

THE ROYAL CAVALRY OF OMAN ARABIAN RACEDAY

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The Alquram Beach Maiden Stakes



A competitive maiden and won in fine style by the impeccably bred juvenile Mkeefa, given a superb ride by Tom Garner for the in form Julian Smart stable. They went a good pace from the start with Hajes helping to force a strong pace with the field tucked in behind, but as they hit the two furlong marker stablemate Qabas went into the lead with Mkeefa cruising in behind. From the final furlong the writing

was on the wall as Garner drove evens favourite **Mkeefa (Amer x Nisaae (Dormane))** into the lead and this ultra smart filly powered away and won by a length and a half for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Speaking afterwards in form winning trainer Julian Smart said *“She’s come on from her Newbury run, Dubai Day comes a bit soon for our juveniles, but she’s won nicely here and she heads for Saint Cloud for the juvenile Breeders Cup.”* The Royal Cavalry of Oman’s flashy colt Qabas (Simoun Ben Zid x Zeenah) ran an eye catching race back in second and made the winner pull out all the stops in the final furlong, he showed plenty of speed and looks sure to lose his maiden tag soon. Verdora (Dormane x Vert Galante) ran another solid race 8 lengths back in third, she is talented and still improving and should find a race soon in handicap company, she was clear of a staying on Shadiya (Khoutoubia x Sing Me A Song (Tidjani)).



The Luck Greayer Bloodstock Shipping Open Race Handicap

An impressive riding performance here from Anna Wallace on Annie Bucknall’s

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Elliot’s Choice (Foxhound x Indian City). Adalar set off at the head of affairs for a furlong before How Realee quickly asserted his authority and led the field into the home straight with evens favourite Sri Kuantan travelling ominously well in behind, How Realee well clear at one stage before jinking across the course. As they entered the final furlong it was Elliot’s Choice under an energised ride from Anna Wallace who headed How Realee and went clear by two and a half lengths for owners Mrs Lewes and Mrs Little. How Realee ran another gutsy race back in second, he battled on well inside the final furlong when headed and is talented and game and should be

winning soon. Sri Kuantan was a shade disappointing back in third, he was clear of the fourth but had no extra in the closing stages and found top weight too much to give to the first two.

The Al Sawadi Beach Handicap Stakes



Razen predictably blazed a trail ahead of the field with Miswadah settled nicely in behind with Al Rasheeq, and as they entered the final two furlong's Miswadah went to the head of the field and kicked for home but **Ambrose (Amer x KTP Mystic Flight (Wiking))** was challenging and under another superb ride from Simon Walker he powered home by an easy four lengths for victory for owner/breeder Jane Haddock and trainer Bill Smith. Miswadah (Makzan x Shunah) looked back to form with another strong run here from this game mare, but although she had no answer for the winner she chased him all the way to the line. Syrah Gris (Khoutoubia x Akara De Syrah) was another length back in third, he was held up at the rear of the field and stayed on well in the final furlong to take third from a one paced Razen.



The Aldeqem Beach Arabian Stakes

Areej got back to winning ways here with a strong victory here, winning in fine style under a confident ride from jockey Simon Walker, who further strengthened his lead in the jockeys championship. Al Seif quickly went to the front of the field with Zayin Barakaldo and Tidarbret all prominent in behind and Areej and Laqataat travelling well at the rear. As the field entered the two



furlong marker Tidarbret and Zayin Barakaldo started duelling for the lead, but Walker was cruising in behind on 4/6 favourite **Areej (Amer x Akie Croix Noir)** and she asserted her authority with a devastating turn of foot the quicken clear for a five length victory for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Winning trainer Julian Smart commented *“The blinkers have helped to focus her mind, she was disappointing in the Hatta and should have won, but this win should put her back in contention for the Qatar Cup at Saint Cloud.”* Laqataat (Bengali D’Albret x Qosheeyya) ran another solid race in defeat, she made smooth headway inside the final furlong to challenge and took second but couldn’t live with the winner and had to settle for the runner up spot. Zayin Barakaldo (Khoutoubia x Barryh (Djelfor)) ran another decent race 1 length back in third and seems to be holding his form well on turf this year, he kept up to his work in the final furlong and was 3 lengths clear of Tidarbret.

The Albustan Beach Open Handicap Stakes



The presence of Group 1 Dubai Stakes winner Asraa Min Albarq in the entries scared off the majority of the other contenders for this race which left just two opponents from Gill Duffield's stable. 1/6 favourite **Asraa Min Albarq (Amer x Akie Croix Noir)** gave Simon Walker (riding a treble on the day and well clear in the jockeys championship) the easiest win of the season with a pillar to post victory winning on the bridle by an easy twelve lengths for owners Al Shahania Stud and breeder HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin

Khalifa Al Thani. Winning trainer Julian Smart (recording a treble on the day and now 3rd in the trainer championship) said *"He's still maturing and like most Amer's he is improving with age, he will head straight for the Qatar World Cup in Saint Cloud now."* Moshahed (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne) ran his usual game race in behind, he had no chance with the winner but kept up to his work to hold off his stablemate Al Janoob (Magic De Piboul x Ester Du Paon), the latter appeared to find the trip a touch too testing for his stamina.



The Ras Alhad Beach Handicap Stakes

An excellent power packed ride from Craig Thompson to win here on HE Sheikh Nasseer Mohammed Nasser Al-Hashar smart colt **Suhaim**, giving in form trainer Beverley Deutrom her sixth winner of the campaign. Stablemate Maghazi cut out the early running but Suhaim was always travelling supremely well in behind under a confident Thompson, as they entered the final two furlongs **Suhaim (Dormane x Seceryna)** used his smart turn of foot to quicken into a clear lead and as Maghazi threw down the gauntlet in the final furlong Suhaim went



on for a length victory; Suhaim is now in the lead to be the UK's Champion Arab race horse (3 wins and 3 places from 7 starts). Speaking after the race, delighted winning trainer Beverley Deutrom said *"Suhaim is a really game performer, and I am thrilled for owner HE Sheikh Nasseer Al Hashar to have a winner on Oman Arabian Race Day, Craig rode a brilliant race and I'm pleased with Maghazi's run too."* Maghazi (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne) was all out when headed and kept on inside the final furlong

but couldn't get past the winner, he was in turn a good two lengths clear of Bigg N Rich (Falina Des Fabries x Viraac). The latter ran a game race under near top weight, but was unable to concede that much weight to two improving colts.

The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)



A great training performance here from Beverley Deutrom producing maiden mare **Qeethaara** to win on her handicap debut, this game mare was again piloted by in form jockey Craig Thompson landing his ninth win of the season giving him a clear lead in the novice jockey championship and overall third in the jockeys championship. Flashcat made the early running but was soon relegated as Al Mamoon went into the lead two furlongs from home, but Thompson was coasting in behind on **Qeethaara (Makzan x Ikela (Kais I))**; and as they entered the final furlong this young mare powered clean with a decent burst of speed to win by nearly three lengths. Winning trainer Beverley Deutrom (7th win of the campaign and now 4th in the trainers championship) said



"She's a nice mare, but very green and we've had some minor problems with her, its taken a while for her to get her confidence but that was a good win and another great ride from Craig. A good day at the office!" Al Mamoon (Passem Lotois x Al Hanoof) ran an eye catching race back in second and looks right back to his best and was given an excellent ride from young Matt Stanley, he looks a big danger at Wolverhampton next week. While Senor Dublecheck (Bengali D'Albret

x Mais (Mamluk)) ran his usual game race back in third and is holding his form well this season and was clear of Aberllwyds Pharelma (Phariz x Gelma Du Volday (Dormane)).