

**Fakenham 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**1<sup>st</sup> race – The Moulton Nurseries Maiden Stakes 7 furlongs (Division 1):**

They didn't hang about here and the field were soon blazing a trail down the back straight led by Lesley Hartley's lovely homebred gelding El Abdjan, as they reached the home turn El Abdjan went for home under a determined Martin Smith but stablemate's Laqataat and No Frylls were lining up to challenge and as they hit the final furlong marker it was **Laqataat (Bengali D'Albret x Qosheevya)** under a superb power packed ride from Phil Collington who showed a devastating turn of foot to win by two and half lengths for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum and trainer Gill Duffield. Stablemate No Frylls (Dormane x Fryga) ran a superb race in second, she challenged hard in the final furlong but couldn't quite get there and is one to note when stepped up in trip. Whilst three lengths back fellow stablemate and pace setter El Abdjan (Makzan x Shunah) made an eye catching debut and stayed on well in the final furlong and looks a useful prospect. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Gill Duffield said *"Laqataat is a lovely mare and has so much ability, but she has been difficult to train and tends to get quite stressed about racing, hopefully that victory will have boosted her confidence"*.

**2<sup>nd</sup> race – The Royal Cavalry of Oman Novice Rider 0-65 Handicap Stakes over 7 Furlongs:**

An extremely impressive victory here from Flashcat who galloped the field into submission under an energetic ride from the talented young jockey Ollie Garner. The field set off at a smart gallop with Flashcat, Syras Gris and Sabden all handy; but as they turned into the home straight Garner unleashed **Flashcat (Concord x Edjalie (Bengali D'Albret))** who galloped readily clear of the field to win going away by four lengths. Speaking afterwards his delighted owner/trainer/breeder Glen Kiff said *"I was confident he would win today and he's done it well, job done and he's the first UK winner for his sire Concord. He will now go straight for the 7 furlong handicap on Dubai Day"*. Back in second was a promising run from the Adam Newey trained Syras Gris (Khoutoubia x Akara De Syrah) who travelled well throughout and chased the winner all the way to the line, this was his seasonal debut and he will be interesting next time out. Whilst a length back in third Sabden (Bengali D'Albret x Sambella) ran another excellent race for owner/trainer Craig Kester, she kept on well up the home straight and made Syras Gris work hard for second.

**3<sup>rd</sup> race – The Outdoor Installations Ltd OPEN (TB & AA) 0-180 Handicap over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs:**

An eye catching victory here for the Kate Nutt owned/trained and ridden thoroughbred **Oh Sunny Boy (Desert Sun x Naivement)**, who outstayed his rivals in dour fashion round this tight track, always travelling smoothly he powered clear in the final furlong to win by a comfortable two lengths. Back in second was evens favourite Just Serenade who plugged on gamely up the hill finish but couldn't claw back the winner. Whilst BA Jetstream didn't seem to handle the track or the trip and was sixteen lengths back in third.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> race – The Almanza 0-55 Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:**

A thrilling finish to this hard fought handicap, they went a fair pace on the fast ground and Anna Wallace made sure it was a true test as she set a scorching pace out in front on Mahbishai with El Hamsa and Egypt in close contention, as they turned for home it was a brave Mahbishai and El Hamsa who were head to head inside the final furlong, but it was **Senor Dublecheck (Bengali D'Albret x Mais (Mamluk))** under a determined ride from Fred Offord who finished with a wet sail inside the final furlong and burst through Mahbishai and El Hamsa to steal victory by a cheeky head on the line. Winning owner/trainer David Paton commented afterwards *“That was fantastic win, he’s a lovely horse and I am glad he’s lost his maiden tag and its good to get my first winner of the season out of the way”*. Only a head back in second was stablemate and blazing pace setter Mahbishai (Mahbuba x Lola Caramba) who is one to note next time at this grade, whilst El Hamsa (Nasem x Myska) ran a blinder another head back in third, he challenged Mahbishai all the way to the line but couldn’t quite get his head in front and was unlucky to come up against an improving youngster.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> race – The Athbah Stud 0-75 over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs Handicap Stakes:**

A select field went to post for this stayers handicap, and the tough old soldier Roches Du Cayrou made sure it was a decent test a stamina by setting a strong gallop throughout. As they wound up the pace along the back straight it was Whisper, Awraaq and Sakeena Sky Zayin who swept into the lead and these three mares galloped readily clear up the hill with the ever consistent **Whisper (The Wiking x Sucha)** once again showing her class and demonstrating her smart turn of foot to pull clear and win by two lengths for the Almost All Partnership. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Adam Newey said *“That was a good effort and she is such a tough mare especially winning like that on her first try over a staying trip.”* Back in second was a good performance from HH Sheikh Hamdan’s mare Awraaq (Al Sakbe x Danise), she rallied hard up the hill but couldn’t go with the winner but was all out to and just took second inside the final half furlong. Sakeena Sky Zayin (Karmah x Sweet Simplicity) showed signs of returning to form after dismal debut at Huntingdon in May, she stuck gamely to her task inside the final two furlongs and stayed on dourly up the hill to finish a length back in third.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> race – The Royal Cavalry of Oman 0-95 Handicap over 1 Mile:**

They set off like scalded cats in this competitive mile handicap with Joybell and Kalikeauba forcing a blistering pace out front with Karte D’Or settled in behind. As they turned for home Kalikeauba and Joybell tried to sprint clear of their pursuer, but the Royal Cavalry of Oman owned **Karte D’Or (Djarni Des Forges x Kaprice)** was travelling with ease under Mr MSM Al Balushi and burst into the lead inside the final furlong and quickened clear to win by a length for her delighted trainer Mr S Al Hakmani; this talented mare is entered for the Group 1 Zaabeel Stakes over 6 furlongs on Dubai Day and rates a significant danger to the field. Joybell (Kerbella x Joyous Princess) chased the winner all the way to the line and after making the running lost nothing in defeat and remains a classy prospect and a big danger in the President of the UAE Cup Challenge Derby at Ascot. Whilst Kalikeauba (Darike x Rilkela) put a disappointing debut run at Huntingdon behind him with an eye catching display galloping home strongly in the final furlong to hold onto third ahead of Mi Temps De Piboul.

**7<sup>th</sup> race – The Hope Farm Trading OPEN (TB & AA) Handicap over 7 Furlongs:**

A deserved victory here for John Wilson owned/trained the ever game **Night Cap (Night Shift x Classic Design)**, who battled home in fine style under a superb ride from Phil Collington (scoring a double on the day), they were all out in the shadow of the post to hold off the sustained challenge from a fast finishing Fluvio. The latter ran a great race under bottom weight and made the winner work hard for victory and his ARO win should be near. Whilst the Lee Moulson owned/trained and ridden Trouble Maker ran a solid race back in third and was only beaten a length and a half, he was finishing fast up the home straight and looks to be improving.

**8<sup>th</sup> race – The Moulton Nurseries Maiden Stakes 7 Furlongs (Division 2):**

This race became a slight non event after Aakbe unshipped poor Simon Walker at the start and subsequently hampered the majority of the field, with only Al Hasem and Prince Dormant getting away on terms; the rest of the jockeys assuming there would be a recall and then vainly chasing the first two all the way home. That said full credit to the Royal Cavalry of Oman for landing their second victory as **Al Hasem (Simoun Ben Zid x Rakha)** galloped readily clear of Prince Galant in the home straight under an energised ride from David Turner to win by four lengths. Prince Galant (Prince Dormant x Vergalie) a juvenile (3 yr old) ran another solid race and looks to have a fair each way chance in the Group 2 Juvenile race on Dubai Day. Whilst Tarteel (Bengali D'Albret x Tarteel) was left way behind at the start and ran a superb race to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> within 5 lengths of the second and is one to watch next time out.