

# President of the UAE Cup UK Arabian Derby Group 1PA



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It is an honour for the Arabian Racing Organisation to be part of the oldest Purebred Arabian racing series. The addition of this race in 2016 as part of the Doncaster St Leger Festival, home of the UK's oldest thoroughbred classic was, and continues to be, a huge boost to the profile of the sport, both domestically and worldwide.

We are delighted that each year it attracts a select group of exciting young horses just starting to make their mark on the international scene. That the last three French Derby winners have chosen to contest this race further cements its' importance in the international calendar.

**Genny Haynes,**

**ARO Commercial and Finance Director**



## The Arabian and Doncaster

Horse racing has existed ever since horses were first domesticated, around 7,000 years ago. The Arabian horse is one of the oldest breeds and was developed specifically for stamina and soundness over long distances by the Bedouin tribes of the Arabian Peninsula.

During the late 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> century, horse racing became popular in Britain and with races run in heats, over distances of up to four miles, stamina and soundness were of great importance. Breeders looked to the East for this quality and many oriental stallions and mares were imported to help create the Thoroughbred racehorse. The most famous of these foundation stallions were The Darley Arabian, The Godolphin Arabian and The Byerley Turk.

With no photography or film at that time, we can be thankful that our foremost equine artist, George Stubbs, was able to record the breeds' early development, including portraits of a number of these imported stallions and their subsequent offspring. Some of Stubbs's earliest patrons were Lord Grosvenor, whose Arabian he painted in a typical Stubbs landscape and Charles Lennox, the third Duke of Richmond.

Today, around 50% of Thoroughbred's trace their ancestry to the Darley Arabian alone and with the emphasis now on breeding for speed, the modern Thoroughbred is approximately one second per furlong faster than an Arabian racehorse. Through genome testing, we know that Arabians carry the T:T variant, or stamina gene, as did Eclipse, the elite racehorse of his day, and another of Stubbs's subjects. Stubb's final racing portrait was Sir Harry Vane-Tempest's Hambletonian, the 1795 St Leger winner and a grandson of Eclipse.

Arabian racing and breeding takes place in 32 countries, all year round. Countries such as France, America, Russia, Poland and the Gulf States have a full programme of Arabian racing integrated with thoroughbred racing, whilst in Turkey it is almost 50-50 thoroughbred to Arabian racing at their racecourses.

Purebred Arabian racing began in the UK in 1978 and was established as the Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) in 1999 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. ARO holds around 50 races per season, comprising of full fixtures and single races on Thoroughbred cards from spring through to autumn. Just like their Thoroughbred cousins, Arabian racehorses may compete in maidens, handicaps, conditions and Group (Pattern) races and there is an International Classification system to assist global competition.

The President of the UAE Cup is the world's oldest Purebred Arabian racing series and was established by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan to promote and celebrate the Arabian horse worldwide and its' significant place in UAE culture and history. The President of the UAE Cup resumed its' association with the UK Arabian Derby in 2016 having previously sponsored the race in 2013, when it was run at Newmarket as part of the July Festival meeting.

Since the introduction of the President of the UAE Cup to the Doncaster St Leger Festival, the race has brought some of the world's top Arabian racehorses to compete on Town Moor. In 2016 Lightning Bolt won by a head from Tayf, since that race was run, the pair have won a further nine pattern races of which three were at Group 1 PA level. With the victories of Nafees and Rodess Du Loup, the next two runnings have seen that seasons' French Derby winner go on to complete the double, both horses were trained by Charles Gourdain in Pau.

This year, Hayyan bids to emulate them. Hayyan was a first Group 1 PA winner for his 45 year-old former jockey Frédéric Sanchez, another Pau-based trainer. Sanchez currently has a 100% strike rate with his UK raiders, having won the Shadwell Hatta International Stakes (Gr1PA) in July with Bayan, who also who races in the colours of YAS Horseracing Management, along with his other challenger Ibn Gadir. Ibn Gadir was seventh behind Hayyan in the Derby at Chantilly in June, however he finished ahead of him when third in the Prix Dormane (Gr3PA) in very soft ground in April. He makes his debut for Sanchez in this race.

Melabi is the sole representative from another successful Arabian jockey turned trainer, Thomas Fourcy. Fourcy has trained the third placed horse in this contest ever since it returned to Doncaster. All three have been in the Al Shaqab silks and Rijm, his runner last year, went on to win the Qatar Arabian Derby in December.

Probat T comes from the Dutch stable of owner-trainer-breeder Gerard Zoetelief and is a half-brother to his Pronto T who was fourth in this race in 2017. Their dam is a half-sister to the dam of Prada T, Zoetelief's tough Group 1PA winning mare who he campaigned at the highest level all over Europe.

Though stepping up to Group company for the first-time, three-time winner Farhaa certainly earns her place in the line-up on pedigree, being a full-sister to Najlaa who was beaten a short head in the 2014 UK Arabian Derby. This will be trainer James Owen's second runner in this event for his principal owner, HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum. Owen will be looking to build on his first PA Group success which he achieved last month with another Sheikh Hamdan homebred in Awzaan, who shares his sire, Al Saoudi, with Farhaa.

The overall prize fund for the President of the UAE Cup – UK Arabian Derby is £80,000, with £40,000 to the winner. There will also be a prize of £100 awarded to the groom of the Best Turned Out horse.

# President of the UAE Cup - UK Arabian Derby (Gr1PA) - Race Statistics

<b>Owner</b>	<b>Runners</b>	<b>Best Finishing Position</b>
Al Shaqab Racing	3	3rd Motrag, Khataab, Rijm
HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum	2	4th Jamaayil 2016
Gerard Zoetelief	1	4th Pronto T 2017
YAS Horseracing Management	0	-

<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Runners</b>	<b>Best Finishing Position</b>
Thomas Fourcy (FR)	3	3rd Motrag, Khataab, Rijm
Gerard Zoetelief (NL)	1	4th Pronto T 2017
Mr James Owen	1	8th Egleem 2017
Frédéric Sanchez (FR)	0	-

<b>Jockey</b>	<b>Rides</b>	<b>Best Finishing Position</b>
Julien Augé	0	-
Pat Dobbs	0	-
Julien Grosjean	0	-
Ioritz Mendizabal	0	-
Dane O'Neill	0	-

## 5.20pm President of the UAE Cup - UK Arabian Derby (Gr1PA) - Form

<b>116</b>	<b>HAYYAN</b> (4 c Munjiz x Dahwa (Tidjani))		<b>511-51</b>
	YAS Horseracing Management		
	HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed		
<b>1st</b>	Qatar Derby des Pur-Sang Arabes des 4 Ans (Gr1PA)	2000m	Chantilly
	French Arabian Breeders Challenge - Poulains (Gr3PA)	1600m	Toulouse
	Prix Djourman	1400m	Mont-de-Marsan
<b>109</b>	<b>IBN GADIR (QA)</b> (4 c Mared Al Sahra x Gadir ASF (Parador))		<b>0313-137</b>
	YAS Horseracing Management		
	HRHS Al Mansoori		
<b>1st</b>	Priz Warda - Jean-Francois Bernard	2000m	Toulouse
	Prix Gosse Du Bearn	1900m	Bordeaux
<b>3rd</b>	Prix Dormane (Gr3PA)	1900m	La Teste de Buch
<b>109</b>	<b>MELABI (FR)</b> (4 c Dahess x Quinquinna (Kesberoy))		<b>-71132</b>
	Al Shaqab Racing		
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<b>1st</b>	Prix Al Sakbe - Wathba Stallions Cup	1900m	Bordeaux
	Prix Aicha - Wathba Stallions Cup	2300m	Dax
<b>2nd</b>	Shadwell Dubai International Stakes (Gr1PA)	2000m	Newbury
<b>3rd</b>	Shadwell - Coupe du Sud-Ouest (Gr3PA)	1900m	La Teste de Buch

## 5.20pm President of the UAE Cup - UK Arabian Derby (Gr1PA) - form

101	<b>PROBAT T (FR)</b> (4 c AF Albahar x Porta T (Marwan)) Gerard Zoetelief Gerard Zoetelief		<b>Dr173-4</b>
1st		1300m	Duindigt
89	<b>FARHAA (GB)</b> (4 f Al Saoudi x Maizaine (Al Sakbe)) HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum Shadwell Estate Company Ltd		<b>21-1123</b>
1st	Follow RaceTech on Twitter Maiden Emirates Breeders Program Conditions The Arabian Racehorse Newsletter (0-95) Hcp	1m 1500m 1m	Chelmsford City Mons-Ghlin Wolverhampton

## President of the UAE Cup - UK Arabian Derby (Gr1PA) - race conditions

Distance: 1m2f (2000m)

Surface: Turf

Total Prize Fund - £80,000

Winning Horse - £40,000

Places: Second - £16,000

Third - £9,600

Fourth - £6,400

Fifth - £4,800

Sixth - £3,200

Age range: 4yo only

Weights: Colts and Geldings 9st 8lb

Allowances: Fillies - 4lb

Nomination (entry): closed August 14

Supplementary Entries: closed September 6

Declaration: closed on September 11

Jockey Declaration: closed on September 12

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Previous Winners, Ground and Times:

2018	Rodess Du Loup (FR)	Khalifa Hamad Al Attiyah Charles Gourdain (France), Christophe Soumillon Good, 2.25.08
2017	Nafees (FR)	The Royal Cavalry of Oman Charles Gourdain (France), Tadhg O'Shea Good to Soft, 2.20.01
2016	Lightning Bolt (FR)	Langoed Waterland Karin Van Den Bos (Netherlands), Adrie des Vries Good, 2.22.05

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