

**The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club International Festival Of Arabian Racing
Lingfield Saturday 23rd August Race Preview**

1st race - The Berzan Premier Handicap Stakes 0-75 over 1m2f

Julian Smart has the Royal Cavalry of Oman's team in fine form this season and Mudalal won his maiden well over this distance at Huntingdon beating useful maidens Few and Far and Al Harith. Final Fling won a competitive Premier Handicap over this distance on the all-weather at Kempton Park last season and has been running well this term. Owner/Trainer Delyth Thomas's string are always formidable on this surface. Pacific Way is progressing nicely this term and lost her maiden tag when winning a competitive handicap at Exeter over this trip beating subsequent winner Notid and she should be thereabouts.

2nd race - The Al Khor Premier Handicap Stakes 0-55 over 5f

An ideal opportunity for consistent performer Benny The Dip to get his head in front. He has been placed on all five starts this term and was a good 2nd to Whisper over a mile last time out. A winner over this distance and a confirmed all weather performer he will take all the beating. Main danger is Sharka who was placed over 7f at Wolverhampton last year and was narrowly beaten over 6f at Huntingdon by Trip To Khairo. The Way To Go can never be discounted at this level, has plenty of speed, won first time out this season and has been placed on all her starts since including when 3rd to Anganate Safinat over 8f last time out.

3rd race - The Qatar International Stakes over 1m4f (Group 2 PA)

This is a very special opportunity for UK racegoers to see one of the greatest Arabian racehorses of all time with Champion trainer Gill Duffield fielding the incredible Madjani. A winner of the Arabian World Cup/Group 1 Kahayla Classic (1m2f on dirt) a staggering three times in a row and just missing out on a fourth this year when he was 2nd to Mizzna. He has form, class and talent in abundance and is impossible to oppose here and trip shouldn't be a problem as he has won the 1m3f HH Presidents Cup. Al Moutawakel is a UAE-trained Group 1 winner and finished only 1½ lengths behind Madjani when 3rd in the Dubai Kahayla Classic in March of this year. This is his first visit to the UK and connections will be travelling with the intention of victory. Jaafer ASF ran with credit in defeat behind Badad in Qatar Cup in Germany when 2nd and was the bridesmaid again behind No Risk Al Maury in Group 1 Dubai Stakes. Aljaarah ran well on Dubai Day when winning the stayers' handicap over 1m5f. He will make sure there is a good pace for stablemate Madjani and should be fighting out the finish.

4th race - The Doha International Stakes over 1m (Group 2 PA)

A good day could be predicted for HH Sheikh Hamdan and Gill Duffield who are unlikely to pitch stable star No Risk Al Maury against the might of Madjani, therefore No Risk Al Maury, a superstar in his own right with 12 wins to his name including back to back wins in the Group 1 Dubai Stakes over 1m2f including this year's event from Jaafer ASF seems the most likely candidate for this race. He has plenty of pace and a smart turn of foot and this step down in trip shouldn't be a problem as he won a competitive Open Handicap over this trip last term. Dynamite, travelling from France with UAE trainer Satish Seemar, has an impressive race record including 2 Group 1 races and several placings behind some of the best performers in Arabian racing at the moment. He finished 5th most recently in Hamburg with Jaafer ASF and Nimr ASF ahead of him which could suggest that his form may not be what it once was. However, he cannot be totally discounted on his first run on British soil. Georgina Ward is having a good season for patron HH Sheikh Mohammed Al Thani. The smart young colt Mu'azzaz was 3rd on his racecourse debut in the Group 1 Derby and then won his next start a competitive conditions event at Hereford over 9f. Former Qatar Derby winner Magadir ran a superb race to win the Group 1 Hatta Stakes over this distance on Dubai Day beating smart mare Nokomys a length.

5th race - The Al Rayyan Open International Premier Handicap Stakes over 1m2f

Georgina Ward unleashed a potential star of the future when Falak won over 1m4f at Fontwell Park where he had subsequent winners Ejaabi, Deolali, Meastro Al Maury and Mustajib behind him. He then followed up in fine style in the mile handicap on Dubai Day beating Ejaabi and Marsak. Ejaabi followed up his fine Dubai Day 2nd to Falak with an impressive win over this distance in a competitive Premier Handicap at Newbury beating useful stablemate Marsak. The Bill Smith trained Nokomys is a classy mare who has won 4 races including a Group 2. She was 2nd over this distance to Magadir on Dubai Day and has won on the all weather. The track and trip should suit.

6th race - The Ras Laffan Premier Handicap Stakes 0-95 over 6f

Julian Smart's nice performer Mutafani, owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman, won over 8f at Abu Dhabi in the winter and ran the race of his life in the UK when 2nd to Quaolina in the Group 1 Zabeel Stakes over this trip. Merwah has been rapidly improving this season for trainer Helen Bona. She won at Nottingham over 1m2f and then bolted home on the all weather at Kempton Park over this trip in a Premier Handicap beating the smart Aberfeldy. She looks set to make the selection pull out all the stops. Angel Picamer won at Wolverhampton over this trip (beating Mutafani) and won at this track last term over 8f.