



DUBAI WORLD CUP 2021 GODOLPHIN'S MYSTIC GUIDE CONQUERS THE WORLD

GODOLPHIN'S AMERICAN-BASED RAIDER MYSTIC GUIDE (USA) PROVED HIMSELF A CHAMPION AT MEYDAN ON SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER CAPTURING THE 2021 US\$12M DUBAI WORLD CUP SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINES.



The 4-year-old had risen through the ranks across the Atlantic and was veteran trainer Mike Stidham's first ever overseas runner when lining up in the 2000m showpiece.

Jockey Luis Saez tracked front runner Hypothetical before taking the lead 400m from home and forging clear aboard Mystic Guide, a Godolphin homebred son of Ghostzapper who had arrived on the back of an impressive warm-up win in the Grade 3 Razorback at Oaklawn Park.

Saez said: "Today he proved he is a champion and I know he is going to get better and better. What a nice horse, he has all the ability. It's an honor for me. This was my dream as a little kid and I can't believe I'm here now. It's a dream come true".

DERYAN LANDS KAHAYLA CLASSIC FOR FRANCE

French-trained Deryan (FR) broke the track record when he lifted the US\$750,000 Dubai Kahayla Classic Sponsored by Mubadala, the opener on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan, in 2 minutes 11.87 seconds.

Ridden by former French champion jockey Ioritz Mendizabal, the 6-year-old had secured a perfect position on the rail, just off the pace, and easily picked up the leader AF Alwajel 200m from the winning post to win by three-quarters of a length from the Ernst Oertel-trained AF Alwajel.

SEEMAR'S AMBITION IS TOO GOOD IN GODOLPHIN MILE

Secret Ambition (GB) hardly saw another rival when availing of a perfect front-running ride from Tadhg O'Shea in the Group 2 \$750,000 Godolphin Mile Sponsored by Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum City - District One.

Secret Ambition was one of only three course and distance winners in this 15-runner renewal of the Godolphin Mile and it was another course and distance winner in Golden Goal who finished second, while Avant Garde was back in third.

SUBJECTIVIST TAKES GOLD FOR JOHNSTON

Last year's Group 1 Prix Royal-Oak winner Subjectivist (GB) ended a 22-year hiatus on Dubai World Cup night for Britain's winning-most trainer of all time, Mark Johnston, with a brilliant victory in the US\$750,000 Dubai Gold Cup Sponsored by Al Tayer Motors.

Johnston's longstanding stable jockey Joe Fanning tracked the early leader For The Top before hitting the front around 1200m from home and powering clear to a five-and three-quarter lengths success from German-trained runner Walderbe. Away He Goes was a head further back in third. The winning time was 3:17:77.

"We've had Carnival winners but this is the first success on World Cup night for 22 years," said Johnston, whose last success was Fruits of Love in the 1999 Dubai Sheema Classic".

EXTRAVAGANT WINS AL QUOZ FOR US CHALLENGER

The Brendan Walsh-trained Extravagant Kid (USA) became the first American-trained winner of the US \$1m Al Quoz Sprint Sponsored by Azizi Developments when he burst through the ranks to beat the Godolphin when he took the son of Kiss The Kid towards the stands' side from where he launched his attack to take the lead in the final 50m.



"What an unbelievable race," said his owner David A Ross. "His trainer Brendan Walsh had a good feeling about him; he came into the race well, Brendan had him prepped well. He really liked the venue here and we thought we would take advantage as an 8-year-old, what about that?"

WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT UAE DERBY WINNER REBEL'S ROMANCE

Rebel's Romance (IRE) realised the promise that his connections hoped he would when the son of Dubawi



ran out an emphatic winner of the US \$750,000 UAE Derby Sponsored by Emirates NBD.

Trained by Charlie Appleby, ridden by William Buick and carrying the familiar blue colours of Godolphin, Rebel's Romance opened up a world of opportunities for himself when coming from off the pace to reel in the front-running Panadol and draw an impressive five and a half lengths clear as they flashed past the winning post.

This UAE Derby success certainly looks set to be a springboard to a bright future for Rebel's Romance with Appleby saying after the race:

"He is still very much a work in progress and he looked much better tonight than he did in Saudi Arabia. I think the biggest attribute to him today is that he was going to stay. We were always confident he was going to stay. Stepping up in trip was going to be his forte."

POIGNANT WIN FOR ZENDEN IN GOLDEN SHAHEEN

American raider Zenden (USA) ran out a brilliant victor of the US \$1.5m Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News but there was a sad postscript when the winner suffered a fatal injury after the finishing post.

Winning Rider Antonio Fresu was unshipped from the horse although he was able to walk away after the fall. A first Dubai winner for trainer Carlos David, the Fed Biz entire came to the race on the back of a successful prep run at Tampa in Florida. He looked to have an unfavourable draw in 14 of 14 but Fresu made a swift move early in the race to take a rail position and they were soon leading the field.

Zenden powered clear of his competition as he turned into the home straight, eventually winning by three and a quarter lengths.

VERSATILE MISHRIFF ADDS LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC TO GROWING PORTFOLIO

Meydan's commentator Craig Evans predicted a "crackerjack of a finish" as the runners turned for home in the US \$5m Longines Dubai Sheema

Classic and he certainly wasn't wrong as Mishriff (IRE) came from the widest starting point and from behind the entire field to see off the challenge of the Japanese pair of Chrono Genesis and Loves Only You in a vintage renewal of the Group 1 race.

Mishriff, confidently ridden by 21-year-old David Egan, was completing a unique double by adding the showpiece 2410m event to the Saudi Cup he claimed last month and showed an admirable versatility on the Meydan turf for trainer John Gosden and his son Thady.

Mishriff's jockey David Egan said: "This horse has brought me to the next level by winning the Saudi Cup and this is just the icing on the cake. After winning the mile and a half around here hopefully he will have an exciting summer campaign around Europe".

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