

Newbury 2nd August Single Race Review

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The Athbah Stud Premier Handicap Stakes

PA 0-75 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

The field broke well and there was an even pace from the start with the ever consistent Operatic out in front and the rest of the field bunched up behind. As they approached the final two furlongs Debrett swept into the lead under David Turner with Final Fling, Gazal and Mr Ben all handy. As the pace increased inside the final furlong and a half, it was Final Fling hard ridden under Wallis who took the initiative, but **Gazal (Sambist x Shout For Joy)** was cruising in behind under Fergal Sweeney and he ran on really well inside the final furlong to win by two lengths for trainer Adam Newey and proud owner Jo Clay. Winning trainer Newey said afterwards *"Gazal really deserved that win as he has been a bit unlucky this year, it is also great for a Jo to have a big winner as this is her only horse in training"*. Final Fling (Djamel x FH Honey Mellon) couldn't get back past the relentless gallop of the winner and had to settle for second but this was his best run this term; he was in turn clear of the other Newey runner Debrett (Bengali D'Albret x Djeba Al Mels) who kept on well for third ahead of a staying on Mr Ben.

