

## Newbury Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Single Race Preview

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### **The Hawthorn Hill International Arabian Racing Stakes (Group 2 PA) Over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

An interesting field contests this first Group race of the UK Arab racing season with runners for Rod Simpson from Dubai, as well as leading UK trainers Bill Smith, Gill Duffield and Georgina Ward as well as the in form Julian Smart with his Royal Cavalry of Oman stable. The selection is predictably **No Risk Al Maury**; you cannot fault this horse who has never run a bad race in his life, he is an extremely classy winner of the last two runnings of this race as well as the Group 1 Shadwell International Stakes. He is almost a course and distance expert at Newbury, being unbeaten here in 6 starts and can add to his tally with another confident victory. His main dangers come from the Bill Smith trained pair Nokomys and Aberfeldy, the former is a classy Group winning mare who was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Group 1 Hatta Stakes first time out last year over course and distance and will be there at the finish. Aberfeldy looked extremely impressive at Fontwell when trouncing a classy field over 7 furlongs, she looks capable of staying this trip and may well be capable of holding her own in Group company. Georgina Ward (a former UK Derby winning trainer) runs the impressive Dorat Nour (FR); this classy filly won the Prix Mandragore over 8 furlongs as a juvenile last year before running a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Prix Razzia (Group 3) over 9 furlongs and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Izabella in the French Breeder's Cup Juvenile over this trip. She was a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jade Du Paon over this trip in April in Toulouse and should make her presence felt.