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Review:-

The Georgina Ward Arabian Racing Stakes Group 2 (PA) over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs

Aljaareh predictably led the field at a fierce gallop for the first mile before being swept aside by stablemate No Risk Al Maury and UAE raider Jaafer ASF at the two furlong marker. Jaafer ASF made a bold bid for victory under a powerful ride from champion jockey Simon Walker upping the pace inside the home straight, but Richard Hills was cruising in behind on HH Shiekh Hamdan's classy stallion No Risk Al Maury. As they hit the final furlong marker Hills pressed the button and **No Risk Al Maury** (Kesberoy x Necatarine Al Maury) powered clear with Jaafer chasing hard in his slip stream, winning in the end by just under two lengths but value for more. Once again Champion trainer Gill Duffield holds the strongest UK chance of victory in the Group 1 Dubai Stakes in July. Jaafer ASF ran an impressive race on his UK debut for trainer Georgina Ward and owner/breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed Al Thani rallying hard in the closing stages but will have to find a lot more to oppose the winner on Dubai Day. Smart sprinter Nimr was in need of the run but showed plenty of guts and resolution to plug on ahead of staying pace maker Aljaareh.

