

ARO Raceday Review
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1st race – Red Mills UK Maiden Handicap Stakes 0-70 over 7 Furlongs

The Debator set a scorching pace from the off quickening up nicely down the back straight with Musaayar and top weight Kamilya in her slipstream. As they turned for the home straight The Debator was starting to weaken as Musaayar and Kamilya ranged upsides and they were all in a line with a furlong to go, but in the end it was owner/breeder James Kippen's brave **Kamilya** (Makzan x Bengaliya (Bengali D'Albret)) under top weight who powered home under a superb ride from former Champion jockey Phil Collington to win going away by two lengths from Musaayar, and she looks to have a bright future. Speaking afterwards the Kippens, who have been breeding and racing Arabians for the best part of 25 years, said "She's a tough filly and that was an impressive performance under top weight". Musaayar (Jehol De Cardonne x Silvena (Klarnet)) ran his best race to date in second chasing the winner all the way to the line but he was always being held. Whilst The Debator (Bengali D'Albret x Djeba El Mels (Dormane)) seemed to run out of energy in the final furlong but plugged on ahead of a fast finishing Shouq.

2nd race – The Easibed Open Race (TB, AA & PBA) Handicap over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs

Fraternity (Grand Lodge x Catawba) was never going to be denied here under Simon Walker who was now one behind Collington for the jockeys championship, he led from start to finish under a typically determined ride from Walker and never looked to be in any danger kicking clear in the final furlong to win going away by three lengths. Speaking afterwards owner/trainer Katie James said "He's been on the go for a while and was giving weight away today but he always gives his best". In winning he secured the TB championship for James. Back in third was Tremezzo (Mind Games x Rosa Van Fleet) running a personal best always travelling well, he came with his run inside the two furlong marker but had no extra in the closing stages. Whilst Adalar (Grand Lodge x Adalya) was always prominent and was staying on dourly at the end ahead of a fast finishing Cloud Catcher.

3rd race – The Shaw & Fox Handicap Stakes 0-105 over 7 Furlongs

Walker clinched the jockeys championship here with a typically assured and confident ride aboard the luckless **Earsldon** (Akbar x Elgonda), always handy he was cruising behind Zormaniana who led the field and good gallop from the off. With a furlong to run Zormaniana (Dormane x Diraia) was coming off the bridle and Earlsdon was galvanised by Walker just inside the final half furlong and just got up in the shadow of the post by a neck from a hard ridden Zormaniana. Winning trainer Bill Smith commented "They went a decent gallop and Earlsdon is better coming off a fast pace, and he won that well". Zormaniana ran a great race in defeat leading the charge from the three furlong marker and she was arguably unlucky not to get home in front. Whilst Dormah De Brugere (Dormane x Ballade Folle) ran well back in third always prominent she ran well inside the final furlong but the first two had set sail for the post but she finished strongly to hold off Baraka Ibn Shahtess.

4th race – Jebel Ali Gold Final over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

CS Khan led the field at a scorching gallop from the start with Estival, Al Mamoon and Firstwan all handy. As the field rounded the corner with less than two furlongs to go Steve Harrison produced Estival with a dazzling run for owner Colin Banks to show a blinding turn of foot to power clear, and she was all out to hold off the challenge of Al Mamoon, Pavots Dreamboy and Firstwan. As they hit the furlong marker it looked as if Estival had set sail until Benamer appeared out of the field like a speeding bullet, blazing down the track in the final furlong; but **Estival** (Khairouan x Viny De Passerat (Dormane)) is an extremely talented mare and she dug deep to hold on by a neck. Speaking afterwards delighted trainer Angela Colledge commented "She's one tough filly, she just kept finding more". Benamer (Amer x Bengaliya (Bengali D'Albret)), who had been off the track since May, ran an incredible race, seemingly outpaced at half way he was at the back of the field with four furlongs to run and it was an incredible effort to run the winner so close and to make up so much ground. Al Mamoon (Passeem Lotois x Al Hanoof) ran a great race in third, always thereabouts he was hard pressed in the final furlong and could find no more but stuck to his task well to hold onto third ahead of the plugging on Firstwan.

5th race – Jebel Ali Silver Final over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Lavish made sure there was a decent pace from the off, leading the field home until the two furlong marker with Lile D'Amour, Floren, Mushammer, Pavot Al Kyle and Raihan all showing up prominently. As they turned into the home straight it was Mushammer who set sail for home with Pavot Al Kyle ranging ominously in behind, with Floren and Lile D'Amour chasing hard. As they hit the furlong marker it was between Mushammer and Pavot Al Kyle, but in the end the talented young Amateur Charlie Wallis (based with David Pipe) produced an inspired ride on owner Delyth Thomas grand old servant **Pavot Al Kyle** (Pavot Al Maury x

Ellaria) and pulled clear inside the final half furlong to win by just under four lengths. Delyth Thomas said afterwards "Charlie rode a brilliant race on Kyle, he has been working so well at home this year I couldn't understand why he hadn't won this season, but he's done it well today; and he's such a lovely horse". Mushammer (Passem Lotois x Kawzah Tiki) lost nothing in defeat in coming second, he rallied hard inside the final furlong and was giving eleven pounds to the winner, he has also secured the Champion Pure bred award this season for owner/trainer Carol Legg. Back in third was Floren (Bengali D'Albret x Florys De Nautiac) who ran another superb race after his sweepstake win at Stratford, he was always up with the pace and ran on well inside the final furlong but couldn't get near the first two.

6th race – The Kingslea Stud Anglo & PBA Championship Stakes over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

A fascinating race with all the leading Anglo's lining up. Amazon's Heiress set the field off at decent gallop but she was soon taken on and surpassed by Madrison who was ridden in a confident and authoritative manner by Martin Smith who kicked the gallant gelding on and seemed to have caught half the field napping as he stretched clear by about twenty lengths down the back straight. As he rounded the corner **Madrison** (L'Estragon x Madrisa) seemed to be tiring slightly but still maintaining this awesome relentless gallop and he never looked like he was going to be beat clearing the line by an easy four lengths to win the championship. Owner/ trainer Stuart Shefras was understandably thrilled "We were disappointed with his run at Stratford but he had been off for three months, we also tried running him from the front this time and he seemed to really enjoy himself." Although the winner had set sail for home there was a battle royal going on for second place between former champion L'Escalou (Big John x L'Escale) and prolific winner Curupanna (Opera Ghost x Easter Panic), and in the end L'Escalou's class won through as he came clear for second ahead of Curupanna, who has been a phenomenon this season for connections and as usual gave her best staying on dourly to hold onto third ahead of Tamagotchi.

7th race – Jebel Ali Bronze Final 0-48 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

They went a fair clip from the start with Fair Deed Dash, Brigitta, Bonham and CS Lafaz all making their presence felt up near the front. As they turned into the home straight the rapidly improving Brigitta looked to be going very well and led them into the home straight with the admirably consistent Bonham and Fair Deed Dash chasing hard and **CS Lafaz** (Sambist x Kilcummer Lalla (Sir Lancelot)) producing a strong run down the centre of the track. As they hit the furlong marker Fair Deed Dash on the far rail had set sail for home with Brigitta in the centre of the track and Bonham completing the trio, but it was CS Lafaz under a determined Sam Holdsworth who was finishing best of all and this grand old handicapper swept past the young trio to win by a comfortable length and a half at the line for popular win for owner/ trainer John Collier. Bonham (Bakara x Bonnie Jet (Balaton)) ran another superb race in second, chasing the winner all the way to the line but failing to reel him in. Whilst Brigitta (Khairouan x Barryh (Djelfor)) continues to impress this season producing another sound effort, she helped to force the pace and came with a big run inside the two furlong and to her credit kept on plugging away when passed and held onto third ahead of a hard ridden Fair Deed Dash.