

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## UAE DERBY (G2)

Three Year Olds  
1 3/16-Miles  
PURSE \$2,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Rayya	10-1
2	Ruggero	30-1
3	Reride	12-1
4	Mendelssohn	5-2
5	Gold Town	6-5
6	Seahenge	15-1
7	Yulong Warrior	15-1
8	Taiki Ferveur	20-1
9	Threeandfourpence	10-1

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TOP PICKS	
8	Taiki Ferveur
5	Gold Town
4	Mendelssohn

### \$10 WIN / PLACE

8 (\$20)

### \$5 EXACTAS

8 with 4, 5, 6 (\$15)

4, 5, 6 with 8 (\$15)

### \$1 TRIFECTA BOX

4, 5, 6, 8 (\$24)

A hotly contested pace is expected here and Japanese longshot Taiki Ferveur could be the beneficiary. Favored Mendelssohn should get severe pace pressure from Gold Town and unless they separate themselves from the rest of the field, they could set it up for a closer.

Mendelssohn won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf G1, his prep race for this on an all-weather track and has a superior dirt pedigree. Still, he faces heavy pace pressure from a horse right next to him and will probably have to use a lot of energy to keep from losing his inside position and have to use too much energy.

Gold Town has been a revelation at the Dubai International Racing Carnival with two easy wins on dirt and his last start was stellar. He has the advantage of being outside of Mendelssohn but William Buick can't let them steal away to an easy lead. Thus, all the ingredients of a strong pace scenario.

Taiki Ferveur has won two of three dirt starts in Japan and made an impossible rally from way back to get up for second in the Hyacinth Stakes after being shut off soon after leaving the starting gate. He showed he can eat dirt in the 16-runner field and when he finally got outside and found clear sailing, his late rally was terrific. From post eight, Joao Moreira drop over and save some ground early and then rally wide on the second turn.