

## ARABIAN RACING REVIEW

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### **The Godolphin Barb Maiden Stakes (1 Mile 1 Furlong).**



**Antar Vege** (Tidjani x Agar Vege (Kesberoy)) produced a stunning performance here for owner HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield to put himself firmly in the spotlight for the Group 1 UK Derby at the end of July. Always prominent he kicked into the lead four furlongs from home, and under an assured ride from Steve Harrison he galloped readily clear inside the final furlong for an emphatic 6 length victory; this handsome half brother to G1 Dubai Stakes winner Aikido Vege looks to have a very big future. Manan (Doran x Mangaline Du Loup) built on his effort from last year, settled midfield he made smooth progress into

the straight and battled on well in the closing stages to take second; another 4 yr old colt he could well be a Derby contender but will have to improve to challenge the winner there. The winner's stablemate Laafet (Fadjik x Valina Des Fabries) made an eye catching debut as his sire's first UK runner, he raced keenly throughout and chased the winner hard inside the straight but tired in the final furlong and had to settle for third but is sure to come on for the run.

### **The See You Here Again on Saturday 2nd July Open Race Handicap Stakes (2 Miles) For Part Breds, Anglo Arabs & Thoroughbreds.**

Another strong performance here from **Sky Chart**, waited patiently with by jockey Robin Pfeiffer, he made strong headway inside the final two furlongs before powering clear inside the final furlong for a two length victory for owner/trainer Tina Pfeiffer. Back in second was a return to form from Kings Cavalier who clearly relished the step up in trip and galloped on gamely in the final three furlongs, he looked set for victory until the winner headed him but on this basis a win this term looks on the cards. Adalar was a shade disappointing back in third, he was second turning for home but it looked as though his stamina didn't last home.



**The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier)  
(1 Mile 1 Furlong).**



**Mudalal** (Darike x Rawabi) is proving to be a revelation this season for trainer Salim Hakmani and owner/breeders the Royal Cavalry of Oman. He travelled well and then made rapid progress to lead from the 3 furlong pole and was an easy five lengths clear inside the straight under a fine ride from Anas Al Sayabi, but had to pull out all the stops to hold onto victory inside the final

furlong. Maghazi (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne) ran another game race a length back in second, always handy he chased the winner into the home straight and was staying on in the closing stages but couldn't quite get there. His stablemate Suhaim (Dormane x Seceryna) built on his decent win at Taunton with a good effort 2 lengths back in second here, he was always prominent and chased the first two inside the home straight but was slightly tapped for toe in the final furlong.

**The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club Handicap Stakes (Premium Series) (7 Furlongs).**



A bad result for the bookies here as 6/4 favourite **Sabden** (Bengali D'Albret x Sambella) showed the field a clean pair of heels to win in fine style here for owner/trainer Craig Kester, held up in the field she moved into position inside the straight and then ran into a game lead inside the final two furlongs under a great ride from jockey Kirstin Mellor to win by three lengths. Back in third was a back to form Unshooda (Makzan x Shunah) relishing the return to the all weather, she lead inside the straight and ran on gamely but was no match for the winner. Whilst Shamal (Sun Al Maury x Zak Zak) made a pleasing seasonal debut, always handy he rallied hard in the home straight but was a good length off the second but stayed on ahead of Senor Dublcheck.



**The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden Stakes (6 Furlongs).**



An extremely impressive sprinting performance here for the Athbah Stud's American bred colt **Bigg N Rich** (Falina Des Fabries x Viraac (Virgule Al Maury)), given a beautiful ride by Simon Walker up near the front of the field, he lead inside the final two furlongs and showed a blinding turn of foot inside the final furlong to spring clear for a 3 length victory for in form trainer Bill Smith; another 4 yr old he



could well take his place in the UK Derby and is one to note. 6/4 favourite Delicieux N'Al Maury (Dormane x Nouba Al Maury) seemed to struggle in the early stages of the race but found his second wind in the home straight and stayed on for second but had no chance with the winner, another 4 yr old he will be interesting next time out over a stiffer test of stamina. Al Batra'a raced prominently and had every chance inside the final furlong but couldn't match the pace of the winner, but was only a neck back in third.

### The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes (1 Mile 6 Furlongs).



Trainer Beverley Deutrom continued her fine run of form here with **Altesse Kossack** (Marwan x Azedine A) winning impressively here for owner Richard Gould, she travelled well throughout and made good progress inside the straight before challenging the Aakbe inside the final furlong and pulling clear under a strong ride from Steve Harrison, scoring a double, to win by two lengths. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Deutrom commented: *"She's strengthened up over the winter and is as genuine as they come and did that nicely."* No come back win for former champion trainer Sarah Kelleway, that said Aakbe (Akbar x Avril De Syrah) made a pleasing seasonal debut and lead from the 3 furlong marker and stayed on well in the final furlong but was no match for the winner. Neige Al Maury (Dormane x Nectarine Al Maury) was another 3 lengths back in third but showed her first real signs of form, clearly appreciating the step up in trip she was under pressure in the home straight but to her credit battled on to hold onto third ahead of Wikkara.



### The Royal Cavalry of Oman Arabian Stakes (1 Mile 1 Furlong).

**Al Janoob** (Magic De Piboul x Ester Du Paon) put himself firmly in the frame for a step up to group class with an emphatic victory for owner/breeder HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield. He looked colty at the start and was held up at



the rear in the early stages but a cool and confident Phil Collington soon brought him into contention inside the home straight, and soon powered clear in the final furlong for a convincing victory. Back in second was a good effort from Genuinely At Risk (Doran x Djenuine) , he travelled well and kicked for home inside the home straight and only lost his advantage in the final furlong; he remains a classy runner at this level and was seven lengths clear of the field. Al Seif (Tidjani x Alep Alchame) made a bold show

for the Royal Cavalry of Oman leading the field into the home straight, and when challenged kept gamely up to his work and was a good three lengths clear of Manaal.

## **The Hope Farm Trading Open Race Stakes (1 Mile) For Part Breds, Anglo Arabs & Thoroughbreds.**

Another impressive riding performance from Simon Walker on Phil Greenwood's smart recruit Sri Kuantan (Spinning World x Miss Asia Quest), he was mid field until unleashing his run inside the home straight to lead and then powered clear in the final furlong for scorching victory. Back in second was Just Spike who also caught the eye, he was always prominent and led briefly before becoming one paced and conceding defeat to the winner. Another 2 ½ lengths back in third was Artreju, he led 3 furlongs out but after they turned for home was never nearer than third.



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