

## ARABIAN RACING REVIEW

### The Royal Cavalry of Oman Clarendon International Stakes (Group 3 PA) **Bath 31<sup>st</sup> August**

*Review by Paul Simmons, images courtesy of thejockey.co.uk*

**Aziz (Amer x Aziza D'Aroco)** seems to have really found his niche regarding trip, having impressed in winning the Group 1 Zaabeel Stakes he put in yet another polished performance here to record his second victory of the season and confirm himself as the champion sprinter in the UK, all the more impressive for a horse with



only one eye. He was always travelling well and made all before unleashing a devastating turn of foot inside the final furlong under an excellent ride from Sophie Doyle to quicken easily clear for victory for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani (Al Shahania Farm).

Winning trainer Julian Smart said "He's a really tough performer and tries so hard, he was second in the Group 1

*Derby last year but is excelling in sprinting, he was unlucky in France in August and it's great to see him back to form here."*

Mestor (Mahabb x Mendra) the juvenile colt, owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman, ran a superb race in second against older horses for trainer Salim Al Hakmani, he was mid field before making his move inside the final two furlongs and while no match for the winner was a good three lengths clear of third and will be a force to be reckoned with next term.

While El Adjban (Makzan x Shunah) has had a great season and ran another good race here following his third in the Zaabeel, he was held up and looked tapped for toe inside the final furlong but is game and stayed on for third ahead of Joybell.

