ARABIAN RACE 1.20

THE ROYAL CAVALRY OF OMAN **CLARENDON STAKES** (GROUP 3 PA)

For Purebred Arabians. Three years old and upwards.

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Weights: 4 years old and upwards 9st 8lbs 3 year olds 8st 10lbs Penalties - Winner of a Group 1 PA (or equivalent) since 1st January 2016, 7lb. Winner of a Group 2 PA (or equivalent) since 1st January 2016, 5lbs. Winner of a Group 3 PA (or equivalent) since 1st January 2016, 3lbs. Allowances - Fillies & Mares 4lb

> Draw No Horse Age st 10 - 16 (6)



Form: 5116-4

Extras: BI

MITH'HAF ATHBAH (20)

Gr h Amer (SA) - Karouj (GB) Owner: Athbah Stud Trainer: Mr Philip Collington Breeder: Athbah Stud

Jockey: Silvestre De Sousa Colours: BLACK, GREY sleeves, ROYAL BLUE diamonds, GREY cap, ROYAL BLUE diamond.

Progressive last term winning a 1m2f conditions event here, following up in a Gr1PA over a mile on the AW and later winning a Gr2PA over 7f in France on Good ground, beating a subsequent Gr1PA winner. Not so effective on easy ground as when fourth here over 6f in a Gr1PA latest (Storm Troupour 3rd). Leading contender in first-time blinkers and the drier the ground, the better. (R13 W4 P5) (OR 115)



Extras: RI

2 KAO KAT MHF (US) (17)

Ch h Kaolino (FR) - Here Kitty Kitty (US)

Owner: Pharitz Arabians Trainer: Ms B Deutrom Breeder: Mandolynn Hill Farm

9 - 13Jockey: David Probert

Colours: WHITE, GREEN diamonds, RED triple diamonds on sleeves. WHITE cap with RED diamond

Won this in 2016 on quick ground and was subsequently Gr1PA placed in Turkey. Missed a year, finishing last when reappearing in a Windsor Gr3PA won by Shomoos Athbah in May over a mile, and has made little impact in two Gr1PA contests since. Chance on past form and fitter today, but younger rivals should have the edge. (R24 W4 P10) (OR 100)



STORM TROUPOUR (US) (17)

Ch h Nivour De Cardonne (FR) - E S Ornetta (US)

Owner: Pharitz Arabians Trainer: Ms B Deutrom

Breeder: Kathryn K or Paul J Smoke Extras:

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Jockey: Dayversson De Barros Colours: WHITE, GREEN diamonds, RED triple diamonds on sleeves. WHITE cap

Third in this last year on Soft and has since picked up a 6f race at this level in Sweden on Dirt. Fair third here in a Gr1PA also over 6f (Mith'haf Athbah 4th) before quick reappearance in a hot Gr1PA at Goodwood when outclassed over a mile. Should be thereabouts, if those recent runs have not left their mark. (R24 W5 P7) (OR 111)



ALAZEEZ (20)

Ch g Madjani (FR) - Zormania (FR)

Bay h Dahess (GB) - Barryh (FR)

Owner: H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum

Trainer: Mr.James Owen

Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd

9 - 8 (2)Jockey: Jim Crowley

Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, striped cap.

Extras: VIS Course winner here over a mile and a dual 6f winner on the Polytrack, finished fifth in this race last year. Too keen behind Shomoos Athbah at Windsor (when 5th) and disappointing, last two runs here, however the easy ground was against him latest. Yet to fulfil earlier promise, looks the stables first string on jockey bookings. (R14 W3 P5) (OR 86)



ZAYIN ANGKOR CENTURION (17)

Jockey: Mr D Turner Colours: BLACK with DARK GREEN

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Owner: Zayin Arabian Stud Form: -12360 Trainer: Mr P J Hammerslev stars, WHITE cap with BLACK star Breeder: Mr P Simmons Extras

Winner over 7f and a mile on the Polytrack. Less than two lengths second to Shomoos Athbah at Windsor, but looked one paced here when third in a 6f conditions event, Shammat Al Hosn and Alazeez behind. Found out at Gr1PA level last twice, over 1m2f here and then quick reappearance over a mile at Glorious Goodwood. Chance, if recovered from latest efforts. (R11 W2 P5) (OR 107)



6 SHOMOOS ATHBAH (20)

Ch f Burning Sand (US) - Djanet Monlau (FR)

9 - 7 Jockey: Tadhg O'Shea

Owner: Athbah Stud Trainer: Mr Philip Collington

Colours: BLACK, GREY sleeves, ROYAL BLUE diamonds, GREY cap,

ROYAL BLUE diamond. Breeder: Athbah Stud Extras: HD

Always looked Group class and finally put her quirks behind her when winning a Windsor Gr3PA beating a number of these over a mile in May. Ready winner of a conditions event (Naishaan 4th, Shammat Al Hosn 6th) disappointed latest in fillies' Gr1PA at DIAR on soft ground, both her last two starts have been here over 1m2f. Close second in this last year and will be fresher than some of her main dangers, fillies' allowance a plus too. (R8 W3 P4) (OR 107)

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FIVE FURLONGS or thereabouts.



DELISHESS (US) (20)

Gr m Dahess (GB) - Polish Rye (US) Owner: Delishess Bloodstock

Trainer: Mr James Owen Breeder: Alan Kirshner/D Mihaloff Extras: VIS

9 - 4 Jockey: Miss Joanna Mason BLACK with PINK Colours: Epaulettes, BLACK sleeves, BLACK

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Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE

Jockev: Martin Dwver

cap with a PINK star

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epaulettes, BLACK cap.

Grade 2 PA Dirt winner in the US, just short of a mile. Fifth in this in 2014 and third in 2015, but struggled with her rating in the UK and the UAE and no surprise she won off an attractive mark on UK return in April. Top weight was too much on easy ground here on latest in a 7f handicap and others preferred. (R32 W4 P7) (OR 75)



NAISHAAN (FR) (53)

Ch m No Risk Al Maury (FR) - Horkidee (FR)

Owner: H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr James Owen

Form: 003-54 Breeder: SNC Shadwell France Extras: BL

Maiden winner over 7f and of an AW conditions event over 1m2f beating a Group winner. Tried in a hood and a visor, has a habit of racing keenly which may be in her favour, trying this trip and blinkers for the first time. Comes here fresher than most of these and has a chance to make the frame. Jockey won on her classy sire here too. (R11 W2 P4) (OR 85)



SHAMMAT AL HOSN (FR) (53)

Ch m Dormane (FR) - Serafina (FR)

Owner: Forta Stud Trainer: Mr P J Hammersley Breeder: Forta Stud

9 - 4 (3)

Jockey: Mr Will Pettis Colours: BEIGE with DARK GREEN sash, belt and cuffs. BEIGE cap.

Sixth in this last year before breaking her maiden in a handicap over 1m2f on quick ground, though dam a sprint winner in Holland and Belgium. Highly tried and found wanting, finished fourth here in a 6f conditions event (Zayin Anglor Centurion 3rd). Like Naishaan, fresher than most and customary blinkers exchanged for first-time visor, but this looks a tough ask. (R13 W1 P3) (OR 79)

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 9

(EXACTA)

Probable Starting Prices -

7-2 Fav MITH'HAF ATHBAH, 4-1 STORM TROUPOUR (US), 9-2 SHOMOOS ATHBAH, 5-1 ZAYIN ANGKOR CENTURION, 15-2 KAO KAT MHF (US), 9-1 ALAZEEZ, 10-1 NAISHAAN (FR), 14-1 SHAMMAT AL HOSN (FR), 16-1 DELISHESS (US)

ARABIAN RACE PREVIEW

An open renewal and ground conditions will play a part as many of the runners would prefer top of the ground. Mith'haf Athbah is the class act of the race and is a former Group 1PA winner. He wears blinkers for the first time and is better than he showed here last time out here over a furlong further when weakening in the closing stages. In that race Storm Troupour ran a personal best to finish third, before disappointing at Goodwood just a few days later, back in calmer waters here he's respected and is likely to tow the field along. Zayin Angkor Centurion is another who's been busy of late but is respected taking a step down in grade. A chance despite having a bit to find at the weights is taken on Shomoos Athbah she too ran in Group 1PA company last time out, she should be suited by this step down in trip, as always she'll need to be played very late.

