

Bath 7th September Single Race Review

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The Royal Cavalry of Oman Clarendon International Stakes Group 3 PA

Over 5 Furlongs

An impressive result here from the Belgium raider Ircalan DA, who was given a superb ride from Sam Hitchcott to just get up on the line from after a prolonged battle with Galaavi. They broke from the stalls and Galaavi and Ircalan DA quickly set a decent pace, with Galaavi going to the head of affairs after a furlong with Sabden and Al Harith handy and Thimaar and Theoretically all tucked in behind. As they headed inside the final furlong Ircalan DA took on Galaavi and these two were head to head all the way to the line with Sam Hitchcott and Dane O'Neill respectively aboard, but in the end it was the brave Belgian raider **Ircalan DA (Djel Bon x Alissah)** who got up on the line by a neck from Galaavi for owner, trainer and breeder Mr Johan Verstrepen. Galaavi (Flaming Streak x Virlaxy) ran a superb race in second for Bill Smith and the Athbah Stud, she kept on really well in the closing stages but couldn't quite get past. A neck back in third was the Gill Duffield trained and HH Shiekh Hamdan owned Thimaar (Chndaka x Alharir) who came with a storming run through the field in the closing stages and was finishing fast and furious and just got up for third to deprive Al Harith, who was also staying on gamely having run another solid race.

