

MEYDAN - Thursday

FIRST RACE

9:30 EDT

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

1 Mile 1 Furlong 110yards(Dirt) 4yo and Up Al
Maktoum Challenge R2 Presented By Longines Pure
Arabian Group 1 Stakes (Dirt) - Purse: \$49,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(3)	AF AL SAJANJLE	T O'Shea	E Oertel	126	20-1
2	(7)	AOUN	A Fresu	Jc pecout	126	7-1
3	(5)	BANDAR	F Jara	M Jahoori	126	5-1
4	(1)	BARRELAMAN	H Bentley	A Balushi	126	15-1
5	(6)	BRAAQ	A de Vries	Jc pecout	126	4-1
6	(2)	DAGUI LOTOIS	C Beasley	A Mehairbi	126	15-1
7	(9)	RB FRYNCHH DUDE	P Cosgrave	H Alalawi	126	3-1
8	(4)	RB TEXAS HOLD EM	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	6-1
9	(8)	AMWAJ	F Veron	E Lemartinel	121	6-1

SELECTIONS: 7 - 5 - 3

In an open renewal of this contest the marginal preference is for the former US Grade 3 winner **RB FRYNCHH DUDE**, who won for the first time in the UAE when taking the Madjani Stakes over C&D last month. **Braaq** won the first round of the Al Maktoum Challenge earlier in the month and he is an obvious threat to the selection. **Amwaj**, **Bandar** and **Rb Texas Hold Em** are others who merit places on the shortlist.

SECOND RACE

10:05 EDT

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

Double, Pick 3

1 Mile 1 Furlong 110yards(Dirt) 3yo and Up Al
Bastakiya Trial Presented By Longines Conditions
Stakes (Dirt) - Purse: \$50,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(14)	EL PATRIOTA	V Leal	A Cintra	131	8-1
2	(7)	YURMAN	P Cosgrave	M De Kock	131	30-1
3	(6)	AL BAQAR	D O'Neill	D Watson	121	20-1
4	(3)	AL MIURQAB	R Mullen	D Watson	121	15-1
5	(9)	AREEN	R French	S Ghadayer	121	20-1
6	(1)	EFFECTIF	F Veron	M De Kock	121	30-1
7	(8)	ENDIFA'A	A de Vries	F Nass	121	20-1
8	(12)	FIRE GROUP	A Fresu	M Al Mheiri	121	7-1
9	(2)	GRAND DUBAI	C Beasley	A Al Rayhi	121	5-1
10	(13)	KUCHISABISHII	X Ziani	S Ghadayer	121	30-1
11	(4)	LEOPARDO	W Buick	M Johnston	121	7-1
12	(11)	SHARP SPUN	F Jara	A Bin Harmash	121	5-1
13	(15)	SPEIGHT'SPERCOMETE	S Hitchcott	D Watson	121	8-1
14	(10)	TALO	M Barzalona	S Ghadayer	121	10-1
15	(5)	FINAL THOUGHT	H Bentley	S bin Suroor	117	5-1

SELECTIONS: 9 - 12 - 15

South American raider **El Patriota** has to be respected as he is by far the highest rated in this field, but it is hard to know if he can run to that level of form today. With that in mind, preference is for **GRAND DUBAI**, who has looked to be a real stayer over a mile and he was last seen finishing fifth in what appears to be a strong renewal of the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial here a couple of weeks ago. **Sharp Spun** was just in front of the selection when making his racecourse debut in that contest and he is an obvious threat, although this is a quick turnaround having put in such a big effort first time out. **Final Thought** was staying on well enough when making the frame in the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial, while **Leopardo** is likely to go well if handling the dirt.

THIRD RACE

10:40 EDT

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

Double, Pick 3, Pick 4

1 Mile 2 Furlongs(Turf) 3yo and Up Handicap -
Purse: \$88,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(12)	HIGH END	L Dettori	S bin Suroor	137	6-1
2	(4)	ROYAL MARINE	P Cosgrave	S bin Suroor	137	10-1
3	(11)	RAAKIB ALHAWA	A Atzeni	D M Simcock	132	20-1
4	(14)	RASTRELLI	D O'Neill	I Mohammed	132	15-1
5	(8)	MAJESTIC MAMBO	F Veron	M De Kock	131	12-1
6	(13)	MELICERTES	R Mullen	S Seemar	131	20-1
7	(2)	STAR SAFARI	W Buick	C Appleby	131	9-2
8	(6)	SENIORITY	T O'Shea	S Seemar	130	30-1
9	(9)	INFLUENCER	M Guyon	S & E Crisford	129	15-1
10	(7)	BRIGHT MELODY	James Doyle	C Appleby	128	6-1
11	(15)	PASSION AND GLORY	H Bentley	S bin Suroor	125	12-1
12	(1)	AL MAYSAN	J Crowley	C Appleby	123	8-1
13	(3)	BRILLIANT LIGHT	H Crouch	S bin Suroor	123	7-1
14	(10)	CAPE CAVALLI	A de Vries	S & E Crisford	122	15-1
15	(5)	YA HAYATI	M Barzalona	C Appleby	122	15-1

SELECTIONS: 12 - 7 - 13

Star Safari is a completely unexposed five-year-old, having made just four previous appearances, and he was last seen winning over C&D at the Carnival last February. That said, this appears to be a stronger event and he is 5lb higher this afternoon. **Bright Melody**, **Brilliant Light** and **High End** are other Godolphin representatives with strong form claims but a chance can be taken with **AL MAYSAN**. Jockey bookings suggest that this son of Dubawi is not the pick of Charlie Appleby's four-strong squad but he won impressively over 1m2f at Newmarket last June and soft ground is a valid excuse for his defeat at the July Course last time. This four-year-old likes to go forward, which can be an advantage on the turf track here, and he should prove to be better than his current rating. **Majestic Mambo** has dropped to an interesting mark and he could go well at an each-way price.

FOURTH RACE

11:15 EDT

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

Double, Pick 3

1 Mile(Turf) 3yo and Up Cape Verdi Presented By
Longines Group 2 Stakes (Turf) - Purse: \$163,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(9)	ALTHIQA	James Doyle	C Appleby	126	7-2
2	(6)	DUBAI LOVE	P Cosgrave	S bin Suroor	126	6-1
3	(2)	LAST LOOK	H Bentley	S bin Suroor	126	8-1
4	(7)	PERFECT INCH	M Barzalona	C Follows	126	15-1
5	(8)	QUIET TIMES	M Guyon	P Bellow	126	15-1
6	(3)	SILENT NIGHT	Eliane Chaves	P Wahl	126	20-1
7	(4)	STUNNING BEAUTY	L Dettori	S bin Suroor	126	7-2
8	(5)	STYLISTIQUE	A Atzeni	R Varian	126	12-1
9	(1)	SUMMER ROMANCE	W Buick	C Appleby	126	5-2

SELECTIONS: 9 - 1 - 7

Godolphin's recent domination of this contest looks set to continue and **SUMMER ROMANCE** is arguably the pick of those blue. The daughter of Kingman accounted for a decent field when winning a Group 3 over an extended mile at Epsom last July and she clearly wasn't right when well held on her most recent outing. If William Buick can dominate from the front once again then she should take plenty of stopping. That said, a few of these could force a decent early pace and that would suit **Althiqa**, who was a consistent performer last year and she remains unexposed over a mile. **Stunning Beauty** did not beat much when taking two novice races in the UK last year but she was very impressive on both occasions and should not be underestimated. **Dubai Love** ran well on the dirt here last year but she arguably put in a career best when finishing third to two very well-handicapped rivals in the Sandringham off a mark of 101.

FIFTH RACE

11:50 EDT

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

Double

1 Mile(Dirt) 3yo and Up UAE 1000 Guineas Presented
By Longines Listed Stakes (Dirt) - Purse: \$125,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(2)	HESHMAH	M Barzalona	D Watson	126	20-1
2	(7)	KHATUN	Eliane Chaves	D Danekilde	126	15-1
3	(1)	MNASEK	D O'Neill	D Watson	126	2-1
4	(4)	NAYFAH	R Curatolo	N Bachalard	126	15-1
5	(6)	REVOLUTIME	S Paiva	B Olsen	126	30-1
6	(5)	SOFT WHISPER	L Dettori	S bin Suroor	126	9-5
7	(3)	SUPER CHIANTI	P Dobbs	D Watson	126	5-2

SELECTIONS: 6 - 3 - 7

The **Super** lot of positive vibes coming out of Red Stables prior to **Super Chianti's** debut victory over 6f in November and the daughter of **Super Saver** has to be given the utmost respect. Although, it is a slight concern that she has had an enforced layoff since then due to Covid regulations but she remains full of potential. In contrast, her stablemate **Mnasek** was an unconsidered 28/1 shot when producing a stunning debut victory over 7f here last month. She overcame a slow start to win easily on that occasion and if she takes a step forwards today then she will go very well. Despite this, the one to beat is **SOFT WHISPER**, who was a convincing winner of the trial over 7f here three weeks ago and the dual mile winner in the UK should relish this step back up in trip.

SIXTH RACE

12:25 EDT

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

1 Mile(Turf) 3yo and Up Handicap - Purse: \$68,000.

No	PP	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WL.	ODDS
1	(13)	ESCOBAR	A de Vries	D O'Meara	132	8-1
2	(7)	KEY VICTORY	W Buick	C Appleby	130	9-2
3	(11)	BEDOUIN'S STORY	L Dettori	S bin Suroor	127	6-1
4	(3)	CAP FRANCAIS	A Atzeni	E Walker	127	7-1
5	(16)	COUNT OF AMAZONIA	H Bentley	M Botti	126	15-1
6	(10)	FAMOUS WOLF	F Jara	A Bin Harmash	126	20-1
7	(14)	MAILSHOT	M Barzalona	S Ghadayer	126	15-1
8	(5)	CHANCE	James Doyle	S & E Crisford	125	10-1
9	(12)	MOUNT PELION	P Dobbs	D Watson	125	15-1
10	(9)	MUTAMAASIK	D O'Neill	D Watson	125	12-1
11	(8)	MYSTIQUE MOON	S Hitchcott	D Watson	125	30-1
12	(6)	ALFAREEQ	S Mazur	M Al Mheiri	123	15-1
13	(15)	DUBAI MIRAGE	H Crouch	S bin Suroor	123	10-1
14	(2)	MOQTARREB	J Crowley	A Al Rayhi	123	7-1
15	(4)	ZAINHOM	A Fresu	M Al Mheiri	123	12-1
16	(1)	DUBAI LEGACY	P Cosgrave	S bin Suroor	122	15-1
17		YALAIL	RESERVE	A Al Rayhi	122	
18		PROMPTING	RESERVE	F Nass	121	
19		TASHWEEQ	RESERVE	M Al Mheiri	120	
20		ABOVE N BEYOND	RESERVE	A Bin Harmash	119	

SELECTIONS: 12 - 2 - 4

There appears to be a lack of front runners in this field and if there is a lack of early pace then that will not help **Key Victory**, who was held up when winning a similar race here last January. **Cap Francois**, **Bedouin's Story**, **Chance** and **Escobar** are others with strong form claims but they could also be inconvenienced by the way this race may be run. With that in mind, a chance can be taken with **ALFAREEQ**, who has shown that he can go forwards when trained in France and he was not beaten far in a good conditions race at Saint-Cloud last May. The first two from that contest have both won Group 2 contests since then and the third was was subsequently fourth in the Prix du Jockey Club. The son of Dark Angel has not quite matched that level of form since but he has proven to be consistent and he may improve for a gelding operation. Jim Crowley has picked **Moqtarreb** over the selection but he has proven to be vulnerable in similar contests, albeit that he is a solid each-way pick.