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Al Basti Equiworld Celebration Stakes named in honour of Champion Trainer

Richard Hannon holds a strong hand at Newbury tomorrow in a race named in honour of his father, Richard Hannon Snr, and his outstanding career as one of British racing's most successful and influential Flat trainers of all time.

Eight runners have been declared for the Al Basti Equiworld Celebration Stakes, registered as The Radley Stakes, a Listed race for fillies. Richard Hannon saddles Shagah for Al Shaqab Racing, who won at Glorious Goodwood this year and has a good chance to reverse her Newmarket form against old rival Astrelle in the seven furlong contest.

Other notable declarations include the William Haggas-trained Muffri'ha, who won by five lengths at Chester last time and Charles Hills' Silver Rainbow who was a ready winner of her maiden at Wolverhampton nine days ago.

Race sponsor and racehorse owner Malih Al Basti, founder of Al Basti Equiworld, has enjoyed plenty of success with the reigning champion and multi-Classical winning trainer including multiple Group winner, Nasheej, who made her winning debut in the Mountgrange Stud Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Newbury in 2005. The first Hannon-trained horse of many to carry the white and pink colours of Malih Al Basti to the Winner's Enclosure returned the following year to take victory in the Group 3 Dubai Duty Free Stakes.

Since Richard Hannon Snr began training in 1970 over 4,000 winners have followed, with many living long in the memories of Newbury racegoers. Among them Olympic Glory who returned to claim this year's Group 1 JLT Lockinge Stakes after taking the 2013 running of the Aon Greenham Stakes; Toronado, who like Hannon recorded his first victory at Newbury en route to Classic success and Royal Ascot and Glorious Goodwood winner Strong Suit, another stable star to have made a winning start to his racing career at the Berkshire track.

But Hannon Senior's most indelible mark on the Newbury race programme is the one he has placed on the Weatherbys Super Sprint; a race conceived together with the then racecourse Chairman, the late Lord Carnarvon and proceeded to win three times in the first six years.

He troubled the engravers a further four times before his son, Richard Jnr, took advantage of the race's unique conditions, adding Tiggy Wiggy's name to an illustrious list of speed merchants this year.

Following tomorrow's race fixture a total of 18 Flat races will have carried the Al Basti Equiworld brand at Newbury since November 2013, and the UAE's leading distributor of horse feeds, feed supplements and veterinary medicines will continue its involvement through to the National Hunt season with on-course year-round branding and a cash prize of £100 for the groom leading up the best turned out horse in every race in addition to any prize that may already exist.

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Al Basti Equiworld sponsors and supports equestrian activities in the UAE and the United Kingdom where the company's sponsorship portfolio includes 18 races on the Flat at Newbury Racecourse, a number of high profile jockeys and a dedicated section of programming on leading satellite horseracing channel, Racing UK.