

## **Newbury 2<sup>nd</sup> August Single Race Preview**

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### **The Athbah Stud Premier Handicap Stakes**

#### **0-75 over 1 Mile 2 Furlongs**

Another competitive handicap in the 0-75 bracket with the first four home in the Dubai Day opening handicap all re-opposing, but that was over 7 furlongs and this extra distance could well bring about a different result. However, Balladore, who won handicap on Dubai Day from Mr Ben and Miswadah, seemed to jump off much better out of stalls and has proved she stays this trip, having run a good fourth to Few and Far in the Jebel Ali Gold Final at Warwick last October; her pedigree suggests this step up in trip will suit and is the one they all have to beat. The Beverley Paterson trained pair would both seem more effective at trips under a mile based on their performances to date and their breeding, but Mr Ben ran on well on Dubai Day, just holding onto third from his fast finishing stablemate Miswadah, both have place claims. Adam Newey's yard is in fine form and Whisper a winner of 3 races from 6-8f has a useful turn of foot and should be thereabouts, as should stablemate Gazal who has won twice from 8 to 12 f and was second in a big handicap over this trip last term. He is running well this season for Newey including putting up a fine effort when 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mudalal over 12 furlongs before running 2<sup>nd</sup> to Operatic over 14 furlongs at Ffos Las, and should be staying on at the finish.