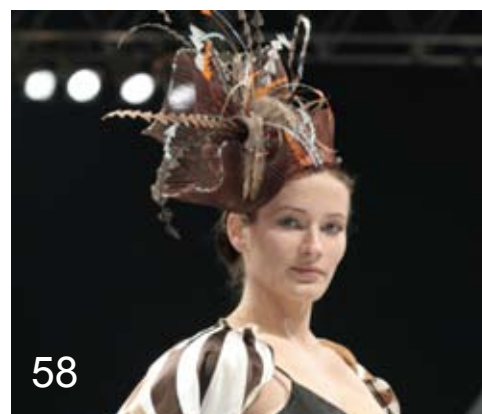


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From the Editor's Desk

Sheikh Mohammed, a true leader

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai stands out as a man born to lead. So remarkable has been his vision that Dubai under his dynamic leadership has grown from the desert sands into an oasis.

Thanks to him, the emirate has taken such big strides in almost every field – be it sports or economy, tourism or healthcare – that it is simply unprecedented and has made the outside world go green with envy.

Being the true leader that he is, Sheikh Mohammed is clearly a person with exceptional vision and knows just too well what to do and how to go about doing it. No wonder, he is greatly loved by his people who see him as a man with the Midas touch, one who has done so much for them.

That he rules the hearts is evident from the fact that unlike many other heads of state, he does not need any security cover when going out to his people. He is so popular.

In the equine world too he is equally popular and respected for what he has achieved through his champion horses, stables and for being the host to the world's richest horseracing event – the Dubai World Cup. His contributions to the sport have been tremendous.

Another feather in his cap soon would be the state of the art Meydan which is under construction and is to host the Dubai World Cup in 2010. A completely new stage for horseracing in just a couple of years is surely going to be wonderful and should make the sunny emirate even more of an attraction. Sheikh Mohammed's ideas are simply brilliant!



First of all let me tell you how amazed I was to see your publication 'Horse&Horseman'. I got to see Horse&Horseman with a friend who had brought it from a horse fair in Dubai. Since I am a horse-lover and follow equine sports regularly, I was really impressed to see that you cover almost all horse-related events. Horse&Horseman is not only good content-wise but the quality of printing and the selection of the pictures are also very impressive. It's also nice to find news of almost all major events from across the globe under one umbrella. However, I would be more interested in reading about the equine scene in Pakistan. Horses are part of the rich culture of Pakistan and as such knowing more about the traditional horse-related sports of your country will be nice too. Keep up the good work.

Gilbert Gomes
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Horse&Horseman is truly one of the leading equine magazines around. Besides its wide range of coverage of almost all major international activity, one of your regular features I enjoy reading is your 'From The Horse's Mouth' column. Following so much of horse-related sport one only gets to read about the jockeys and the riders a lot. There is also some information about the horse but nobody knows exactly how the animal feels. After regularly reading almost all your 'From The Horse's Mouth' columns, one can at least stop and think about how a horse feels. You pick a different kind of horse every time, which is very good. It is humorous but at the same time it also touches a horse's possible feelings. I am eagerly awaiting your next issue or should I say I am eagerly awaiting the next 'From The Horse's Mouth' column.

Jacinta McGrate
Sydney, Australia

SAEED BIN SUROOR CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE **CARNIVAL WHILE RECORDING** **SIXTH WIN IN THE UAE 1000 GUINEAS**

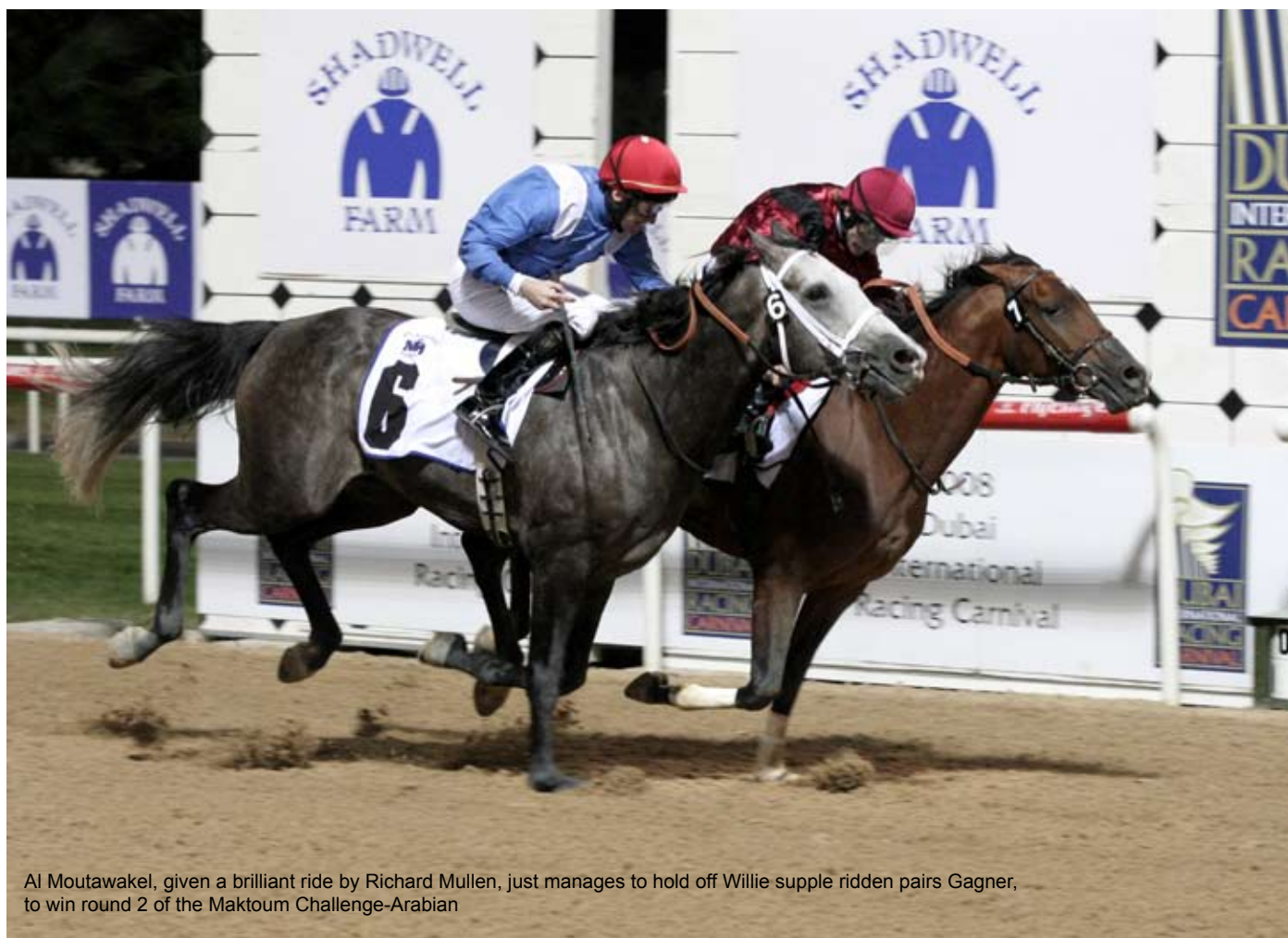
Karthi Selvaratnam

Friday's fifth meeting of the 2008 Dubai International Racing Carnival, sponsored by Meydan, was highlighted by the eighth running of the UAE 1000 Guineas, a Listed race over 1600m on the dirt and a crushing victory for Chilean filly Cocoa Beach who won comfortably by defeating stable companion Fiesta Lady, who beat her quite easily on the opening night of the Carnival.

Fitted with a visor for the first time, the winner was traveling very easy and was cruising approaching the bend, assuming control in the final furlong, took the Guineas with more than five lengths and giving former champion jockey Ted Durcan a very comfortable win. Ted said: "She had the blinds on

and was far closer to the action this time. She ran in behind Frankie (on Fiesta Lady) a little, but I knew we could pick them up."

Saeed Bin Suroor scored a four timer for the second time in the 2008 Carnival, with convincing wins from third set, Jalil and Gravitas. third set, the five-year-old was one of the top handicappers in the UK last year, and found only Lucky Find too good on his UAE debut last month. Lucky Find has since won the 2nd round of the Maktoum Challenge and this performance could be a preview of things to come and could now be set for bigger prizes following his two and a quarter length win.



Al Moutawakel, given a brilliant ride by Richard Mullen, just manages to hold off Willie supple ridden pairs Gagner, to win round 2 of the Maktoum Challenge-Arabian



Two champions, crowd favourite Willie Supple and Richard Mullen battle it out in the last strides of the Maktoum Challenge round 2-Arabians



Ted Durcan wins comfortably on Cocoa Beach to give Suroor his sixth 1000 guineas.

Early in the night Bin Suroor was in the winners enclosure with Gravitas in the opening 2400m turf handicap. Dettori had an easy steering job as Gravitas cantered home more than three lengths clear of Illustrious Blue.

Top Aussie jockey Kerrin McEvoy gave future star Jalil a beautiful ride and in the process set a new track record for 1700m, when winning the Meydan Marina. Suroor has so far recorded 13 winners at DIRC 2008.

DE KOCK IN BRILLIANT FORM AND CONTINUES TOWARDS THE DIRC 2008 CHAMPIONSHIP



Leading South African jockey Kevin Shea beats Candidate to win the group 3 Maktoum Challenge round 2 thoroughbred.

Champion South African trainer Mike De Kock had another eventful night while teaming up with Kevin Shea and went on to dominate the fourth night at Dubai International Racing Carnival meeting, as the pair teamed up to take both the feature race and chief supporting contest.

The South African trainer and rider landed the

Group 3 Maktoum Challenge Round 2 - the main event on the Shadwell Farm-sponsored card with Lucky Find.

De Kock said: "He improved tremendously from his first run, so we were very confident. We'll go for the third round of the Maktoum Challenge next and hopefully he could be a Dubai World Cup



Probably the best filly in South Africa, Sun Classique, shows her class while winning the listed Cape Verdi..

horse. Lucky Find defeated last year's winner Candidate and with this win proves the faith his trainer has in him and surely this horse will go places.

Earlier Kevin Shea and De Kock combined to win the Listed Cape Verdi Stakes with Sun Classique, who a lot of people believe is the top filly in South Africa, and this stunning win proved just why on her UAE debut.

Following the four-year-old's two and a quarter length success over Many Colours, Shea said: "She travelled so well, I was always confident we would win. She was a champion in South Africa and is a really exciting prospect."

De Kock has been using the great services of Champion Johnny Murtagh and has teamed up to saddle loads of winners with him. Murtagh is retained by Dhruba Selvaratnam and is free to ride for De Kock when available. Selvaratnam has also been very sporting in not claiming Murtagh in some races even when he has a runner, giving Murtagh the option to ride a De Kock horse with a better chance.



Kevin Shea gives thanks after his brilliant win in the Maktoum Challenge round 2.

AMERICAN HORSE OF THE YEAR CURLIN IS DUBAI BOUND

American Horse of the Year Curlin has booked his ticket and is flying to Dubai. In fact he will already be in sunny Dubai by the time our readers will see this article. Champion horse Curlin will be making an early arrival in Dubai in order to acclimatize himself ahead of the Dubai World Cup.

A day before jetting off to Dubai, Curlin arrived in Florida on Friday with assistant trainer Scott Blasi. Curlin is traveling with his buddy Poncho, a pony and the jet setting equine travelers will be in transit in England until their high level arrival into Dubai

International airport!

Trainer Steve Asmussen has scheduled a workout in Dubai for Curlin prior to his first start of 2008, which has been pegged for a US\$175,000, 2,000-meter race during the Dubai International Racing Carnival on the Nad Al Sheba dirt track on February 28. Then, the chestnut son of Smart Strike will train up to the Dubai World Cup at the same distance with a possibility of breaking the record for all time earnings currently held by the great Cigar who earned a thumping record of \$9,999,815



Curlin wins in a canter on his debut appearance at Nad Al Sheba.

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RIDING IS HER PASSION

Horse&Horseman interviewed German Jacqueline Frantz, an agile young woman with a big heart for horses. At an age of only 19 years she already has participated in various competitions and has a great passion for horses.

H&H: When did you start riding?

JF: I have always had a weakness for those extraordinary animals – either you have this horse-virus or not.

And like every little girl I had the desire to ride or better have an own horse. I had the advantage that my mother has been riding since her childhood and a few years after my birth she wanted to continue this with an own horse. I believe that was the beginning. When my mother bought her horse – an Arab – I was six years old and started vaulting. This

I did for 1 ½ years, then I got a riding share on 2 ponies. They finally taught me how uncomfortable it is to fall and kiss the ground and also how and when to close your legs firmly in the right moment. When I was 12 years I got my first own horse Fallon, a 6 year old Westfahl mare. Sad to say, that she died two years later of an incurable rare disease. After searching a long time I eventually found and fell in love with my new horse Fabienne, who is by now a 13 year old Hessen mare.

H&H: Who inspired you be interested in dressage?

JF: It's easy to answer – my mother. She is riding with love and passion and healthy ambition, it has always been great to watch her. And like me she has a special love for details.



Jacqueline Frantz talking to H&H Editor Adil Shah



Jacqueline with her family

H&H: For how long is your family into horse business and what is their back ground?

JF: My mother is basically CEO in one of the printing shops of our family. Riding is rather her hobby or better passion.

Bruno Eidam, my mother's life partner has been riding since he was six. He also started on ponies. Nowadays he can look back on countless success. He is about to get the Golden Riding Badge, there is only a good result in S-Class competitions missing. With 44 years now he is multiple awarded trainer in dressage on highest level.

In 2004 we moved to the riding centre – Dressurstall (lit. translated: dressage stable). It's wonderful and a dream came true for us.

H&H: What exactly do u offer at your dressage center?

JF: We try to make it possible for everyone to find his luck at our centre, be it as a riding training, training for a horse or buying a new horse. Our eye mark is on dressage, as one can tell by the name. For example we also buy horses, train them, introduce them at competitions and sell them then. It's also possible to bring a horse for sale to our

place and we will sell it in the name of the clients. For us is important, that those are high quality horses with potential, with good character and health. If someone is searching for a foal he can also try his luck. Every year we have top youngsters on offer.

We have 32 stables at our centre, so it's a kind of family atmosphere. Some stables are always occupied by horses on sale, the other one by our own horses or rented out. If someone wants to rent a stable for his horse here, he or she can do this by signing a special contract. This means one will get training lessons for horse and rider as a package with the stable.

Of course it's also possible to come just for riding lessons or to rent a stable for a limited time. If wanted, Bruno Eidam is accompanying his students and clients also to competitions and offers professional care there.

H&H: Did any of your students at the family dressage center reach national or international level?

JF: Bruno Eidam himself is riding in the international sport up to Grand Prix level. His life partner – my mother - Ilona Kanne and another client of our



centre are competing up to S-Class.

One of our former students was then riding for Mr. Schockemöhle (3 times winner of European championship, Olympic Games) and has now her own stables. Furthermore there are a good number of young promising talents training with Mr. Eidam.

H&H: Tell us some unforgettable moments.

JF: I believe if one is riding, one experiences so many unforgettable moments that it is hard to filter the best one. The best time I had was definitely the 2 years that I could spend with my first horse Fallon from the moment I got her till the bitter ending. It was always great to be with her, to ride her or just to snugg her. Those were 2 years that enriched my life, left marks and showed me how deep a relation between human and animal can be. I learned to appreciate and use the time with animals specially. But even right now I enjoy sitting in the sun with my horse, seeing her approaching me slowly, putting her head on my shoulder, blowing in my ear, waiting for her strokes and curiously watching me while answering your questions.

Another unforgettable moment was the first birth in our horse centre. The tension till birth starts, the fear during labor and the relieve when you see both mare and foal in good health.

H&H: How do you feel being with horses?

JF: It is difficult to describe the feeling and I believe only people who are in with horses can sympathize with it. It's a very special feeling.

It's like an addiction. Not only riding, but all matters around it. Personally I can't get enough of watching those elegant, wonderful creatures. They emanate a kind of magic that grips you. The warmth, love and honesty they give you are not to buy with gold. The feeling I have with Fabienne on our rides when she is galloping so incredibly fast is not comparable with anything in the world. Despite the speed and risks she gives me the feeling of safety, we trust each other blindfolded. Horses symbolize a great kind of freedom.

H&H: Do you have a favorite horse and what do you appreciate most in it?

JF: Of course my own horse is my favorite – would be bad if not...

But for me every horse has something special, its own character and a certain charm. I even love the color of my mare; she looks like she had been dropped in a huge cup of hot chocolate and then someone spilled milk just over her forehead and nose. Even her long ears are cute – my little donkey...

I love her character; she has her own mind and knows well what she wants. Sometimes it's not that easy, but eventually it's those little kinks that make a real personality, isn't it?

Even if she sometimes comes out on dressage training I still know that I can completely rely on her in competitions or on our free rides. And what I find especially adorable in her is that after cleaning and before saddling she insists on her snuggling time. She would simply lay her head on my arms, snort, close her eyes and wait for me to caress her. Who could refuse?!?

H&H: You are in dressage, which other equine sports do you like?

JF: Except doing dressage I am sometimes in show jumping as a balance for my horse, but that's not our favorite, on that Fabienne and me are all one. We rather enjoy hours of free riding and really have our fling.

H&H: Did you participate in any competition? Tell us about it.

JF: Two times we had been at Eifel to join a trekking ride. 7 days each 9 hours of riding, 50 km on average each day. Those were great days that really brought us together.

With Fallon I regularly joined competitions successfully. Also with Fabienne sometimes. But

those times are over for the time being. I did my graduation this year and did not have much time for training. Now I start my assumed 3 years of studies which contain a time in England. So I will just enjoy the time with my horse rather than training often. Maybe I will go for some tournaments for fun in the next season. Maybe we will even be successful; we surely wouldn't mind some good ranks.

H&H: In our magazine u have read about tent pegging, a very unique and ancient sport in Pakistani culture. What do you think about it?

JF: I find this sport very interesting. It's not for no reason that it is one of the most famous sports in your culture. Here in Germany Tent Pegging is not well known. The historical background is interesting too.

To be successful I believe it also needs good strategy and team work.

It's great that riding is so versatile. In the internet I have been reading about ring jousting, lemon sticking, quintain tilting, Parthian archery and cavalry revolver and seen impressive pictures.

H&H: Give us your views of Horse&Horseman.

JF: I must say it is a very impressive magazine. It has a lot of news of all the major international events. I think you people are doing a great job.



Jacqueline Frantz with one of her horse

FRENCH OWNER ALEC WILDENSTEIN DEAD



Alec Wildenstein (left), owner of Westerner, receives the Ascot Gold Cup.

Alec Wildenstein, co-owner of a prominent racing stable with his brother, Guy, died Feb. 18 in Paris after a long illness, according to Paris Turf. He was 67.

Wildenstein, whose late father, Daniel, also was a major breeder/owner, was born in Marseille in 1940 and was known as a reserved, yet affable character. Like his father, he was passionate about both art and racing.

Having lived somewhat in the shadow of his father for many years, Alec Wildenstein came to run the family racing and breeding empire—the Ecurie Wildenstein and Dayton Investments. Together, the family won every French classic in the flat, jump, and trotting disciplines, although since 2002, the Wildenstein stable had invested considerably less than in previous years.

In 2002, Alec Wildenstein spoke candidly to the French racing newspaper Paris Turf, revealing that: “For 30 years I have done the matings for my father. Now I do them for my brother and I. Even if trotting interests me more than flat and jumps, I still buy trotters ‘ready-made’ since there is so much waste.”

The Wildenstein broodmare band is composed of more than 50 mares, based mainly at the Haras de Bois Roussel. They own fewer than five trotting

mares.

From 2002 to 2005, Alec Wildenstein experienced a number of racing highlights with horses running in the famous dark blue jacket and light blue cap. Bright Sky won the Prix de Diane Hermes (Fr-I) and the Prix de l’Opera (Fr-I). Aquarelliste took the Prix Ganay (Fr-I). Westerner amassed several group I wins for stayers both domestically and abroad, and Vallee Enchantee won the Hong Kong Vase (HK-I).

In 2004, Kotkijet, owned in partnership with trotting master Jean-Pierre Dubois, landed the biggest jumping prize of all, the Grand Steeple Chase de Paris.

Under Wildenstein’s management, the stable won over □15 million (about \$22 million) with flat and jump horses and over □5 million (about \$7.3 million) with trotters. Elie Lellouche and Dominique Sepulchre trained his flat horses, and Jean-Paul Gallorini and Marcel Rolland the jumpers. In total, the stable owns over 200 racehorses and breeding stock.

Wildenstein’s part of the business will be passed on to his son, Alec Jr., and daughter, Diane.



CURLIN HIS WAY TO THE DUBAI WORLD CUP 2008

In his final tune-up for Saturday's Group 1 Dubai World Cup, American Horse of the Year Curlin amazed a big gathering at Nad Al Sheba with a show of sheer class on Monday. Exercise rider Carlos Rosas, in the saddle, probably the easiest ride he has ever had, Curlin strolled through a half-mile (about 800 metres) in :50.16 and galloped out five furlongs (about 1,000 metres) in 1:06.18. Scott Blasi, who has been overseeing Curlin's preparations in Dubai for trainer Steve Asmussen, labelled the workout "perfect" Mike De Kock also made an appearance opting to work his World Cup runners Lucky Find and Asiatic Boy on the Nad Al Sheba turf. Also present was Great Hunter who did a light canter under Tony Romero, for trainer Doug O'Neill. Romero said he backed J. Paul Reddam's four-year-old colt up to the 2,000-metre mark and had him gallop once around the track.

Curlin is the real deal and its going to be a special effort by any horse to beat him.

Come what may on Saturday the 29th of March, the racing world is going to witness an all time great "CURLIN" his way to the Dubai World Cup 2008.



Trainer Steve Asmussen, leads out Curlin with Albarado astride for his debut appearance at Nad Al Sheba

RAMONTI UPSETS FAVOURITE VIVA PATACA



Ramonti, ridden by Lanfranco Dettori, wins the Hong Kong Cup.

Celebrated jockey Frankie Dettori guided Ramonti to an upset victory over favourite Viva Pataca in the Hong Kong International Cup at the Sha Tin in Hong Kong.

Europe's champion miler out-sprinted the local favourite to clinch the HK\$20 million prize (US\$2.5 million) at the International Races.

A member of the Godolphin stable, Ramonti made his move with 200 metres to go in the seven-horse, 2,000-metre race and held off a strong challenge from Viva Pataca to win by half a length.

After the race, Viva Pataca's jockey Michael Kinane lodged an objection that he was interfered by Dettori in the final 350 metres. But his protest was rejected and a joyous Dettori lifted the trophy.

Musical Way of France, who is trained by United Arab Emirate's Saeed bin Suroor finished three lengths behind Ramonti to take third place.

"Ramonti is the toughest and bravest horse I've ridden," said Italian Dettori after the race. "He was all class and I'm really pleased with this victory."

The five-year-old Ramonti ran third in the Hong Kong International Mile last year and there had been doubts he would have the stamina to go the distance.

Hong Kong champion sprinter Sacred Kingdom stormed to victory in the HK\$12 million Sprint over 1,200 metres as the home horses grabbed the top three places.

Sacred Kingdom, who was ridden by Frenchman



French jockey Olivier Doleuze riding Good Ba Ba (#7), races to the finish line to win the Hong Kong Mile.



French jockey Gerald Mosse riding Sacred Kingdom crosses the finish line to win the Hong Kong Sprint.

Gerald Mosse and is trained by Hong Kong trainer Ricky Yiu, had gone into the race with an impressive record having won the Hong Kong Sprint Trial in record time. The four-year-old did not disappoint as he swept to victory to record an easy two-and-a-quarter-length.

Sacred Kingdom proved too strong for Absolute Champion and Royal Delight to the line.

The biggest disappointment was Australia's Horse of the Year, Miss Andretti, who struggled throughout and finished a well-beaten 10th out of 13.



Jockey Olivier Peslier on Doctor Dino celebrates after crossing the finish line to win in the Hong Kong Vase.



Italian jockey Lanfranco Dettori on Ramonti is greeted by trainer Saeed bin Suroor after winning the Hong Kong Cup.



Italian jockey Lanfranco Dettori raises the trophy after winning the Hong Kong Cup.



Gerald Mosse raises the trophy after guiding Sacred Kingdom to victory in the Hong Kong Sprint.



French jockey Olivier Doleuze on Good Ba Ba greets spectators after winning the Hong Kong Mile.



Olivier Peslier riding Doctor Dino waves to the crowd after winning the Hong Kong Vase.



Lanfranco Dettori jumps from Ramonti to celebrate victory in his own style.

French jockey Olivier Peslier steered Hong Kong's Good Ba Ba to victory in the HK\$16 million Mile after a tight finish with Creachadoir of the UAE.

Good Ba Ba matched the Dettori-ridden Creachadoir neck-and-neck inside the last 100 metres before the favourite grabbed victory right on the line to win by a short head. Third home was French entry Darjina another length behind.

Peslier earlier guided Doctor Dino to victory in

the International Vase with clear favourite Dylan Thomas finishing a disappointing seventh.

Trained by Richard Gibson, the five-year-old swept to the lead inside the last 150 metres to beat Great Britain's Quijano and German entrant Bussoni.

Full of Joy begins New Year in style

Almond Lee Yee-tat had almost given up any hope of winning a race with his long-time maiden Full of Joy. But come the year of the rodents and his luck changed immediately.

The five-year-old Full of Joy with jockey Alex Lai Hoi-wing on top cruised to victory in the Chinese New Year Cup at Sha Tin amid lion dancers, marching bands and other sundry entertainment for the Lunar New Year.

"Very lucky, what else can I say?" Lee said to a question. "I really didn't think he could win, coming back from 1,600 to 1,400 metres, but I have to give credit to the boy (Alex Lai Hoi-wing), he rode him very well."

Lee said Full Of Joy had been a major frustration to the stable, often having bad luck with wide barriers and taking until his 12th start to break through for a win.

And once again, the Australian private purchase was drawn wide, in barrier 12. "The difference today was that he got across fairly comfortably," Lee said. "I told the boy to push him out fast from the barrier, but not to get into a speed duel with Tchaikovsky.

"Full credit to Alex, his judgment of pace was very good. He backed off Full of Joy after 400 metres and that allowed Howard Cheng to steady the tempo on the leader. Once that happened, our horse was perfectly placed, forward in a race with moderate

tempo, and with a light weight."

Cheng and trainer David Hall were probably thinking the same thing about Tchaikovsky, but the bold frontrunner suddenly had a bleeding attack in the straight and so ended his hopes. He ultimately faded to finish ninth but was only 2 1/2 lengths from the winner.

Full of Joy was the biggest upset in the 10-year history of the race, which has traditionally been a launching pad for future Group One horses. Two years ago, it heralded the arrival of Joyful Winner, who won the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup at Group One level two months later, and last year it was won emphatically by the brilliant Good Ba Ba.

Lai claimed his own piece of history by becoming the first Chinese jockey to win the race, and Full of Joy denied Joyful Winner the privilege of becoming the first dual winner by a mere neck.

Christophe Soumillon said Joyful Winner tried his heart out with his top weight of 133 pounds, and the story of the race was written in the handicaps, with his mount conceding Full of Joy 23 pounds.



Alex Lai Hoi-wing on Full of Joy celebrates his victory.



Alex Lai Hoi-wing on Full of Joy (at left) wins the Chinese New Year Race at the Sha Tin Racecourse in Hong Kong.

Etisalat Communicates with UAE EQUINE INDUSTRY

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A galloping Thoroughbred, an elegant, beautiful and gracious Arabian and Etisalat the mega multinational UAE owned company one would wonder what these three wonders have in common. Speed, progress, development and continuity are just some of the few similarities they share.

The UAE has a very rich and proud heritage and the love of horses amongst the people of the UAE goes back to time immemorial. As the years have progressed and development in the UAE reaching break neck speeds, multinational giants Etisalat have associated themselves proudly with the rich history of the horse industry in the UAE.

Engineer Ahmed Bin Ali, Vice President Corporate Communications, is one such dedicated individual who is always striving to support the horse industry in the UAE. An extremely busy gentleman, Ahmed was more than delighted to talk about ways to support not just the horse industry but all aspects of society in general. Ahmed said that Etisalat was extremely proud to be associated with the ever booming horse industry in the UAE as it is a part of the Arab heritage and also the two have a common ground- "speed and efficiency." Ahmed added that any equine sport was an elegant and noble affair and Etisalat has and always will be honored to be a part of it.





Saeed Al Tayer with Etisalat Vice President corporate communications Ahmed Bin Ali



The picture says it all" there is only one winner "



Ahmed Bin Ali presents local owner and Emirates Airlines captain Amin Farook with his trophy.

Ahmed said that they are extremely delighted and honored to be the proud title sponsor of the Godolphin Mile at the world's richest horse race day, The Dubai World Cup Meeting. To support one of the biggest race, on the world calendar such as the Godolphin Mile shows the sheer commitment and dedication of Etisalat in encouraging and helping in the progress of racing not just in the UAE but the world in general. Racing no longer has boundaries and Etisalat understands the open policy of world racing and hence just as they reach out to people in the world of communication, they do the same—reach out to individuals in the equine industry by supporting and encouraging big world events as the Dubai International Racing Carnival and the biggest day of all the Dubai World Cup. Ahmed Bin Ali said: “We value our partnership with Dubai Racing Club and we consider horse racing as one of the most important sports that has earned a wide popularity and is strongly attached to our heritage.”

Etisalat does not just stick with racing they are

heavily linked in Polo, Show Jumping, Endurance and Arabian Horse Shows. Ahmed Bin Ali goes on to add “Etisalat is keen on communicating with the community in the UAE by participating in various activities. We believe our technology success has to be shared with the community so we are always aware about the need to support such activities.”

Established in 16 different countries, Etisalat has not just confined itself to the UAE. They have proudly been a part of Egypt's horse racing, boat racing, football and a host of other sports.

Etisalat has earned a reputation of an innovative and progressive telecom operator and has achieved this ranking after putting in place a successful expansion strategy which has now seen it enter the telecommunication markets worldwide and in similar fashion Etisalat has begun to reach out and communicate with the equine community –Reach Out The World Is Waiting.

Horse&Horseman interviewed Etisalat Vice President Corporate Communications Ahmed Bin Ali

H&H: What is Etisalat's involvement with the Dubai Racing Carnival

Etisalat is partnering with the Dubai Racing Carnival for the second year in 2008, bringing with it a series of competitions and promotions for race goers.

H&H: Why does Etisalat sponsor this event?

Etisalat believes in the spirit of competition and nowhere is this most evident than within the sport of horse racing. We also have as one of our core values the idea of 'Energy'. This is reflected well by the speed and strength of the horses and their riders.

H&H: What does Etisalat gain from sponsoring this event?

Etisalat is one of the UAE's crown jewel brands. We are an ambassador for the country across 16 markets, covering a population of 800m people. By sponsoring events with such global appeal, as the Dubai Racing Carnival and the Dubai World Cup, we help promote our brand across our markets, effectively helping to elevate awareness.

H&H: What else is Etisalat doing in the field of sponsorship?

In the same line as this sponsorship, we have been the partners for the Etisalat Football League for four years now, we are also sponsors of marine sports, including the Formula 1 Power Boating races. We have also participated for several years with the Al Ain Airshow. Most recently, our subsidiary in



Etisalat Vice President Corporate Communications, Ahmed Bin Ali presenting leading Australian jockey Kerrin McEvoy with a trophy.

Egypt has extended this strategy in their market through sponsorship of the Egyptian football league and through allowing customers to watch games with its mobile television service.

H&H: What does Etisalat think of the Dubai Racing Carnival?

The Dubai Racing Carnival is one of the most important events in the Middle East social and sporting calendar and is also one of the key activities that attracts international attention to the country. It is a very important event for the UAE.

H&H: How does the Dubai Racing Carnival support the growth of the UAE and national companies here?

The Dubai Racing Carnival is a reflection of the vision of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. It is helping to build Dubai's reputation

as the best city in the world, and the UAE as a hub for tourism and sport. We are proud to support this event and in so doing, helping to realize the vision of His Highness.

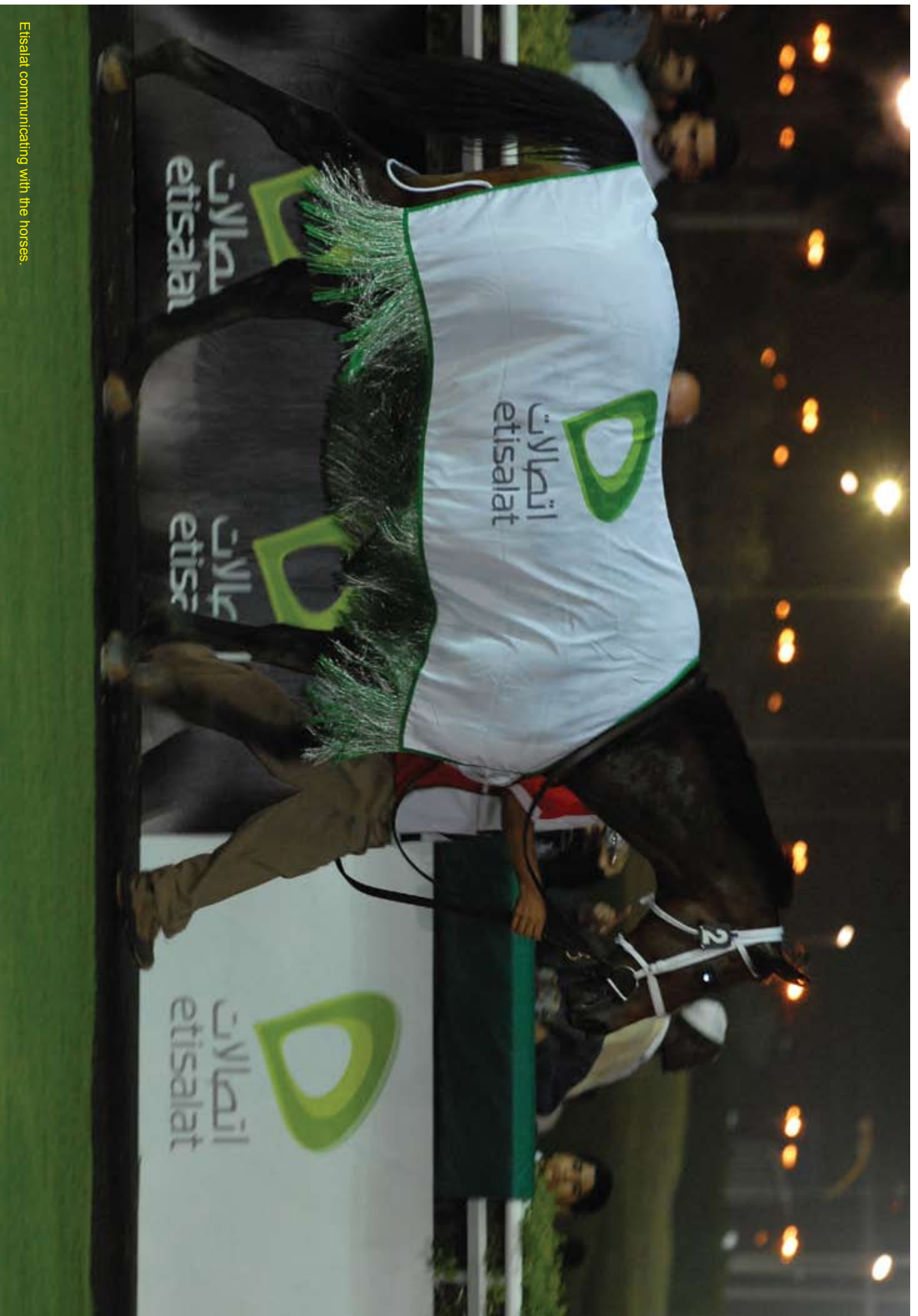
H&H: What do you think of the future of the racing carnival?

The Dubai Racing Carnival and other events in



The Godolphin Mile Trophy

Dubai are strongly backed and have a heritage and reputation for excellence in their execution and in the competition and audience they attract. It is certain that under the direction of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed al Maktoum Deputy Ruler of Dubai, that this event and the Emirate of Dubai has a shining future.



Etisalat communicating with the horses.

Jebel Ali Master Dhruba Selvaratnam trains his 1000th Winner

Three times UAE Champion trainer Dhruba Selvaratnam, the master of Jebel Ali Stables of H.H.Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum achieved a great record at Nad Al Sheeba by winning the "SWAIN" 7 Furlong TB Handicap at the DIRC 2008. It was a special moment for Selvaratnam who trained his very first winner way back in 1972, in Karachi, Pakistan. His very first winner was the legendary filly Fantastic, who went on to be the greatest ever horse to race in Pakistan and break records, that to this day remain intact. Incidentally it was Fantastic's first outing and gave Selvaratnam his first winner. Fantastic was on that day ridden by jockey Ajmal, who has since become a foreman for Musabah Al Muhairy here in Dubai. Fantastic went on to win 4 of the 5 Classics in Pakistan and would have achieved the unique fame of the only

horse to win all 5 Classics if not for some corrupt riding by English jockey A. Shrive. Interestingly, Selvaratnam, Fantastic and Ajmal, all ended up in this wonderful city of Dubai. Selvaratnam, continued to train, Fantastic made her way here by boat to start life as a brood mare and Ajmal as a stable foreman.

Selvaratnam's 1000th winner was ridden by stable jockey, the brilliant unassuming and surely the best in the business Johnny Murtagh. Murtagh showed the cheering crowd at Nad Al Sheba, why he is the best in a thrilling hard ridden finish to beat De Kock's Frosty Secret by quarter length. Selvaratnam later said: "Johnny won the race, not Al Maram." With an all time great like Johnny Murtagh in his armoury, Selvaratnam will surely be targeting the 1500 mark.



Irish legend Johnny Murtagh, with Sri Lankan Ace Dhruba Selvaratnam and Ex jockey Ajmal at the beautiful Jebel Ali Race Course.



Surely the best in the business, Murtagh shows his class while winning on Almaram to give Dhruva Selvarathnam his 1000th win

First meeting

Getting close to a horse or pony for the first time can be a bit alarming, but there is nothing to be afraid of. Most ponies are very gentle. Move slowly and quietly and do not shout or wave your arms about. Meeting a new pony is a bit like meeting a stranger. If you walk up confidently and talk in a friendly way, the pony will immediately feel at ease.



Horse too large

This horse is too large for the rider. The girl's lower legs are in contact with the saddle flaps instead of the horse's sides.



Pony too small

This pony is too small for the rider. The girl's legs are not in contact with the pony, and she may be too heavy for it.

The right size

A riding school will give you a pony to ride that is the right size for you. When you are sitting correctly in the saddle, the soles of your feet should be level with the line of the pony's belly. You will then be able to use your legs in the right place, just behind the pony's girth.

Introducing yourself

Approach a pony from the front and slightly from the side, walking towards his head so he can get a good look at you. Talk to him so that he can hear you and knows you are a friend. When you get close, let him smell your hand, then pat him on the neck and show him that you are not frightened of him.



Handling ponies

Walk, do not run around the stable-yard and paddocks when ponies are about. Do not get cross or flustered.

Speak quietly to ponies and to friends. Do not shout, or shriek with laughter.

Walk up to a pony confidently. Do not be nervous or you will make him nervous.

Give a pony a pat, or stroke his neck quite firmly so as not to tickle him.

Talk to ponies in a firm, friendly way, as if you are used to telling them what to do.

Offer a titbit such as a piece of carrot or apple or special pony treat. Food helps in almost any situation!



In the stable

Always let your pony know where you are, so you do not startle him. If you have to walk round his rear end, put a hand on his quarters and slide it down his tail as you go round. This will stop him from moving backwards.



Offering food

Hold your hand out flat with the food on it. Keep your thumb out of the way so that the pony does not bite it by mistake.

Making friends

Listen to what the instructor tells you and do what she says. You will soon make friends with the pony.

Brioni crowned Cartier Polo World Cup Champs

H&H Exclusive

Team Brioni were crowned the Cartier Polo World Cup on Snow champions after they defeated Team Cartier 8 ½-6 in the final at the frozen lake of St. Moritz.

The 24th edition of the tournament was played in ideal conditions against a magnificent natural backdrop, delighting a record crowd of 22,000 with action-packed matches.

The first chukker belonged to Cartier as they took a 2-0 lead early and defended well to keep Brioni at bay. Brioni came back strongly in the second chukker to score to goals but Cartier managed to

stay ahead 3-2 at the half way stage. Brioni found the target thrice while Cartier scored two more goals as the teams went into the fourth and deciding chukker all-square at 5-5.

Brioni saved their best for the last as they put the defending champions under pressure right from the start of the fourth chukker. Brioni scored three more goals and allowed just one on themselves to complete an excellent come from behind victory.

John Paul Clarkin of New Zealand and United Kingdom's Nacho Gonzalez were the stars for Brioni with three goals each. The Argentinean duo



The struggle for possession of the ball is on during the Nespresso Trophy match between Maybach and Brioni.



A Cartier player controls the ball during the Cartier Trophy.

of Marcos Di Paola and Guillermo Terrera scored three and two goals respectively for Cartier.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Team Brioni
2. Team Cartier
3. Team Maybach
4. Bank Julius Baer

RESULTS:

Dr. Berry Memorial Trophy

Cartier beat Maybach 3-2 1/2 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0, 1-2).
 Cartier: Adriano Agosti, CH; Guillermo Terrera, AR;
 Jose Donoso, CL (1 goal); Marcos Di Paola, AR (2 goals).
 Maybach: Philipp Maeder, CH; Ignacio Tillous, AR;

Pablo Jauretche, AR; Federico Bachmann, AR (2 goals).

Niarchos Trophy

Brioni beat Bank Julius Baer 4-1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Brioni: Guy Schwarzenbach, CH/AU; Johnny Good, UK (2 goals); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (1 goal); Nacho Gonzalez, UK (1 goal).

Bank Julius Baer: George Hanbury, UK; Charlie Hanbury, UK; Jaime Huidobro, CL; Bartolome Castagnola, AR (1 goal).

Swiss International Air Lines Trophy

Cartier lost to Brioni 3-3 1/2 (2-2, 0-0, 1-1, 0-0).
 Cartier: Adriano Agosti, CH; Guillermo Terrera, AR (1 goal), Jose Donoso, CL (2 goals); Marcos Di



Spectators enjoying the action on the field.

Paola, AR.

Brioni: Guy Schwarzenbach, CH/AU; Johnny Good, UK (1 goal); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (1 goal); Nacho Gonzalez, UK (1 goal).

Strellson Trophy

Maybach lost to Bank Julius Baer 5-6 (1-2, 0-2, 2-1, 2-1).

Maybach: Philipp Maeder, CH; Ignacio Tillous, AR (3 goals); Pablo Jauretche, AR (1 goal); Federico Bachmann, AR (1 goal).

Bank Julius Baer: George Hanbury, UK; Charlie Hanbury, UK (3 goals), Jaime Huidobro, CL; Bartolome Castagnola, AR (3 goals).

Presidents Trophy

Cartier beat Bank Julius Baer 9-4 (4-1, 3-1, 2-0, 0-2).

Cartier: Adriano Agosti, CH (1 goal); Guillermo Terrera, AR (4 goals), Jose Donoso, CL (1 goal); Marcos Di Paola, AR (3 goals).

Bank Julius Baer: George Hanbury, UK; Charlie Hanbury, UK; Jaime Huidobro, CL (4 goals); Bartolome Castagnola, AR.

Nespresso Trophy

Maybach lost to Brioni 2-3 (1-0, 0-0, 1-2, 0-0, 0-1).

Maybach: Philipp Maeder, CH; Ignacio Tillous, AR; Pablo Jauretche, AR (2 goals); Federico Bachmann, AR.

Brioni: Guy Schwarzenbach, CH / AU (1Tor); Johnny Good, UK (1 goal); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (1 goal); Nacho Gonzalez, UK.

AMG Mercedes Cup

Bank Julius Baer lost to Maybach 3-4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-1, 2-1).

Bank Julius Baer: George Hanbury, UK; Charlie Hanbury,



Cartier and Bank Julius Baer players fight for the ball in the Presidents Trophy.



A delightful scene during the match between Mayback and Bank Julius Baer.



Brioni players take the ball goal-bound in the Cartier Trophy.

UK; Jaime Huidobro, CL; Bartolome Castagnola, AR (2 goals).

Maybach: Philipp Maeder, CH (1 goal); Ignacio Tillous, AR (1 goal, 1 own goal); Pablo Jauretche, AR (1 goal); Federico Bachmann, AR (1 goal).

Cartier Trophy

Brioni beat Cartier 8 1/2- 6 (0-2, 2-1, 3-2, 3-1).

Brioni: Guy Schwarzenbach, CH/AU (1 goal); Johnny Good, UK (1 goal); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (3 goals); Nacho Gonzalez, UK (3 goals).

Cartier: Adriano Agosti, CH (1 goal); Guillermo Terrera, AR (2 goals); Jose Donoso, CL; Marcos Di Paola, AR (3 goals).

St. Moritz - The cradle of polo in Central Europe

St. Moritz in Switzerland is not only a skiing area of world fame but has a long history of polo, one of the earliest in Europe. More than a century ago, in 1899, the first polo field was introduced at St. Moritz-Bad by British cavalry officers, who had been stationed there and been playing the game as part of their military training and leisure activity.

This initial enthusiasm ebbed away as the officers got order to leave for the Boer War in South Africa. It was still a quite British game as they had brought it from East India/Manipore, where they had first

encountered and fallen in love with it around 1850. However, the historical traces lead back to Persia as far as 600BC. The first English Polo Club was founded in 1873 in Hurlingham Polo Club, where the first written rules were established. Later when the game was introduced in America it was there, where the handicap rules were invented.

In St. Moritz it took a while after the British left, but in 1959 the St. Moritz Polo Club was founded under Chairman Dr. P. R. Berry. Starting in the following year, a tournament was held annually in summer. Teams from Argentina, Italy, the USA and England joined and drew 3,000-4,000 spectators each year. The only Swiss player at that time was Christian Mathis.

A year before Polo started, the first show jumping competition on snow was held and thereafter carried out annually and even before that in 1907 the nowadays so famous White Turf races started in St. Moritz.

In the early days the harness races were held over 5,000 metres on little Norwegian sleds, but nowadays original sukies are brought and wheels are exchanged with runners.

In 1965, the former polo pitch hosted an altitude training centre for athletes competing in the 1968

summer Olympics in Mexico City, the polo game was abandoned for this period.

From 1978 the first all Swiss St. Moritz polo team under captain Gaudenzi moved out to show the world that Switzerland can not only host superb tournaments, but also produce successful players itself.

Ex-polo player Christian Mathis took over the chairmanship of the polo club after the initial founder passed away in 1983 and established the Swiss Polo Association (SPA).

On 26-27 January 1985, the St. Moritz Polo Club organised and hosted the world premiere of the Cartier Polo World Cup on Snow on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. The idea from Gaudenzi was previously considered a crazy whim but the unique white arena on the lake passed its initiation as a polo field with flying colours.

Since then the Cartier Polo World Cup has been the world's most prestigious winter polo tournament. But that shouldn't be the final improvement in St. Moritz. In hard, year-long work the polo club gained building rights and another polo ground named 'San Gian Equestrian Sports Field' was laid out for summer events.

In 1992, this decision was awarded by the FIP



Members of Team Brioni hold aloft the Cartier Trophy.



Cartier and Maybach players battle it out during the Dr. Berry Memorial Trophy.



Horses gallop towards a loose ball during the Cartier Trophy.

(Federación Internacional de Polo) that decided to hold the 1993 European Championships and the 1995 World Cup right there.

In August 1992, with Reto G. Gaudenzi chairing the organising committee, the BSI Swiss Open was the first summer tournament to be held.

Now St. Moritz stood for the only place worldwide where polo could be played throughout the year on grass in summer and on snow in winter. All efforts

were not in vein, the Swiss national team won the bronze medal at the 1993 European Championships on home land.

Concerning the Cartier Polo World Cup every year some new amenities were introduced to provide highest standard and make the event a great experience for both spectators and competitors, shuttle services and special childcare are only a few of them.



Mayback and Bank Julius Baer players wait for the start of the match.

HIS MAJESTY TUANKU MIZAN ZAINAL ABIDIN

KING OF MALAYSIA XIII AND SULTAN OF TERENGGANU

Duli Yang Maha Mulia Al-Wathiqu Billah Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah is the 16th Sultan of the state of Terengganu, Malaysia, and the 13th King of Malaysia.

Mizan Zainal Abidin was born as son of Sultan Mahmud al-Muktafi Billah Shah on 22nd of January 1962 in the oil-rich state of Kuala Terengganu.

After receiving his education up to secondary level at home he got admission in the prestigious Geelong Grammar School in Australia and went for further studies to England, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relationships from Alliant International University in 1988.

Meanwhile, he also attended military courses and finished them as Cadet Officer, later being given the rank of Honorary Lieutenant when commencing his service at the Royal Cavalry in 1984.

After obtaining his university degree he was appointed State Administrative Officer at the State Economic Planning Unit (UPEN) in Kuala Terengganu.

In 1996, Mizan, by now also Crown Prince of Terengganu State, married Sultanah Nur Zahirah. They have four children (two daughters and as many sons).

When his father died in 1998, he became his successor as the 16th Sultan of Terengganu.

A year later he became Timbalan King before Sultan Salahudin Abdul Aziz Shah, the Sultan of Selangor, was appointed as the eleventh king. The term Timbalan king refers to the acting head of state in between the terms. Mizan was again Timbalan in 2001.

However, in November 2006 the keen horseman and golf player was elected for his term as second youngest ever King of Malaysia and first to be born after independence. The formal ceremony took place on 26 April 2007. Press statements say, that he started changing things already on his first day, ending the functions at 10:30 pm so that "the people can go to bed early" instead of watching him on TV.

The Endurance King

Though King Mizan was involved in many sports like football golf, taekwondo and scuba diving, his tight schedule allows him simply to enjoy equestrian activities, which was the only sport he would not accept to be dropped.

Throughout his life he was involved in endurance activities and competitions at home and abroad. His efforts and visions have done a great part in introducing Malaysia to the endurance world and vice versa. HRH established a centre for equestrian sports in his native state which has risen to international standard by now and the Royal Terengganu Endurance Stable (RTES) is especially aimed at endurance training.

The RTES team has taken part in the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Aachen and the European Open 2007 in Portugal.

All the efforts of King Mizan paid off well, now culminating in Malaysia being chosen to host the 2008 FEI World Endurance Championship.

HRH himself has participated in numerous endurance competitions. He came fourth at the 105km Johor Endurance Championship/Malaysia in February 2004, two months later he won the Wilga 80km Endurance Ride in Australia. In October of the same year, he finished third in the 105km Kelantan Royal Jubilee Endurance. In 2005, he represented Malaysia at the 160km Endurance Championship in Dubai and later became champion at the 90km Harris Ride Championship in Perth, Australia. In 2007, he was placed second at an International Endurance Ride Championship in March in Qatar, which qualified him for the 2008 FEI World Endurance Championship at Lembah Bidong in his native homeland. The last event for HRH up to now was in June 2007 at the Nanango CEI 3-Star 160km International Endurance Ride in Queensland, Australia. On a loan horse, an Arab-appaloosa called Taljarri Moonlight Pharoah, the King finished 12th in 12 hours, 12 minutes.



His Majesty Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin, King of Malaysia XIII and Sultan of Terengganu

MALAYSIA IS ON THE ENDURANCE MAP

Heidi

November saw the final test ride for the Federation Equestrian International (FEI) to decide whether the conditions in Malaysia are made for a 160-kilometre ride in a World Championship.

This year will see the World Championship in the Sultanate Terengganu at the East Coast of Malaysia at the South China Sea.

FEI Director Endurance Ian Williams congratulated the organising team of the Sultan's Cup 2007, the second test ride, for their great achievements, the truly World Championship facilities, the tracks, and last not but least the unbelievable completion

rate of more than 60% in this ride, while world wide during the last six years the rate was about 46%.

The pressure under which the organisers prepared for the Sultan's Cup 2007 was enormous, since they needed a minimum completion rate of 40%, if not all the efforts would have been in vain.

The minimum speed during the 7 loops, with a hold after each one of 50 minutes, was reduced to 10kmh. The ground was undulating and majority flat and good under foot with minimum altitude differentials.



Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor CEO World Cup Endurance 2008 and Official



HM Sultan Mizan before the Start

the whole not many horses exceeded 60bpm and also came down much faster.

With these conditions applied, even the European, American and Desert horses could compete and there was not a single horse in a difficult condition. The riders kept the right pace and most of the horses came home in very good spirits.

This is a wonderful result, more so, since to my

firm belief a World Championship should come to all the places in the world, and horses and riders must be able to cope with the prevailing climates and difficulties, or we should not call it World Championship!

Results:

1. Naser Marzouqi (UAE) on grey Arab mare Hafiza Du Mas, born in 1995, 10 hours, 31 minutes.



The Winner Naser on the last loop



The Sultan comes home with Paul Brown/Australia after 160 kms

2. Jack Begaud (FRA) on grey roan Arab gelding Idais Tohiba, born in 1996, 10 hours, 33 minutes
3. Khalid Al Shafar (UAE) on grey Arab gelding Supreme Dream, born in 1999, 10 hours, 39 minutes
4. Maria Vitoria Liberal Lins (BRA), on grey Arab gelding Filoteu Rach, born in 1999, 10 hours, 39 minutes.
- 5 Katherine Jeanne Brunjes (USA), on chestnut Arab gelding Theatric, born in 1998, 11 hours, 2 minutes.

The best placed Malaysian competitor was Faizal Ismail on Rayyan, who finished 11th in 11 hours, 42 minutes.

The setting for the World Championship was simply wonderful. The TIEP (Teregganu International Endurance Park) with the solid and beautiful arrival and departure gate, the vet gate, the cooling systems in the preparation areas and other horse facilities around



Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor CEO World Cup Endurance 2008 and Official are happy!



looked in perfect shape.

The country itself is a great place to be. A sleeping beauty with pristine beaches and unexplored islands with incredible underwater worlds, Malaysia has it all. The genuine and friendly people treating you with the most delicious hospitality and small hotels along this incredible coast that leave no wish open to the spoilt traveller.

Terengganu's history goes back to as far as the 1st Century and has long been an important area of Malay settlement. Up to the present day, it has been ruled by 16 Sultans, who saw the ever growing trades from the Far East via the South China Sea to Europe, ships from the Spanish and Portuguese, heavily loaded with the wealth China had to offer.

All this and much more can be witnessed in the Terengganu Museum built on an area of 27 hectares, consisting of four blocks of the main museum.



Flying Horse

Sultan of Malaysia: A KEEN ENDURANCE RIDER

I welcome the world to Malaysia-Terengganu in 2008 for the World Cup Endurance Riding, said His Majesty Sultan of Malaysia or Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, when he found time in his very tight schedule for a short interview with the Horse&Horseman. We were sitting in the Istana Terengganu (the Terengganu Palace) in a beautifully decorated reception room, mostly in the royal colour of yellow.

H&H: Your Majesty, when did you discover your -- shall we call it -- love for horses?

The Sultan: I was six years old when I started riding

with my father, who loved to play polo. That is why I also started playing polo later.

H&H: There is a big difference between polo and endurance riding. In polo you only have a very short time on the horse as compared to a 160-kilometre ride in one day, for which you and your horse must really be in the best condition.

The Sultan: You are right! I stopped playing polo when my father had a bad accident and for 15 years I did not ride at all. But then I remembered the beautiful rides at Terengganu beaches, and I started riding again. First because I enjoyed the horse so much, it was an Appaloosa from France.



H&H correspondent Heidi Bornsdorff with the Sultan of Malaysia



But then late in the year 2000, Dato Kamaruddin Ghani (Dato Kamaruddin is a world class endurance rider for many years now) explained to me what endurance is and under his guidance I started my first rides -- 80km in Australia, then my first 160km in Rambouillet (France), followed by some rides in

Australia again.

H&H: How is endurance riding placed in Malaysia, as it is not really known as a 'horse country' like Germany would be.

The Sultan: It is a fast growing horse sport. Like all over the world, it really tests the horse and rider. In Malaysia, we have five to six different places with endurance events, and about 60 riders, out of them 20 are qualified to ride 160 kilometres.

H&H: Your Majesty, kindly give your views on the Horse&Horseman magazine.

The Sultan: Your magazine has really impressed me. It contains a lot of horse-related activity and my congratulations to its editor and editorial staff for taking out such a fine publication.

In the end, I thanked the Sultan for taking out time for Horse&Horseman and ensured him that we will let the world know of the wonderful event -- the World Championship Endurance Racing in the State of Terengganu.



HM in Monsoon rain

Legendary Horse

BELOVED LAILI

Balaj Bin Adil

Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1780-1839) – the Lion of Punjab and founder of the Sikh Kingdom of Punjab was known to be a great ruler in an area which now partly belongs to Pakistan, partly to India. He was famous for many things, including his interest and generosity to new knowledge and everything spiritual and holy and fast mind, but he also was famous for being not what someone would call handsome. With only one eye, scars of smallpox all over his face and his left side paralyzed his appearance was quite clumsy and heavily moving – and here comes another aspect of his fame:

His great love for horses. Whenever he was burdened with private or state matters, he would just call for a horse and vanish on it to relax his mind. The moment he got on a horse, his clumsiness and ugliness disappeared, his form seemed to take on the grace of those elegant animals and he handled them with greatest ease – he had accumulated a few thousands, but especially one had made it right to his heart: Persian breed, dark grey, black legs, 16 hands high and a surpassing air of elegance: Laili or Laila.

The beauty of the horse, first owned by Yar Muhammad Khan Barakzai, the Sikh tributary governor of Peshawar, made it throughout Central Asia and Ranjit got possessed by the thought of owning that horse. In 1823 Ranjit sent a message to the owner to hand over the horse, but the man almost equally attracted by it denied its existence in order to keep it in his own stables. Another offer was made by Fateh Ali Shah of Persia who was ready to spend 75.000 Rupees (at that time 60.000 was considered the price of a kingdom) to get Laili, but Yar Muhammad also declined this. 3 years later a whole army under Buddh Singh Sandhanvalia marched against Peshawar to seize the horse and quell some political disturbances there. This time the reply was that the horse had died. Again Ranjit's emissary returned empty handed. Another 3 years passed until another force was sent commanded by Prince Kharak Singh and General Ventura, who had the order to eliminate Yar Muhammad in case he would not hand over the horse. Hearing about his approaching fate he fled into the mountains and left his brother in charge at Peshawar. He was arrested and the horse, by now 7 years, finally brought down to a most happy Ranjit Singh.

The horse was from now on the pride of every parade and shown to every single guest, foreign or local and stories of the decoration adorned to it made it to many a travelogue of renowned travelers of that time, Baron Charles Hugel from Germany, Lord William Bentinck, Burnes, Emily Eden or Lepel Griffin. Legend has it, that Laili was always wearing golden bangles, jewellery and at times even the famous Kohinoor diamond around the neck – at that time in possession of Maharaja Ranjit Singh – which is now adorning the British Crown.

Everyone who wanted to hear – or not – was told that all the efforts to gain the horse costed the Maharaja 12.000 soldiers and the price of a kingdom.

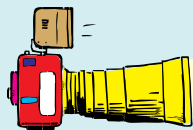
The love for the horse went as far as no one else was allowed to ride it but Ranjit himself. Once, so the story goes, Ranjit's son rode away on it without the permission of his father. The Maharaja was in rage and ordered the arrest of his own son for his disobedience. He was taken to court and Ranjit Singh ordered a minister to advise him on the punishment to be taken. The minister was a wise man, he replied: "The offence of the young man is grave, and he should be awarded the harshest punishment for taking away the king's horse as if it belonged to his father." The court laughed and the defendant was let off.

Many legends rank around Laili, one even telling, that it was not the real Laili, that was finally won by Ranjit Singh, as the name Laili would refer to a mare which should be black in color, but all the records and travelogues report a stallion being Laili, dark grey in color. The Maharaja himself didn't think much of those rumors, he believed in his horse being the one and only true Laili.

But not as other fairytales, Laili's life did not meet a happy ending.

After the Maharaja's death travelers found the once so admired and cared for horse in a desolate condition in the royal stables. Lieutenant Barr's records recall a way too fat, dirty Laili whose heels were so high that it couldn't even walk properly. But even in that condition Laili must have had some magic as Barr was deeply touched and narrates in real disappointment, that there was no one to mourn the death of the great Laili...





Through the Lens



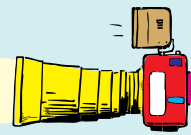
Sara Baban of Saudi Arabia rides Laurin's Kingdom as she competes in the Kuwaiti Crown Prince Nawaf al-Sabah Equestrian Tournament in Kuwait City.



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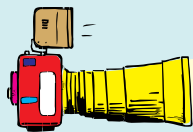
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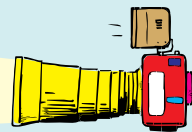
Through the Lens



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Ireland's Jessica Kurten on Libertina clears an obstacle to capture second place in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Geneva. Ludger Beerbaum on Inclusive won ahead of Germany's Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum on Shutterfly.



Sweden's Malin Baryard-Johnsson on Butterfly Flip clears an obstacle on way capturing 4th place in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Geneva.



Switzerland's Steve Guerdat and his horse Jalisca Solier clear an obstacle on way to capturing sixth place in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Geneva.



Sweden's Malin Baryard-Johnsson on Butterfly Flip clears an obstacle to take fourth place in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix in Geneva.

Adding COLOUR to your celebrations

Adil Shah

The beat of the dhol (drum), the music and the rhythmic taps of my feet attract many spectators to join me dancing. In most villages of Pakistan's Punjab province a festival can't be complete without me. I add color to the celebrations with my attire and give the occasion the boost it requires. If you still haven't found out who I am, let me introduce myself. Hi, I am a dancing horse.

Ever since I was a little foal I always wanted to be popular among the people. I wanted to be loved and develop into the centre of attraction. I knew I would get my chance as becoming a dancing horse was my fate and I am very proud of it. This is what my ancestors have been doing for ages. Beat is pulsing in our veins rather than blood. I even believe the very rhythm of our hooves' sound made the first humans dance. They were imitating us because we had inspired them. Look at all the New Age Popstars – they must have seen my friends performing once, must have enjoyed the cadenced show and been enthused enough by it to take the idea along. My own training started at a very young age. When

most of the other same aged youngsters were having fun, my master started schooling me to become a dancing horse. He did it very gently and with lots of patience. In the beginning I found it very difficult to tap my feet or stand on my hind legs. Understanding the concept of going along with the beat was also not easy. My tutor helped me with reins and slowly but surely I started to learn the art and after a few years or so I was ready to rock the world.

Now I have become so popular that no marriage, birthday or any other celebration in my area will be held without my participation. Even for the reception of world dignitaries I am invited to give them a warm honorable welcome. On the day of my performance, my preparations start early in the morning. My master and his group discuss what kind of attire I would be putting on, they choose the number of songs to play and make me practice the moves and steps. I want to tell them that I am ready and though I can't speak my motivation shows it and they understand. I don't mind all the hard work because I also want my feats to be perfect and as much en-



joyable for my spectators as possible. Then I get dressed in bright clothes – mostly sharp colors like red, orange and shocking pink. Bells are attached around my legs which will jingle with every move I make. I usually get very anxious to reach our destination at a canter because I am always itching to start and make people happy and dance with me. We reach our destination and the fun begins immediately. I am taken in the centre of the crowd and as soon as I hear the first beats on the dhol I start tapping my feet, raising my legs or swinging my head in harmony with the music. Especially the young kids get excited and I love to put smiles on their faces. I notice all kinds of expressions on them; some are laughing, some seem amazed at my abilities while some naughty ones are trying to touch me or grab my beautiful tail (but I don't really mind that because I know they are innocent and are just trying to have a good time). I enjoy all the attention and act more energetically. Once I was about to burst of laughter. I heard a local man saying that I am doing the Langoori dance when I rose on my hind legs because the monkeys or langurs do it the same way. Ha – as if I would be a monkey. But I don't have time to take it to heart; I have to concentrate on the rhythm. Later I see him joining the others to throw notes at me in expression of their appreciation. They are for the musicians, but also some poor kids grab a few and I am proud that I can contribute a little to their lives. It is lovely to see big crowds appreciating my performance, which by the way also earns my master good money. At the end I get very tired and sometimes my feet hurt a lot. But as long as I can see the people shining with delight when I do my final bow, it's all worth it.

My master is a good man. He takes care of me like a family member and provides me good food and also ensures that I get proper rest after a long working day. I try to please him because I know he has high hopes in me. He has spent a lot of his time and energy in training me to be such a good entertainer. If I do a good job, the respect will of course go to him as well.

I hope the next time you are celebrating a wedding, a birthday or any kind of festival you will invite me. If you don't find my master, just contact me through Horse&Horseman and I will be there for you to add more color to your ceremony.

HONOUR DEVIL WINS 2000 GUINEAS

Argentina bred, Honour Devil, trained by leading trainer Mike De Kock, and owned by H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, recorded his a second successive win in the 2000 Guineas. Honour Devil was ridden by ever popular and surely the best in the business, Irishman Johnny Murtagh.

It was icing on the cake for birthday boy Mike De Kock, who celebrated with a brilliant one-two in the Gulf News UAE 2,000 Guineas, as Honour Devil bravely saw off his stablemate Royal Vintage to land the colt's Classic. De Kock chartered a similar path for another champion Asiatic Boy who did the same connections proud by winning the Guineas and Derby last year. De Kock, the man who every one has to try and catch up with in the DIRC 2008 has swept all before him this year seems to have not one, but two horses who can dominate the three-year-old division in the UAE. The owner also has a share in the second, and De Kock said: "It's a fantastic result for Sheikh Mohammed and we're all indebted to him for his support of the stable.

The great Irishman, jockey Johnny Murtagh added: "There isn't much between them at home, and so it proved, but mine was always finding more.

With a combination like the above, its going to take a miracle to beat this winning formula and Honour Devil looks certain to take the 2008 UAE Derby.



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Bahrain King's Cup Endurance

HAMDAN VICTORIOUS IN BAHRAIN KING'S CUP-BREAKING NEWS

H&H Report

H.H.Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, yet again showed his incredible skill and natural talent in winning the 120-km His Highness The King's Cup Endurance Ride Championship held at the Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhir, Bahrain, on March 15, 2008. Over 50 riders from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the UAE and other countries took part in the prestigious event in which UAE riders clinched the top four places. Sheikh Hamdan rode Wadhnan to victory in this five loop ride with Omair Hussain

Al Beloushi (UAE) of Al Reef Stables, on Jibbah Enog claiming the second place. Sheikh Hamdan, was at his usual best. Patient, judging and timing his move to precise moment, completed the ride in four hours, 57 minutes and 51 seconds. With this victory, Sheikh Hamdan has extended his dominance to Bahrain after having successfully won the 160-km His Highness The President's Cup endurance ride in the UAE in February and then the 120-km FEI CEI three-star Qatar International Endurance Cup held in Doha earlier in March.



Crown Prince of Dubai H.H.Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed shows his great class in winning the H.H. the King's Cup in Bahrain.



Sheer determination and passion

Crowning Glory Victory in President's Cup for SHEIKH HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED

Our Correspondent

H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid, recently crowned Crown Prince of Dubai, led a stunning UAE sweep of the top three places in the H.H. The President of the United Arab Emirates Cup endurance race by giving Kaysand Farrazah a beautiful ride to complete the tough 160km course in 6hrs 52mins 29 seconds. H.H. Sheikh Hamdan showed his natural skills in riding a classy, patient well timed race. Mohammad Ahmad Ali Subose (Kevin de Narthoux) was a close second in 6:52.30, while Mohammad Rashed Al Subosi (Genio 11) finished third in 6:57.24. Oman's Ahmad Salim Al Beloushi was fourth in 7:06.51.

Shaikh Hamdan was 16th after the first loop while Majid Salem Al Sabri, Ali Khalfan Al Jahouri and Oman's Ahmad Salim Al Beloushi were fighting for the top place. Shaikh Hamdan timed his move and gradually moved into second and when the first five stages were completed he was in third. On the final loop of 16kms, Al Jahouri's horse Aghmed, pulled up about two kms from the finish and Shaikh Hamdan was ever patient and within striking distance to win the Dh1.5 million race. Shaikh Hamdan, completed a fantastic day when his horse was adjudged 'Best Conditioned Horse'.



Crown Prince of Dubai H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed wins the UAE President's Cup 2008.



Another participant

AL MARRI WINS IN SHARJAH-UAE SHOW JUMPING

Abdullah Al Marri from the Dubai Equestrian Club clinched both the first and the second places in show jumping competitions held at the Sharjah Equestrian Club. Riding Vallee d'Alezan and Secret D'Amour, Al Marri finished the Class 4: A2 (One round Against the clock in 54.03 seconds and 55.50 seconds respectively with nil points. The two-day competitions attracted a big crowd and featured several categories of jumping events including open rides, and for juniors.

In the Class 7: A2 (One Round with Jump-Off)

category, Rashid Mohammed Al Romaithi finished first. Romaithi from the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club was riding Icard de Bois to finish the ride in 29 seconds with no faults. He was followed in the second place by Abdul Rahman Al Kaabi from the Sharjah Equestrian Club. He finished the round in 30.97 seconds riding Jeudi de la. Third place went to Sheikh Ali Abdullah Al Qassimi from the Sharjah Equestrian Club, who was riding Tisanto and took a timing of 35.16 seconds





Anhidrosis - Dry Coat or Non-Sweating Disease in Horses

Anhidrosis, or the inability to sweat to dissipate heat after exercise, is a condition that develops in horses stabled and trained under hot, humid conditions. It is commonly described as 'dry coat' or 'non-sweating' disease.

An earlier form of the disease, referred to as 'the puffs' develops in 50 – 60 % of horses under tropical conditions during peak daytime temperatures in the summer months. Horses that lose the ability to sweat efficiently are unable to maintain their body temperature within normal resting limits, and start to pant to blow off heat.

Horses in hard training programs, particularly those on high grain diets are more prone to develop the condition. However, all ages, breeds, pregnant mares, and idle non-working pleasure horses at pasture can be affected. The condition usually begins in spring or summer, particularly during early unseasonable humid conditions where horses have less time to adapt or acclimatise to the seasonal change.

- Cause of anhidrosis
- Symptoms of anhidrosis
- Management and therapy of anhidrosis

Cause of anhidrosis

The underlying cause has not been determined. Recent studies suggest that anhidrosis syndrome is triggered in the hypothalamus gland by the stress of exercise and chronic dehydration under hot, humid conditions. The condition is not prevalent under conditions of hot, dry heat so high humidity appears to be a trigger factor.

Although traditionally horses introduced from cooler climates to tropical conditions were considered more prone to developing anhidrosis within 1 - 3 months, even horses bred and reared under tropical conditions can be affected. There is evidence that the sweat glands shrink and change in structure in affected horses. This is thought to be linked to exercise and environmental stress, resulting in higher levels of circulating adrenaline hormone in the blood. Some, but not all, affected horses regain the ability to sweat again when returned to cooler climates.

Symptoms of anhidrosis

In the early stages, horses sweat heavily initially, and then over 1 – 3 months develop sites of limited, patchy sweating under the mane, and between the front and bag legs when exercised. Once a horse starts to lose the ability to sweat readily during and after exercise, they supplement their heat loss by puffing and blowing forcibly for up to 30 minutes after exercise.

Their coat becomes dry, pinches up easily and the hair often thins over the head and upper neck. Often performance is dramatically reduced, as panting expends energy reserves, leading to poor stamina and exercise tolerance. Horses may develop heat overload and collapse during strenuous exercise.

Management and therapy of anhidrosis

The condition is usually 'managed' rather than 'treated', as anhidrosis is a very difficult condition to treat and full recoveries are very rare if the horse remains in the hot, humid climate. Ideally the horse should be moved to a milder, less humid climate, although this is not always practical. The following management and feeding measures are often useful in the management of anhidrotic horses:

- Try to get horses fit before the hotter months of the year. Starting to condition the horse once the temperature is already high may predispose horses to anhidrosis. Some anhidrotic horses may only be able to compete during the winter months and may need to be rested during summer.
- Feed a daily electrolyte supplement designed for horses in hot, humid conditions e.g. Humidimix. It has been reported that some horses with a history of anhidrosis that improves during the winter do much better if they are supplemented with electrolytes before the onset of hot weather. Some horses have managed to train and race without a relapse. Therefore, do not wait for the problem to return before you start feeding electrolytes.
- Try to provide a cool environment for the horse. Air conditioned stables are ideal, otherwise high gabled stables with ceiling fans or ridge top roof vents will also help to improve airflow.
- In paddocked horses, provide adequate shade and plenty of cool water. Alternatively, keep horses indoors during the daytime (if cool stables are available) and allow grazing at night.
- Body clip horses with a thick hair coat
- Exercise the horse at the cooler times of the day or night.
- After exercise, help the horse to cool down more efficiently by hosing with cool water (particularly around the flanks and belly area) and then scrape the horse off immediately (within 30 seconds). This can be repeated several times until panting and blowing is reduced. Once the horse is scraped off it should be walked or stood in front of a fan or in a breezy area to help body cooling. Do not allow wet horses to 'drip dry' as excess water in the hair coat retains heat and interferes with body cooling.
- Fermentation of fibrous feeds and protein in the large intestine leads to the generation of extra heat within the body. Avoid high protein diets during hot conditions. Oats are the most fibrous grain fed to horses, and this can be replaced with lower heat-producing grains such as rolled barley, corn or vegetable oil. Half a litre of corn or ¾ litre of rolled barley or 2/3 cup (175ml) of vegetable oil will provide as much energy as 1 litre of oats.
- Supplementation with 1000 – 5000iu Vitamin E (e.g. White-E powder or liquid) has also been recommended by a number of sources.

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Performance Horses	1 - 2		

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