

RACE 1 9:05 PM | SAR65,000 | **TAIF** | 1600m

12	SIMEEHAAN	Gained an overdue success when strong at the finish over 1400m here last month. Should handle this longer distance and could be well handicapped.
5	ALWAHWAAH	Shaped with promise in three outings last campaign over shorter distances. Perhaps needed the run on seasonal reappearance and now attracts a leading rider.
17	FAY ALMOGHTARAH	Promising return to action last month when runner-up in a 1400m maiden. Could be well treated for leading connections and shouldn't be discounted.
1	IBN ALATHEER	Unexposed colt who made it third-time lucky when he plundered a 1400m maiden last month. That form has been let down by the placed horses since but he warrants respect off top weight.

RACE 2 9:35 PM | SAR55,000 | **TAIF** | 1600m

16	MISAAEEL	Unexposed filly for leading connections. Shaped well against talented rivals last season and is worth another chance despite recent Cup disappointment.
2	ALNAJIM ALHAADHR	Powered through the field to win a 1400m Cup from off the pace last month. Should relish the step up in trip and looks like the horse to beat on ratings.
4	KHABERNI	Strong stayer who has placed on both outings here this season over shorter distances. Should be helped by the step up in trip but his wide draw is a problem.
7	NAQESH	Course specialist with both career strikes coming at this venue. Made most to win a 0-75 handicap here last time and could be dangerous off the front.

RACE 3 10:05 PM | SAR85,000 | **TAIF** | 1600m

1	HEZAAM	Drew clear with another runner in a course-and-distance handicap two starts back. Up 1lb in the weights and has clear form claims back in this grade.
6	NOWH	Extremely consistent but rarely gets his head in front. Runner-up in a 0-80 handicap over 2000m last time and shouldn't be written off now down in grade.
5	IBN HADHBAAN	Midfield finishes on all five starts this season but the handicapper is beginning to relent and he has clear place claims.
3	MAYHAMAH	Seven-time winner with the best backform in the race. Was rated 102 this time last year and now competes off a mark of 74. Dangerous.

RACE 4 10:35 PM | SAR400,000 | **TAIF** | 1400m

1	AATAKUM	Overcame a rough start to make a winning debut for leading connections over this course and distance. Unlimited upside at this stage of his career.
6	HZIZ	Flew home to make an impressive winning start in a trial for this race last month. Joined leading owners and should be well-found in the market.
10	RAEI ALTHAMINAH	Dominated a course-and-distance maiden from the front last month. Possesses plenty of talent and is drawn to attack.
9	MUF ALWA'AYED	Built on a promising debut display to win over course and distance last month. Worth a second look.

RACE 5 11:05 PM | SAR400,000 | **TAIF** | 1400m

12	TAQAARIR	Physically imposing filly with a high cruising speed and potent turn of foot. Unbeaten in two starts and is drawn to attack from gate one.
10	MUTAKAMILAH	Formsetter given her two course victories earlier this season. Boasts tactical speed and shouldn't be far off the pace, but is she the second string for connections?.
1	ALSSAHALAH	Runner-up on both starts so far and finished behind the talented Aatakum last time out. Has plenty of early speed and should make a bold bid from the front.
9	MAYORKA	Very impressive debut display to win over this course and distance from the front. Drawn to attack and could make a bold bid.

RACE 6 11:35 PM | SAR500,000 | TAIF | 1600m

7	MHALHAL	Finished well from off the pace to take second behind Jeddah Beach last time up. Better than his official rating suggests and boasts winning claims.
6	JEDDAH BEACH	Two-time winner last season who produced a monster career-best display to win the Taif Derby last month. Always been highly regarded and now starting to deliver.
15	ZEND	Extremely interesting runner off the back of a strong-staying maiden success. Beautiful pedigree and represents leading connections.
5	JAARIF	Useful colt who finished second behind Mhally in the Saudi 2,000 Guineas in January. Quiet return when eighth in the Taif Derby behind Jeddah Beach but could improve.

RACE 7 12:05 AM | SAR500,000 | TAIF | 1600m

12	NOWAFAA	Placed in the Group 1 King Fahad Cup last season and improved since returning from a spring break. Bids for a hat-trick after back-to-back Cup victories this term.
3	DEEM	Consistent filly who is strong over this distance. Bolted up in a trial for this event last month and should be on your shortlist.
6	GHARAMY	Useful juvenile last season, proven by her fourth-placed finish in the Fillies Mile. Returned with a win over 1400m and shouldn't be discounted.
5	FALLAT KHEIR	Heavily raced four-time winner who won the Alhada Cup here in August. This trip stretches her stamina but the formbook suggests she has leading claims.

RACE 8 12:35 AM | SAR700,000 | TAIF | 2000m

6	IBN TOULON	Strong stayer who posted a career-best performance when runner-up in a handicap on Saudi Cup day in February. Fair return to the track two weeks ago and should relish this trip.
3	ALMURTAJIZ	Back to form with a bang when he beat Alaham to win the Alshafa Cup over this course and distance last month. Benefited from a great ride that day and a danger to all under those tactics.
1	ALAHAM	Talented colt who hasn't finished out of the places on his last six starts here. Second in Cup company over course and distance before winning a 0-85 handicap last time. Player.
5	HENRY Q	Useful performer in the US prior to joining leading local connections. Won a 1600m Open at Riyadh from the front in November and could be dangerous if granted an easy lead.

RACE 9 1:15 AM | SAR1,000,000 | TAIF | 2000m

12	TILAL AL KHALEDIAH	One of the best Arabian horses worldwide with 15 wins from 19 starts. Makes his seasonal reappearance and bids to win this race for the second year in a row.
13	TURKI AL KHALEDIAH II	Reliable 10-time winner who scored over course and distance on his return to the track last week. Clear place claims but unlikely to beat Tilal Al Khalediah.
16	BINT GHALIAT AL KHALEDIAH	Sharp mare who has won her last two outings at this venue. Clearly in great form and shouldn't be discounted for minor money.
1	ALHARETH	Reliable stayer who finished second behind Tilal Al Khalediah in this race 12 months ago. Has won twice at lower levels in the interim but likely to fall short this time around.

RACE 10 1:45 AM | SAR1,000,000 | TAIF | 1600m

18	WSHMIH ALSRAYA	Won by a whopping 14-and-three-quarter lengths on debut at Riyadh in March. Only third behind Gista on her seasonal reappearance but could reverse that form.
15	RASHEEQAH ALSAYED	Burst clear to get off the mark at the second attempt when upped to this distance four weeks ago. Drew well and warrants respect.
13	WATHAB ALMASHAHEER	Unbeaten in two starts and has to be considered a major player. Found more for pressure when challenged on debut and could be tough to pass.
14	GISTA	Came from way off the pace to take her tally to two wins from two starts earlier this month. Leading rider retains the mount and she looks a danger to all.