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The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden Stakes (1 mile)

An impressive debut from the Gill Duffield trained and HH Sheikh Hamdan owned **Eustral** (Al Sakbe x Danse Avec L'Eau), always travelling well he quickened impressively in the final furlong to win by a length under a half for jockey Phil Collington and clearly has a big future. The Royal Cavalry of Oman took the next three places, with smart recruit Hajes (Vertigo x Al Muhabah) making the winner pull out all the stops in the final half furlong. Whilst Al Batra'a (Newday x Mustabshirah) seemed tapped for toe in the closing stages but was kept up to his work to hold onto third.



The Summer Alternative to Point to Point Open Race Stakes

For Part Breds, Anglo Arabs & Thoroughbreds (1mile 4 furlongs)



Anna Bucknall released a potential superstar when **Elliot's Choice** (Foxhound x Indian City) outstayed the field in fine style under a confident ride from Simon Walker. He galloped readily clear of the field to win by three lengths for owners Mrs Lewes and Mrs Little. Dancing Grace (Dancing Spree x Hardtoboss) put in another solid effort, always handy she chased the winner all the way to the line and was well clear of the

field. Trouble Maker (Green Desert x River Abouali) stayed on well in the final furlong but was well held.

Harwood Arabian Stud

The Harwood Arabian Stud Handicap Stakes (1 mile 2 furlongs)

A great start to the campaign for the Royal Cavalry of Oman owned and Salim Al Hakmani trained **Mudalal** (Darike x Rawabi) who ran a blinding race to hold off the sustained challenge of stablemate Kerbelle Lotoise (Kerbella x Dheila Lotoise) and HH Sheikh Hamdan's Juhood. He showed a useful turn of foot inside the final furlong to win by just under a length. Kerbelle Lotoise was gaining with every stride at the line but



couldn't pass the win but remains one to watch. Whilst Juhood (Al Sakbe x Tamani) looks to have strengthened up over the winter and battled on hard in the dying strides and will be interesting at this level over a mile.



The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (0-50, 1 mile)

A select field went to post and they all went a fair clip from the start with Golden Dream and Mahbishai showing good early speed.

As they entered the home straight it looked as if Golden Dream was going to steal it but **Mahbishai (Mahbuba x Lola Caramba)** under a determined ride from Fred Offord, galloped into the lead to win by a length for trainer David Paton and the BXPS Partnership. Back in second was Sabden (Bengali D'Albret x Sambella) running a decent seasonal debut, she ran on strongly in the closing stages and remains in great heart. Whilst Golden Dream's (Khairoaun x Autumn Dream) stamina didn't quite last home, she was kept up to her work to hold onto third by a length.



The Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club Handicap Stakes (1 mile 2 furlongs)

This valuable race attracted the biggest field of the day and they went a fair pace from the start with the field tightly grouped and as they approached the back straight Katwalk, Floren and Altesse Kossack were all travelling well. As the field entered the final two furlongs it was

Katwalk (Makzan x CS Shamal (Bengali D'Albret)) under a well judged ride from Steve Harrison who powered into the lead and kicked clear to win in awesome style by an easy eight lengths at the line for owner Mrs Elizabeth Kiff and trainer Glen Kiff. On the basis of this performance, Katwalk is the one they all have to beat in the Wathbah Stud Breeders Cup on June 9th. Speaking afterwards Kiff said "She's a nice



mare and we've always thought a lot of her, we thought she'd run well today." Back in second was an excellent seasonal debut from Floren (Bengali D'Albret x Florys De Nautiac) who ran on well under owner/trainer/jockey Teresa Smith. Whilst Altesse Kossack (Marwan x Azedine A) was always travelling well and stayed on well in the home straight for third ahead of a fast finishing Senor Doublecheck (Bengali D'Albret x Mais).





The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes (6 furlongs)

Beverley Deutrom started the season as she means to go on with an impressive victory here for her flashy colt Suhaim, owned and bred by Cornelius Mol. Odds on favourite Flashcat blew his chance by losing lengths at the start, but the rest of the field set off at scorching gallop

with Pinkie Tuscadero, Syras Gris, Razen and Suhaim all showing early speed. As the field quickened into the final furlong the four principles were in a line down the centre of the track, but it was **Suhaim (Dormane x Seceryna)** who was pushed out under an impressive ride from talented claimer Craig Thompson to win by a neck. Speaking afterwards winning training Bev Deutrom said "That was a superb ride from Craig, he's a very nice colt and he did that well, but really needs further." Back in second was a good effort from Razen (Saut Du Loup x Hadhoodh) who was head to head with the winner in the final furlong and just failed to get up, he is one to note next time out. The Adam Newey trained pair were a length back in third and fourth with tough sprinter Pinkie Tuscadero (Izentesheshal x Altyv) just getting the better of the young gun Syras Gris (Khoutoubia x Akara De Syrah).



The New Season Open Race Handicap Stakes (7 furlongs)

Emma Owen owned/trained and ridden **Adalar (Grand Lodge x Adalya)** made a successful return to the ARO circuit with a last gasp victory in the shadow of the post. The pace was fair from the start and as Mandy's Maestro (Brahms x Belle Masque) went for home inside the final furlong he was being chased by Highly Elaborate and

Adalar, but it was Adalar who just got up in the final strides to pip Mandy's Maestro for victory, Highly Elaborate (Halling x Elaborate) kept on for third.



The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (0-80, 1 mile)

A good staying performance here from HH Sheikh Hamdan's homebred mare **Mahra (Bengali D'Albret x Group 1 Dubai Stakes winner Sophie Du Loup)**, she was always travelling well under Phil Collington and upped her pace inside the final furlong to

pull readily clear of the field to lose her maiden tag in style for trainer Gill Duffield. Whisper (The Wiking x Sucha) ran her usual game race back in second, she helped force the pace and chased the winner all the way but was never going to reel her back. Whilst Noble Athlete (Dorwan Du Cayrou x Noble Dame) ran well but seemed to tire in the closing stages and will surely come on for the run.

