

DUBAI RACING

MEYDAN - Thursday (9:30 A.M.)

FIRST RACE 9:30 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(A-W) 4yo and Up Al Maktoum Challenge (Arab Group 1) - Purse: \$95,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (1) | SHAHEER | P Cosgrave | E Lemartinel | 126 | 12-1 |
| 2 | (2) | AF MAHER | A de Vries | E Oertel | 126 | 12-1 |
| 3 | (3) | CHEIK ROQUE | A Fresu | E Charpy | 126 | 8-1 |
| 4 | (4) | CHADDAD | M Barzalona | S Jadhav | 126 | 8-1 |
| 5 | (5) | MH RAHAL | H Bentley | E Jeanne | 126 | 30-1 |
| 6 | (6) | NAJIM ALEMARAT | R Ffrench | M Ramadan | 126 | 20-1 |
| 7 | (7) | ZIYADD | R Mullen | J De Roualle | 126 | 4-1 |
| 8 | (8) | BF MUGHADER | S Mazur | Y Kalbani | 126 | 30-1 |
| 9 | (9) | JASER | B Curtis | Y Kalbani | 126 | 15-1 |
| 10 | (10) | AF AL SAJANJLE | T O'Shea | E Oertel | 126 | 2-1 |
| 11 | (11) | GOSHAWKE | F Jara | A Hammadi | 126 | 9-2 |

SELECTIONS: 10 - 11 - 7

AF AL SAJANJLE bolted up by over nine lengths in a Group 2 over 1m here a couple of weeks ago and he should take plenty of beating once again. **Goshawke** edges out **Ziyadd** to be the pick of the remainder.

SECOND RACE 10:05 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta,

Double, Pick 3

1 Mile(Turf) 3yo Only Meydan Classic Listed Stakes - Turf - Purse: \$175,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|------|------------------|-------------|---------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (1) | IRISH TRILOGY | C Lopez | A Kidney | 126 | 10-1 |
| 2 | (2) | LADY PARMA | R Mullen | S Seemar | 121 | 15-1 |
| 3 | (3) | NAVSLAYER | P Dobbs | A Jan | 126 | 30-1 |
| 4 | (4) | SHANTY STAR | A Celik | R Boursely | 126 | 30-1 |
| 5 | (5) | GOOD FORTUNE | W Buick | C Appleby | 126 | 3-1 |
| 6 | (6) | SPORTING CHANCE | P Cosgrave | S Cristford | 126 | 8-1 |
| 7 | (7) | MUTHILLA | M Barzalona | S Jadhav | 121 | 30-1 |
| 8 | (8) | AL FAJIR MUKBILE | F Veron | I Mohammed | 126 | 20-1 |
| 9 | (9) | VICTORY COMMAND | R Ffrench | M Johnston | 126 | 10-1 |
| 10 | (10) | TROLIUS | James Doyle | S Cristford | 126 | 8-1 |
| 11 | (11) | GOLDEN JAGUAR | C Beasley | A Bin Harmash | 126 | 5-2 |
| 12 | (12) | PRINCE ELZAAM | O Murphy | J Ramadhan | 126 | 15-1 |
| 13 | (13) | BUJJI | C Soumillon | S bin Suuroo | 126 | 30-1 |
| 14 | (14) | WOVEN | J Crowley | D M Simcock | 126 | 10-1 |
| 15 | 15 | SALAYEL | RESERVE | N Bachalard | 121 | |

SELECTIONS: 11 - 5 - 12

Many of these have met already in the Meydan Classic Trial and the Dubai Trophy earlier in the season. **Good Fortune** came out on top ahead of **Woven** in the Dubai Trophy and the extra furlong should be in his favour. In the Trial, **GOLDEN JAGUAR** won impressively with **Irish Trilogy** and **Sporting Chance** completing the places. **Ahmad bin Hamash's** colt retained his unbeaten record on that occasion and he may have more to offer on just his third career start. One who should not be underestimated is **Prince Elzaam**, who has displayed promise in both of the Trial and the Trophy. On those occasions the son of Elzaam has stayed on well and he may improve for this first try over a mile. **Woven** failed to fire last time out but he can be given an each-way chance, while **Trolius** is another who should be thereabouts.

THIRD RACE 10:40 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta,

Double, Pick 3

1 Mile(A-W) 4yo and Up Handicap - Purse: \$135,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (2) | IBN MALIK | J Crowley | M Al Mheiri | 132 | 10-1 |
| 2 | (7) | AFRICAN RIDE | C Soumillon | S Cristford | 127 | 5-1 |
| 3 | (8) | MYSTIQUE MOON | P Dobbs | D Watson | 126 | 5-2 |
| 4 | (5) | CONNECT | C Beasley | A Bin Harmash | 125 | 12-1 |
| 5 | (9) | WALK IN THE SUN | M Barzalona | S Jadhav | 122 | 15-1 |
| 6 | (3) | THEGREATCOLLECTION | S Hitchcott | D Watson | 121 | 4-1 |
| 7 | (4) | PLATA O PLOMO | Eliane Chaves | Susanne Bernemint | 120 | 30-1 |
| 8 | (10) | BOCHART | R Mullen | S Seemar | 117 | 6-1 |
| 9 | (11) | BROADCAST | T O'Shea | S Seemar | 117 | 20-1 |
| 10 | (1) | MOQARRAR | A Fresu | E Charpy | 117 | 15-1 |
| 11 | (6) | POP THE HOOD | R Ffrench | D Watson | 117 | 10-1 |

SELECTIONS: 10 - 8 - 3

Bochart has not been able to get to the lead in either of his starts since his 7f win here in January, but there is not a lot of pace on in this race and he has to be respected. Although, stall 10 means that he will have to break smartly and he can be taken on with **MOQARRAR**. The four-year-old made a winning dirt debut over C&D last month and his two subsequent efforts can be forgiven. He didn't seem to like the surface at Jebel Ali last time out, while he was drawn too wide to make a big challenge in a high-class handicap won by Capezzano at this venue prior to that. From the inside stall he could be very hard to stop, especially as he is now just 3lb above his last winning mark. **Mystique Moon** won impressively up the hill at Jebel Ali three weeks ago and he should go well, although his usual patient tactics will always leave him vulnerable on this track. Similar comments apply to **African Ride** and **Thegreatcollection**, while **Walk In The Sun** is one to note on his dirt debut as his pedigree offers plenty of encouragement that he will handle the surface.

FOURTH RACE 11:15 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta,

Double, Pick 3, Pick 4

1 Mile 6 Furlongs(Turf) 4yo and Up Nad Al Sheba Trophy (Group 3) - Purse: \$300,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (1) | ISPOLINI | M Barzalona | C Appleby | 121 | 7-2 |
| 2 | (2) | ZAMAAM | J Crowley | E Charpy | 126 | 20-1 |
| 3 | (3) | PINZOLO | F Veron | I Mohammed | 126 | 30-1 |
| 4 | (4) | BIN BATTUTA | C Soumillon | S bin Suuroo | 126 | 5-1 |
| 5 | (5) | SUSPICIOUS MIND | Eliane Chaves | A Kidney | 126 | 15-1 |
| 6 | (6) | RED GALILEO | P Cosgrave | S bin Suuroo | 126 | 10-1 |
| 7 | (7) | BRUNDTLAND | W Buick | C Appleby | 121 | 4-5 |

SELECTIONS: 7 - 1 - 4

Godolphin have won six of the last eight renewals of this contest and it would be a surprise if they did not add another victory to their record. **Ispolini** beat **Suspicious Mind**, who is 5lb worse off, with plenty in hand over C&D last month and he is more than worthy of this step back up in class. That said, the one which stands out is stablemate **BRUNDTLAND**, who is the pick of **William Buick**. The son of **Dubawi** won the **Prix Niel** last September and he proved that he can stay when winning the **Group 2 Prix Chaudenay** over 1m7f on Arc weekend. He was then far from disgraced at **Group 1** level when only beaten a length when finishing fourth in the **Prix Royal-Oak**. **Bin Battuta** did not improve upon his debut **Carnival** win here last month when finishing third behind the subsequent **Dubai Millennium** winner **Spotify** on his next start, but he is still the pick of the remainder.

FIFTH RACE 11:50 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta,

Double, Pick 3

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(A-W) 3yo and Up Handicap - Purse: \$160,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|-----|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (1) | GALVANIZE | P Dobbs | D Watson | 125 | 3-1 |
| 2 | (2) | EARNSHAW | M Barzalona | S Jadhav | 125 | 8-1 |
| 3 | (3) | DOLKONG | O Doleuze | S Foster | 127 | 7-1 |
| 4 | (4) | SALTARIN DUBAI | R Mullen | S Seemar | 132 | 5-2 |
| 5 | (5) | VERY TALENTED | C Soumillon | S bin Suuroo | 127 | 7-1 |
| 6 | (6) | KEY BID | F Jara | A Al Rayhi | 121 | 12-1 |
| 7 | (7) | ETIJAHH | J Crowley | D Watson | 128 | 5-1 |
| 8 | (8) | PARSIFAL | B Curtis | G Arizkorreta | 121 | 50-1 |
| 9 | (9) | IRISH FREEDOM | T O'Shea | S Seemar | 127 | 20-1 |

SELECTIONS: 3 - 4 - 1

Galvanize and **Saltarin Dubai** are both shortlisted given that they appear to be the only two pace candidates in this field, although they could both hinder their chances. The first of those won over a mile here shortly before Christmas and was not disgraced when making the frame in a top handicap over the same trip on his next start. He failed to fire last time out and the step up in trip is also a concern. **Saltarin Dubai** won well over C&D last time out and is only 3lb higher in the ratings. The problem is that he got a very easy lead on that occasion and with **Galvanize** drawn inside of him, the son of **E Dubai** will have to work a lot harder. If **Pat Dobbs** gets **Galvanize** to the lead then **Saltarin Dubai's** chance will be compromised and **Galvanize** will be vulnerable in the final couple of furlongs. With that in mind, a chance can be taken on **DOLKONG**, who was a fast-finishing

third behind **Saltarin Dubai** last time out. He is now 1.5kg better off with that rival, who is likely to be more vulnerable if **Galvanize** works him harder in the early part, and the likely stronger pace for him to aim at should suit.

SIXTH RACE 12:25 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta,

Double

7 Furlongs(Turf) 4yo and Up Handicap - Purse: \$175,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (10) | LANSKY | M Barzalona | S Jadhav | 132 | 6-1 |
| 2 | (3) | MUBTASIM | James Doyle | C Appleby | 131 | 5-1 |
| 3 | (1) | MURAADEB | J Crowley | D Hayes | 131 | 50-1 |
| 4 | (7) | ABOVE N BEYOND | C Beasley | A Bin Harmash | 129 | 6-1 |
| 5 | (14) | JOHANN STRAUSS | R Ffrench | R Boursely | 128 | 50-1 |
| 6 | (2) | LIQUID MERCURY | B Pinheiro | R Boursely | 128 | 50-1 |
| 7 | (5) | VICTORY WAVE | C Soumillon | S bin Suuroo | 126 | 8-1 |
| 8 | (4) | WASIM | F Veron | I Mohammed | 126 | 8-1 |
| 9 | (11) | FREESCAPE | W J Lee | D Marnane | 125 | 10-1 |
| 10 | (8) | ON THE WARPETH | W Buick | C Appleby | 125 | 9-2 |
| 11 | (12) | BEDOUIN'S STORY | K Stott | S bin Suuroo | 123 | 7-1 |
| 12 | (13) | DREAM TODAY | P Dobbs | J Osborna | 123 | 7-1 |
| 13 | (9) | ESHITRAAK | D O'Neill | D Hayes | 123 | 15-1 |
| 14 | (6) | MUSADDAS | A Celik | R Boursely | 123 | 50-1 |
| 15 | 15 | QUAYSIDE | RESERVE | S Seemar | 122 | |

SELECTIONS: 12 - 10 - 1

Mubtasim made a winning debut for connections over C&D earlier in the month but he got a fairly easy lead on that occasion and he could be vulnerable off a 5lb higher mark. **William Buick** switches to **On The Warpath**, who ran well in a couple of mile **Carnival** handicaps here last month, although both of those efforts suggest he can be beaten off his current mark. **DREAM TODAY** won over 6f here in early January and he has not been disgraced in either of his subsequent starts. Most of his starts in Europe last year came over 1m and this step back up in trip, around a bend, could prove to be ideal. **Bedouin's Story** is more than good enough to win this race but he keeps missing the break and will struggle to make the frame if doing that over this shorter trip. **Lansky** did not build on his third-placed finish in the **Al Fahidi Fort** when filling fifth place behind **Mubtasim** last time but it is too soon to be writing him off.

SEVENTH RACE 1:00 EDT

Win, Place, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(Turf) 4yo and Up Handicap - Purse: \$135,000.

| No | PP | HORSE | JOCKEY | TRAINER | WL. | ODDS |
|----|------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----|------|
| 1 | (8) | KEY VICTORY | W Buick | C Appleby | 132 | 8-1 |
| 2 | (13) | MOUNTAIN HUNTER | C Soumillon | S bin Suuroo | 131 | 3-1 |
| 3 | (7) | HERMOSO MUNDO | B Fayd/Herbe | M De Kock | 130 | 20-1 |
| 4 | (10) | BAROOT | A de Vries | M De Kock | 129 | 7-1 |
| 5 | (11) | SILENT ATTACK | K Stott | S bin Suuroo | 129 | 12-1 |
| 6 | (1) | ZORION | James Doyle | C Appleby | 127 | 12-1 |
| 7 | (14) | CLIFFS OF CAPRI | P Dobbs | J Osborna | 125 | 8-1 |
| 8 | (3) | AQUARIUM | R Ffrench | M Johnston | 123 | 30-1 |
| 9 | (9) | DESERT FIRE | P Cosgrave | S bin Suuroo | 123 | 4-1 |
| 10 | (12) | MIA TESORO | J Crowley | C Fellowes | 123 | 10-1 |
| 11 | (5) | ORIGINAL CHOICE | O Murphy | W Haggas | 123 | 20-1 |
| 12 | (6) | GM HOPKINS | C Beasley | J Ramadhan | 122 | 30-1 |
| 13 | (4) | HARLAN STRONG | F Jara | K McPeck | 121 | 15-1 |
| 14 | (2) | PERI LINA | A Celik | H Boyraz | 121 | 15-1 |
| 15 | 15 | ASOOF RESERVE | S bin Suuroo | 120 | | |
| 16 | 16 | MAIFALKI | RESERVE | N Caullery | 120 | |

SELECTIONS: 2 - 9 - 7

Key Victory has been disappointing so far during the **Carnival** but any **Appleby/Buick** representative has to be respected, despite recent form. That said, the one to beat is **MOUNTAIN HUNTER**, who won well over 1m4f two weeks ago and a 3lb rise in the ratings for that success appears to be very fair. The drop back in trip is a slight concern because he seemed to improve for the extra yardage, but he did win over C&D last season. **Desert Fire** remains unexposed and he bumped into a useful rival when finishing second over 1m1f here recently. **Baroot** filled third place in that contest and he should be in the mix once again. **Cliffs Of Capri** has been running well in defeat of late and he could reward each-way support this evening.

Best Bet Race 2 : # 11 Golden Jaguar

This unbeaten horse is another fine example of the talents of **Ahmed Bin Harmash** who has had a tremendous season in the UAE. **Golden Jaguar** is unbeaten in two starts and was particularly impressive last time out where he managed to win despite being green, slowly away and forced wide throughout. He was much better than the bare result that day and given that the opposition here is not much better, he should run well again.