

## Newbury 10<sup>th</sup> July Single Race Review

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### The Athbah Stud Premier Handicap Stakes

#### 0-85 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

A fascinating competitive handicap on show here but in the end it was the 11/4 favourite **Adraaj (Bengali D'Albret x Aicha Tourettes)** who landed a hattrick, scorching home from stablemate Thimaar under a well judged powerful ride from Phil Collington. They broke quickly from the stalls and made smooth progress from the straight, but Collington was always going ominously well on Adraaj, and this talented filly maintained her unbeaten record to quicken clear in fine style inside the final furlong to win by an easy two lengths for trainer Gill Duffield and owner HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum. Back in second was stablemate Thimaar (Chndaka x Alharir) who ran superb race on her second start; she chased the winner hard inside the final furlong but was always being held. A'Naser (Newday x A'Sabooh) looks to be progressing nicely, he has been placed in some hot maidens but travelled well and stuck to his task well inside the final furlong, just staying ahead of decent yard stick Deolali.

