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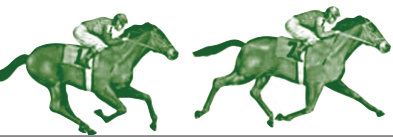


**Saddle up...
it's race day**

Inside All you need to know
about the inaugural \$20m
Saudi Cup in Riyadh, the world's
most valuable horse race



Saudi Cup special



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HORSE RACING

The biggest horse race in the world

As Saudi Arabia embarks on a new sporting era, a stellar line-up chases a record \$29.2 million in prize money — and a place in history

Ali Khaled Riyadh

When the gates of King Abdul Aziz Racetrack open at noon on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, it will usher in a new era for sports and entertainment in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Cup, the world's most valuable horse race is finally here — and not for the first time in recent years the eyes of the sporting world will turn to the Kingdom.

The numbers tell their own story: Eight races, a total purse of \$29.2 million.

Prize money for the main event and final race of the day, the Saudi Cup, will be a record-breaking \$20 million, with the winner taking home \$10 million and the rest of the field sharing \$6.5 million.

The line-up features a formidable American presence, including the highly rated Maximum Security and the Bob Baffert-trained duo of McKinzie and Mucho Gusto, but there will be significant regional interest as well.

Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, owner of the Juddmonte Farms breeding operation, will watch his own horse, Tacitus, take on the strong field in the Saudi Cup. "This is like the icing on the cake to be able to be here and participate in this race," said trainer Bill Mott of Tacitus. "It's exciting. The great connections I've been fortunate enough to be able to be involved with at Juddmonte wanted to participate in (the Saudi Cup) and they're excited as well."

The Saudi Cup will also feature Godolphin's six-year-old Benbatl, trained by Saeed bin Suroor, who will also have pupil Final Song running earlier in the Samba Saudi Derby. A win for Benbatl, son of the famous Dubawi, will raise his career earnings to more than \$15.7 million.

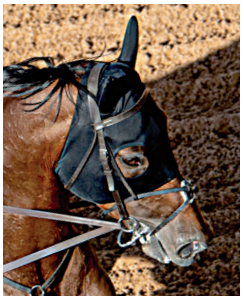
"It would mean a lot for us to win," bin Suroor said. "It is the first-ever Saudi Cup and the first big international race in Saudi Arabia. It is a very important race and it will be important for us to see him run well and win. He has been a very good Group 1 horse for us and very versatile. I'm very happy with him and I think he will have a good run."

In the run-up to the headline event, seven other races, with combined prize money of \$9.2 million, will take place in front of the magnificent 5,000-seat main grandstand.

VIPs and members of the public arriving at the Golden



THREE CUP FAVORITES



BENBATL

Godolphin's Benbatl, son of Dubai and trained by Saeed bin Suroor, will be among the favorites after winning 10 of its 20 races.



MAXIMUM SECURITY

The four-year-old thoroughbred trained by Jason Servis conquered all in 2019 with wins at the Florida Derby, Haskell Invitational and Bold Ruler Handicap and the Cigar Mile.



MCKINZIE

The five-year-old trained by Bob Baffert had a stellar 2019 winning two races out of seven, and finishing runner-up on five occasions.

Entrance will have plenty of time to acquaint themselves with the different facilities and services of the track, which include the Saudi Cup Pavilion, the Red Sea Pavilion, the Main and Saudi Cup Grandstands, the food court and picnic area, a tech zone and a children's play area.

The first race of the day, the 2,100m Mohamed Yousuf Naghi Motors Cup, will be run on turf at 4 p.m. local time. It will be followed by the stc 1351 Cup (1,351m), also on turf, at 4:35 p.m.

Meanwhile, Freddy Head, who has ridden and trained major winners all over the world, is hoping to add the inaugural running of the \$2.5 million Longines Turf Handicap (5,100 p.m.) to his list of triumphs when he rides six-year-old Call The Wind.

"He is a very consistent horse," said the trainer. "Last year was a bit frustrating, though. He was unlucky a couple of times and had to carry a lot of weight. In France, when you win a Group 1 race, you have to carry a lot of weight."

Head said: "I think it is a worldwide ticket to have these big races. It changes the way we train and plan the racing career of a horse. I remember coming here many years ago to ride. It's nice to come back with a horse and run in a big race. Hopefully, he runs well here and then he will go back to Dubai."

At 5:45 p.m. the Obayia Arabian Classic, for purebred Arabian horses, will run over 2,000m on the dirt track before a 45-minute break.

Visitors will have the chance to observe the Maghreb prayers at 5:56 p.m. before returning in time for the fifth race of the day, the Jockey Club Local Handicap at 6:30 p.m.

This will be followed at 7:10 p.m. by the 1,600m Samba Saudi Derby, before the Isha prayer at 7:26 p.m.

No doubt the excitement will have built to fever pitch by the time of the penultimate race, the Saudia Sprint.

Gladiator King, Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al-Nuaimi's Dubai-based runner, will put his unbeaten 2020 record on the line in the 1,200m event — the same distance at which he won both his starts this year in Meydan's Dubawi and Al-Shindagha Sprint.

The showpiece event of the day, the Saudi Cup, will be run on dirt over one lap of the 1,800m King Abdul Aziz Racetrack.

The one-meter-high Saudi Cup trophy and a cheque for \$10 million awaits the winner. Along with a place in history,

8 THE SAUDI CUP 2020

Time - KSA/GMT
8:40 pm/5:40 pm
Prize: \$20 million



MAXIMUM SECURITY

7th
122

Age: 4
Owners: Gary and Mary West, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith
Breeder: Gary and Mary West
Jockey: Luis Saez

TRAINER
Jason Servis
Age: 63
Country: US

MIDNIGHT BISOU

14th
119+4

Age: 5
Owners: Bloom Racing, Allen Racing & Madaket Stables
Breeder: Woodford Thoroughbreds
Jockey: Mike E. Smith

TRAINER
Steve M. Assmusen
Age: 54
Country: US

TACITUS

12th
116

Age: 4
Owners: HH Prince Khalid bin Abdullah
Breeder: Juddmonte
Jockey: Jose Lezcano

TRAINER
William I. Mott
Age: 66
Country: US

MCKINZIE

8th
123

Age: 5
Owners: K. Watson, M. Pegram & P. Weltman
Breeder: Summer Wind Thoroughbreds
Jockey: Joel Rosario

TRAINER
Bob Baffert
Age: 63
Country: US

MUCHO GUSTO

10th
118

Age: 4
Owners: Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Bin A/Aziz
Breeder: Teneri & Bernardo Alvarez Calderon
Jockey: Irad Ortiz

TRAINER
Bob Baffert
Age: 63
Country: US

MAGIC WAND

13th
115+4

Age: 5
Owners: Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Breeder: Skymane Thoroughbreds
Jockey: Ryan Moore

TRAINER
Aidan P. O'Brien
Age: 50
Country: Ireland

GRONKOWSKI

6th
116

Age: 5
Owners: Khalid bin Mishref & Phoenix Thoroughbred III
Breeder: Epic Thoroughbreds
Jockey: Lanfranco Dettori

TRAINER
Salem bin Ghadayer
Age: N/A
Country: UAE

NORTH AMERICA

11th
116

Age: 8
Owners: President Ramzan Kadyrov
Breeder: Qatar Bloodstock
Jockey: Richard Mullen

TRAINER
Satish Seemar
Age: N/A
Country: UAE

BENBATL

1st
125

Age: 6
Owners: Godolphin
Breeder: Darley
Jockey: Oisin Murphy

TRAINER
Saeed bin Suroor
Age: 63
Country: UAE

CHRYSOBERYL

3rd
118

Age: 4
Owners: U Carrot Farm
Breeder: Northern Farm
Jockey: Christophe Soumillon

TRAINER
Hidetaka Otonashi
Age: 63
Country: Japan

CAPEZZANO

2nd
118

Age: 6
Owners: Sultan Ali
Breeder: Darley
Jockey: Mickael Barzalona

TRAINER
Salem bin Ghadayer
Age: N/A
Country: UAE

GOLD DREAM

4th
117

Age: 7
Owners: Katsumi Yoshida
Breeder: Northern Farm
Jockey: Christophe Patrice Lemaire

TRAINER
Osamu Hirata
Age: 59
Country: Japan

MJJACK

9th
105

Age: 6
Owners: Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Bin A/Aziz
Breeder: Derrymore House Syndicate
Jockey: Abdullah Aloufi

TRAINER
Sami Alharabi
Age: N/A
Country: Saudi Arabia

GREAT SCOT

5th
112

Age: 4
Owners: Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Bin A/Aziz
Breeder: Clyne, Mound, Thompson
Jockey: Alexis Moreno

TRAINER
Abdullah Mishrif
Age: N/A
Country: Saudi Arabia

THE DRAW 1 GOLDEN DREAN (GB) 2 TACITUS (US) 3 BENBATL (GB) 4 NORTH AMERICA (GB) 5 GRONKOWSKI (US) 6 MIDNIGHT BISOU (US) 7 MAXIMUM SECURITY (US) 8 MUCHO GUSTO (US) 9 MCKINZIE (US) 10 CHRYSOBERYL (JPN) 11 GREAT SCOT (GB) 12 MAGIC WAND (IRE) 13 CAPEZZANO (US) 14 MJJACK (IRE)

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- 1 Gold Entrance
- 2 The Saudi Cup Pavilion Owners & Trainers
- 3 Media Center
- 4 Red Sea Pavilion, Inc. Rolls-Royce Lounge
- 5 Pre-Parade Ring
- 6 Parade Ring

- 7 Main Grandstand
- 8 The Press Conference Area
- 9 Green Entrance
- 10 Information Point
- 11 Saudi Cup Grandstand
- 12 Food Court & Picnic Area
- 13 Male Prayer Room
- 14 Female Prayer Room
- 15 Kids Fun Zone
- 16 Tech Zone
- 17 Circus Live Shows
- 18 Secret Garden
- 19 Exhibitor's Square
- 20 Finishing Post Line



TICKETS

Gates open at Midday
First race starts at 4 p.m. (KSA)
Last race starts at 8:40 p.m.

Clubhouse Gardens
This ticket provides access to the Clubhouse Garden area, home of family entertainment, to the right of the grandstand.
Price: SAR180 (per person)

Family Tickets
This ticket provides entry for 2 Adults and up to 4 Children (aged 16 and under) to the General Admission area.
Price: SAR400

Premium Paddock Enclosure
Enclosure is adjacent to the racetrack.
Price: SAR220

Child Admission
(6-16 ages)
Price: SAR90 (Includes VAT @ 5%)

THE TROPHY

The Cup stands over a meter tall, its height helped by a triple-tiered base on which will be inscribed the victors' names. The trophy was created by Gerrard's craftsmanship. Handcrafted in sterling silver, the cup has been richly gilded, studded with coloured enamel and embellished with ornate.

WHERE TO WATCH:

- Saudi Arabia
• Saudi TV
• Fox Sports 1
• FloSports
- UK
• SKY Sports
• Racing
• Reuters
• SNTV
- News/ other
• Sports Unlimited
• Inverleigh
• Reuters
• SNTV

SAUDI CUP DAY

Saturday, Feb. 29th 2020

TIME - KSA/GMT	RACE	RACE NAME	DISTANCE	TRACK	PRIZE
4 p.m./1 p.m.	1st	The Mohamed Yousuf Naghi Motors Cup	2100m (1m 2v2f)	turf	\$1 million
4:35 p.m./1:35 p.m.	2nd	The stc 1351 Cup, Open	1351m (6f4f)	turf	\$1 million
5:10 p.m./2:10 p.m.	3rd	The Longines Turf Handicap, Open	3000m (1m 7f)	turf	\$2.5 million
5:45 p.m./2:45 p.m.	4th	The Obayia Arabian Classic, (Purebred Arabians)	2000m (1m 2f)	dirt	\$1.9 million
6:30 p.m./3:30 pm.	5th	The Jockey Club Local Handicap, Open	1800m (1m 1f)	dirt	\$500,00
7:10 p.m./4:10 p.m.	6th	The Samba Saudi Derby, Open	1600m (1m)	dirt	\$800,000
7:50 p.m./4:50 p.m.	7th	The Saudia Sprint, Open	1200m (6f)	dirt	\$1.5 million
8:40 p.m./5:40 p.m.	8th	The Saudi Cup	1800m (9f)	dirt	\$20 million

THE NUMBERS

5,000
seat Grandstand at King Abdulaziz Racetrack in Riyadh

\$29.2m
total Prize purse for all races

8
races throughout the day

\$10m
Saudi Cup Winner's purse

\$3.5m
Saudi Cup Second place

\$6.5m
shared among the rest



TURF TRACK

(The Inner Track)

- 1 1351 m
- 2 2100 m
- 3 3000 m

DIRT TRACK

(The Outer Track)

- 1 1200 m
- 2 1600 m
- 3 1800 m
- 4 2000 m

THE RACES

1 MOHAMED YOUSUF NAGHI MOTORS CUP
Time - KSA/GMT
4:00 pm/1:00 pm
Prize: \$1 million

- For The Top ARG
- Imagen De Roma ARG
- Intelligent IRE
- Mount Everest IRE
- Persian Moon IRE
- Port Lions IRE
- Royal Youmzain FR
- Trails Fluors GB
- Deirdre JPN

2 THE stc 1351 Cup
Time - KSA/GMT
4:35 pm/1:35 pm
Prize: \$1 million

- Dark Power IRE
- Ghoul BRZ
- Glorious Journey GB
- Graignes FR
- King Malpic FR
- Larchmont Lad IRE
- Legends of War USA
- Momkin IRE
- Mubtasim IRE
- Sir Dancealot IRE
- Speak in Colours GB
- Suedols FR
- Holy Day ARG
- Royal Intervention IRE

3 LONGINES TURF HANDICAP
Time - KSA/GMT
5:10 pm/2:10 pm
Prize: \$2.5 million

- Cross Counter GB
- Dee Ex Bee GB
- Call The Wind GB
- Called To The Bar IRE
- Prince of Arran GB
- Twilight Payment IRE
- Downdraft IRE
- King's Advice GB
- Mekong GB
- True Self IRE
- Contango IRE
- Hibou GB
- Mafaaheem IRE
- Dramatic Device GB
- Main Street (Res.) GB
- Asbab (Res2) KSA

4 THE OBAIYA ARABIAN CLASSIC
Time - KSA/GMT
5:45 pm/2:45 pm
Prize: \$1.9 million

- Aoun FR
- Djelamer FR
- Hajres TUN
- Mashhur Al-Khalediah FR
- Mehdaaf Athbah GB
- Mubasher Al-Khalediah KSA
- Mutawakel Al-Khalediah KSA
- Sehab FR
- Shabah GB
- Tallaab Al-Khalediah KSA
- Zaqur GB
- Ziyadd FR
- Amwaj FR
- Wathabat Al Khalediah KSA

5 THE JOCKEY CLUB LOCAL HANDICAP
Time - KSA/GMT
6:30 pm/3:30 pm
Prize: \$500,000

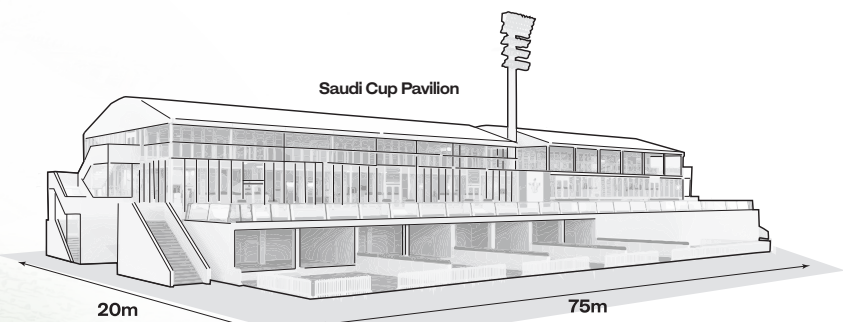
- Ala Sawab ALjamee
- Be Azn Allah Motabain
- Waqaor
- Alzahawi Enayat Almajeed
- Alnashaas Aenani Alaezm
- Omsiyateer Merba'a
- Sharare Megh Naaj
- Almarof Almajid
- Almajid Almajid
- Merba'a

6 THE SAMBA SAUDI DERBY
Time - KSA/GMT
7:10 pm/4:10 pm
Prize: \$800,000

- Bella Fever URU
- Aan Alawan KSA
- Billy Bates USA
- Charlotte Trail USA
- Full Flat USA
- Lake Causeway USA
- Malafekh KSA
- Mishriff IRE
- Rajee Allah KSA
- Rowdy Yates USA
- Down On Da Bayou USA
- Final Song IRE
- Mor'dah KSA
- Tamaari KSA

7 THE SAUDIA SPRINT
Time - KSA/GMT
6:30 pm/3:30 pm
Prize: \$15

- Captain Scotty USA
- Drafted USA
- Gladiator King USA
- Imperial Hint USA
- Indelible Ink IRE
- Manguzi IRE
- Matera Sky USA
- Maypole GB
- Muhtaram GB
- New York Central USA
- Sobro Action ARG
- Beau Warrior IRE
- Mesquite GB



"The Saudi Cup Pavilion's lounge guests are able to watch the racing from the Pavilion's terrace or enjoy the Premium Paddock Enclosure and the elevated view from the Grandstand across the King Abdulaziz Racecourse."

WORLD RICHEST RACES

- 16 US m Pegasus World Cup**
The first running of the Saudi Cup in 2020 will be the richest race ever run. Its value is equivalent to that of all 635 races run in the Kingdom in the 2018-19 season.
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- 12 US m Dubai World Cup**
Created in 1996 and run annually on the last Saturday of March over 10 furlongs on the dirt.
- 6 US m Japan Cup**
Leading the way is the Japan Cup, an invitational race run over a mile-and-a-half on the Tokyo turf for ¥645mn (US\$6m).
- 5.6 US m Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe**
Widely considered to be Europe's premier weight-for-age contest.
- 5.6 US m Melbourne Cup**
Once famed as the race that stops a nation, these days the two-mile Melbourne Cup can claim to beguile much of the racing world.
- 10 US m The Everest**
Unlike all the other richest races, it is a sprint over 1,200 meters (six furlongs).