

## Salisbury 6<sup>th</sup> September Race Preview

By Paul Simmons

### 1<sup>st</sup> race – The Alqurum Beach Maiden Stakes

#### PA Maiden over 7 furlongs

A competitive looking maiden with the selection being the Royal Cavalry of Oman's smart maiden **A'Naser** who has chased home some useful looking horses to date including when 2<sup>nd</sup> to Yaqoot at Fontwell (the third Moshahed has since won) and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thimaar over 7f at Huntingdon (won again at Wolverhampton in August). This step down in trip should suit and he'll take all the beating here. Main danger comes from Ambrose who has chased home smart maiden winner Riko (who franked the form when winning on Dubai Day) and was recently a good 2<sup>nd</sup> to Estiqraar over this trip at Huntingdon (Zayin Zeus held in third). Gill Duffield's yard continues in fine form this term and has some smart looking juveniles entered with Jaady being the best option based on his good 2<sup>nd</sup> to Alotbello in the G2 Emirates Juvenile Stakes on Dubai Day (Sestamina held in 4<sup>th</sup>).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> race – The Alsawadi Beach Handicap Stakes

#### PA Handicap 0-75 over 6 furlongs

A difficult handicap to call with several in with chance, not least Even Keener and Whisper who pulled well clear of the field at Market Rasen over 7 furlongs last week (Whisper won by a neck). However, the selection is **Balladore**, who looked very impressive when winning the opening 7 furlong handicap on Dubai Day (holds majority of the field); she failed to stay over 10 furlongs behind Gazal last month so this step down in trip looks ideal and she will be hard to beat here. Pinkie Tuscadero runs for the in-form Adam Newey (2 wins last weekend) and she won well first time out this season at Taunton over this trip from a mark of 64 as well as running a decent 2<sup>nd</sup> to Al Rasheeq over this trip at Wolverhampton; she'll be fighting out the finish. Even Keener looks to be improving and was unlucky not to win last time out, but won well at Wolverhampton in August over 7 furlongs, beating Ajyaal and Raihan.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> race – The Albustan Beach Handicap Stakes

#### PA Open Handicap over 1 mile 6 furlongs

**Al Mannsoub** made a dazzling start to his UK racing career with an emphatic win over Deolali, Aljaareh and Taabeer when winning the Stayers' Handicap on Dubai Day over this trip; he pulled clear that day and won in fine style and it looks likely he will follow up here. The Royal Cavalry of Oman's Quorman Des Viallettes was beaten that day but previously ran an excellent race when chasing home Shibl over 10 furlongs at Taunton (beating subsequent winners Marsak and Noble Athlete) and was 2<sup>nd</sup> to Aljaareh over this trip at Ffos Las. Malik D'Or and CS Al Wahed are both Group 2 Staying winners and have place claims if back to their best.

### 4<sup>th</sup> race – The ARO Breeders' Cup

#### PA, UK bred 3, 4 and 5 yrs only over 1 mile

Al Janoob could scarcely have been more impressive when trouncing a classy field over 10 furlongs at Market Rasen last week, but he's unlikely to make a quick reappearance. That said Gill Duffield has won the last two runnings of this race for HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, with Anayid in 2007 and Inshaad in 2008 and their runners are always worth noting. The selection is for the unbeaten **Adraaj** to continue her connections' winning run; she was won all 3 starts to date over 10 furlongs, including her maiden, a competitive handicap and last time out a Premier Handicap at Newbury where she beat stablemate and subsequent winner Thimaar. Dangers come from stablemate Estiqraar who won last time out over 7 furlongs (beating Ambrose). Tidarbret has been outclassed in Group company recently, but should take a hand in the finish, as should Yaqoot who won her maiden over 10 furlongs (beating subsequent winner Moshahed); she was third to Riko over this trip on Dubai Day and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Al Janoob last week.

### 5<sup>th</sup> race – The Ras Alhad Beach Handicap Stakes

#### PA Handicap 0-100 over 1 mile

**Thimaar** won her maiden well over 7 furlongs at Huntingdon and was a decent 2<sup>nd</sup> to stablemate Adraaj over 10 furlongs in a Premier Handicap before comprehensively beating Riko and Amwaj over 7 furlongs at Wolverhampton, and she can follow up here. Aberfeldy disappointed behind Fryvolous in a Group 2 event at Newmarket, but previously scored in fine style at Fontwell Park

over 7 furlongs beating subsequent winner Marsak, she has strong place claims. Noble Athlete is having a tremendous campaign this year, winning twice over 9 furlongs and being placed in Group company as well, he was a decent 2<sup>nd</sup> to Al Janoob over 10 furlongs last time out and should be thereabouts if he has recovered from his exertions.

**6<sup>th</sup> race – The ARO Open Race Handicap Stakes**

**TB, AAs & PB over 6 furlongs**

**Golden Peacock** won well when landing the 6 furlong event at Huntingdon earlier in the season and is taken to return to winning ways here. Megabond won several times over this trip last season and was a good third to Chapter over 7 furlongs at Wolverhampton in August and should go close, whilst Just Crystal ran a superb race to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> that day and has place claims, as does Balerno who was 5<sup>th</sup> that day, but previously ran 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fraternity over this trip at Fontwell Park.

**7<sup>th</sup> race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)**

**PA Handicap 0-55 over 6 furlongs**

**Raihan** has been looking like she is returning to form recently with a good effort when beaten just over a length when third to Even Keener over 7 furlongs at Wolverhampton; she has since followed this up with another impressive run when third to Whisper over 7 furlongs at Market Rasen last weekend and looks capable of landing a well deserved victory. Main opponents come from Unshooda, a winner over 5 furlongs last term but out of form this season, and Trip To Khairo, who won well at Huntingdon at the start of the season over 6 furlongs and will be fighting out the finish.