

Market Rasen 26th May Review

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Race 1 – Maiden over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

The impeccably bred Paul De Faust advertised his Derby claims with a confident victory getting up close to the line to deny stable mate Mutafanen by half a length. The Royal Cavalry of Oman's runner Al Bashiq was an eye-catching third and looks useful.

Race 2 – Open over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Fraternity may have lost out to Son of Sophie at Wolverhampton but he made no mistake here galloping all the way to the line to deny Sue Connally's useful recruit Inchmarlow. Whilst Stuart Shefras's gallant Anglo Madrison was staying on for third.

Race 3 – Jebel Ali Stakes 0-75 over 7 Furlongs

James Kippen's superb home bred colt Benamer made it two from two with a battling head victory over Al Mamoon who made him pull out all the stops. Benamer holds a Derby entry and is making all the right noises at the moment. HH Sheikh Hamdan's useful filly Yaasah kept on for third.

Race 4 – Conditions over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Malik D'Or atoned for his defeat at the hands of Gill Duffield's progressive colt No Risk Al Maury with a battling victory from Muntaliq, getting the better of him by a head. Muntaliq looks to have strengthened up over the winter and is on the upgrade, whilst Oman bred Badee did well on his UK debut and will be sharper next time out.

Race 5 – Handicap Stakes 0-65 over 7 Furlongs

Eternal bridesmaid Nenette finally lost her maiden tag and did it in emphatic fashion pulling two lengths clear of El Buba on the line and is one to keep on the right side of. El Buba looks to be coming back to form, whilst Mustameet kept on gallantly for third.

Race 6 – Handicap Stakes 0-90 over 1 Mile 5 Furlongs

Aljaareh completed a double for Gill Duffield and HH Sheikh Hamdan when winning over this extended trip to lay the gauntlet down for the staying division, and looks more than capable of following in the footsteps of his brother Taabeer. Stablemate and last season's champion pure bred Maestro Al Maury showed he's still on the upgrade with a good second, ahead of the admirably consistent CS Khan.

Race 7 – Jebel Ali Handicap Stakes 0-50 over 1 Mile 5 Furlongs

El Chenz showed he is on the upgrade with a battling victory in this staying handicap; always handy he came with a flying run inside the final two furlongs to deny Bonham by half a length. Bonham continues to impress and should be winning soon, whilst Kizhi made a pleasing seasonal debut.