

ARABIAN RACING REVIEW

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The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden (1 Mile):

An impressive performance here from HH Sheikh Hamdan's smart homebred colt **Laafet (Fadjik x Valina Des Fabries)**, beautifully ridden by Phil Collington for Champion trainer Gill Duffield, he was



always travelling well and powered up the hill in the final two furlongs to win by two lengths for an emphatic victory; in doing so he put himself firmly into the record books as his sire Fadjik's first racing winner. Back in second was another solid run from the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Al Batra'a (Newday x Mustanshirsah), he chased the winner all the home but was always being held; he kept on for

second ahead of a one paced Marwah (Jehol De Cardonne x Alnaba), who will be interesting next time out when she will be sharper for the experience.

The Lovetheraces.com Open Race Handicap (1 Mile 6 Furlongs):



the final two furlongs to win going away by 20 lengths, he looks to be the biggest danger to Son Of Sophie's staying crown this season. Fulvio did best of the rest, he stayed on well in the closing stages but was all out under owner / trainer / jockey Alex Wells to hold onto second by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length from Southwark Newshawk, who made a pleasing debut and will be interesting over a shorter trip.

A power packed performance here from **Adalar (Grand Lodge x Adalya)** owned/trained and ridden by Emma Owen, he was in command from a long way out and skipped clear in



The Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club Classified Stakes (1 Mile):

A popular win here as the Sue Connally owned and trained mare **Raihan (Passem Lotois x G Sustika)** got her head back in front under a superb ride from promising young jockey Scott Bradbury, she ran some great races in defeat last season; but she always looked to be



going well here and galloped on gamely up the hill to win by a length. Back in second was a return to form from Notid (Tidjani x Sherrie Noreen), he has dropped down the handicap, and although this trip is short of his optimum he stick to the task gamely under David Turner to take second and should win at this grade when upped in trip. The winners stablemate Lile

D'Amour (Merlin Al Maury x Daad), who seems to have lost her form since having a foal in 2008, but she looked to be coming back to her best with a gutsy performance here to take third ahead of Egypt; and she will be one to note when returning to her favoured all weather surface.

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes (7 Furlongs):



An impressive riding performance here from David Turner he seized the initiative inside the home straight and sprinted up the hill to win in fine style on the Royal Cavalry of Oman and trainer Salim Al Hakmani's progressive mare **Kerbelle Lotoise (Kerbella x Dheila Lotoise)**. Maghazi (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne) continues to hold his form well this season, he lost nothing in defeat and was chasing the winner

gamely to the line and went down by a gallant half a length. While Hidalgo (Samern x Pella De La Coste) is also impressing with his consistency this season and handy throughout, he had every chance in the final furlong but couldn't quite get there, he was only a neck back in third and in turn clear of Nakib Du Falga.



The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden Stakes (7 Furlongs):

HH Sheikh Hamdan smart homebred mare **Tarteel (Bengali D'Albret x Qosheyya)** came of age here with an emphatic victory over Mezan, this smart mare showed the field a clean pair of heels under a bold and confident ride from Ollie Garner to easily score by 5 lengths for trainer Gill Duffield who scored a double on the day. Mezan (Newday x Ghayathah) wasn't disgraced back in second, he travelled well and was hot on the heels of the



winner but couldn't get near, he was a comfortable length clear of the third. Basela (Jiyush x Seglaoui) was a shade disappointing back in third, she holds a Derby entry but on this basis she has some improving to do, she seemed tap for toe in the final furlong but kept on ahead of El Ameera; she will be interesting when upped in trip.

The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (1 Mile):



Trainer Beverley Deutrom continued her fine run of form here with smart handicapping mare **Miswadah (Makzan x Shunah)**, losing her maiden tag in fine style under a well judged and energetic ride from Craig Thompson. She was always in command and showed a good turn of foot in the final furlong to pull clear by two lengths for victory. Speaking afterwards Deutrom commented *"She's always worked well at home but she lost her confidence when she was nearly brought down in a premier handicap at Newbury in 2009, Craig rode a great race and she deserves this win as she always gives her best."* Razen (Saut Du Loup x Hadhoodh) was the bridesmaid again here for the Royal Cavalry of Oman, he was all out inside the final furlong but was always being held by the winner, and should go close when dropped back to sprinting again. Altesse Kossack (Marwan I x Azedine A) was another two lengths back in third, she was always in contention but couldn't kick with the winner inside the final furlong and seemed a little tapped for toe over this shorter trip.



The Sadler's Wells Memorial Open Race Handicap Stakes (7 Furlongs):

Another great riding performance here from Scott Bradbury winning easily on the Chris Culleton owned and trained **Mattoni (Presidium x Mrs Magic)**, he was always travelling well and as they turned into the home straight, he quickened clear inside the



final furlong to win going away by an easy 12 lengths. Back in second was another solid performance from the Anna Wallace owned / trained / ridden Kings Cavalier, usually better over further, he gamely stuck to his task up the hill and finished ahead of Red Myth for second. Red Myth battled on well but had to settle for third.

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