

RACE 1 8:45 PM | SAR40,000 | TAIF | 1400m

16	JORY	Speedy filly who showed up well for a long way in a 1200m maiden at Riyadh in January. Tongue-tie fitted and drawn well to attack if fit enough.
8	MERHI	Eyecatching debut display when runner-up over 1200m in a big-field maiden at Riyadh in February 2024. Never involved here on only subsequent start but open to improvement.
15	INTIDHAR	Produced an encouraging final burst to finish sixth over 1600m at Riyadh in January. Won't need to improve much on that to contend on Taif debut here.
11	QADIH	Ran home strongly to finish third behind a subsequent Open winner over 1200m on debut. Regressed on quick return 14 days later and given substantial time off since.

RACE 2 9:15 PM | SAR40,000 | TAIF | 1200m

10	QINQA'AE	Unraced First Defence colt out of a classy US-bred mare. Cheekpieces fitted for debut but attracts the leading rider.
3	ALFAZAREI	Unraced Federali colt out of a well-bred mare who failed to win from four attempts. More enticing than most.
8	CAFEH	Slowly away over course and distance last week but plugged on takingly to finish sixth. Not without place claims on quick return to the track.
4	ALMOUTAQMESS	Unraced First Defence colt out of an 81-rated mare. Well drawn but likely to improve on turf later in his career.

RACE 3 9:40 PM | SAR40,000 | TAIF | 1200m

13	TAQAARIR	Unraced Lataam filly out of a stakes-winning mare in the US. Comes from a talented family and is likely to go well for top connections.
8	MUTA'AHILAH	Unraced Desert Party filly out of a stakes-winning mare. Attractive pedigree and should be shortlisted.
15	WASHOOS	Unraced Kennedy filly out of an unraced US-bred mare. Drawn inside on debut so will need to break well.
1	AIJTILAD	Unraced Tatweej filly out of a talented mare who won four Open races during her career. Pedigree suggests longer distances will be more suitable.

RACE 4 10:05 PM | SAR85,000 | TAIF | 1400m

1	AASFAH GHATHAWAN	Rallied under pressure to make a winning debut over 1200m at Riyadh in March. Stepped up in trip on her return to action and could remain unbeaten.
17	S NWMASAH	Unraced Manaf filly out of an unraced mare. Trainer won an Arabian Open here last week and seems to have his string in good form.
4	AL NAYLA	Set sail for home off the turn over 1200m here last week, only to be caught by four rivals in the final few strides. Clearly has talent but going up in trip may be a negative.
18	SMHAH ALMAHMIA	Unraced Mostanad Alkhalediah filly out of a Qatari-bred mare. Represents dangerous connections at this level.

RACE 5 10:30 PM | SAR40,000 | TAIF | 1400m

1	ADEEB AL SHAHANIA	Recovered quickly after a slow start on debut over course and distance last week. Only beaten by a smart type that day and looks likely to play a part now dropped down to a maiden.
8	QASWRAH ALQANON	Highest-rated in the race thanks to an Open third-placed finish at Riyadh in December. Fourth at Cup level over 1600m last time and now dropped into maiden company.
14	MARMAR ALKHALEDIAH	Runner-up in two 1600m contests at Riyadh during the winter. Losing streak now stands at six races but has the required talent to get off the mark.
9	RB SLYCK	Knocking at the door in maiden company but lacks the acceleration to put a race to bed. Place contender but unlikely to win.

RACE 6 11:00 PM | SAR40,000 | **TAIF** | 1400m

1	ABEYYAH	Weakened after getting embroiled in a three-runner speed duel over 1400m at Riyadh in February. Drawn well today and dangerous if getting loose on the lead for leading connections.
13	SHAQRA ALHAWEEH	Runner-up in a course-and-distance Cup race last August and has to be feared on that evidence. Form dropped off once switching to Riyadh but could be revitalised by the return here.
3	DERMAANAH	Performed creditably on two occasions here last season but her form dropped off after that and is now not easy to trust.
4	FAWAGHEE	Unraced Desert Party filly out of a mare who won five times in the US. Relatively interesting pedigree but tough ask to beat some experienced rivals on debut.

RACE 7 11:25 PM | SAR40,000 | **TAIF** | 1400m

12	MYLAH	Steadily progressive and ran a clear career-best when runner-up over 1200m at Riyadh in March. Leading rider retains the mount on seasonal return.
5	ETIMADAT	Raced six-wide on the turn on debut at Riyadh in December. Likely to get a kinder trip today and should be feared for leading connections.
4	DHABYAH	Didn't feature in two conditions races here last season but showed minor promise when switched to Riyadh in November. Not without place claims now in weaker company.
11	MEDAGHESH	Five-race maiden who finished seventh in the Saudi 1,000 Guineas in January. Has shown form to be competitive at this level.

RACE 8 11:50 PM | SAR120,000 | **TAIF** | 1400m

1	AJWADI	Classy conveyance who finished second in the Taif Derby last season. His form stood up at Riyadh (won a Group 2) and now returns here with this race at his mercy.
11	MONKEY ISLAND	Ran to a fair level in the UK before being purchased for 90,000gns last October. Shaped nicely in two good races locally and could be a big player today.
4	MISK	Maiden winner here last summer and added a conditions race victory to the tally at Riyadh in November. Steadily progressive and not without place claims.
5	VARDEN	Solid comeback run here last week when third behind Muqtahem. Possesses plenty of speed but now goes up in trip. Place candidate if returning in the same form.

RACE 9 12:20 AM | SAR55,000 | **TAIF** | 1600m

1	ALAHAM	Talented stayer who has run well here in the past. Performed admirably at this grade on his penultimate start at Riyadh but generally needs longer trips to see him at his best.
5	MORODAN	Unexposed gelding who recorded two 1800m victories at Riyadh last season. Gutsy and hardy type who relishes a battle. Open to improvement but wide draw is an inconvenience.
10	BRQ	Useful miler who had an extremely busy schedule last season. Often struggles to win but he's very consistent and looks an obvious place contender.
2	ATTAJ	Won a course-and-distance conditions race here last season but failed to add to that success in a bunch of handicaps at Riyadh. Returns to action against better horses.

RACE 10 12:50 AM | SAR120,000 | **TAIF** | 1600m

17	WAQTUK	Unexposed colt who plundered a Group 3 prize on just his fourth career start last season. Finished second in the Tuwaiq Cup in February and connections may eye the Saudi Cup at the end of this season.
15	UNCLE	Consistent and classy Listed winner who is well suited by this trip. Connections won a couple of races here last week and should be fancied to add another to the tally.
4	HENRY Q	Duel US winner with plenty of early speed and sufficient stamina for this trip. Made every yard in a 1600m Open at Riyadh in November and remains unexposed. Contender.
8	MAJED	Deep closer with the potential to improve this season for leading connections. Not without a chance now that he cuts back in distance.