

Review

The Alqurum Beach Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile:

An extremely impressive victory from **Louran (Doran x Mangaline Du Loup Manganate)**, she was held up mid field until they approached the final two furlongs, where she swept into the lead with Simon Walker on board, and powered clear. However, Aaber was chasing at her heels all the way to the line and Louran was all out at the winning post to hold onto first position for owners, Athbah Stud and trainer Bill Smith. Aaber (Burning Sand x Nisae (Dormane)) who looked very relaxed in the parade ring proved a revelation on the track. He was always handy and when produced by Tom Garner inside the final two furlongs, he was nip and tuck with the winner all the way to the line and looks to have a big future. Whereas Nakib Du Falga (Dormane x Djoulia Du Falgas) seemed out paced early on but made good headway in the closing stages, however he couldn't quicken with the first two and was three lengths back in third.

The Kelanne Stud 0-55 Handicap Stakes over 6 Furlongs:

A fantastic pillar to post victory here from **Millenium Leap (Khairouan x Balla Star)** recording her second win of the campaign and benefiting from a confident ride from Tom Garner. She easily galloped clear inside the final furlong to pull ahead by six lengths to victory for owner trainer Mark Cooper. Speaking afterwards Cooper said *"She's a tough mare and I thought she would run well today, and Tom rode a good race."* Mahbishai (Mahbuba x Lola Caramba) ran another good race in second and is clearly in good form, he chased the winner inside the final two furlongs but never looked close. While Raihan (Passem Lotois x G Sustika) looks to be coming to hand, she was always travelling well and kept on strongly inside the final two furlongs.

The Ras Alhad Beach 0-90 Handicap Stakes over 7 Furlongs:

El Adjban (Makzan x Shunah (Shomran)) made it two wins from 3 starts with a thrilling win under a well judged ride from Martin Smith. He was held up at the back of the field until he reached the final furlong where he showed a blinding turn of foot and tremendous courage to go head to head with Mi Temps De Piboul, and just managed to get up by a short head to win for owner/breeder Lesley Hartley and trainer Gill Duffield. An excellent effort from Mi Temps De Piboul (Al Sakbe x Manie De Piboul) who was challenged inside the final furlong and looked as if she might just get up inside the post but went down bravely by the minimum margin. Back in third Whisper (The Wiking x Sucha) was no match for the first two, but once again ran another game race running on strongly inside the final furlong and stayed on well for third ahead of Hidalgo.

The Alsawadi Beach 0-80 Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile:

They went a decent clip here with several horses forcing the pace, but as they entered the final two furlongs and the pace increased, **Mudalal (Darike x Rawabi)** forged his way into the lead under Mr S Al Siyabi. As they hit the final furlong he showed a smart turn of foot to quicken away and win by two lengths for trainer Salim Al Hakmani and the Royal Cavalry of Oman. Ambrose (Amer x KTP Mystic Flight (Wiking)) finished as runner up once again, but ran with credit under a typically

positive ride from Simon Walker; he fought hard inside the final furlong to hold onto second and reverse the form of Maghazi (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne). The latter was held up with a run and was making good headway, finishing well in the final stages but was never nearer than third.

The Albustan Beach Open Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs:

Mu'azzaz (Amer x Massamarie) scored a bloodless victory here: He made all in an emphatic staying performance, and won as he pleased by ten lengths under a supremely confident Simon Walker, giving former top Arab race jockey, Pierre Deymonaz, his first winner as a trainer for the Al Shahania Stud (HH Shiekh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani). Cricket Du Loup (Al Sakbe x Salia Du Loup) was always being held up and made all his effort in the final two furlongs. He was one paced in the final furlong and had to pull out all the stops for second to hold off the relentless challenge from Deolali (Khairouan x Operetta). The latter ran his usual game race but was out gunned by younger rivals.

The Aldagem Beach Condition Stakes over 1 Mile:

A first win in the UK for **Iftekhar (Amer x Arc De Ciel)**, who was landing a double for trainer Pierre Deymonaz and owner Al Shahania Stud. She was held up midfield throughout before making steady progress into third to chase Tidarbret inside the final two furlongs before unleashing a devastating turn foot to win, going away under a superb ride from Martin Smith (also scoring a double on the day). Tidarbret (Bengali D'Albret x Iktidar) made a brave bid for victory in the closing stages, but was beaten inside the final furlong; he kept on to go down by three lengths. Mufafani (Amer x Cheikha) ran well back in third, he seemed briefly outpaced midway but stayed on for third ahead of a one paced Nimr.

The ARO Open (TB & AA) Handicap Race over 6 Furlongs:

Spirit Rising (Zilzal x River's Rising) never gave his backers a moments worry for a second impressive victory of the season. He went into a strong lead after the first furlong and was an easy four lengths clear two furlongs out when he carried on to win easily by three lengths under a strong ride from Mr G Bartlett. Red Myth ran a good race in second and whilst no match for the winner, he was a comfortable second two furlongs out and was kept up to his work, running on well for second. Whilst Megabond looked under pressure at half way, he stuck to his task in the final furlong and just got up by a neck to steal third from Elliot's Choice.