the season with a good battling victory from Earlsdon (Akbar x Elgonda) coming home a length clear at the line. Baraka Ibn Shahtess (Baraka Mahatsi x Shahtess) was finishing strongly in third.

Race 6 – The Brampton Open Race over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs

Impressive Wolverhampton scorer Son of Sophie (Band on The Run x Fair Enchantress) followed up here out-staying his rivals in dour fashion to win by eight lengths. Cordage (Dr Fong x Flagship) was back in second ahead of Extra Cover (Danhill Dancer x Ballycurranne).

Race 7 – The Nokomys 0-50 Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile

Simon Walker was in brilliant form in getting Glastonbury Pop (Dedja Des Forges x Operetta) up on the line, although he had to work hard to repel the challenge of Carol Legg's Mushammer (Passeem Lotois x Kawzah Tiki) who was a neck ahead of smart sprinter Bodiddle (Crystal Monarch x Silver Magnolia).

Race 8 – The Lycetts Hamilton Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs

Angela Colledge unleashed a potential superstar when Colin Bank's Estival (Khairouan x Viny De Passerat) out-galoped her rivals, taking up the running before the home straight and staying on well to come home comfortably, three lengths too good on the line. Back in second was HH Sheikh Hamdan's one time Derby hope Almutasader (Makzan x Valina Des Fabries), whilst Bill Smith's Consider Me (Dormane x Reconsider) was another four lengths back in third.