

ARABIAN RACING REVIEW

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The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden Stakes

An impressive debut here from the smartly bred **Marwah** (Jehol De Cardonne



x Alnaba (Djelfor) who holds a Hatta Stakes entry, she settled well mid division before Phil Collington, with a typically well judged ride brought her with her run off the home turn; and powered readily clear inside the final furlong for a comfortable three length victory for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum and trainer Gill Duffield. Back in second was an eye catching performance from owner/breeder Jane Haddock's handsome colt Sandababa (Burning Sand x Bashaair (Wiking)), he was held up throughout but made strong late progress from the home turn and chased the winner to the line, he looks



progressive. While Mulheb (Newday x Nabeul) was prominent throughout and stayed on well on the final furlong to take third from a one paced Top Trip (Phariz x Tikis Trip).

The Penn Challenge Open Race Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)

A superb performance here from **Oh Sunny Boy** (Desert Sun x Naivement) who has had an unfortunate campaign to date, he was held up midfield but soon went to the front inside the home straight and powered clear under a confident ride from Craig Thompson to win going away by three lengths for owner/trainer Nicholas Child. In second was another very game performance from the talented Anglo mare Dancing Grace, she was held up at the rear throughout but came with her run inside the final furlongs and stayed on dourly in the final furlong to take 2nd by half a length from a one paced Just Serenade.



The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)

Sabden (Bengali D'Albret x Sambella) is in the form of her life this season recording the 2nd win from 3 starts here, and in spite of doing an impressive roll over as she got onto the track (managing to roll on both





jockey Kirstin Mellor and owner / trainer Craig Kester); she never looked in danger here against this opposition and showed the field a clean pair of heels inside the final furlong to win by a rather easy two lengths, she is a big danger for the opening handicap on Dubai Day. Raihan (Passem Lotois x G Sustika) is another who has returned to form with a vengeance, on the back of her solid win at Fakenham, she made a bold bid for victory from half way and only lost the initiative inside the final furlong, but she stayed on gamely for second for the Connally family.

Millennium Leap (Khairouan x Balla Star) made a pleasing seasonal debut and led in the early stages, and held 2nd for the closing stages but had to settle for third in the final furlong; she should be winning soon.



The Royal Cavalry Of Oman Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)

An exceptionally strong seasonal debut here from **Laqataat** (Bengali D'Albret x Qosheyya) who looks to have strengthened up over the winter, she was always travelling strongly and an in form Phil Collington quickly drew her along side long time leader Sharif Lotois, and showed a smart turn of foot to skip clear inside the final furlong to win by an impressive two lengths for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield. She holds a Group 1 Hatta Stakes entry and looks more than capable of making her presence felt there. A solid run from the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Sharif Lotois (Sharifian Lotois x Larissa Lotois) back in second, he was always travelling keenly and although headed by the winner in the closing stages he stuck to his task gamely to hold onto 2nd by a length from Moshahed (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne). The latter ran well over a trip a little on the sharp side, he was well clear of the disappointing Joybell, and he should be a big danger in the stayers handicap on Dubai Day.



The Qatar Racing And Equestrian Club Handicap Stakes (Premium Series)



The impeccably bred **Mahra** (Bengali D'Albret x Sophie Du Loup) made it two from two for the season, she was held up throughout but was always travelling ominously well under a confident Martin Smith, and as they turned for home this game mare powered clear from stable mate Majaales to win as she liked by twelve lengths for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield, scoring a



treble on the day; on this basis she looks like the horse to beat in the stayers handicap on Dubai Day. Majaales (Chndaka x Seglaoui) was a shade disappointing back in 2nd he looked good and lead most of the way but found little under pressure when challenged by the winner and may have found the trip a touch too far. Ghallab (Chndaka x Ikela) was another eight lengths back in third but had no chance with the first two and plugged on in the final furlong ahead of Katwalk, who clearly failed to get home over this stamina sapping trip.

The See You Again At Hereford On Saturday 6th August Open Race Handicap

A first winner of the campaign for trainer Peter Hammersley, but **Annie Moyles** (Makbul x So Generous) won in fine style under a great ride from Steve Harrison, she galloped gamely clear inside the final furlong to win by a fast finishing Just Spike; she looks to be at the top of her game this season and is one to watch. Jusr Spike was given a great ride by Anna Wallace, always in contention he ruined his chance slightly by going wide in on the final bend; but galloped on gamely after the winner in the final stages to take 2nd. How Realee also ran well back in third, he led three furlongs out and chased the winner inside the final furlong and is going the right way, and was in turn clear of a one paced Artreju.



The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes

Another great riding performance here from Craig Thompson on **Miswadah** (Makzan x Shunah (Shomran)), who is another mare who has found her winning stride this term – this being her second win from as many starts. She



was soon at the head of the field and showed a startling turn of foot inside the final two furlongs, when pressed by Razen inside the final furlong she kept finding more and won by a clear two lengths; she is definitely a leading contender for the opening handicap on Dubai Day. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Beverley Deutrom said “She has always had a lot of ability, and her win at Fakenham has given her back her confidence; she also seems to prefer running from the front.” Razen (Saut Du Loup x Hadhoodh) ran another bold race in defeat for the Royal

Cavalry of Oman, he was always in second but made a brave challenge inside the final furlong. Jamaahir (Makzan x Tikis Tiffany) was a shade disappointing back in third, he was

close up throughout but didn't find much under pressure and may not have appreciated the firm ground, he galloped on well in the final furlong ahead of an out of form Flashcat.

The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)



A thrilling end to the meeting with Neige Al Maury and Floren battling out a nail biting finish all the way to the line with an energetic Phil Collington just getting the maiden **Neige Al Maury** (Dormane x Nectarine Al Maury) up to win by a nose for owner HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer

Gill Duffield. The pair pulled well clear of the field and this was a fine staying performance from the winner who has been very moderate to date and clearly relished the step up in trip. Floren (Bengali D'Albret x Florys De Nautiac) remains in excellent heard for owner/trainer/jockey Terri Smith, he led from start to finish and battled on well when challenged and conceded victory by the narrowest of margins. Ten lengths back in third was Des'brie (Vadeer x Elina Des Fabries), she was always handy but couldn't quicken with the first two, she plugged on well in the final furlong to hold onto third ahead of Roches Du Cayrou.



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