

## Wolverhampton Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June Review

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### 1<sup>st</sup> race – The Free Racing On Dubai Day Maiden Stakes over 6 Furlongs



A bit of a non event with half the field not jumping off on terms and the other half catching a flyer, in the end Miswadah led the field at a decent gallop with Riko, Ambrose and Andaleeb all travelling well in behind. As they approached the final furlong it was the impeccably bred Kaolino full brother **Riko (Dormane x Cary De Carerre)** who seized the initiative under an in form Martin Smith to storm home a length and a half clear for champion trainer Gill Duffield and owner HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum. He had to pull out all the stops to outspurt the Jane Haddock owned and Bill Smith trained Ambrose (Amer x KTP Mystic Flight) who was finishing like a train and in turn was two lengths clear of the Royal Cavalry of Oman's Andaleeb (Newday x Gagarka).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> race – The Al Ras Stakes over 1 Mile

The incredibly impressive **Shibl (Al Sakbe x Bisbille)** made it two from two for the season under a superb ride from Phil Collington. The 5/4 odds on favourite went clear in the final furlong to get home by an easy four lengths from stable mate and last years Breeders Cup heroine Inshaad (Al Sakbe x Aksarka), both owned by HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum and trained by Gill Duffield. Inshaad lost nothing in defeat and was well clear of a staying on Angel Picamer (Amer x Picea HT), getting home four lengths up on the line.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> race – The [www.aroracing.co.uk](http://www.aroracing.co.uk) Open Race Handicap over 1 Mile

A shock win here with 14/1 shot **Chapter (Sinndar x Web of Intrigue)** owned and trained by the Honourable Mrs Sherwood battling home under a strong ride from son Jack Sherwood (winning his first ARO race) to out gallop the talented Marbaa (Peintre Celebre x Bahareeya) by a comfortable two and a half lengths. The latter lost nothing in defeat and ran on well in the final furlong to hold onto second ahead of a staying on Reminiscent (Kahyasi x Eliza Orzeskowa).

### 4<sup>th</sup> race – The Jebel Ali Racing Club Handicap Stakes (Series Qualifier) over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs

A true staying handicap won in fine style by the ever consistent **Floren (Bengali D'Albret x Florys De Nautiac)** who was expertly piloted by his owner/trainer/jockey Theresa Smith. He was always travelling well but had to dig deep in the final furlong to hold off the sustained challenge of the Iraqi bred colt Affar (Asad Saif x Al Qaida Al Thania). The latter ran his best race to date and showed good battling qualities to hold onto second by a neck from a fast finishing Tik Tik (The Wiking x Tamina) and Whisper (The Wiking x Sucha). Both ran sound races are ones to note for next time.



### 5<sup>th</sup> race – The Shindgha Maiden Stakes over 1 Mile 1 Furlong

A thrilling finish to a competitive maiden with Martin Smith once again coming home in front this time on HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's true blue blooded colt **Al Janoob (Magic De Piboul x Ester Du Paon)**, a half brother to Group 1 Dubai Stakes winner Jiyush.

As they entered the final furlong there were several in with a chance but in the end an inspired ride from Martin Smith saw him get home on Al Janoob by one and a half lengths from 6/4 favourite Qareim De Faust (Dormane x Harein De Faust). The latter ran a superb race and looks more than capable of taking a maiden. He ran on well in the closing stages to hold on by a short head from a fast finishing Tidarbret (Bengali D'Albret x Iktidar), who ran another notable race and was a length clear of the juvenile runner Djarni D'Or.



### 6<sup>th</sup> race – The Nad Al Sheba Handicap Stakes over 6 Furlongs

A select but quality field went to post with the eventual victor being the impressive Royal Cavalry of Oman owned and bred **Al Rasheeq (Djendel x Salam)** who showed a useful turn of foot under a well judged ride from Moatasem Al Balushi to pull clear of Pinkie Tuscadero (Izentespeshal x Altyv) at the line by two lengths for the in form Julian Smart stable. Pinkie ran a storming race in second and chased the winner all the way to the line, and was well clear of Roches Du Cayrou (Newday x Kahinaoura) another two lengths back in third.



### 7<sup>th</sup> race – The Bani Yas Square Handicap Stakes over 7 Furlongs



They went a fair pace in this competitive handicap with Benny The Dip, Egypt and Lady Marisha all in with a chance inside the final furlong, but as they got inside the final half furlong it was **Benny The Dip (Bengali D'Albret x Duiker)** who asserted his authority under a power packed ride from Kevin Locking to win by three quarters of a length for the Morris family. Egypt (Marawan x Sareefa) ran a brilliant race under owner/trainer/jockey Caroline de Wilde. She ran on strongly in the final furlong and just failed, whilst Lady Marisha (Nevesti x Shimmering Spektra) battled hard in the home straight and was a neck back in third and should be winning soon.

### 8<sup>th</sup> race – The Come ARO Racing Again At Wolverhampton On 9<sup>th</sup> Of August Open Race over 1 Mile 6 Furlongs

A superb day for the Sherwood family as **Burnley (Distant Music x Dance Ahead)** gave them a double when outstaying a useful field under a confident ride from Jack Sherwood. He never looked to be faltering as he galloped home two lengths clear of the hard ridden favourite Delorain (Kalanisi x Lady Nasrana), who in turn was easily clear of the field with Mattoni (Presidium x Mrs Magic) coming home ten lengths behind in third.

