

## Taunton Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Raceday Preview

By Paul Simmons

### **The Mirage Signs Maiden Stakes over 6 Furlongs**

Champion trainer Gill Duffield has found a perfect opportunity for HH Sheikh Hamdan's Estihlal to open her account, well bred and an encouraging 3<sup>rd</sup> on her debut last season over this trip at Exeter to stablemate Hathrah. She is sure to have improved and can make her experience count. Stablemate Remaal also looks smart, while Bill Smith has Karm Ku entered who is related to speedy performers Elizan and Kudor. Whilst Sam Davison runs the interestingly named Pinkie Tuscadero, this filly is by American sprint sire Izentespeshal and should have plenty of pace.

### **The Outdoor Installations Ltd Sweepstakes 0-50 over 1 Mile 5 Furlongs**

Bonham improved with every run last season winning twice over 1 mile 2 furlongs and 1 mile 4 furlongs, he looks to be on the upgrade and can take this race. His main dangers come from Brigitta who chased him home over 1 Mile 4 furlongs and ran well when 3<sup>rd</sup> to CS Lafaz in the Jebel Ali Bronze final over 1 Mile 2 furlongs at Warwick. Anganate Safinat is a tough old rogue and will love the track and trip and might sneak a place.

### **The Jebel Ali Racing Club Qualifier 0-70 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Musayaar ran well last season and was placed in both his maidens, including chasing home stablemate Mustajib when 3<sup>rd</sup> over 9 furlongs at Hereford and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Kamilya over 7 furlongs at Warwick; he can defy top weight to win here. His main dangers come from course winner and consistent handicapper Operatic who goes well fresh and will appreciate the trip, and Pacific Way who looked good when coming 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mustajib over 9 furlongs at Hereford and was a good 6<sup>th</sup> to Estival over this trip in Jebel Ali Gold final; she is unexposed and improving.

### **The Outdoor Installations Ltd Open Race (TBs, AA & PBAs) over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Take the Plunge looked to be getting the hang of things last season and will relish the track and trip and can open her ARO account here. Her main danger comes from experienced Arab jockey Anna Wallace's first runner as a trainer with Elms Schoolboy who wasn't disgraced when 6<sup>th</sup> of 15 to Wizard Looking at Lingfield Park over 1 Mile 4 furlongs and rates a danger, as does Global Achiever from the Owen yard who has won 3 races on the flat to date and is taking step down in class.

### **The Outdoor Installations Ltd Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Petraunille was highly tried last season and seemed to be all at sea in both the French and UK Derbies; this step down in trip should suit and she can gain a confident boosting win for owner HH Sheikh Hamdan. Her main danger is Bill Smith's well bred colt Majestic De Piboul who should go close, as well as Sam Davison's smart filly Dibba, who is a half sister to UAE National Gold Cup and UK Premier Handicap winner Bengalant.

### **The Royal Cavalry of Oman Series Qualifier 0-90 Handicap Stakes over 7 Furlongs**

An excellent opportunity for Madid to add to his tally of wins for the powerful Duffield yard; he won well over 6 furlongs at Stratford, beating Jelvita and should land this event. His main danger is smart Premier Handicap winner WFA Leopard who goes well fresh and should appreciate the trip and track. Noble Athlete will appreciate cut in the track (won twice on AW in 2007) and is capable of defying top weight.

### **The Outdoor Installations Ltd 0-100 handicap Stakes over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Final Fling opened his account in some style last season when winning the valuable Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia Stakes at Kempton Park over this trip with Deolali behind him; he runs from out of the handicap but looks capable of scoring again off his current mark. His main danger is Estival who has won twice over 1 mile 5 furlongs, and latest over this trip in the Listed Jebel Ali Gold Final where she battled home from the useful Benamer; she will make him fight to the line. Deolali has won first time out and goes well fresh and has won a Premier Handicap over this trip and can't be discounted.