

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Series Final Premier Handicap Race Review

Newbury 22nd August

An excellent field lined up for this very competitive Series, with all four qualifier winners and most of the placed horses declaring for the final. The favourite Mustajib, who won the 4th qualifier impressively at Hereford, never made the frame on this occasion, so a slightly surprising result was enjoyed by Newbury racegoers, who were treated to an excellent finish from the first two home. In the end it was the smart handicapper and former Dubai Day winner Shuhood who galloped his rivals into submission with a superb display in this mile event. Having made the running from the early stages, he stayed on very gamely to hold off the persistent challenge of Alize Safinat, who looked the likely winner in the final furlong, but **Shuhood** (Bengali D'Albret x Shunah) Under a superb ride from Sam Hitchcott he just prevailed by a head at the line for trainer Beverley Paterson. Commenting afterwards Paterson said *"He's very talented but I wasn't sure if he would stay a mile, but he's done it well today"*. Alize Safinat (Tidjani x Al Din) was once again brave in defeat, he challenged the winner all the way to the line but just lost out. Noble Athlete (Dorwan Du Cayrou x Noble Dame) ran a great race back in third, he came with a brave run from behind inside the final furlong and was gaining with every stride at the line and lost out by half a length in the end; but was clear of Deolali in fourth.

