

**Stratford Racecourse Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Arabian Raceday Preview**

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**The Champagne Maiden Stakes over 6 furlongs**

Elizan was a strong running on third to impressive Salisbury winner Sangelak and his breeding suggests that this step down in trip will suit (sire won Group 1 over this trip) and he can open his account for the in from Bill Smith yard. Magnum De Piboul was a credible second that day and he should be in the shake up, whilst Alsharq is beautifully bred and although only a three year old can make her light weight count on her debut.

**The Weatherbys Open race Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Fraternity has won four of his seven starts this term but he was emphatically beaten by Night Cap last time out at Nottingham over a mile and although Fraternity has every chance of reversing the form, Night Cap is selected to maintain his superiority. Take The Plunge was second that day and Megabond dead heated for third and both should be in the shake up.

**The AHS & ARO's Breeders Cup over a Mile (for Pure bred Arabs bred in UK)**

A competitive renewal of this valuable race to promote the breeding of Arabian race horses in the UK. HH Sheikh Hamdan's Hathrah (bred by Shadwell Estate) won a Premier Handicap impressively last time out over a mile at Lingfield beating Dubai Day winner Angel Picamer, she had Palapal back in fourth and she will take all the beating here for the in from Duffield team. Her main danger looks to HH Sheikh Mohammed's smart performer CS Charma (bred by Clarendon Stud) who won easily at Salisbury over seven furlongs and was previously second to Shuhood on Dubai Day. Whilst Anayid (bred at Shadwell) has won twice this season her maiden over a mile at Huntingdon where she had subsequent winner Sangelak back in second and also at Nottingham over a mile and two furlongs.

**The Loddon Ltd Handicap Stakes 0-75 over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs**

Karang won extremely well at Nottingham when losing his maiden tag in a two mile handicap, where he had Kizhi back in second and Debrett, Ajyaal and Consider Me well beat. He has since been sold through Ascots Arab Racehorse Sale for £2,300 to none other than the all powerful Katie James yard, her first Arab and he can open win again under his new talented owner/trainer/jockey . His main danger comes from Sarah Saunders impressive Salisbury scorer Moogali who came home well under an insufficient mile and this step up in trip looks ideal. Whilst his former stablemate Yakshi looked to be on the upgrade when winning at Huntingdon over a mile and six furlongs.

**The ARO Sweepstakes Handicap Final 0-60 over 1 Mile**

Kizhi has been running well all season including when winning well at Fontwell Park over 1 Mile 4 furlongs off a mark of 50, she than ran the race of her life to come second to Karang over two miles, and although step down in trip is a concern she should be able to land this event. Plus has been a revelation this season and won emphatically at Salisbury latest over six furlongs beating CS Lafaz six lengths, she should be in the shake up. Whilst Floren has won this season over 1 Mile 4 furlongs and Hayleys Comet won well over 1 Mile 1 furlongs at Huntingdon.

**The Penn Challenge Handicap Stakes Final over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs**

Curupanna has been running out of her skin this season winning all three starts including over this trip, she won at Hereford last time out over a mile and a furlong and had La Perruche five lengths back that day and she can take this for a four timer. Madrison and Tamagotchi are both class acts who have been performing with credit all season being placed against the TB's and will be thereabouts.

**The Jebel Ali Racing Club handicap Stakes over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs**

Bonham has been running with credit all season being placed behind El Chenz over this trip at Market Rasen and finally lost his duck last time out at over a mile and two furlongs where he battled home to beat Plus and El Hamsa a short head, he can land this for a double. Main danger looks to be Fair Deed Dash who has been out of form all season but has won several races to date including over this trip last season, whilst Anaganate Safinat has been running well of late including at Lingfield when he chased home the progressive Mushammer over this trip.

**The Samad Racing Handicap Stakes 0-95 over 6 Furlongs**

Furaat won well at Nottingham over this trip before following up in a valuable Premier handicap over six furlongs at Newbury and she can make this a hatrick for the in form Duffield stable. WFA Leopard was third to the selection at Newbury and also a good fourth in the Group 1 Zaabeel Stakes, he has strong place claims, as does Sangelak who won his maiden nicely over seven furlongs at Salisbury.