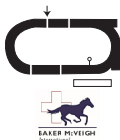


Arabian Race 3.45 1m 4f

THE BAKER McVEIGH INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP STAKES



For Purebred Arabians, 3 year olds and upwards. ONE MILE and FOUR FURLONGS or thereabouts.

Race Sponsor: Baker McVeigh International Veterinary Practice in association with the Emirates Breeders Series. Penalty Value: £2,000. £1,000 to the winner, £400 to the second, £240 to the third, £160 to the fourth, £120 to the fifth, £80 to the sixth. Weights: 10st7lb - 8st7lb. Amateur Jockeys can claim as per regulation 54.

No	Horse	Age	st	lb	Draw
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	1 AL KAASER (FR) (35)	6	10 - 7	(2)
Gr g Munjiz (FR) - Horkidee (FR) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr James Owen Breeder: SNC Shadwell France	Jockey: Mr Alex Chadwick (3) Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, BLACK cap.			
Form: 1152-3 Extras: BL	Winner from 6f to 2m on the Turf and AW. Fair effort to be third on reappearance, just short of 1m6f in Belgium (Jaahez 8th). Should strip fitter today and experienced stable amateur takes off a handy 3lb. Chance. (R9 W4 P4) (OR 102)			

	2 ABIYAH ATHBAH (65)	6	10 - 3	(4)
Gr m Jaafer ASF (GB) - Burning Fancy (US) Owner: Dilmun Racing Trainer: Mr P J Hammersley Breeder: Alhbah Stud	Jockey: Joey Haynes Colours: RED and WHITE halved jacket, RED and WHITE alternate sleeve, RED cap with a WHITE star.			
Form: 1431-5 Extras:	Distance winner at Lingfield last year, beating a number of these for today's jockey. Impressed on reappearance finishing fifth (Tijaary 6th) in a classy race over a mile against the world's best at Goodwood. Races off a career highest mark, but must be considered. (R10 W2 P5) (OR 98)			

	3 HALIB DES FORGES (FR) (371)	8	9 - 12	(6)
Ch g Mahabb (AE) - Djosera Des Forges (FR) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr Philip Collington Breeder: Mlle Catherine De Robert Labarthe	Jockey: Dane O'Neill Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, striped cap.			
Form: 32613- Extras:	Course and distance winner three years ago and here over shorter last term, beating Al Kaaser by a head. Similarly weighted with that one today, usually goes well fresh and one for the shortlist, with conditions to suit. (R21 W3 P8) (OR 93)			

	4 TIJAARY (FR) (22)	7	9 - 11	(8)
Ch g Al Saoudi (FR) - Petraunille (FR) Owner: James Owen Racing Club Trainer: Mr James Owen Breeder: SNC Shadwell France	Jockey: Miss Hayley Lewis (5) Colours: ROYAL BLUE, PINK sleeves with ROYAL BLUE spots, PINK cap.			
Form: 013-62 Extras: VIS	Three-time winner up to 1m2f, though success here against Abiyah Athbah was gained in the steward's room. Has a bit to find with that one on Goodwood form and though favoured in the weights today, might not be enough on first attempt at this trip. (R14 W4 P8) (OR 92)			

	5 ANFAAS (377)	6	9 - 9	(7)
Ch m No Risk Al Maury (FR) - Laqataat (GB) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr Philip Collington Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Jockey: Louis Steward Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, PINK cap.			
Form: 13463- Extras:	All wins over shorter, including here, but stayed on well stepped up to this trip when third to Abiyah Athbah at Lingfield, giving that one almost a stone. Has won first-time out every year so far, so must enter calculations. (R13 W4 P6) (OR 90)			

	6 JAAHEZ (FR) (35)	6	8 - 13	(9)
Ch g No Risk Al Maury (FR) - Ziva (FR) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr James Owen Breeder: Shadwell France SNC	Jockey: Jack Mitchell Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, DARK GREEN cap.			
Form: 2311-0 Extras: HD	Dual winner over 1m2f including here last season. Well behind on reappearance on very quick ground over further in Belgium behind Al Kaaser. Better off at the weights with that one here, though market best guide to chances. (R11 W2 P6) (OR 80)			

	7 JINAAN (21)	4	8 - 7	(3)
Gr f Madjani (FR) - Laqataat (GB) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr Philip Collington Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Jockey: Jason Watson Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, RED cap.			
Form: 66 Extras: HD	Sister to good stayer Saleemah and a half-sister to Anfaas. Not disgraced on handicap debut when prominent against older horses last time. Step up in trip and first-time hood a likely plus, but big ask in a competitive affair on only her third outing. (R2 W0 P0) (OR 74)			

	8 MAWARID (21)	5	8 - 7	(1)
Ch g No Risk Al Maury (FR) - Aljawza (GB) Owner: HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin R Al Maktoum Trainer: Mr James Owen Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	Jockey: David Probert Colours: ROYAL BLUE, WHITE epaulettes, WHITE cap.			
Form: 2U42-0 Extras: HD	Fourth behind Abiyah Athbah over this trip at Lingfield last year. Much better off at the weights today, but can be quirky leaving the stalls, including on reappearance last time. Definite signs of ability, though hard to recommend with confidence. (R8 W1 P3) (OR 73) (10H)			

	9 KAYACK (377)	6	8 - 7	(5)
Gr g Kayeed (GB) - Penny Black (GB) Owner: Evermore Racing Trainer: Ms Jen Harris Breeder: Ms J E Harris	Jockey: Molly Presland Colours: NAVY with YELLOW star, YELLOW sleeves, YELLOW cap.			
Form: 40040- Extras: CP	Bred to be suited by this trip and further, though finished a long way behind Abiyah Athbah at Lingfield last year. First-time cheek-pieces may help, but faces an impossible task from well out of the handicap on his seasonal debut. (R6 W0 P2) (OR 40) (24OH)			

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 9 (EXACTA)

Probable Starting Prices -

4-1 Fav AL KAASER (FR), 9-2 ABIYAH ATHBAH, 5-1 HALIB DES FORGES (FR), 11-2 ANFAAS, 7-1 JINAAN, 8-1 TIJAARY (FR), 9-1 MAWARID, 10-1 JAAHEZ (FR), 25-1 KAYACK

A top quality handicap. Al Kaaser is a previous course winner who stays well and is likely to go close despite top weight. Abiyah Athbah beat three of these over this distance at Lingfield last season, she's also got good form here and ran a race of huge promise in Group One company at Goodwood on her seasonal return, she holds major claims. Jinaan takes a further step up in trip which looks sure to suit, although this is also a step up in grade a bold showing wouldn't surprise. Stable companion Anfaas has a great record when fresh and on her final start last season she shaped as though this trip would be fine for her this campaign. The tentative pick though is Halib Des Forges who's won here three times previously. Whilst he might not have much in hand of the handicapper he's a solid performer and can land his fifth career success.