

Wolverhampton 8th June Preview

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Race 1 The Free Racing On Dubai Day Maiden Stakes over 7 Furlongs

A fascinating maiden with several eye catching runners not least Hidalgo – a half brother to top class sprinter Pavot Al Maury. Duffield fields the superbly bred Ayun, a smart daughter of Jehol De Cardonne out of the useful Volna, dam of smart sprinter Muthaaber and miler Shohrah. She should open her account here, although stablemate Remaal could well get home. Julian Smart fields the useful looking Mudalal, a son of Darike; the Oman horses are running well this term and he could snatch a place as could The Debator who was third to Baseerah over 6f at Exeter on her seasonal debut. Hidalgo one of two 3 yr olds in the race is from the Colledge stable who had two winners last week.

Race 2 The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier) over 1 Mile

A competitive handicap with all weather lovers Ajyaal and Blu By You lining up and also recent winner Operatic (a former winner at this track), and handicap debutant Pinkie Tuscadero. Preference is for Ajyaal who was a good 5th behind Kizhi over 10f at Taunton; that will have put him spot on for this race and he should take all the beating. Operatic, who was so impressive at Huntingdon over 10f should be fighting out the finish as should Blu By You a former course and distance winner and Pinkie Tuscadero.

Race The www.aroracing.co.uk Open Race over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs

Reminiscent was narrowly beaten by Son Of Sophie over 1 Mile 6f at Notts but is taken to reverse the form here and open his ARO account. Son Of Sophie will take all the beating and will be there at the finish as will Exclusive Air, a multiple winner over this trip a couple of years ago.

Race 4 The Al Ras Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile 1 Furlong

Alsharq looked pretty good chasing home stablemate Shibl over 1 mile at Nottingham and this extra furlong should suit, she can lose her maiden tag for the all powerful Duffield yard. Barik ran out of his skin at Huntingdon last week when second to Derby entry Ejaabi and he could easily go one better here today, whilst Try My Best was third to Shibl that day and is going the right way.

Race 5 The Shindgha Handicap Stakes over 6 Furlongs

Shouq very much caught the eye with a good fourth over this trip to Plus at Huntingdon, she is progressing nicely this term and could open her account here. Her main danger is Egypt who loves this trip and ran well when narrowly second to Plus at Huntingdon, whilst Benny The Dip will appreciate trip and track and should be thereabouts.

Race 6 The Al Wasl FC Stakes over 6 Furlongs

Earlsdon looked very impressive last season winning four starts from 6-7f including last time out at Warwick where he beat Zormanian over 7f (can be forgiven poor effort at Kempton in Oct); he has plenty of speed and class and can take this race on his debut. Main dangers are Zormanian again who looked to be coming back to form when second to the selection at Warwick, whilst Popidol Kossack was a decent 2nd to Aberfeldy over 6 furlongs at Notts and should be fighting out the finish.

Race 7 The Nad Al Sheba Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile

A fascinating race with several key horses and Derby entries lined up. Prince Dormant won his maiden well at Lingfield over 7 furlongs before running a decent 4th to Barag in a Group 2 Juvenile event last year. He is clearly going well at home to warrant a Derby entry and can land this en route. His main danger is likely to be the impressive Oman runner Zoumir, who won the UAE Derby this year (and also holds a UK Derby entry); he'll make the selection pull out all the stops, whilst Estihlal could scarcely have been more impressive trouncing the field over 10 furlong at Taunton to win his maiden and will be there at the finish.

Race 8 The Come Arab Racing At Wolverhampton On 27th September Open Race Handicap over 6 Furlongs

Megabond won well at Notts and Huntingdon over this trip and will take all the beating again here today, despite a 6lb win penalty. L'Escalou has plenty of speed and won over this trip back in '06 and still possesses plenty of speed, whilst Ela Figura was third over this trip to Saucepot last term and has place claims again.