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Stradivarius wins again on thrilling opening day

Gosden’s ward wins third straight Qatar Goodwood Cup; top class entries for today’s Qatar International Stakes

By A Correspondent

The opening day of the Qatar racing season saw the €2 million dollar guaranteed Qatar Goodwood Cup (Group 1), one of the most illustrious races in the global calendar, take place over a distance of 1 mile 4 furlongs (2012m) at the Goodwood racecourse in Sussex.

The field for this year’s Qatar Goodwood Cup included the 2016 winner Stradivarius, trained by Charlie Appleby and owned by Qatar’s Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani’s Ex Bees stable. Stradivarius, who has been in fine form this season, having won the Queen Anne Stakes and the Henry de Winter Stakes, was favourite going into the race.

However, it was another great day for John Gosden, who saddled the winner in the Qatar Goodwood Cup. His horse was the five-year-old, Varied, who ran a strong three-quarter length second to Stradivarius. Varied was trained by John Gosden and ridden by Frankie Dettori.

The four-year-old, Lost in Time, trained by Aidan O’Brien and ridden by Ryan Moore, finished third, just a length behind Varied.

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Varied's trainer, Charlie Appleby, said: "We are delighted with the result. Varied has run a great race and we are looking forward to him running in the Coolmore Stakes in the near future.

"The first and third have both been fantastic performances and we are looking forward to seeing how they perform in the future."

The Qatar International Stakes (Group 1) will take place on Thursday and is expected to be a thriller.

The race features Varied, the winner of the last year’s race, and the four-year-old, Dunaden, who finished second in 2016. Also declared are Khalifa bin Al-Attiah’s Al Sababah, who was fourth in the Dubai Duty Free Stakes last year, and the three-year-old, Mighty Kingdom, who finished second in the Qatar Goodwood Cup.

The Qatar International Stakes is one of the most valuable races in the world and is always a highlight of the Qatar racing season.
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“I’m going to practice singles and play doubles to compete and each week I’ll see if I’m close (do as well) that there’s (enough) I can push off for the doubles.”

Murray, paired with brother Jamie, 28, also 28, in doubles at the Citi Open in Washington on Monday in his first match at the Citi Open in Washington on Monday, hitting nearly 125 mph with his serve.

The former world number one, who was ranked 112th at the time of the 2018 US Open, dropped to 636th in the world last week, and Murray has hit the headlines for the past several weeks with a series of injuries. The day before, the British tennis star had to retire from his first-round doubles match with brother Jamie entrance before the second set.

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“Tennis is the best form of rehabilitation and seeing how my body reacts.”

Murray’s most recent singles match since falling in the first round in San Jose. But Murray’s most recent singles match in 2018 was against the 2015 Davis Cup winner.

“I’m feeling good, “ Murray said. “I’m rehabilitating and seeing how my hip responds. I returned to the court in June but didn’t play the first round in the US Open.

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Kenyans are legendary marathons competing to make waves across the globe, according to the athletics hierarchy, runners whose times – though unnoteworthy at home – would make them stars anywhere else.

“Sport today is not clean.”

“The need is there. But he needs a support structure, because the drug kart racing is the last straw for that.”

“EPO – heart attacks, stroke and death. It is simple; we need to do something about it.”

“Everyone on the same page”

However, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory in Nairobi has not been subject to regular testing by the Athletics Kenya Anti-Doping Authority (ADAK).

Rugut said it was difficult to fight corruption first, “If people want it to exist, they can keep it.”

The pharmacist said he was "surprised by the answer."

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Rendon, Nationals slam 1st-place Braves

"It's really not just this season. It's every year. Even when I was on the other side, just watching him play, you don't see a whole lot of emotion from him. He just makes everything look so easy," said Nationals manager Dave Martinez.

For the time being, Elliott will keep working on negotiations - Green Bay, New Orleans, Tennessee and New England were among the eight teams represented by Zeke's agent, Todd France. The Dallas Cowboys, they say, remain Elliott's primary destination.

If there were any doubts about Ezekiel Elliott's ability to build back-to-back homes on the first two picks of the 2016 NFL Draft, Saturday's opening game gave them. The Ohio State product made his NFL debut in this contest, and he finished with 11 carries for 93 yards and two touchdowns - just 1 carry shy of his 101-yard output two years ago when he set the game's single-game rushing record of 157. Elliott was unphased by the NFL, he said in an interview for CBS' Sunday Morning on Monday. "You don't have to have a rushing champion to win a league," he said.

Athletic Elliott hit a grand slam in the fourth inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Nationals Park. Picture: USA TODAY Sports

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By Thiago Rabelo

The Guardian

How Brazilian Edu can bring success to Arsenal again

Edu was reading Roberto Mancini’s autobiography, ‘The Journey’, and he thought his managerial career would be as a manager in the Premier League if it “had the perfect profile.” Almost two decades later his then-Arsenal teammate’s prophecy has proven right.

Edu returned to the club as technical director tasked with revitalising the squad. He aimed there as a player, including a number of 2019-20’s frustrations.

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