

RACE 1 8:00 PM | USD 1,500,000 | RIYADH | 1800m

1	BADR ALSAMAWI	Deep closer who produced a good effort to finish second in a domestic Group 1 over course and distance here last month. Stays strongly over this distance and represents leading connections.
4	SALFAN	Nine wins from 25 starts, which includes two course-and-distance successes, one came in this race in 2023. Seems to retain all of his ability proven by his recent Cup win last month.
9	TAHZEEM	Prolific gelding with six wins from his last eight races ranging from 1600m to 2400m. Returned to his best with a victory in the Group 3 JCSA Board Of Directors Cup last time and must have leading claims if negotiating a passage from his wide draw.
6	IBN TOULON	Deep closer who finished best of all to take second behind Almobeer in this race last year. Rounded into form this season and enters on the back of a course-and-distance victory in a minor Cup race.

RACE 2 8:40 PM | USD 2,000,000 | RIYADH | 2000m

8	NADEM AL MOLWK AL KHALEDIAH	Progressive six-year-old who recorded his first Group 1 success here last month when beating several of these rivals. Untried over this distance but shapes as though he should handle it. Major player for leading connections.
4	FIRST CLASSSS	Veteran performer who won the Group 1 Al Mneefah Cup on Turf here in 2022. Seemed better than ever last season with two Group 1 victories and ran creditably when second in the Al Maktoum Challenge last time out.
9	NAJEEB ALZAMAN	Classy stayer who has finished behind Nadem Al Molwk Al Khalediah on his last two starts. Should be primed for this assignment and cannot be discounted.
11	NIREHAZZ	Ran home powerfully to finish third in this race last year and should be a stronger model now. Only seen once this season and was well beaten by Najeeb Alzaman, but you can't write him off.

RACE 3 9:20 PM | USD 1,000,000 | RIYADH | 1800m

15	WAQTUK	Consistent sort with good tactical speed. Runner-up to Scotland Yard in this race 12 months ago and has improved in the interim. Good third in the local Saudi Cup qualifier last time and has drawn well.
5	FINAL DESTINATION	Runner-up in this race in 2024 and fourth last year, so consistent in this grade and well suited by conditions. Finished well when fifth of 20 behind Bernard Shaw over 1600m last time and could go well if overcoming his draw.
9	MICHAEL SCOFIELD	Produced a huge performance to win in Group 2 company in December on what looked to be a fast track. Only seventh in the local Saudi Cup qualifier last time after leading. This trip may stretch his stamina.
13	SCOTLAND YARD	Bolted up in this race last year from a good draw. Hasn't won in two outings this season but he is clearly rounding into full fitness and shouldn't be overlooked despite his wide gate.

RACE 4 10:00 PM | USD 1,500,000 | RIYADH | 1600m

2	AL HARAM	Talented colt who is unbeaten in three races, all over this course and distance. Powered through to win the Saudi 2,000 Guineas last month and must be dangerous if breaking cleanly.
3	BEST GREEN	Leading Japanese-trained juvenile last year with four wins from five races. Overhauled without any obvious excuses at Kawasaki in December and needs to bounce back, but he is classy and handles the track and trip.
6	MY WORLD	Useful US shipper with two stakes wins under his belt. Strong at the finish when successful in the Jerome Stakes over this trip last month. Interesting participant for shrewd connections.
8	SATONO VOYAGE	Successful in three of his four races and plundered the Cattleya Stakes at Tokyo when last seen, a trial for the Tokyo Derby. Not the strongest of stayers at the trip but clearly talented.

RACE 5 10:40 PM | USD 2,000,000 | **RIYADH** | 1200m

5	IMAGINATION	Looked revived by the switch to sprinting when he won the Grade 2 Santa Anita Sprint in September. Runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Sprint when last seen and has to go close if handling this track.
8	MUQTAHEM	Prolific 11-time winner with leading form credentials. Runner-up behind Straight No Chaser in this race last year and has subsequently won all five starts. Must go close.
12	YAMANIN CERCHI	Japanese Listed winner who finished second of 16 in the Capella Stakes at Nakayama in December. Often finishes well from off the pace and looks the strongest of the Japanese challenge.
13	GABBY'S SISTER	Prolific during her three-year-old season and not beaten far when third in this race last year. Hasn't found the winner's circle in the last 12 months and tends to get too far behind in her races before plugging on.

RACE 6 11:25 PM | USD 2,000,000 | **RIYADH** | 1351m

8	PANJA TOWER	Highly rated Japanese challenger who clung on to victory in the Group 1 NHK Mile at Tokyo last May over 1600m before winning the Group 3 Keeneland Cup over 1200m. Last seen finishing fifth in the Golden Eagle at Randwick and looks to have leading claims.
1	ANNAF	Winner of this race in 2024 and sixth last year when he raced too keenly. Performed up to his best in 2025 and ended his season with a Group 3 Bengough Stakes win at Ascot. Don't discount him on this comeback run.
5	LAZZAT	Two-time Group 1 winner who came close to adding a third to his tally when runner-up in both the Prix Maurice de Gheest and British Champions Sprint at the end of last season. Boasts a class angle over most of these but would prefer slower ground.
2	COMANCHE BRAVE	Unexposed colt with two wins from nine starts. Last seen finishing third in Group 2 company at Leopardstown over 1600m and might find this trip too sharp.

RACE 7 12:10 AM | USD 3,000,000 | **RIYADH** | 2100m

6	ROYAL CHAMPION	Dual Group 2 winner over 2000m, which includes a victory over Galen in Bahrain in November. Track and trip shouldn't be a problem and he has the quality to go close here.
5	PHANTOM FLIGHT	Multiple Listed winner in the UK and Bahrain. Produced a career-best display when victorious in the Al-Adiyat Cup over 1800m last month and should be dangerous in this field.
7	SHIN EMPEROR	Made every yard to win this race with ease 12 months ago. Hasn't been at his best in four subsequent runs in the UAE, Ireland and Japan, and might not be in the same form as last year.
4	GALEN	Three-time winner who has run respectably in the Bahrain Trophy and Hong Kong Cup on his last two starts. Shouldn't be underestimated, especially if he sets the pace.

RACE 8 12:50 AM | USD 2,500,000 | **RIYADH** | 3000m

3	EPIC POET	Appeared unlucky when runner-up in this race 12 months ago. Similar preparation this year with a placed effort in the Group 3 Al Khail Trophy at Meydan and shouldn't be underestimated.
6	TENNESSEE STUD	Unexposed colt whose two notable Group successes have come in France. Unproven on firm turf, but his pedigree suggests it should be fine. Stamina isn't an issue and he could be well treated off this weight.
1	PRESAGE NOCTURNE	Strong stayer who overcame a slow start to finish fourth of 12 in this race 12 months ago. Placed in Group 1 contests in France and Australia since and cannot be discounted back at this venue. Will need a fast early pace to chase to be successful.
8	GOODIE TWO SHOES	Improving mare who scored at Group 3 level last season. Recently finished second of 24 in the Melbourne Cup over 3200m and she appears relatively well treated at the weights here.

RACE 9 1:40 AM | USD 20,000,000 | RIYADH | 1800m

3	FOREVER YOUNG	One of the best horses in the world on official rankings. Followed his first Group 1 success in the Tokyo Daishoten in December 2024 with victory in this race 12 months ago. Should be tough to beat.
8	NYSOS	Seven wins from eight starts and a leading light for US racing. Won the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile in emphatic fashion in November before outbattling Nevada Beach at Santa Anita in December. Should go close in what has been his seasonal target.
4	HAQEET	Leading local performer who finished sixth of 16 in the Listed Tuwaiq Cup on this card last year. Campaigned over longer distances since, and won the King Saud bin Abdulaziz Cup in December. Shouldn't be discounted on a track he loves.
9	RATTLE N ROLL	Came from near last to fast to win The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques here last year, before finishing fifth in this race behind Forever Young. Can't be dismissed for place purposes.