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The Royal Cavalry of Oman Maiden Stakes

An impressive performance here from **Basela** (Jiyush x Seglaoui), who became her sire's first winner in the UK. She was given a superb ride by Phil Collington and won in the confident manner of a favourite, held up she made smooth progress to go fourth in the home straight; and responded gamely to pressure inside the final furlong to win by a length and half for HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Gill Duffield. She holds an entry in the



Group 1 Hatta Stakes. Jane Haddock's flashy colt Sandababa (Burning Sand x Bashaair (Wiking)) ran another superb race back in second, he disputed the lead inside the final furlong but had no answer with the winner and had to settle for second but remains a classy prospect. The Royal Cavalry of Oman's Qabas (Simoun Ben Zid x Zeenah) was always prominent and lead the field into the home straight, but had no extra in the final furlong and finished three lengths back in third.

The Outdoor Installations Open Race Handicap Stakes

A follow up win here for **Oh Sunny Boy** (Desert Sun x Naivement), he was always handy and powered into the home straight and ran on strongly to hold onto victory under a great ride from Craig Thompson for owner/trainer Nicholas Child. Back in second was another strong performance from Fulvio; he was waited with and chased the winner all the way down the home straight and although he was always being held, he was in turn well clear of the third. Red Myth ran a good race back in third, she disputed the lead 3 furlongs out, weakened in the straight but stayed on ahead of a one paced Dancing Grace.



The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes

Owner/trainer Delyth Thomas gained her first win of the campaign here when smart sprint handicap **Jamaahir** (Makzan x Tikis Tiffany) out sprinted his rivals in fine style under a typically masterful ride from Simon Walker. Always in contention he went second into the straight and soon quickened clear in the final



furlong to win by a length and a half. He holds an entry in the opener on Dubai Day which he won last year and looks like the one to beat based on this smart performance. Speaking afterwards winner trainer Delyth Thomas commented *“We were hopeful he would run well, he ran a good race last week and won nicely today; and he should be spot on for the 7f handicap on Dubai Day.”* Grand old servant WFA Leopard (Bengali D’Albret x Lapsana) ran his usual game race in defeat, running on for second inside the

final furlong. While the winner’s stablemate Unshooda (Makzan x Shunah) produced another consistent effort; always travelling well, she fought hard for second but had to settle for third in the final half furlong.

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Handicap Stakes



Another impressive riding performance here from an in form Phil Collington on HH Sheikh Hamdan’s Derby hope **Antar Vege** (Tidjani x Agar Vege), always handy he was challenged by stablemate Eustral inside the two furlong marker and the pair drew well clear of the field with Antar Vege showing a smart turn of foot to win by 2 ¼ lengths; and

looks like a leading contender for the Derby for in form trainer Gill Duffield. Stablemate Eustral (Al Sakbe x Danse Avec L’eau) ran a scorching race in second, he made the winner pull out all the stops in the final furlong and looks like a big danger for the stayers handicap on Dubai Day. Kerbelle Lotois (Kerbella x Dheila Lotoise) was a shade disappointing twelve lengths back in third following her impressive win at Fakenham, she was outpaced in the home straight but to her credit kept on for third ahead of Manaal.



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

A great staying performance by tough old racehorse **Roches Du Cayrou** (Newday x Kahinaoura), always in the first three Simon Walker pressed



him into the lead inside the home straight and he stayed on in dour fashion to win by an easy two lengths. Speaking afterwards winning owner/trainer Delyth Thomas said *“I knew the 2 mile trip would suit him, and it is lovely to see the old boy win again.”* Notid (Tidjani x Sherrie Noreen) also appreciated the stamina sapping trip, he ran on into 2nd inside the home straight, but never looked like reeling in the winner. While the winner’s stablemate Bonham (Bakara x



Bonnie Jet) ran a solid race six lengths back in third, he led the field until 2 furlongs out before when he was relegated to third but kept up to his work to hold on ahead of Awraaq.

The Royal Cavalry of Oman Novice Rider Handicap Stakes



Delyth Thomas regained her crown as the all weather queen in style with her third victory of the meeting as tough handicapper **Noble Athlete** (Dorwan Du Cayrou x Noble Dame) made short work of the opposition to win as he liked under a strong ride from talented young jockey Matthew Stanley. Thomas stated after her hatrick *“It’s great to have so many winners in one day, but really pleased for Noble Athlete*

as he was out of sorts last season and its good to see him win again, and Matthew rode a great race on him.” He led from start to finish and quickly saw off Altesse Kossack (Marwan x Azedine A) in the straight, and kicked clear in the home straight to win by three and half lengths. Altesse Kossack ran another game race back in second (promoted), she had no chance with the winner but ran on well. Back in third (promoted) was a slightly disappointing Suhaim (Dormane x Seceryna), he missed the break at the start and seemed one paced in the home straight but is worth another chase.



The Lovetheraces.com Open Race Handicap

An extremely strong sprinting victory here from Phil Greenwood's progressive gelding **Sri Kuantan**



(Spinning World x Miss Asia Quest) who was given a superb and well judged ride from Simon Walker (scoring a treble on the day), he was cruising from the home turn and showed a devastating turn of foot inside the final furlong to sprint clear for a five length victory. Mandy's Maestro had no chance with the winner, but he made the running and set a good pace and chased the winner hard inside the final furlong and went down fighting. Elliots Choice was another five lengths back in third, he

was always in the first three but was caught flat footed inside the final furlong and had to settle for third.

The Athbah Stud Handicap Stakes



Raihan (Passem Lotois x G Sustika) is definitely back to form this season, she benefited from a well timed athletic ride from Scott Bradbury here, always handy Bradbury brought her with her run inside the final furlong and although going wide on the

bend and running up the stands rail she galloped on strongly to take victory by two lengths for trainer Sue Connally. Shamal (Sun Al Maury x Zak Zak (Galeon)) ran another excellent race under owner/trainer/jockey Paul Brown, he was mid field before making his run inside the final furlong and although leading two furlongs out he had to concede defeat to Raihan inside the final half furlong but remains in great heart this campaign. Millenium Leap (Khairouan x Balla Star) ran well half length back in third, she led until the three furlong marker and even when headed she battled on and chased the first two home and was in turn four lengths clear of Trip To Khairo.



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