

Newbury June 22nd

The Athbah Stud International Arabian Racing Stakes (Group 2) over 1 Mile 2 furlongs:

An intriguing and nail biting finish to this competitive renewal of this race. There wasn't a huge amount of pace at the start as the small field all stayed fairly close, which inevitably led to a sprint finish in the final furlongs with Nokomys, Adjinn D'Aroco and Al Janoob all blazing a trail to the finish line and with less than half a length separating them at the line. The worthy Gill Duffield trained winner was HH Sheikh Hamdan's smart looking **Adjinn D'Aroco (Tidjani x Asbaa D'Aroco)**, who holds an entry in the Group 1 Dubai Stakes at Newbury, stuck his neck out and just claimed victory under a power packed ride from Ted Durcan. Just a neck back in second was a desperately unlucky Nokomys (Amer x KTP Mystic Flight) now running under the colours of Athbah Stud Ltd, she was a narrow second and remains a big threat in the Group 1 Hatta Stakes. Whilst Al Janoob (Magic De Piboul x Ester Du Paon) ran a race full of promise on his seasonal debut and was again only a neck back in third, he looks to be progressing nicely and also holds an entry in the Group 1 Dubai Stakes and it would be no surprise to see him turn the tables on his victorious stablemate in July: one to note.