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Royal Ascot heroine Hibaayeb is reported to be in the form of her life as she bids to give the Godolphin team their first taste of success in the Darley Irish Oaks at the Curragh on Sunday.

The daughter of Singspiel was an impressive winner of the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and Saeed bin Suroor has been thrilled with her subsequent progress, though he does not want conditions at the Curragh to become too testing.

"She ran a huge race last time and came out of the race really well. Her condition is very good and she looks better than ever at the moment," said bin Suroor.

"It's a very tough race, but the filly is really happy and working very well. Good ground would be fine for her, so I hope it is not too soft."

The Godolphin team are double-handed in the race, with the Mahmood Al Zarooni-trained Miss Jean Brodie taking a big jump in class following success in a Doncaster maiden.

Sir Michael Stoute's Eldalil chased Hibaayeb home at Royal Ascot and Angus Gold, racing manager for owner Hamdan Al Maktoum, is hopeful of further improvement.

He said: "We hope she has improved since Ascot and she will need to as she is jumping up a grade. They say the ground is going to be good or possibly a little bit easier and I just hope it doesn't go too soft.

"She's taking on the top mile-and-a-half fillies around so I can't say she'll win it, but I thought if she'd broken better at Ascot, then she'd have finished an awful lot closer to the winner.

"She proved that day that she stayed the trip, so hopefully she'll run a decent race on Sunday."

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