

ARABIAN RACING REVIEW

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The Angel Arabians Maiden Stakes

An impressive pillar to post victory here for **Razen (Saut De Loup x Hadhoodh)** who was given a superbly confident ride by David Turner. He set off at a decent gallop and as they turned for home Turner kicked into a clear lead with Mesbaah, Sandababa and Hajes all



chasing hard in behind. As they reached the final furlong it was clear that smart but luckless performer Razen (second four times this season including on Dubai Day) was finally going to have his day and Turner drove him clear for an easy three length victory for trainer Salim Al Hakmani and owner/breeder the Royal Cavalry of Oman. Mesbaah (Al Sakbe x Qosheeyya) made an encouraging debut back in second. Always travelling well, he chased the winner inside the home straight and although he never looked like catching him, he was well clear of third. The eye

catching favourite Sandababa (Burning Sand x Bashaair (Wiking)) was a shade disappointing back in third - he seemed a little tapped for toe in the final furlong but stayed on ahead of Hajes.

The Penn Challenge Open Race Handicap Stakes

Ditzy Diva went quickly to the head of the field in the early stages, but **Fulvio (Sword Dance x One Tuff Gal)** was travelling ominously well and by halfway was in command with Ditzy Diva chasing in behind.

As they turned into the home straight Fulvio went for home under determined owner/trainer / jockey Alex Wells and galloped into a clear lead for a length and a half victory, giving Wells her first winner in ARO racing. Kitchen Sink came with a late ran inside the home straight and just battled home for second ahead of Ditzy Diva. The latter ran a good race in third and is one to watch next time out.



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

The field set off at a decent clip with Cosmic Girl, Jaamahir and Flashcat all racing prominently. As they approached the half way stage,



the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Al Batra'a went to the head of the field with Flashcat and Maha Dubai travelling well in behind. Turning into the home straight David Turner pressed into a clear lead on **Al Batra'a (Newday x Mustabshirah)** with only Maha Dubai and Flashcat throwing down a challenge. In spite of flashing her tail this smart mare pulled clear to win by three lengths, giving trainer Salim Al Hakmani and jockey David Turner a double. Maha Dubai (Al Sakbe x Horkidee) ran a good race in defeat; she was always in contention but couldn't go with the winner in the final furlong and had to settle for second.



Back in third the ever game WFA Leopard (Bengali D'Albret x Lapsana) came with a strong late run down the stands side to snatch third from a one-paced Flashcat.

The Royal Cavalry Of Oman Novice Rider Handicap Stakes



Trainer Adam Newey continued his fine run of form scoring here with Samauring Zayin, who lost her maiden tag in fine style under a superb ride from Craig Thompson. The field went off at a steady gallop with Mahbishai, Raihan and Bonham all helping to force the pace. As they galloped into the back straight Bonham was being pushed along as Senor Dublecheck went into the lead about five furlongs from home, with Samauring Zayin cruising in second. As they entered the final furlong Craig Thompson drove **Samauring Zayin (The Wiking x Jumah (Div))** into a clear length advantage and galloped away to score her first

victory for owner/breeders Zayin Arabian Stud. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Adam Newey said *"She has always showed ability at home and it's good to see it translate on the track. She loves her work and is talented but it's taken a while for the penny to drop and hopefully that win will have boosted her confidence."* Senor Dublecheck (Bengali D'Albret x Mais



(Mamluk)) ran a great race back in second. He went with the winner and made her pull out all the stops. Although he couldn't get past her, he remains in great form and is versatile having come third on Dubai Day over seven furlongs. Bonham (Bakara x Bonnie Jet) was 14 lengths back in third. He was being pushed along from the half way stage, but stayed on in the final furlong ahead of a one-paced Notid.

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Arabian Stakes

Jockey Simon Walker kicked off a four timer here recording his first victory



of the afternoon aboard the Athbah Stud's smart mare **Burning Fancy (Burning Sand x Sayquins and Lace)**. She was held up at the back of the field as Al Seif and Tidarbret forced the pace up front. As they turned for home, Al Seif galloped alongside the rail with Tidarbret down the centre of the track, but Burning Fancy came with a strong run down the stands side and galloped to the front inside the final furlong to win by three-quarters of a length for trainer Bill Smith. Al Seif (Tidjani x Alep Alchame) ran another solid race back in second, rallying hard inside the home straight he went down fighting; he should be winning soon. Tidarbret (Bengali D'Albret x Iktidar) ran another good race back in third: he went with the leaders in the final two furlongs but was a shade tapped for toe in the closing stages.



The Connolly's Red Mills Horse Feeds Open Race Handicap

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Emma Owen bravely tried to make all on Adalar, but Jiggalong was always travelling well in behind along with How Realee and Yankey who were all prominent. As they turned for home it

quickly became a three horse race with Jiggalong, How Realee and Adalar all fighting it out inside the final two furlongs. As they hit the final furlong **Jiggalong (Mark Of Esteem x Kalamansi)** pulled clear by four lengths under a great ride from Simon Walker to give owner/trainer Delyth Thomas the start of a treble. Commenting afterwards Delyth Thomas said *"I accidentally bought her at Ascot Sales last November, I liked her instantly although she was very weak looking, but we've given her time to strengthen up and she's won well today."* Adalar fought hard in the final furlong and set a decent pace but had to settle for the runner up spot. While How Realee ran a big race back in third, he challenged Adalar hard in the final furlong and only went down by half a length.



The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)

Delyth Thomas quickly followed up here, winning with Pavot Al Kyle. At 15 he was easily the oldest horse in the field but proved that age is just a number by showing the young guns a clean pair of heels to outsprint the field and win by an easy three lengths. They went a fair clip from the start with Trip To Paris, Terminator's Dream and Golden Dream all helping



force the pace, but the writing was on the wall as they turned for home and an in form Simon Walker galloped into a clear lead down the centre of the track to secure his victory on the ever green **Pavot Al Kyle (Pavot Al Maury x Ellaria)**. Thomas stated afterwards *"I am thrilled with that, he's been a lovely horse for the yard and that's his 8th win from 44 starts. He won over seven furlongs back in 2000 as a four year old and it's good to see him win again over this trip. This is his last year on the track and it's great to get another win with*

him." Carol Legg's Golden Dream (Khairouan x Autumn Dream) ran a big race in third - she was always handy and kept on well inside the final furlong. She looked set for second until stable mate Terminator's Dream (Bengali D'Albret x Dantes Dream) came with a wet sail down the stands rail and just got up to claim second. Both look to be running into form and should be winning soon.

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes:



An intriguing three horse race robbed slightly of its value by Nakib Du Falga being unruly at the start and jinking badly as the tapes went up. As a result Ollie Garner on the speedy Pinkie Tuscadero bravely tried to make all. She raced into a clear six lengths lead along the back straight with a one paced Noble Athlete galloping hard in behind and Nakib Du Falga seriously detached about 30 lengths adrift. As they turned for home Pinkie Tuscadero started to falter, and the ever game **Noble Athlete (Dorwan Du Cayrou x Noble Dame)** under a determined Simon Walker (landing a 4 timer on the day) galloped into the lead. His stamina kicked in and he won by six lengths. This gave Delyth Thomas a treble on the day. Delyth Thomas (now second in the trainers championship) said *"He's been a star for the yard and is right back to his best with that being his third win in a row, and he is now in the lead for the title of Champion Arab."* Pinkie Tuscadero (Izentesheshal x Altyv) ran another good race but couldn't sustain the pace in the final furlong. She took second, a good 12 lengths ahead of the rebellious Nakib Du Falga (Dormane x Djoulia Du Falgas).

