

Arabian Racing Review
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The Warwick Racecourse 0-60 Handicap Stakes over 6 Furlongs:

An exhilarating and confident ride here from Simon Walker on Jamaahir the 11/8 favourite. He was quickly in command and as they turned into the home straight **Jamaahir (Makzan x Tikis Tiffany)** was still cruising, he then showed a decent turn of foot to kick clear for a two and a half length victory. Speaking afterwards winning owner/trainer Delyth Thomas said *"I thought this trip was a touch on the short side as he really wants 7-8 furlongs, but I knew he would appreciate the cut in the ground and he's won well."* Back in second was an eye catching run from Terminators Dream (Bengali D' Albret x Dantes Dream (Dantist)) on his handicap debut, he travelled well throughout and chased the winner hard all the way to the line; he is one to watch for next season. Whilst Benny The Dip (Bengali D' Albret x Duiker (Galeon)) hit form a length and a half back in third, he ran on well in the closing stages and kept up to this work to hold onto third ahead of Egypt.

The Doncaster Rovers 0-95 Handicap Stakes over 1 Mile:

They didn't hang about in this mile handicap as Sophia and Louran quickly set off into a clear lead, they quickened up along the back straight leaving the field a good five lengths behind. As they entered the home straight Suhaim, El Adjban and Kalikeabea were mounting a challenge in behind, but up front Sophia under an excellent and assertive ride from Steve Harrison was all out with Simon Walker, also hard at work on Louran, breathing down his neck. These two brave mares were nip and tuck all the way to line showing a smart turn of foot but Harrison just got **Sophia (Kerbella x Solonge (Djelfor))** up by a neck to lose her maiden tag in some style for owner/breeder Cornelius Mol. Speaking afterwards winning trainer Bev Deutrom said *"She is a such a lovely mare to train but has improved beyond all recognition to win here and Steve rode a great race, she is still a bit backward and will be stronger and better next year; she's an exciting prospect for 2011"*. Louran (Doran x Mangaline Du Loup) ran another superb race back in second, showing an excellent turn of foot and rallied hard in the closing stages, she was unlucky not to secure her second victory and remains a fine prospect for next season. Four lengths back in third Suhaim (Dormane x Seceryna) and El Adjban (Makzan x Shunah) were both finishing fast and furious and were dead heated for the place, but they were clear of the remaining field.

The Penn Challenge 0-170 Handicap Stakes (AA, PBA and TB Series Final) over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:

Steve Harrison continued his success with a double on the Bill Hill Anglo gelding **Risky Jack** (a son of smart former Anglo race winner Call Me Risky and Maraday Kitty Hawk), he was kept handy in second behind pace setter Just Serenade and as they approached the final two furlongs Harrison, in great form, kept driving Risky Jack (the only Anglo in the race and a maiden). Risky Jack responded gamely and stayed on really well to power clear and win by three lengths for his delighted owner/trainer and breeder Bill Hill who was recording his first victory of the season. Just Serenade made all the running and ensured that this was a good test of stamina but the 2 stone disadvantage made her vulnerable in the closing stages, however she

remains a consistent prospect. Mystic Mayhem struggled to go the pace with the first two, but stayed on really well to take third ahead of Red Myth.

The Athbah Stud Gold Final (0-80) Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:

Another thrilling finish to this competitive handicap as the two top weights Maghazi ridden by David Turner and Majaales ridden by Phil Collington went head to head in the final two furlongs. Maghazi under a superbly energetic ride from Turner was briefly headed in the final furlong by Majaales but Turner drove **Magazhi (Chndaka x Nirva De Cardonne)** home. The gallant colt dug deep inside the final half furlong and gamely stuck his head down to win this valuable event for the in form Deutrom yard. Speaking afterwards an elated Beverley Deutrom said *“He’s has been so consistent all season, and he is as tough and genuine as they come, this race was always his main target for the season and its great win to finish the season with a win.”* Majaales (Chndaka x Seglaoui) lost nothing in defeat and was under hard pressure in the closing stages, he responded well and fought hard to win but just failed; he remains a tough competitor in staying handicaps. Ambrose (Amer x KTP Mystic Flight (Wiking)) was five lengths back in third, he travelled well and ran on well in the closing stages, rallying hard in the final furlong to hold onto third ahead of a staying Pacific Way.

The Athbah Stud Silver Final (0-63) Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:

A surprise result here as Delyth Thomas recorded her second victory of the meeting with the enigmatic Final Fling, who whilst not the most consistent of performers is clearly a force to be reckoned with when in the mood. The field went a good gallop from the start with Final Fling at the head of affairs, as they approached the last two furlongs Wikkara was also finishing like a train down the track and went head to head with Final Fling, but under a superb ride from Craig Thompson, **Final Fling (Djamel x FH Honey Mellon)** just stuck his neck out for victory. Speaking afterwards winning owner/trainer Delyth Thomas commented *“I knew he would like the soft going, but we changed tactics and rode him more positively from the front and keep him galloping all the way to the line and he’s won it really well.”* Wikkara (The Wiking x Akara De Syrah) was brave in defeat, he powered clear of the pack in the closing stages and made the winner pull out all the stops, he is a tough and consistent performer and with three wins, he has earned his place at the top of the Champion Arab table. Roches Du Cayrou (Newday x Kahinaoura) has been out of form all season and like his winning stable mate, he relished the cut in the ground and galloped clear of Star Valentina to take third.

The Athbah Stud Bronze Final (0-47) Handicap over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:

They went a strong gallop from the off with Golden Dream leading them into the home straight, but Brigitta was staying the ground and went clear in the final two furlongs under a strong drive from Phil Collington. She looked to have the race at her mercy inside the final furlong until Shamal, under a great ride from Paul Brown, finished fast and furious down the stands side and this tough little gelding powered home inside the final furlong to take the lead and get home by a half length to lose his maiden tag in some style. **Shamal (Sun Al Maury x Zak Zak (Galeon))** represents a fantastic achievement for Paul Brown who owns, trains, rides and even bred this gelding, an incredible feat in today’s competitive sphere of Arabian racing. Speaking afterwards Paul said *“He’s been improving with every run and although we’ve had our problems, he has been getting stronger and more confident with every run and he*

fought really well today. It's a rarity these days to be an owner/trainer/jockey but in the old AHS days the majority were home trained and it is still possible to be an amateur and win good races." Brigitta (Khairouan x Barryh (Djelfor)) was making her final racecourse appearance as she is off to stud next year, she ran a brave race but looked spent inside the final half furlong however she might still have won if she hadn't shied in the final strides of the race. Whilst Pavot Al Kyle (Pavot Al Kyle x Ellaria) who loved the trip and ground, was staying on strongly in the closing stages and finished a neck back in third just ahead of WA Savannah Sunrise.

The ARO Finale OPEN Race Championship (AA, TB & PBA) over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs:

A great ride here from Rachel Kneller aboard Peter Hammersley's smart mare Annie Moyles who won by just under two lengths from ultra smart Anglo mare Dancing Grace. The field went a good pace with Dancing Grace quickly going to the head of affairs, she kicked clear inside the straight and set sail for home, but **Annie Moyles (Makbul x So Generous)** was cruising in behind and she showed a devastating turn of foot to go clear inside the final furlong and win the championship for owner/trainer Peter Hammersley. Dancing Grace clinched the Anglo championship for the second year running with another amazing run here, she couldn't get past the winner but was an easy six lengths clear of the field and remains the classiest Anglo on the circuit, well capable of taking on the thoroughbreds. Yankey seemed to struggle on the soft going, but to his credit, he kept going in the final furlong and galloped on for third ahead of Elliot's Choice.