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Friday 25th February 2022 - Saturday 26th February 2022

SAUDI CUP IN NUMBERS



1

THE SAUDI CUP
NOW A G1 CONTEST

2

OBAIYA ARABIAN CLASSIC
UPGRADED TO G2 LEVEL

34

INDIVIDUAL GROUP
WINNERS IN 2021

5

RACES UPGRADED
TO G3 LEVEL

\$35.1M

WORLD'S MOST
VALUABLE RACE

9

INDIVIDUAL G1
WINNERS IN 2021

11

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED IN 2021



MISHRIFF ▶ 2021 WINNER

RACE PROGRAMME

THE SAUDI CUP 2022



FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2022

TIMES	RACE	CONDITIONS	DISTANCE	SURFACE	PRIZE MONEY
15:15	THE JAHEZ FILLIES HANDICAP	3YO 0-95	1600M	DIRT	\$250K
15:45	stc INTERNATIONAL JOCKEY CHALLENGE ROUND 1	4YO+ 0-90 LOCAL BRED	1600M	DIRT	\$400K
16:15	stc INTERNATIONAL JOCKEY CHALLENGE ROUND 2	4YO+ 0-90	1200M	TURF	\$400K
16:45	THE SAUDI INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP PRESENTED BY AL RAJHI BANK	4YO+ 86-110	2100M	TURF	\$500K
17:15	DR. SULAIMAN ALHABIB HANDICAP	4YO+ 0-75	1400M	TURF	\$250K
17:45	stc INTERNATIONAL JOCKEY CHALLENGE ROUND 3	4YO+ 0-85 LOCAL BRED	1800M	DIRT	\$400K
18:25	INTERNATIONAL JOCKEY CHALLENGE ROUND 4	3YO 0-85 LOCAL BRED	1400M	DIRT	\$400K
18:55	THE AL MNEEFAH CUP PRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE	4YO+	2100M	DIRT	\$1M

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2022

TIMES	RACE	CONDITIONS	DISTANCE	SURFACE	PRIZE MONEY
15:45	G3 THE NEOM TURF CUP PRESENTED BY JAHEZ	4YO+	2100M	TURF	\$1.5M
16:25	G3 THE 1351 TURF SPRINT PRESENTED BY stc	4YO+	1351M	TURF	\$1.5M
17:05	G3 THE LONGINESS RED SEA TURF HANDICAP	4YO+	3000M	TURF	\$2.5M
17:45	THE JOCKEY CLUB LOCAL HANDICAP PRESENTED BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE	4YO+	1800M	DIRT	\$1M
18:25	G2 THE OBAYIA ARABIAN CLASSIC PRESENTED BY LEXUS	4YO+	2000M	DIRT	\$2M
19:05	G3 THE SAUDI DERBY PRESENTED BY AL RAJHI BANK	3YO+	1600M	DIRT	\$1.5M
19:45	G3 THE RIYADH DIRT SPRINT PRESENTED BY SAUDIA	3YO+	1200M	DIRT	\$1.5M
20:35	G1 THE SAUDI CUP	4YO+	1800M	DIRT	\$20M

Saudi Cup Runners and Riders

Saudi Cup Draw 2022 Post Position	Horse	Country	Jockey	Trainer	Age	Career Record
1	Country Grammer		Flavien Prat	Bob Baffert	5	8-3-1-1
2	Aero Term		Vagner Leal	Antonio Cintra	7	22-10-3-7
3	Midnight Bourbon		Joel Rosario	Steve Asmussen	4	14-2-6-4
4	Real World		Frankie Dettori	Saeed Bin Suroor	5	9-5-1-2
5	Emblem Road		Alexis Moreno	Mitab Almulawah	4	8-6-1-1
6	Mandaloun		Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	4	9-7-0-1*
7	Magny Cours		Mickael Barzalona	Andre Fabre	7	16-7-5-27
8	TO Keynes		Kohei Matsuyama	Daisuke Takayanagi	5	15-8-2-2
9	Art Collector		Mike Smith	Bill Mott	5	18-8-1-0
10	Making Miracles		TBD	Mitab Almulawah	7	30-9-5-3
11	Sealiway		Mickael Barzalona	Francis-Henri Graffard	5	12-5-3-1
12	Secret Ambition		Tadhg O'Shea	Bupart Seemar	9	43-11-12-2
13	Marche Lorraine		Christophe Soumillon	Yoshito Yahagi	6	21-9-2-2
14	Mishriff		David Egan	John & Thady Gosden	5	14-7-2-2

The Saudi Cup

The third running of the world's richest horse race takes place this Saturday, the \$20 million Saudi Cup over nine furlongs at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh.

After last year's triumph, **Mishriff**, trained by John & Thady Gosden and owned by Prince A A Faisal, will bid to record a historic second triumph in The \$20 million Saudi Cup.

In order to do so, he will have to **defeat 13 high-class international rivals** from all corners of the globe. Eight of them are previous Group or Grade 1 winners, including Champions Cup winner T O Keynes, the Brad Cox-trained Mandaloun and Champion Stakes winner Sealiway.



Runners to look out for

Mishriff

Last year's winner Mishriff is back to try and retain his crown. He won the race last year for John and Thady Gosden by a neck under David Egan. He's not been given the greatest draw 14 of 14; however, he was drawn in stall 12 last year, so that shouldn't be an excuse.

He was last seen finishing down the field at Ascot in testing ground in October. The ground was far too soft for him that day, and he didn't give his true running. However, he recently warmed up for a defence of his crown with a gallop at Chelmsford City Racecourse and will be tough to beat. If he does prove victorious, he would become the leading earning horse of all time.

Mishriff will have been primed for a repeat bid and looks the one to beat.

Mandaloun

The main danger appears to be the Brad Cox trained American raider Mandaloun, last year's Kentucky Derby winner who'll be partnered by Florent Geroux.

His confirmed stamina over further than the race distance will be a real asset. He returned from an absence to win the Louisiana Stakes last month, beating Midnight Bourbon, who he'll reoppose on Saturday.

Midnight Bourbon

Also trained in America is Midnight Bourbon, who is one of the likely pace angles in the race for Steve Asmussen and Joel Rosario.

He has a nice low draw in stall 3 and will certainly get a few horses out of their comfort zone early, but the long home straight here at the track probably won't play to his strengths.

Marche Lorraine

Japanese trained runners have had success at this meeting previously and should never be underestimated. Marche Lorraine would appear to be the second string for Yoshito Yahagi with Christophe Soumillon on board.

She won the Breeders' Cup Distaff last year at 50/1, and despite being a six-year-old, she appears in the form of her life, and carries 5 pounds less than her other 13 rivals.

T O Keynes

Marche Lorraine's countrymate is T O Keynes, trained by Daisuke Takayanagi, who'll be ridden by Kohei Matsuyama.

Last December, he destroyed a top-class field to win the Champions Cup over the same distance as Saturday's race at Chukyo Racecourse. He looks a horse very much on the up and has attracted plenty of support for this race in the last few weeks.

Sealiway

Sealiway is another who has to prove himself on the dirt but arrives here on the back of a career best performance when winning the Champion Stakes at Ascot last October. The French trained 4-year-old will be making his debut for the Francis Graffard yard, and the jockey booking of Ryan Moore really catches the eye.

Real World

Real World arrives here with his confidence high. He's won his last five starts beginning with the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot last summer, with his most recent victory coming at Meydan in the Zabeel Mile last month, where he quickened up impressively.

The Saeed bin Suroor trained five-year-old will be partnered by arguably the world's most famous jockey Frankie Dettori who would love nothing more than to give the Riyadh crowd a flying dismount at 5.45 on Saturday afternoon. He has to prove he'll be effective on this surface but so did Mishriff coming in this race last year, and there is a growing feeling that the surface at this track is one of the fairest dirt tracks in the world and suits European trained runners more than the Americans.

TOP TIP

Mishriff

ONES TO WATCH

Mandaloun

Real World

