

## Hereford Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July Review

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### 1<sup>st</sup> race – The Select Cleaning Ltd Maiden Stakes over 7 Furlongs



Evens favourite Qareim De Faust set a decent pace from the start ensuring the field went a good gallop with 6/4 on shot Qattab de Faust close at his heels. It soon became apparent that the race was between these two as they duelled for the lead inside the final two furlongs with **Qattab De Faust (Dormane x Kaolina)** under another strong ride from Martin Smith just getting the upper hand inside the shadow of the post to win by a length from Phil Collington on Qareim De Faust (Dormane x Harein De Faust). Both are owned by HH Sheikh Hamdan and trained by Gill Duffield. Nasheet (Vasilisk x Mangana) was well beaten twelve lengths back in third and plugged on ahead of a one paced Miswadah.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> race – The Penn Challenge Open Race Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier) 0-170 over 1 Mile 1 Furlong

**Dancing Grace (Dancing Spree x Hardtoboss)** is proving revelation this season for owner, trainer and breeder Jenny Peyton. She was always handy and was coasting in behind the leader Trouble Maker inside the final two furlongs before kicking clear in the final furlong under a well judged ride from David Prichard to win going away by a length, and there looks to be plenty more to come from this progressive Anglo mare. Trouble Maker led the charge under owner, jockey Lee Moulson but once headed couldn't find any extra and had to settle for second. Mandys Maestro was well beaten back in third but got up close home to take the place spot from Kooks.



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> race – The Mappa Mundi Handicap Stakes 0-60 over 2 Miles



**Notid (Tidjani x Sherrie Noreen)** clearly loves this track and trip and duly won this event for the second year in a row for trainer David Paton under a determined ride from Fred Offord. He was soon in command and galloped his rivals into submission in the closing stage with only Kayeed and Sharka making any real challenge in the final two furlongs; he won impressively in the end by five lengths. Kayeed (Kheirella x Joli) ran another solid race making the run in the early stages but he couldn't match the pace of the winner in the closing stages. Sharka (Makzan x Humarni), who has been doing endurance this season, stayed on dourly in the closing stages ahead of stablemate Kizhi.

### 4<sup>th</sup> race – The Royal Cavalry Of Oman Novice Rider Series Handicap Stakes 0-70 over 1 Mile 1 Furlong

**Ebraam (Al Sakbe x Dorswayne du Cayrou)** is bred to win the Derby, but has been struggling recently, however, here he made no mistake under an energetic and powerful ride from Jack Sherwood. The 7/4 shot was always travelling well and Sherwood went for home inside the final two furlongs, pulling easily clear of the field to win going away by an impressive eight lengths for owner HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield. Floren (Bengali D'Albret x Florys De Nautiac) ran another superb race in second travelling well throughout and challenging gamely in the final furlong but had no answer to the winner, he remains in fine form this term. Wikkara (The Wiking x Akara De Syrah) is clearly going the right way, he was held up with a run and came with a good effort in the final two furlongs but never looked like reaching the winner; he rallied gamely in the final furlong to finish within half a length of Floren.



### 5<sup>th</sup> race – The Brightwells Sales Graduate Stakes over 1 Mile 1 Furlong

**Noble Athlete (Dorwan Du Cayrou x Noble Dame)** is in the form of his life this season and followed up his superb win at Ffos Las last week with another resolute performance here. Estival made the running and upped the pace inside the final half mile with Noble Athlete cruising in behind; as they hit the final two furlongs Noble Athlete went for home under a strong ride from Champion jockey Simon Walker and was all out inside the final furlong to hold off a relentless challenge from a determined Estival to win by half a length for owner, trainer Delyth Thomas. Estival (Khairouan x Viny De Passerat) looks to be coming to hand and ran a really strong race here, showing plenty of guts and determination in the closing stages. Pacific Way (Way To Go x Bacifica) ran well for a long way but couldn't raise her game inside the final furlong but was in turn well clear of the fourth.



### 6<sup>th</sup> race – The Rhondda Arabians Handicap Stakes 0-85 over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs

Qawaafil predictably set a scorching pace from the start to ensure this race was a true test of stamina and was several lengths clear at one stage, but Simon Walker was stalking in behind on **Few And Far (The Wiking x Elina Des Fabries)** and as they approached the final four furlongs Walker, scoring a double on the day, kicked for home on this progressive mare and went easily clear to win by an impressive fourteen lengths for owner and breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed and trainer Bill Smith, and she would have to be a big danger to Aljaareh for the Stayers handicap on Dubai Day now. Qawaafil (Vasilisk x Bisbille) was a shade disappointing back in second, being comprehensively beaten by the winner; she perhaps went too fast too soon and was very one paced inside the final furlongs but she is still young and can improve further. Al Fairouz (Makzan x Carthagenna) looked to be struggling from the half way stage and was plugging on at the finish but his stamina looks suspect based on this effort.



### 7<sup>th</sup> race – The Eclipse Open Race Series Handicap (Series Qualifier) over 1 Mile 4 Furlongs



A hard fought victory for Steve Harrison aboard Helen Bona's admirably consistent **Reminscent (Kahyasi x Eliza Orzeskowa)**. Always handy, he upped the pace inside the final two furlongs taking the lead under a tactical ride from Harrison and was all out to win until Blanc Visage headed him inside the final furlong, but Reminscent is tough and game and fought back to win by a length and half for owner, trainer Helen Bona. Blanc Visage continues to impress and was arguably unlucky not to claim his first ARO victory here but his turn looks near. Burnley looked one paced in the final furlong but kept up to his task to hold onto fourth ahead of Kings Cavalier.

### 8<sup>th</sup> race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier) 0-50 over 1 Mile 1 Furlongs

**Hayleys Comet (Nevesti x Kapilia)** proved he is no back number here and scored a game victory for owner, trainer Helen Bona. Always up with the pace he went to the front three furlongs from home under a great ride from Oliver Garner and in spite of stablemate Lady Marisha and Millenium Leap in hot pursuit inside the final furlong he kept his head in front and won well with a couple of lengths to spare. Millenium Leap (Khairouan x Balla Star) ran a fantastic race in second on her debut for owner, trainer Mark Cooper; she set a scorching pace early on and although passed in the closing stages she showed real determination to try to get past the winner on the final furlong. Lady Marisha (Nevesti x Shimmering Spektra) was another three lengths back in third and whilst she ran on well in the closing stages she never looked like passing the first two.

