

MEYDAN - Saturday

FIRST RACE 7:45 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(A-W) 5yo and Up Dubai Kahayla Classic Empowered By Ipic - Arab Group 1 - Dirt - Purse: \$1,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	TM THUNDER STRUCK	O Pesiier	A De Mieuille	126	12-1
2	(2)	AF LAFEH	T O'Shea	A Al Raihe	126	20-1
3	(3)	HAAJEB	W Smith	N Samiri	126	30-1
4	(4)	HANDASSA	P Hanagan	F Rohaut	126	2-1
5	(5)	VERSAC PY	A de Vries	E Charpy	126	4-1
6	(6)	ARKAN	A M Balushi	H Raqadi	126	30-1
7	(7)	RASI	S Hitchcott	J Ghazali	126	50-1
8	(8)	QASSY	H Bentley	J Ghazali	126	30-1
9	(9)	MAHES DU SOLEIL	R Mullen	A Chaille-Chaille	126	10-1
10	(10)	AF TAWAQ	F Jara	E Oertel	126	7-1
11	(11)	SHAHER	C D Hayes	E Lemartinel	126	15-1
12	(12)	THAKIF	S De Sousa	N Samiri	126	8-1
13	(13)	LARES DE PINE	L Maniezzini	S Meattini	126	20-1
14	(14)	AF MATMOON	D O'Neill	M Al Muhairi	126	10-1
15	(15)	NASHMEE	G Mosse	E Lemartinel	126	15-1

SELECTIONS: 4 - 12 - 10

HANDASSA could hardly have been more impressive when beating the reopposing **Af Tawaq** (second) by some eight and a half lengths over C&D at the beginning of the month and he's taken to get Paul Hanagan's day off to a flyer. **Versac Py** and **Thakif** are others for the shortlist.

SECOND RACE 8:20 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3

1 Mile(A-W) 3yo and Up Godolphin Mile (Group 2) - Dirt - Purse: \$1,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	ONE MAN BAND	S Hitchcott	D Watson	126	10-1
2	(2)	MARKING	James Doyle	K McLaughlin	126	2-1
3	(3)	LE BERNARDIN	T O'Shea	A Al Raihe	126	15-1
4	(4)	FAULKNER	D O'Neill	D Watson	126	15-1
5	(5)	MAFTOOL	P Hanagan	M Al Muhairi	126	6-1
6	(6)	GOLD CITY	R Mullen	S Seemar	126	30-1
7	(7)	GOD'S SPEED	L Jurado	H Al Shuwaiab	126	30-1
8	(8)	COOL COWBOY	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	5-1
9	(9)	SLOANE AVENUE	L Dettori	J Nosedda	126	3-1
10	(10)	PRAYER FOR RELIEF	W Smith	M De Kock	126	20-1

SELECTIONS: 2 - 9 - 5

British raider **Sloane Avenue** had the worst of the draw when second in this race last year but he hasn't fared much better 12 months on, although this slightly smaller field should help in that respect. The five-year-old enjoyed a good blowout when second at Kempton last month and should arrive here cherry-ripe, but **Frankie Dettori** will need to be at his best as he tries to get the better of the high-class **MARKING**, a late switch to this race having opened his account at this year's Carnival with an authoritative 61 success last time. **Kiaren McLaughlin's** colt chased home **Breeders' Cup** sprint winner **Runhappy** at Santa Anita last year and given his tendency to start a little slowly in his races, it is no surprise to see him returned to this one mile trip. There was plenty to like about the performance of **Maftool** when he landed a valuable handicap here last month, holding off the reopposing **Cool Cowboy** in the process, and he certainly deserves a crack at something like this given the latter has franked that form with a win of his own since.

THIRD RACE 8:55 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3

2 Miles(Turf) 3yo and Up Dubai Gold Cup (Group 2) - Purse: \$271,500.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	VAZIRABAD	C Soumillon	A de Royer-Dupre	120	6-5
2	(2)	PARADISE	M Demuro	W Hickst	116	30-1
3	(3)	SUEGIO	P Hanagan	R Fahey	126	20-1
4	(4)	NEO BLACK DIA	S Akiyama	Y Shikato	126	15-1
5	(5)	STAR EMPIRE	W Smith	M De Kock	126	15-1
6	(6)	CERTERACH	T O'Shea	M Halford	126	30-1
7	(7)	BIG ORANGE	J P Spencer	M Bell	126	5-1
8	(8)	MANATEE	M Barzalona	A Fabre	126	4-1
9	(9)	MEADOW CREEK	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	15-1
10	(10)	TELLINA	R L Moore	M De Kock	126	20-1
11	(11)	HAAGFAGINEA	James Doyle	S bin Suuroo	126	10-1

SELECTIONS: 1 - 5 - 7

There are question marks over the chances of all of these but the one with the least is **VAZIRABAD**. He has not had a prep run which is a minor concern but this long straight will give this late closer the best chance to get his head in front. The son of **Manduro** has the highest official rating of these and he gets 6lb as he has only just turned four-years-old. **Big Orange** would be the pick on form, following his highly admirable fifth in the Melbourne Cup last year, but his record fresh is not very good and he needed a couple of runs to put his record right last season. **Manatee** ran as well as could have been expected in his prep (despite being a beaten favourite) as he was racing over an inadequate 1mf1, but he is held by **Vazirabad** from their meeting in the Prix Royal-Oak. **Neo Black Dia** would have a big chance on his close fifth in the Tenno Sho last year but his recent efforts have been moderate at best. **Star Empire** is as reliable as it gets and he should beat more than beat him, while **Haagfaginea** would have an outside chance if he sees out this big step up in trip.

FOURTH RACE 9:35 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3, Pick 6

1 Mile 1 Furlong(A-W) 3yo Only UAE Derby (Group 2) - Purse: \$543,500.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	FRANK CONVERSATION	M Gutierrez	D O'Neill	121	8-1
2	(2)	POLAR RIVER	P Dobbs	D Watson	117	3-5
3	(3)	LANI	Y Take	M Matsunaga	121	10-1
4	(4)	YU CHANGE	J Moreira	H Mori	121	8-1
5	(5)	VALE DORI	C Soumillon	M De Kock	127	9-2
6	(6)	ON THE ROCKS	M Demuro	H Mori	121	30-1
7	(7)	LAZZAM	L Dettori	M Botti	121	30-1

SELECTIONS: 2 - 1 - 5

This is all about the admirable **POLAR RIVER**, the UAE 1000 Guineas and Oaks heroine who has carried all before her in the three-year-old fillies division at this year's Carnival and captured the imagination of so many. **Doug Watson's** filly announced herself as a top-class performer when beating last year's Group 2 Rockfel Stakes winner **Promising Run** (second) and subsequent **Meydan** Classic scorer **Pure Diamond** (third) in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial in January, and has confirmed that promise with two breathtaking displays over both C&D and the 1m trip since - showing her versatility in the process. The daughter of **Congrats** has beat the best of the fillies this season, including the reopposing **Vale Dori** (second) in the Oaks last time, and can now prove her worth against the best of the three-year-old colts.

FIFTH RACE 10:10 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3

5 Furlongs(Turf) 3yo and Up Al Quoz Sprint (Group 1) - Purse: \$271,500.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	NAADIRR	C Soumillon	M Botti	126	20-1
2	(2)	JUNGLE CAT	W Buick	C Appleby	126	10-1
3	(3)	BEL CANTO	Y Take	K Tsunoda	121	15-1
4	(4)	NOT LISTENIN'TOME	R L Moore	J Moore	126	10-1
5	(5)	PENIAPHOBIA	J Moreira	A S Cruz	126	7-1
6	(6)	ERTIJAAL	P Hanagan	A Al Raihe	126	3-1
7	(7)	SOLE POWER	C D Hayes	E Lynarn	126	5-1
8	(8)	GOLDREAM	M Harley	R Cowell	126	10-1
9	(9)	BUFFERING	D Browne	R Heathcote	126	8-1
10	(10)	MUTHMIR	D O'Neill	W Haggas	126	7-1
11	(11)	FITYAAN	S De Sousa	M Al Muhairi	126	20-1
12	(12)	SIR MAXIMILIAN	P Dobbs	I Williams	126	20-1
13	(13)	LADY SHIPMAN	I Ortiz Jr	K McLaughlin	121	15-1
14	(14)	MONGOLIAN SATURDAY	Doubtful	Enebish Ganbat	126	

SELECTIONS: 6 - 7 - 5

Sole Power bids to defend his crown after getting the better of **Peniaphobia** (second) by half a length in last year's renewal and is expected to strip **fitter** for his narrow defeat by **Fityaan** (first) and **Jungle Cat** (second) during his prep race on Super Saturday. He's ideally berthed to stalk last year's runner-up, who won the Hong Kong Sprint on his penultimate outing in December (when **Not Listenin'tome** was back in third and **Sole Power** finished in the rear) and is expected to be ridden handily. However, given the manner of his two victories in handicaps earlier in the Carnival, it might be worth siding with **ERTIJAAL** to defy a rise in grade and complete a C&D hat-trick. All **Rashid Al Raihe's** five-year-old pulverised his rivals when making all over C&D in January and his two-length beating of **Fityaan** (who has won since to frank the form), when giving him 13lb, demonstrated an element of tactical versatility as he wasn't ridden as aggressively yet still demonstrated a high cruising speed and a produced a strong burst of acceleration to leave his rivals for dead in the closing stages.

SIXTH RACE 10:45 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3, Pick 4

6 Furlongs(A-W) 3yo and Up Dubai Golden Shaheen (Group 1) - Dirt - Purse: \$2,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	RICH TAPESTRY	G Mosse	C W Chang	126	12-1
2	(2)	MASTER KOCHANWONG	D Whyte	D J Hall	126	12-1
3	(3)	X Y JET	E Jaramilla	Jorge Navarro	126	9-5
4	(4)	KIFAFAH	D O'Neill	A Al Raihe	126	30-1
5	(5)	DOMINEER	L Dettori	C Fownes	126	20-1
6	(6)	SUPER JOCKEY	J Moreira	A T Millard	126	7-1
7	(7)	MUARRAB	P Hanagan	M Al Muhairi	126	5-1
8	(8)	CONFRONTATION	W Buick	K McLaughlin	126	7-2
9	(9)	MORAWIJ	C D Hayes	D Selvaratnam	126	20-1
10	(10)	REYNALDOTHIEWAZARD	R Mullen	S Seemar	126	12-1

SELECTIONS: 8 - 3 - 1

X Y Jet has been in fine order in the US and heads the betting after landing a Grade 3 dirt contest over an extended 6f at Gulfstream Park, lengthening his winning sequence to five in a row. **Jorge Navarro's** charge has fared well on the draw front and should be able to command a good position (usually makes the running) from stall two, though his lack of a Carnival run perhaps suggests he is priced on skinny side and it might be worth taking him on with **CONFRONTATION**. **Kiaren McLaughlin's** six-year-old fairly bolted up on his Carnival bow in February and it is interesting that connections have dropped him back from a mile and have swapped Carnival targets with him and the previous ante-post favourite for this race, **Marking** (who was outpaced over 6f even though successful last time) in the Godolphin Mile earlier on the card.

SEVENTH RACE 11:45 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick 3

1 Mile 1 Furlong(Turf) 3yo and Up Dubai Turf (Group 1) - Turf - Purse: \$6,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	FORRIES WALTZ	C Soumillon	M De Kock	126	10-1
2	(2)	TRYSTER	W Buick	C Appleby	126	2-1
3	(3)	FORJATT	C D Hayes	D Selvaratnam	126	20-1
4	(4)	GHAAMER	T O'Shea	A Al Raihe	126	50-1
5	(5)	FARRIER	R Mullen	S Seemar	126	30-1
6	(6)	FLAMBOYANT	B Blanc	P Gallagher	126	20-1
7	(7)	THE CORSIKAN	J P Spencer	D M Simcock	126	15-1
8	(8)	INTILAAQ	P Hanagan	R Varian	126	2-1
9	(9)	HARRY'S SON	A Delpech	Paul Lafferty	126	30-1
10	(10)	EURO CHARLINE	L Dettori	M Botti	121	15-1
11	(11)	VERY SPECIAL	James Doyle	S bin Suuroo	121	12-1
12	(12)	ERTIJAAL	D O'Neill	M De Kock	126	20-1
13	(13)	BASATEN	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	20-1
14	(14)	REAL STEEL	R L Moore	Y Yahagi	126	8-1
15	(15)	GABRIAL	S De Sousa	R Fahey	126	30-1

SELECTIONS: 2 - 8 - 14

This time last year **TRYSTER**, the impressive Winter Derby winner, was being readied for the Easter Classic on All-Weather Championships finals day at Lingfield - and boy did he put on a show at the Surrey track. At that point, all his best form was on a synthetic surface and a subsequent flop in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes on turf at Sandown would have left connections scratching their heads. The striking Shamardal gelding showed he was none the worse for that disappointing performance when winning a warm conditions stakes race at Chelmsford City later in the year and appears to have improved again from four to five years. **Charlie Appleby's** charge looked tailor made for the Dubai World Cup at this year's carnival, but a mediocre piece of work on the dirt surface forced connections to reroute their all-weather specialist and he hasn't looked back in two starts on the green stuff, winning impressively on his reappearance in the Dubai Millennium Stakes and confirming that promise in the Group 1 Jebel Hatta earlier this month. The draw, like it may for others, won't be too much of a hindrance as he'll no doubt be dropped in under **William Buick** before he's produced in the straight courtesy of that trademark turn of foot.

EIGHTH RACE 12:20 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double

1 Mile 4 Furlongs(Turf) 3yo and Up Dubai Sheema Classic (Group 1) - Turf - Purse: \$6,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	LAST IMPACT	J Moreira	K Sumii	126	12-1
2	(2)	SHEIKHZAIVEDROAD	M Harley	D M Simcock	126	15-1
3	(3)	THE BLUE EYE	H Bentley	J Ghazali	126	20-1
4	(4)	DURAMENTE	M Demuro	N Hori	125	3-1
5	(5)	ONE AND ONLY	Y Take	S Hashiguchi	126	20-1
6	(6)	GAILO CHOP	T Jarnet	A De Watrigant	126	15-1
7	(7)	POSTPONED	A Atzeni	R Varian	126	9-5
8	(8)	HIGHLAND REEL	R L Moore	A P O'Brien	125	4-1
9	(9)	DARIYAN	C Soumillon	A de Royer-Dupre	125	10-1

SELECTIONS: 8 - 4 - 7

Postponed will be a popular choice as he has had a recent run and he arrives here seeking a four-time, following wins in the King George, Prix Foy and Dubai City Of Gold. That said, the form of his King George win is as weak as it gets for a Group 1 contest. **Eagle Top** (second) was well beaten in Group 3 next time, **Romsdal** (third) barely beat a rival in three subsequent starts also in Group 3s, while in the Prix Foy he was all out to beat **Spiritjim**. Arguably his best performance came in his prep for this on Super Saturday, but if **Dariyan** badly needed that race then once again **Postponed** has beaten a moderate field.

NINTH RACE 13:00 EDT

Win, Show, Omni, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(A-W) 3yo and Up Dubai World Cup (Group 1) - Dirt - Purse: \$10,000,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	Wt.	ODDS
1	(1)	KEEN ICE	R L Moore	D Romans	126	20-1
2	(2)	MSHAWISH	L Dettori	T Pletcher	126	8-1
3	(3)	GUN PIT	J Moreira	C Fownes	126	30-1
4	(4)	MUBTAAHJH	C Soumillon	M De Kock	126	15-1
5	(5)	SPECIAL FIGHTER	F Jara	M Al Muhairi	126	15-1
6	(6)	CANDY BOY	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	50-1
7	(7)	VADAMOS	V Chermnadu	A Fabre	126	20-1
8	(8)	HOKKO TARUMAE	H Miyuki	K Nishiura	126	20-1
9	(9)	FROSTED	W Buick	K McLaughlin	126	2-1
10	(10)	HOPEFULITY	F Prat	B Baffert	126	12-1
11	(11)	CALIFORNIA CHROME	V Espinoza	A Sherman	126	3-1
12	(12)	TELETEXT	S De Sousa	S Al Harabi	126	30-2

SELECTIONS: 11 - 1 - 9

It is a case of déjà vu for **CALIFORNIA CHROME**, who for the second year running has been allotted a wide draw. That said, this four-time Grade 1 winner ran a great race to finish second 12 months ago when arguably gave a ride that was too aggressive. The main worry is the horse who took him on last year, **Hokko Tarumae**, is once again in the field. Although, **Victor Espinoza** showed much more restraint when taken on for the lead in his prep race for this last month. The draw was arguably harsher on **Frosted** because, despite being drawn wider, **California Chrome** can defy his draw by going forward, whereas **Frosted** wants to sit mid division. The son of **Tapit** was extremely impressive when winning the second round of the Al Maktoum Challenge early in February but he may have to sit closer to the pace than normal or sit a suffer either in the kickback, or out wide.