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BISCUITS READY TO RISE AGAIN

One would be hard-pressed to find a more beloved adopted son for UAE racing fans than American sprinter **Mind Your Biscuits**. A two-time winner of Meydan's [Group 1 \\$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen sponsored by Gulf News](#), the Chad Summers-trained and co-owned 5-year-old has brought no small amount of joy to the Dubai World Cup night fans with his dramatic victories on both occasions.

The chestnut son of Posse returns on his home soil on Saturday to take on some of the top dirt milers in the world in the \$1.2 million Runhappy Metropolitan Mile Handicap (G1) on Belmont Stakes Day at Belmont Park in his native New York.

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PRINCE OF ARRAN ON PARADE

A top stayer during the 2018 Dubai World Cup Carnival, Rabbah Bloodstock's Charlie Fellowes-trained **Prince of Arran** is taking his global show on the road to America today in the Grade 2 Belmont Gold Cup Invitational. Over two miles, the Belmont Stakes Festival fixture is arguably the top turf marathon in the United States and was won last year by German-trained **Red Cardinal**. Irad Ortiz Jr. has the mount.

The \$400,000 event and has drawn a field that includes Her Majesty The Queen's well-fancied **Call To Mind**, who is trained by William Haggas, as well as France's **Funny Kid**, who won the Prix de Barbeville (G3) at ParisLongchamp last out for Wertheimer and Frere. The race also includes Meydan alums **Cooptado** and **Run Time**.

Prince of Arran, who will race on his third continent in as many starts, was a valiant winner of the [Range Rover Sport Handicap](#) at Meydan over this distance in February and ran deceptively strong races in the Chester Cup Handicap (6th) and [Group 2 \\$1 million Dubai Gold Cup sponsored by Al Tayer Motors](#) (8th) in his last two efforts.

"It's a nice \$400,000 purse, it's a Grade 2 and there are lots of positives going to Belmont," Fellowes said. "He's a quirky horse, but he should love the fast ground and flat course at Belmont and if he can put it together, he will be very competitive. Come To Mind and Funny Kid are the dangers. The Americans are good and have the home advantage, but the Euro form is strong. Hopefully they go a good clip and we can try to be handy and mid-field."

"Our goal is the Melbourne Cup with him and then back to Dubai."



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IN-FOAL OPAL TIARA MAY HAVE ONE MORE RUN

Going out on a high note is exactly what trainer Channon hopes to do with multiple Group 2 winner **Opal Tiara**. A six-time Meydan runner, including a victory in the [Balanchine Stakes \(G2\)](#) of 2017, the game daughter of Juddmonte Farms' Group 3-winning Dansili son **Thousand Words** is now concurrently preparing for a second career and the final act of her first.

"She's doing great," Channon said. "She's in foal to Churchill and she may have one more run. We're going to see how she's doing and decide (on where to run her)."

Bred by her trainer, she races for The Filly Folly & Sweet Partnership. Last out, Opal Tiara ran arguably her best race of her career, defeating multiple Group 1 winner **Hydrangea** in the Lanwades Stud Stakes (G2) at The Curragh over one mile.

In her sextet of starts at Meydan, the bay mare finished worse than fourth only once, when 13th in the Dubai Turf sponsored by DP World (G1) of 2017. A fan favourite, she was also second and fourth in the 2017 and 2018 editions of the Cape Verdi (G2), third in her 2018 defence of the Balanchine and fourth two efforts prior behind subsequent 2018 Dubai Turf winner **Benbatl** in the [Singspiel \(G3\)](#).



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CONGRATULATIONS TO MASAR

Meydan is proud to have played a small part in the development this winter of Godolphin's Charlie Appleby-trained **Masar** (William Buick aboard) on his road to history-making success in last week's Investec Derby (G1) at Epsom Racecourse. While he may have performed under par in the Al Bastakiya (Listed) here in Dubai on Super Saturday, he has blossomed into one of the top 3-year-olds on grass in the world, including a third in the classic 2000 Guineas (G1).

Masar completed a 1-2 finish for Dubai, as HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's aptly named **Dee Ex Bee** finished second. He, like Masar, may run in the Irish Derby (G1) on June 30th.

MIND YOUR BISCUITS (cont.)

Mind Your Biscuits was recently purchased by Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm in Japan and will be retired to said establishment upon the completion of his racing career this winter. Summers will remain the trainer through the rest of the season, which recommences Saturday in the aforementioned 1600m affair. His resurfacing occurs a month sooner than last year's and with an increase in distance.

"We changed our strategy this year and thanks to the great people at Dubai Racing Club and Janah Horse Transport, we were able to stay at Meydan an extra week and that made all the difference," Summers said. "Last year we returned from quarantine and 'Biscuits' lost around 50 kilos. The mini-vacation at Fair Hill Equine was perfect (this year). Since returning to the track, he has trained as well as ever. We have always felt that the mile distance was well within his scope and now, with having the proper time to train into it, we are excited.

"It is never easy to win a Grade 1 and this race will be no different," Summers continued. "Former Dubai-based **Bee Jersey** looks to be coming into his own for Steve Asmussen. **McCraken** and **Good Samaritan** have shown glimpses of stardom and we, of course, have to deal with **Bolt d'Oro**. We are giving away far too much weight, but all of that said, I wouldn't trade our place with anyone.

Summers also touched on what Mind Your Biscuits has meant to his fledgling career as a trainer and the innate bittersweetness of the aforementioned sale.



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"It was definitely not an easy deal to make, as this horse means the world to me and has changed my life for forever," he explained. "Shadai is a five-star operation with facilities and staff second to none. I am excited for Biscuits to have the opportunity to breed to several elite mares and see what he can produce on the track. I look forward to going to Japan with him and coming back every year to try and support him through their yearling sales. The horse 'Yoshida' has shown the last two years that Japanese-bred horses can compete here in America and around the world on racing's highest levels and maybe we can even see a Biscuits baby in the Dubai World Cup in 2024."

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