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Godolphin's Hibaayeb attempts to recapture her juvenile form when she lines up for today's Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The filly was a Group One winner last season for Clive Brittain and after disappointing in the 1000 Guineas, bounced back to something like her true form when caught close home by subsequent French Oaks heroine Sarafina in the Prix Saint-Alary.

"Hibaayeb ran a good race to finish third in France and I think that a return to Ascot will suit her, having won a Group One at the course at the end of last season," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor.

"I think the step up to a mile and a half will be no problem for her and she goes into Thursday's race in really good form. I was pleased to see that Sarafina won so well in France at the weekend as that gives the form a boost and I'm really looking forward to running her over this trip."

Eldalil takes a big leap up in class and distance but connections were left with little choice after the Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum filly was found to be under the weather subsequent to landing a Newmarket maiden in April.

"It's a difficult one in that she's only run the once this year. She won well at Newmarket and I was surprised she had the speed to win a seven-furlong maiden like that," said Angus Gold, racing manager to the owner.

"Then her blood went wrong and we had to give her a break. We haven't had time to get another run into her which is a pity as it would have been nice to go for a mile-and-a-quarter Listed race to see if we were on the right track.

"Her pedigree certainly says she will stay. She is a nice filly, but whether she can make the jump up on this next start from a seven-furlong maiden to a mile and a half Group Two is a big ask. We'll see what happens."

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