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From the Editor's Desk



FLOODS AND OUR LIVESTOCK

Pakistan have been devastated by the worst ever floods in the history of the country. The floods, which began in July with hammering rains in the country's northwest, have destroyed or damaged 1.2 million homes and affected over 20 million people. About 1,500 people have died in the floods and the scale of the crisis has almost got out of hand of the government.

The devastation caused by the floods has not only left people dead or displaced, it has absolutely decimated the entire livelihood of the affected people -- their homes are gone, their agriculture land is gone, their businesses are gone and even their livestock is gone. Like almost all businesses in the flooded areas, the livestock industry has also been hit pretty badly. Besides concern for the human lives in the flood-hit areas, the Horse&Horseman and the animals' rights group in Pakistan are also worried about the loss of livestock in the country. We are, in particular, concerned about the loss of the million-dollar equine industry in the country.


The Horse&Horseman along with its partner animals' right groups have been making efforts not only in relief activities of the flood-hit

people but also in rescuing or doing something positive for the livestock. The foremost priority of the government understandably is saving human lives now and their rehabilitation at a later stage. But the government should also realise that protection and safeguard of the livestock is also absolutely vital for the future. As little children and elderly require special attention in flood-hit areas and in relief camps to keep them away from various diseases and malnutrition, the animals also need to be taken care of in the same manner. The Horse&Horseman, therefore, appeals to the Government of Pakistan to keep that in mind and take effective and concrete steps -- along with doing its utmost for the human population -- to save our livestock as well. The Pakistan Remount Veterinary Corps can play an important role in this regard. The livestock should be rescued and brought to safe areas and taken proper care of, so that they do not catch any disease or remain malnourished.

We are trying to do our bit in our limited resources and it is hoped that the government and other private organisations will also do something positive in this regard.

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DUBAI WORLD CUP

GLORIA DE CAMPEOA LANDS THE BIG ONE

Gloria de Campeao won the \$10 million Dubai World Cup in a thrilling photo finish, nosing out long-shot Lizard's Desire to capture the world's richest horse race.

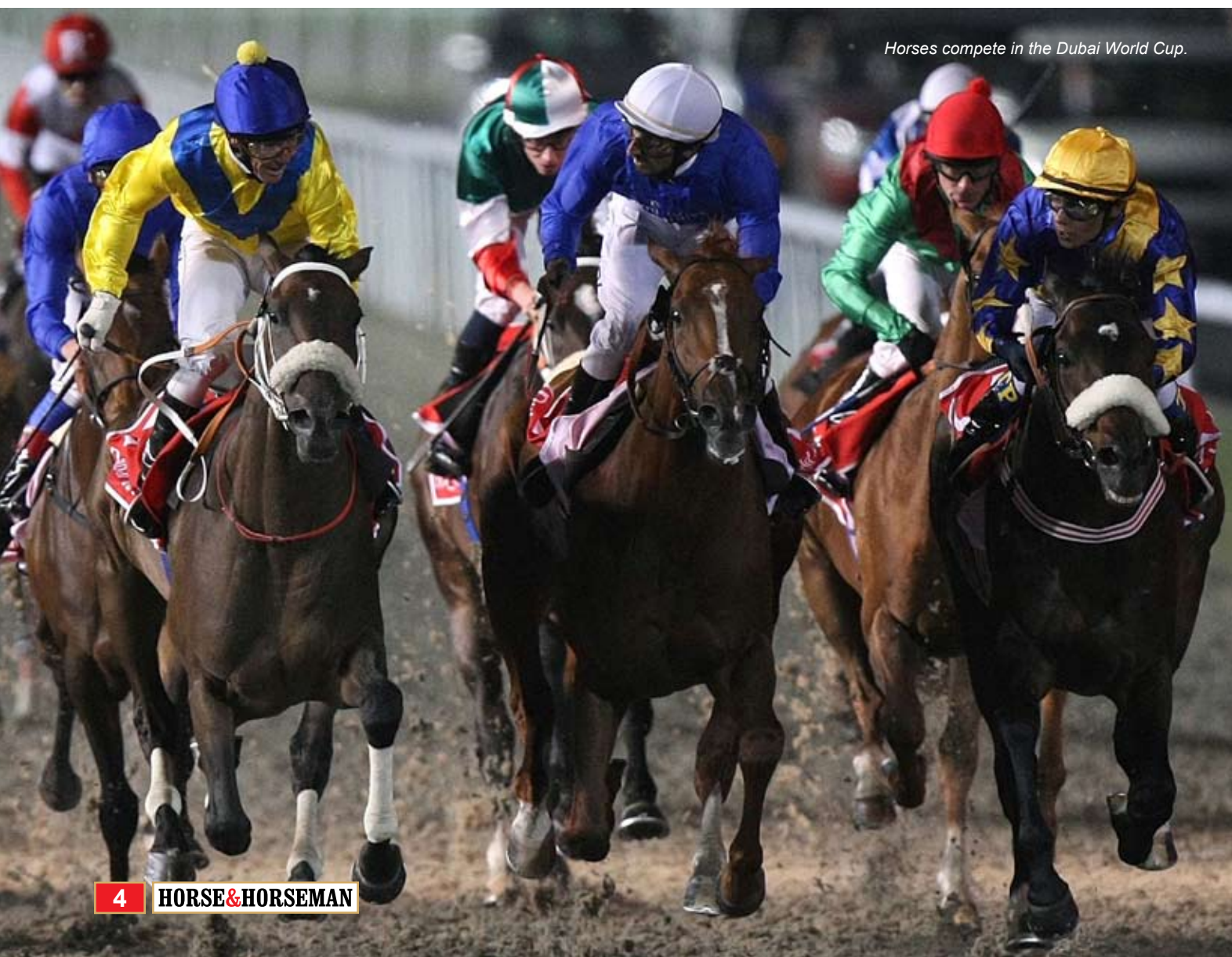
The Brazilian-bred Gloria de Campeao, trained by Frenchman Pascal Bary, finished second last year but held off Lizard's Desire at the line to narrowly earn the victory.

Favourites Gitano Hernando and Gio Pont never seriously challenged during the 1 1/4-mile (2,000-metre) race.

"This is the best win of my life," jockey Tiago Pereira said. "It's unbelievable."

The race was the highlight of the eight-race, \$26 million programme at the newly opened Medyan Racecourse. Despite the economic slowdown, Dubai's rulers shelled out \$2 billion to construct two racetracks, a grandstand that holds 60,000 spectators, a 290-room luxury hotel, a marina and a horse racing museum.

The event drew many of the region's rich and famous, and they were treated to a thrilling finale that more than made up for last year's dominant



Horses compete in the Dubai World Cup.



Emirati Finance Minister Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashed al-Maktoum and Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashed al-Maktoum give the trophy to Brazilian Stefan Friborg and his wife Dalva de Oliveira, owners of Gloria De Campeao, after the Dubai World Cup.

victory by Well Armed, who finished 14 lengths ahead of Gloria de Campeao.

As the favourites faltered, Gloria De Campeao sped out early and maintained the lead throughout despite the strong finishes by Lizard's Desire and third-place Allybar. The finish was so close that Lizard's Desire jockey Kevin Shea initially started celebrating before being told he had fallen short by a nose.

Bary said the key to the victory "was the heart" of the horse. "If he's alone after he's taken the lead and no one comes after him, it is so difficult to catch him," Bary said. "He wants to fight."

In the earlier races, the Dubai royal family showed they remain a force when it comes to horse racing.

Al Shemali, owned by the crown prince of Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, won the \$5 million Dubai Duty Free in one of the day's biggest upsets.

Al Shemali was not expected to



Brazilian jockey Tiago Pereira celebrates with the golden whip and the trophy after leading Gloria De Campeao to victory in the Dubai World Cup.

Jockey Brett Doyle leads Joy and Fun to victory in the Al-Quoz Sprint.



challenge the favourites Presvis and Alexandros, and was given 40-1 odds in Britain of winning. But he came on toward the end and outran Bankable. Presvis finished 11th and Alexandros 14th.

"It was a pleasant surprise but the stable had been in terrific form and I knew he'd stay," Al Shemali's jockey Royston Ffrench said. "It was the case of getting a clear split and we got it. It's the most prestigious win of my career."

It was the third victory for the royal family in the eight races, including the \$1 million Godolphin Mile by a horse from Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing stables.

Since the 1980s, Sheikh Mohammed has turned Godolphin into a major force in horse racing with purchases of top bloodstock around the world and the establishment of United States-based operations in Kentucky and South Carolina.

Sheikh Mohammed's Calming Influence held off a late charge from Green Coast in the Godolphin Mile.

The five-year-old Calming Influence, ridden by United Arab Emirates native Ahmad Ajtebi, emerged from an early struggle with Cat Junior and Le Drakkar. It appeared Calming Influence was coasting to victory but had to hold off a challenge

Horses compete in the Dubai Duty Free race.





Crown Prince of Dubai Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashed al-Maktoum and jockey Ahmed Ajtebi celebrate after Calming Influence won the Godolphin Mile.

from always game Green Coast. The favourite Desert Party faded and never made a serious challenge.

In other races, Musir pulled away from Raihana and Della Barba to win the \$2 million UAE Derby.

It was a 1-2 finish for a cousin of Sheikh Mohammed. Musir eased past Raihana down the straight. Della Barba, who challenged for the lead midway through the race, finished third.

"It's huge," Musir's trainer Mike de Kock said. "I was never worried during the race. I said before this was a very good horse. It knows exactly what to do in the race."

Solid Choice set the pace early in the UAE Derby but faded. Musir, the race favourite, emerged alongside Raihana and Della Barba before pulling away and winning by about a length.

Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife celebrated with a victory on the track earlier in the evening as their classy mare Da Re Mi landed the Dubai Sheema Classic.

The five-year-old, ridden by William Buick and trained in Newmarket by John Gosden, had gone close in the



Jockey Garrett Gomez celebrates on Kinsale King after winning the Dubai Golden Shaheen.

Jockeys ride their horses during the UAE Derby.



Breeders Cup Turf behind Conduit last November and franked that top class form with victory here.

The first prize of the evening's entertainment had gone to Joy and Fun, a challenger from Hong Kong, as the Brett Doyle ridden sprinter picked up the \$1 million Group Three Al Quoz Sprint.

Joy and Fun, trained by Derek Cruz and owned

by Wong Chung Nam, prevailed by three quarters of a length to become only the second horse from Hong Kong to triumph on World Cup night.

Kinsale King won the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen outpacing favourite Rocket Man and Jaafer won the opening Dubai Kahayla Classic.

Horses compete in the Dubai Sheema Classic.





MEYDAN TO DEVELOP CHINESE HORSE RACING CENTRE

The huge acclaim that the Meydan Racecourse development received on Dubai World Cup night appears to have paid immediate dividends with the announcement that Meydan City Corporation is to co-develop Tianjin Horse City in China.

Indeed the racecourse left as much if not more of an indelible memory on the racegoers and the worldwide television audience as the winner of the world's richest race, Gloria De Campeao, who prevailed in a thrilling finish to take the \$10 million prize.

Tianjin Horse City, which will be established in Ninghe County, Tianjin in 2010, will train 8,000 equestrian professionals, breed 1,000 high quality studhorses, produce high quality horse feeds, conduct horse auctions, and hold international and domestic professional horse races.

In addition to an equestrian college, feedstuff plant, breeding base, horse hospital, and quarantine centre, Tianjin Horse City will also include five-

star to seven-star luxury hotels, a clubhouse, commercial offices, and residential facilities.

It is estimated that the project will pay hundreds of millions of taxes and profits to the State within five years, provide employment for 10,000 people, and develop a horse industry economy that will establish production franchise of standard scales across China.

Tianjin Horse City has filed its application to the Chinese Equestrian Association for the establishment of a national equestrian sports and horse racing training base.

Tianjin Horse City is to be jointly established by Meydan, TAK Design Consultants (Malaysia), Zhouji Jiye (China) and Tianjin Farm Group (China).

The Group will help fulfil the gaps in the equestrian sports and horse culture industry economy in China, and merge the modern equine industry operations system in the coming 15 years.



HAMDAN BIN RASHID OPENS THE 6TH EDITION OF THE DUBAI INTERNATIONAL HORSE FAIR

Exhibition showcases the latest innovations in equestrian products with over 200 companies and 30 countries from around the world

The Dubai International Horse Fair (DIHF), was inaugurated this morning (Thursday) by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, UAE's Minister of Finance, as the equestrian and racing activities within the region continue to attract a large following

making the exhibition a hub for industry leaders. Offering the latest innovations in equestrian products and services the exhibition, which runs 18-20 March brings together leading international breeders, manufacturers and veterinarians providing the market with 3-days of education and entertainment.

H.H. was accompanied by H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, H.E Dr. Rashid Ahmed bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water and Saeed Al Tayer, Managing Director and CEO of DEWA, in addition to a number of senior government officials.

Running concurrently with the Arabian Horse Championships, the 6th edition held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre (DICEC) offers the latest innovations in equestrian products from over 200 exhibitors and 30 participating countries, with an in-depth programme that includes fashion shows, pony rides, seminars on behavioural practices and dressage displays.

Abdulla Qassem, Board Member - Higher Organising Committee of Dubai International Horse Fair and Dubai International Arabian Horse

The Dubai International Horse Fair provides the ideal platform for newcomers to climb onto their first saddle.

Championship said, "We are delighted that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid has given his support to the Dubai International Horse Fair. The Arab community's deep history with horses has translated to modern day and is evident through the equine industry's continued growth in the region. We are delighted to provide the industry with a platform for knowledge sharing and networking and the community with the opportunity to broaden their understanding of these beautiful animals."

Visitors to this year's show will experience a wide range of the latest innovations in veterinarian, equestrian products and equipment as well as a programme that includes Arts and crafts sessions, horse and camel museums, workshops on animal behavioural problems and cutting edge farrier techniques.

With a particular focus on the area of safety the event is proud to introduce for the first time to the Middle East the world's first racing simulator for jockeys. This effective training tool will provide the jockey with the most realistic riding experience, enabling him to hone his skills and practice unfamiliar or difficult racetracks without risk of injury or distraction.

Also new to this year's exhibition is the horse fashion show featuring the latest trends, products and equipment available from retailers in the region. The shows will present beautifully tailored and fitted tack on impeccably groomed horses in a range of colours and styles. Dyed leather and Swarovski embedded bridles are just a few examples of what to expect.

The Ahli Riding Club horse rides are the perfect opportunity for budding new riders to explore their curiosity. With miniature ponies, experienced school horses and the supervision of qualified instructors, The Dubai International Horse Fair provides the ideal platform for newcomers to climb onto their first saddle.

Held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, UAE Minister of Finance, the Dubai International Horse Fair

has developed into a core international event, supporting a thriving equine industry in the UAE and wider Middle East, including the Dubai World Cup which is to be held just after the exhibition.

The event will once again run concurrently with the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship, the preeminent competition in the region for purebred Arabian horses, renowned for their beauty, agility and heritage. With prize money of US\$4 million for 2010, the Championship attracts entries of the highest calibre from around the world.

The Dubai International Horse Fair (DIHF) is the Middle East's largest exhibition for equestrian equipment, services and care products.

Imperial Commander takes centre stage

Paddy Brennan rode Imperial Commander to glory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup after pre-race favourite Kauto Star fell four fences out.

Imperial Commander, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, was too strong for 2008 Gold Cup winner Denman, pulling clear on the run to the last before powering to win by seven lengths.

Kauto Star, chasing a hat-trick of Gold Cup successes, made a mistake at the eighth fence and never really recovered, falling in alarming fashion at the fourth-last obstacle. Jockey Ruby Walsh got up unscathed and Kauto Star was quickly

Imperial Commander ridden by Paddy Brennan (at left), Ruby Walsh riding Kauto Star (at centre) and Carruthers ridden by Mattie Batchelor go over the first jump during the Cheltenham Gold Cup.





Paddy Brennan celebrates with the Gold Cup in the winner's enclosure.



on his feet.

Paul Nicholls' horse Denman refused to go down without a fight, but Imperial Commander began to stamp his authority on the run to the last and passed the post with plenty in hand.

Denman filled the runner-up spot for the second year in succession, while last year's Grand National winner Mon Mome (50-1) finished strongly to finish third.

"It's by far the best day of my life," said a delighted

National, admitted he had seen the writing on the wall for Kauto Star. "I thought Kauto was in trouble some way out before he fell," the trainer said. "It's just absolutely brilliant. It's been very hard for us to sit there with the third-favourite when all the talk was about Kauto and Denman but we always knew we were going to win.

"You can't beat the Grand National but this is very good for the CV. Every time he's come to Cheltenham he's powered up the hill, he's always stayed. Paddy has given him a beautiful ride. Very

Tony McCoy on Denman (at left) is followed by Carruthers ridden by Mattie Batchelor (at right) during the Cheltenham Gold Cup.



Brennan. "I'm speechless. It was a dream the whole way. I've just got to take time to thank my boss. He's the best boss ever -- he's produced two horses this week (Imperial Commander and Champion Hurdle runner-up Khyber Kim) and I just had to steer them."

Twiston-Davies, twice a winner of the Grand

cool, very sensible and he got him jumping."

Denman's jockey, Tony McCoy, admitted his ride had been well beaten. "When we came down the hill he (Imperial Commander) was going a bit better than me. I hoped he might stop, but that's not the way it turned out.

"It's better than finishing third and better than

Big Buck's (at right) ridden by Ruby Walsh and Time for Rupert ridden by W T Kennedy (at left) jump the final hurdle during the World Hurdle Race.



what happened to Ruby (Walsh), but it's still disappointing. At times he travelled well, but at the water jump he wanted to down the lot and he ran a little bit in snatches. You could not make any excuses for him. He was just beaten by a better horse on the day."

Walsh said of Kauto Star: "You cannot afford to make mistakes like that in Grade One company. His first one was a bad mistake. It knocked me out of position and I could not get him on an even keel. You are always struggling and I was fighting a lost cause.

"It was a bad fall but he got up and there's not a bother on him. He cantered back down fresh as a daisy, not a bother on him."

Big Buck's defended his World Hurdle title to reverse a trend of losing favourites in the feature races. The Paul Nicholls-trained star made short shrift of the opposition in the staying hurdlers' championship to justify his cramped starting price



Paddy Brennan on Imperial Commander celebrates in the winners enclosure after winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Paddy Brennan on Imperial Commander gestures to the crowd as he comes over the line to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup.



There was also success for one of jump racing's most popular figures, former champion jockey Jonjo O'Neill, who sent out Alberta's Run to land the Ryanair Chase with Tony McCoy in the saddle.

The Irish celebrated Saint Patrick's Day in style when Big Zeb landed the feature race on the second day of the festival.

All the build-up to the Queen Mother Champion Chase had centred on Master Minded's hat-trick bid but Paul Nicholls' chaser looked a shadow of the performer that won the two-mile chasing crown in 2008 and 2009.

Turning for home the odds-on favourite, with Ruby Walsh riding, was struggling to keep tabs with Barry Geraghty on Big Zeb, and it was this pair that powered up the hill to beat Forpadydeplasterer for a

Winner Sizing Europe (at right) ridden by A E Lynch safely lands after the water jump during The Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Steeple Chase.



memorable Irish one-two.

Kalahari King stayed on in third with Master Minded fading to finish fourth. The 10-1 winner is trained in county Wexford by Colm Murphy.

Geraghty, who picked the right mount as he had also been offered the ride on the runner-up, said: "Big Zeb had a good look around after the last and I thought he was going to pull up, but he found plenty when he needed to. I saw Master Minded coming but I had a lot left when I kicked for home."

Walsh blamed the underfoot conditions for Master Minded's defeat. "He wouldn't go on the ground as it was too quick for him," he said.

It was a good day all round for the Emerald Isle as earlier Weapon's Armoury landed another Grade One race, the RSA Chase, for county Kildare handler Charles Byrnes in the colours of Michael O'Leary, the chief executive of Ireland's low-cost airline Ryanair.

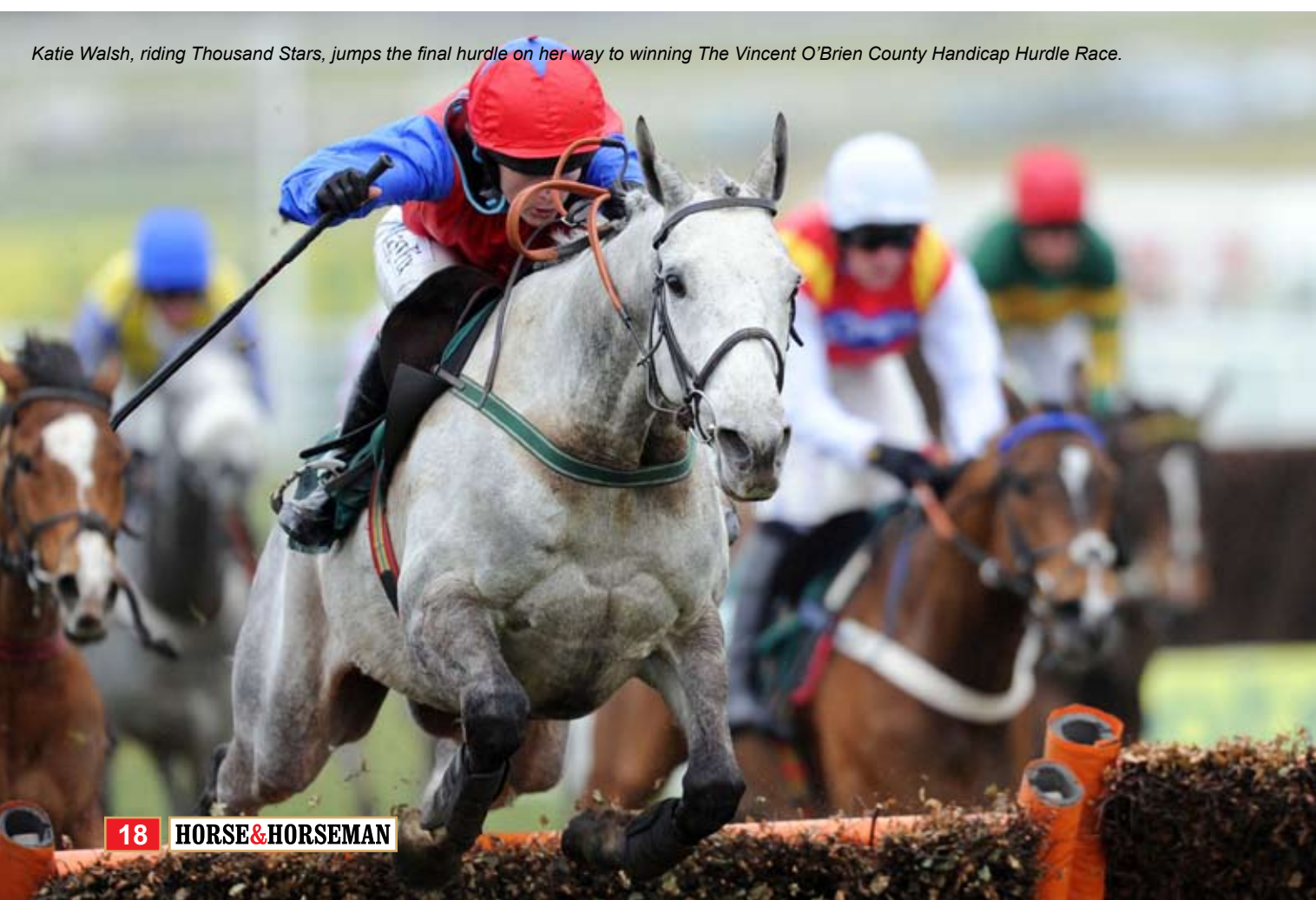


Paddy Brennan on Imperial Commander gestures to the crowd as he comes over the line to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup.





Horses jump a fence in the Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle Race on the opening day of the Cheltenham Festival.



Katie Walsh, riding Thousand Stars, jumps the final hurdle on her way to winning The Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle Race.



The opening National Hunt Challenge Cup was won by Poker De Sivola, trained in England by Irishman Ferdy Murphy and ridden by Katie Walsh, the sister of top Irish jockey Ruby Walsh and daughter of Grand National winning-trainer Ted Walsh.

"I'm lost for words," said a tearful Walsh after her first Festival winner. "I don't want to sound soft or anything, but this is the best day of my life."

Ireland's Rites Of Passage was a warm order to add to the Saint Patrick's Day celebrations in the Grade One Novices' Hurdle but Dermot Weld's favourite had to settle for third behind Peddlers Cross.

The winner hails from the stable of Ginger McCain, of triple Grand National winner Red Rum fame, and now in the hands of his son, Donald.

Binocular, trained by Nicky Henderson and ridden by Tony McCoy, won the Champion Hurdle, the opening day's feature race.

Favourite last year when third, Binocular -- a 9-1 shot -- took up the running at the second last to stay on strongly and beat Khyber Kim (7-1) with Zaynar (15-2) in third.

Horses go over the water jump during The William Hill Trophy Handicap Steeple Chase.



It was a remarkable success given that the winner had been out of sorts and all but declared a non-runner last month after three indifferent prep runs before bouncing back to take the hurdling crown.

Henderson said: "It hasn't been an easy passage. But when we were beaten last year we said we would come back for this one. A few weeks ago we were 9/10ths in favour of taking him out of the race. But we buckled down and along with (owner) JP McManus' team we did a lot of work. And we ironed out a few things."

Binocular was supplying McManus with his fourth Champion and Henderson with his fifth after Punjabi 12 months ago and 1980s hat-trick king

See You Then.

McManus, whose celebrated green and yellow silks were carried by three-time winner Istabraq, commented: "This is very pleasing. I saw him the other day and he looked magical. A few weeks ago I wasn't worrying about how he would do. I had given up all together!"

With the Cotswold course bathed in spring sunshine the 12-runner field was sent on its way with Celestial Halo, beaten a neck into second last year, the first to show his hand.

Zaynar, the dashing five-year-old grey with a flat pedigree to match his looks and also hailing from Henderson's stable, was tracking him in second

Copper Bleu ridden by Richard Johnson jumps the second to last fence in The Jewson Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase.



with Punjabi lying third and McCoy biding his time in behind on Binocular.

The multiple champion jockey began to reel in the leaders down the hill, powering to the front before the home turn. The six-year-old Binocular then dispelled any lingering doubts that his stamina was unsuited to the unforgiving Cheltenham hill to stay on strongly and etch his name on the Festival's roll of honour.

Three-time winner McCoy reported: "I don't know how he has won this because it was only the other day he really gave me the feeling that he might turn things round.

"I couldn't get over the way he was beaten last

year. He hasn't been impressive all season but coming down the hill I spoke to Ruby (Walsh) on Celestial Halo and asked him how he was doing and he said 'worse than you'."

The major disappointment of the race was Noel Meade's 3-1 favourite Go Native, who according to jockey Paul Carberry was never travelling well after diving at the second hurdle -- dashing any hopes of picking up a one million pound bonus for adding this to his wins in two key warm-ups.

Meade and Carberry had a wretched afternoon as Casey Jones, the pair's contender in the William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase, had to be put down.

Najaf ridden by Timmy Murphy (at left), Restless Harry ridden by Henry Oliver (at centre) and Bertie's Dream ridden by Andrew Lynch (at right) race up the final straight during the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle.



RESULTS (GIVEN UNDER AS POSITION, HORSE, JOCKEY, TRAINER):

JCB Triumph Hurdle (Grade 1)

1. Soldatino (FR), B J Geraghty, N J Henderson.
2. Barizan (IRE), T J O'Brien, Evan Williams.
3. Alaivan (IRE), A J McNamara, E J O'Grady

Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3)

1. Thousand Stars (FR), Ms K Walsh, W P Mullins.
2. Arcalis, Denis O'regan, J Howard Johnson.
3. Dee Ee Williams (IRE), L Treadwell, N J Gifford.

Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (grade 1)

1. Berties Dream (IRE), A E Lynch, P J Gilligan.
2. Najaf (FR), T J Murphy, P F Nicholls.
3. Kennel Hill (IRE), J M Maguire, W K zGoldsworthy.

Totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (Grade 1)

1. Imperial Commander (IRE), P J Brennan, N A Twiston-Davies.
2. Denman (IRE), A P McCoy, P F Nicholls.
3. Mon Mome (FR), A Coleman, Miss V Williams.

Christie's Foxhunter Chase Challenge Cup

1. Baby Run (FR), Mr S Twiston-Davies, N A Twiston-Davies.
2. Kilty Storm (IRE), Mr D Queally, Roger McGrath.
3. Reach For The Top (IRE), Mr B Tuckey, M Tuckey.

Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle

1. Pause And Clause (IRE), J W Farrelly, Miss E C Lavelle.
2. Radium (FR), Harry Skelton, N J Henderson.
3. Clova Island, G Hawkins, P J Hobbs.

Johnny Henderson Grand Annual (Grade 3)

1. Pigeon Island, P J Brennan, N A Twiston-Davies.
2. French Opera, D Bass, N J Henderson.
3. Consigliere (FR), T Scudamore, D Pipe.

Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (listed)

1. Copper Bleu (IRE), R Johnson, P J Hobbs.
2. Othermix (FR), P J Brennan, T R George.
3. The Midnight Club (IRE), Paul Townend, W P Mullins.

Pertemps Final (Handicap Hurdle, -- listed)

1. Buena Vista (IRE), H Frost, D Pipe.
2. Prince Erik, R M Power, D K Weld.
3. Chamirey (FR), W Hutchinson, A King.

Ryanair Chase (Grade 1)

1. Albertas Run (IRE), A P McCoy, Jonjo O'Neill.
2. Poquelin (FR), R Walsh, P F Nicholls.
3. J'y Vole (FR), D J Condon, W P Mullins.

Ladbroke's World Hurdle (Grade 1)

1. Big Buck's (FR), R Walsh, P F Nicholls.
2. Time For Rupert (IRE), W Kennedy, P R Webber.
3. Powerstation (IRE), A J McNamara, E O'Connell.

Byrne Group Plate (Handicap Chase, Grade 3)

1. Great Endeavour (IRE), Danny Cook, D Pipe.
2. Sunnyhillboy (IRE), R P McInerney, Jonjo O'Neill.
3. From Dawn To Dusk, R Johnson, P J Hobbs.

140th Year Of The National Hunt Chase Challenge Cup

1. Poker De Sivola (FR), Ms K Walsh, Ferdy Murphy.
2. Becauseicouldntsee (IRE), Miss N Carberry, N F Glynn.
3. Prudent Honour (IRE), Mr M J O'Connor, T Cooper.

Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

1. Peddlers Cross (IRE), J M Maguire, D McCain Jnr.
2. Reve de Sivola (FR), D Jacob Nick, Williams.
3. Rite Of Passage, Mr R P McNamara, D K Weld.

RSA Chase (Grade 1)

1. Weapon's Amnesty (IRE), D N Russell, C Byrnes.
2. Burton Port (IRE), A P McCoy, N J Henderson.
3. Long Run (FR), Mr S Waley-Cohen, N J Henderson.

Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (Grade 1)

1. Big Zeb (IRE), B J Geraghty, C A Murphy.
2. Forpadydeplasterer (IRE), A P McCoy, T Cooper.
3. Kalahari King (FR), G Lee, Ferdy Murphy.

Coral Cup (Handicap Hurdle, Grade 3)

1. Spirit River (FR), B J Geraghty, N J Henderson.
2. Tullamore Dew (IRE), L Treadwell, N J Gifford.
3. James de Vassy (FR), D Jacob, Nick Williams.

Fred Winter Juvenile Novices' Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3)

1. Sanctuaire (FR), R Walsh, P F Nicholls.
2. Notus De La Tour (FR), J W Farrelly, D Pipe.
3. Orsippus (USA), D J Condon, Michael Smith.

Weatherbys Champion Bumper (Grade 1)

1. Cue Card, J Tizzard, C L Tizzard.
2. Al Ferof (FR), R Walsh, P F Nicholls.
3. Frawley (IRE), B J Geraghty, J E Kiely.

Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

1. Menorah (IRE), R Johnson, P J Hobbs.
2. Get Me Out Of Here (IRE), A P McCoy, Jonjo O'Neill.
3. Dinguib (IRE), Mr B T O'Connell, P Fenton.

Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy (Grade 1)

1. Sizing Europe (IRE), A E Lynch, H De Bromhead.
2. Somersby (IRE), R Thornton, Miss H C Knight.
3. Osana (FR), A J McNamara, E J O'Grady.

William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase (Grade 3)

1. Chief Dan George (IRE), P Aspell, James Moffatt.
2. The Package, T J Murphy, D Pipe.
3. Ogee, J A McCarthy, Mrs P Robeson.

Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle (Grade 1)

1. Binocular (FR), A P McCoy, N J Henderson.
2. Khyber Kim, P J Brennan, N A Twiston-Davies.
3. Zaynar (FR), A Tinkler, N J Henderson.

Glenfarclas Handicap Chase (Cross-country)

1. A New Story (IRE), A P Heskin, M Hourigan.
2. L'ami (FR), Mr J T McNamara, E Bolger.
3. Laccoudal (FR), R Flint, P J Hobbs.

David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (Grade 2)

1. Quevega (FR), R Walsh, W P Mullins.
2. Carole's Legacy, A Tinkler, N J Henderson.
3. Voler La Vedette (IRE), B J Geraghty, C A Murphy.

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP STOLEN

A Cheltenham Gold Cup, one of horse racing's most famous trophies, was stolen on July 14.

The trophy, worth around 10,000 pounds (\$15,000), was one of three horse racing cups taken from the home of 1988 Gold Cup winning owner Raymond Mould in Gloucestershire, south-west England at around 6:50am (0550GMT).

A new Gold Cup is cast every year and the stolen one was won by Mould's horse Charter Party, ridden by Richard Dunwoody and trained by the late David Nicholson.

Nigel Twiston-Davies, who won the 2010 Cheltenham Gold Cup with Imperial Commander, confirmed the trophy was stolen from Mould's house.

Mould now has horses with Twiston-Davies, who said: "I'm afraid it is Charter Party's Gold

Cup that has been stolen. I've been sitting with him at lunch today (Wednesday), they've broken into his house and stolen it. What happens is they make a new one every year and the owners get to keep that."

A Challenge Cup trophy and a Britannia Handicap Cup trophy were also stolen.

Ornaments, a clock and a cigarette case were also stolen, Gloucestershire police said. The total value of the haul was put at 150,000 pounds (\$228,000).

The Cheltenham Gold Cup is the most prestigious of all National Hunt events and is run during the Cheltenham Festival in March.

Often referred to as the Blue Riband of jump racing, the Gold Cup roll of honour includes legendary horses like Arkle, Golden Miller, Kauto Star and Mill House.

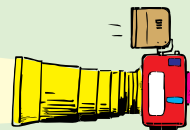


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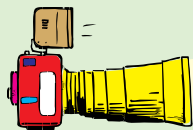


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Britain's Zara Phillips on Glenbuck competes in the show jumping on the fourth day of The Badminton Horse Trials in Badminton, western England

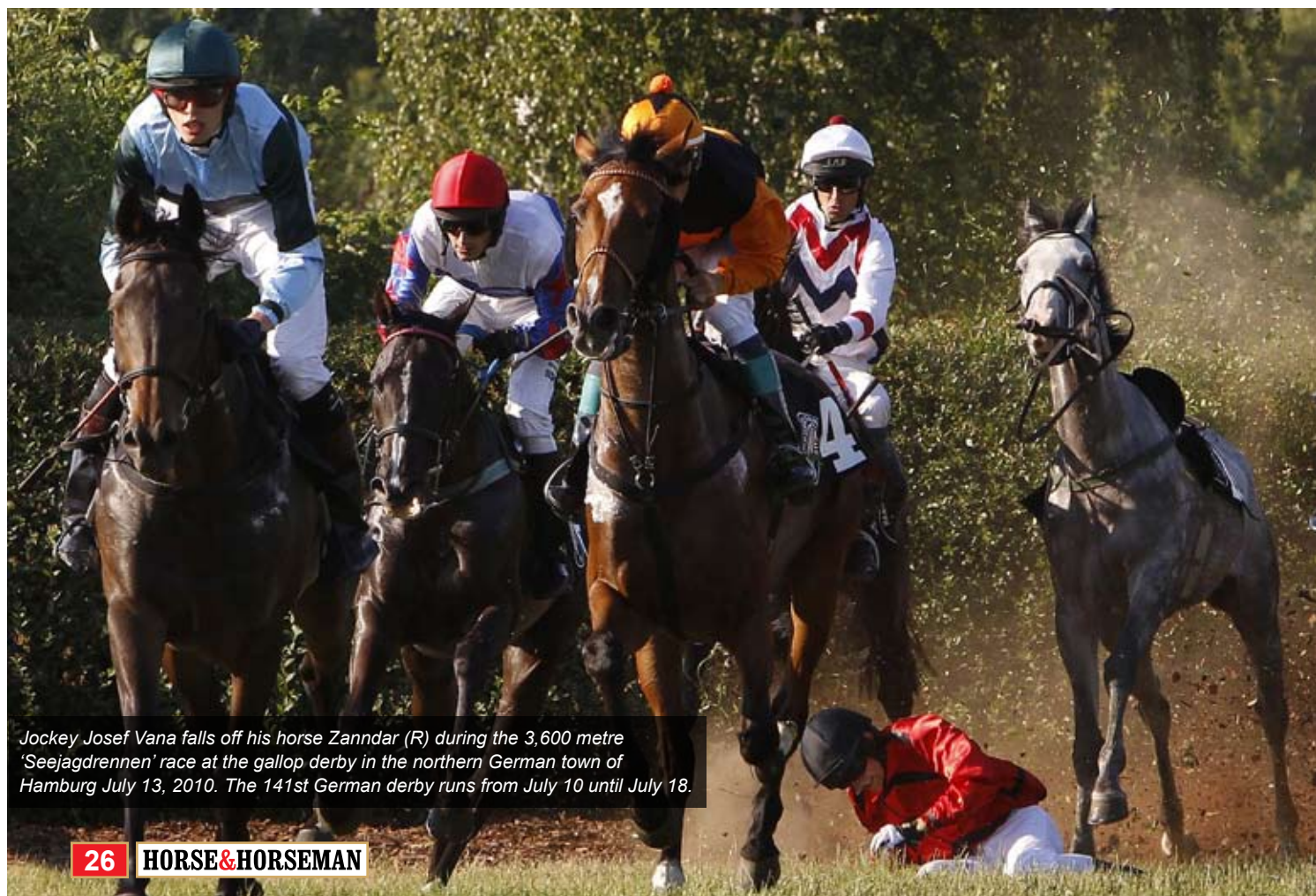




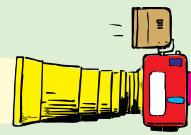
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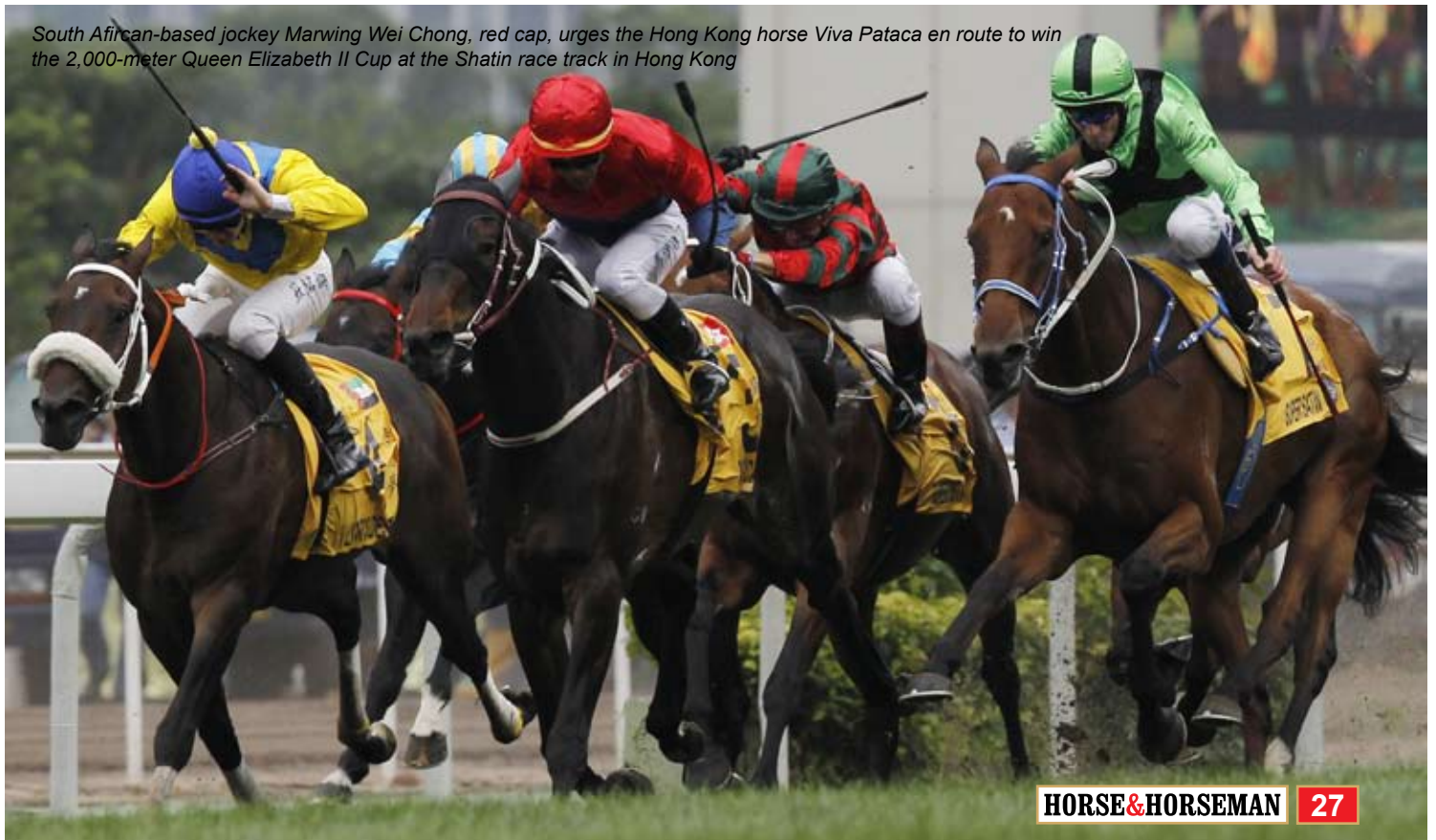
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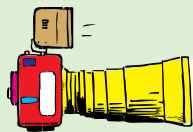
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South African-based jockey Marwing Wei Chong, red cap, urges the Hong Kong horse Viva Pataca en route to win the 2,000-meter Queen Elizabeth II Cup at the Shatin race track in Hong Kong



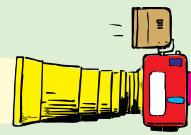
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Australian jockey Darren Beadman, riding the Hong Kong horse Able One (5) competes with Australian jockey Zac Purton on the Hong Kong horse Fellowship during the Champions Mile horse racing at the Shatin race track in Hong Kong Sunday, April 25, 2010. Hong Kong horse.



Australian jockey Darren Beadman, aboard the Hong Kong horse Able One, celebrates after winning the Champions Mile horse racing at the Shatin race track in Hong Kong

MCCOY WINS GRAND NATIONAL ON 15TH ATTEMPT

Fourteen-times champion jockey Tony McCoy won the Grand National in Liverpool at Aintree for the first time in 15 attempts on Don't Push It.

The 10-1 joint favourite -- also giving trainer Jonjo O'Neill and owner JP McManus their first win -- beat long-time Irish leader Black Apalachi by five lengths with last year's fourth State of Play third and the other joint favourite Big Fella Thanks fourth.

"It means everything to win it -- I've won lots of big races and I'm supposed to be a good jockey, but to not win the Grand National would be a bit of a negative on the CV," gasped a visibly moved McCoy, the only jockey to ride 3000 national hunt winners.

Jockey Paul Townsend on horse Scotsirish struggles to clear the last fence during the Topham Steeple Chase at the Grand National horse race meeting at Aintree racecourse in Liverpool, England.



Big Buck's ridden by Ruby Walsh clears the last hurdle on the way to winning the Liverpool Hurdle Race on the first day of The Grand National Meeting at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, northern England.



Runners and riders in The Topham Steeple Chase jump Becher's Brook during the second day of The Grand National Meeting at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, northern England.



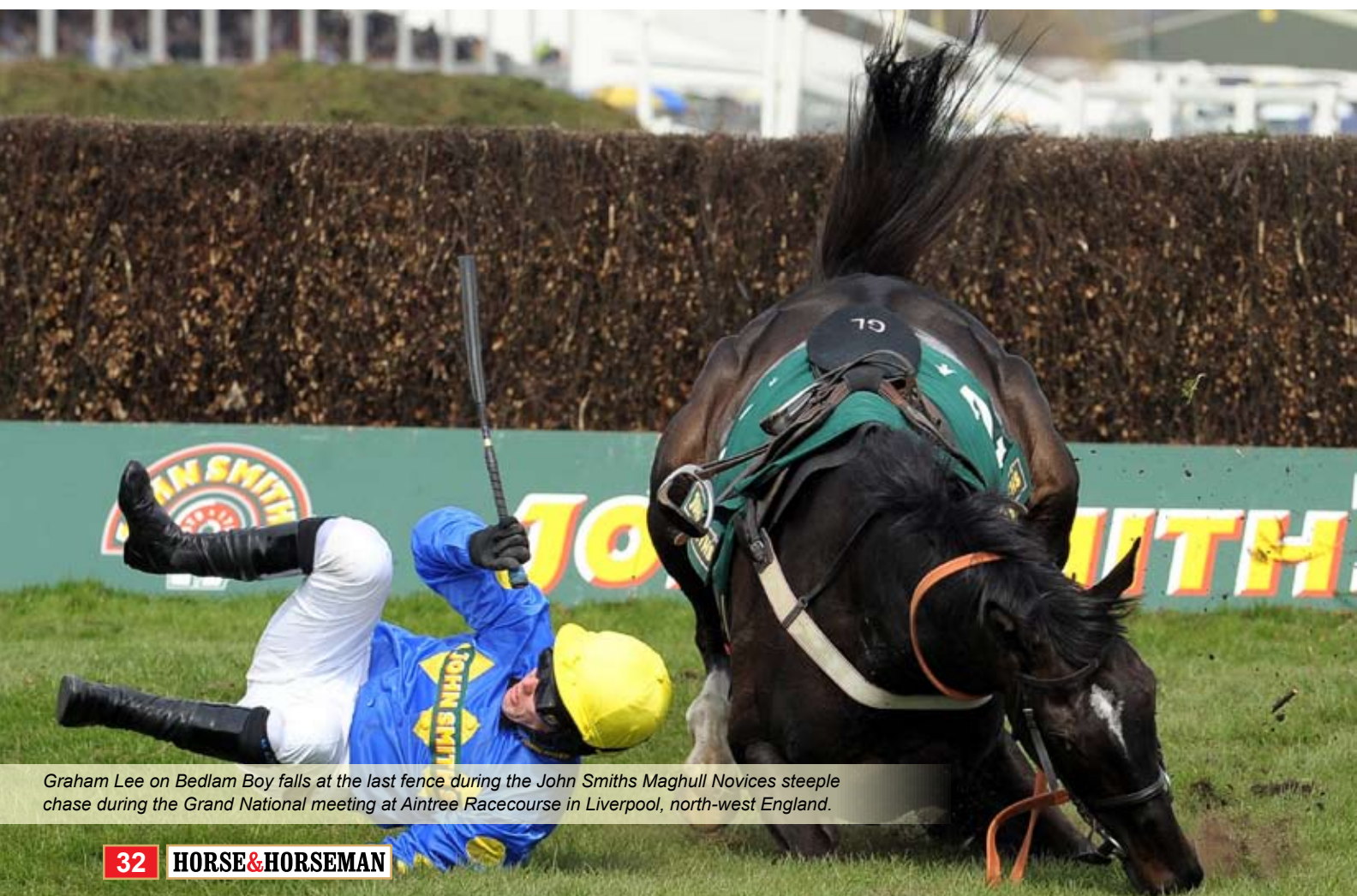
"I am delighted -- delighted for my mum and dad and my wife -- my two and a half year old daughter will be proud of me when she grows up.

"You just keep going once you are in there and got a chance of winning -- I am privileged to win a National in JP's colours."

O'Neill, who as a jockey never won the race though he was more famous for his winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Irish mare Dawn Run, was speechless. "I am lost for words -- it is fantastic -- I am delighted for AP. Brilliant, cant get much better. Until he passed the post I thought it would never happen," said O'Neill, who has fought a successful battle with cancer.

McManus, a former joint-owner of Manchester United who has been involved in jumps racing for decades, was typically humble. "I first have to thank Frank Berry who found and bought

Horses and riders jump at Beecher's Brook during the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, north-west England on April 10, 2010. The race is run over a distance of four miles and four furlongs (7,242 metres), and is the biggest betting race in the United Kingdom.



Graham Lee on Bedlam Boy falls at the last fence during the John Smiths Maghull Novices steeple chase during the Grand National meeting at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, north-west England.



the horse. That was a great start. Full marks to Jonjo. Great effort on behalf of him and his team,” said McManus.

McCoy, twice third in the world’s greatest steeplechase, moved his mount, whose prep race had seen him pulled up in a hurdle race, moved into pole position on the turn into the final two fences and the dreaded run-in at the Elbow.

Four were in contention on the turn including 17-year-old Sam Twiston-Davies on Hello Bud -- bidding to become the second youngest jockey to win the race -- Black Apalachi and Big Fella Thanks, whose rider Barry Geraghty had picked up the ride when Ruby Walsh suffered a suspected broken arm in a fall earlier in the day.

Black Apalachi lost the lead approaching the last while Hello Bud faded.

However, even though the Dessie Hughes-trained Black Apalachi, who fell when leading on the second circuit last year, came back at Don’t Push It, McCoy was not to be denied

Jockey Brian Hughes on horse Always Wainin clears the last fence as he goes on to win the Topham Steeple Chase at the Grand National horse race.



Tony McCoy riding Don't Push It (C) celebrates after winning the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree Racecourse.



and managed to get an extra burst out of his mount.

"I had a tremendous ride. He jumped from fence to fence. But I'm delighted for AP, he beat me fair and square," said a gracious Denis O'Regan, rider on the runner-up.

While one punter landed a huge gamble on the winner at 16/1 other heavily fancied horses fared less well, though, the bookies are estimated to have lost 10 million pounds on the race.

Dream Alliance, owned by a syndicate of bailiffs and taxi drivers in Wales, never enjoyed himself and was pulled up on the second circuit while Nina Carberry's bid to become the first woman rider to win the race never really looked on on Character Bulding.

Well behind going out to the country on the second circuit she did make progress but too late to finish seventh while last year's winner Mon Mome came to grief at the 26th fence.

England cricket all-rounder Freddie Flintoff flew in from Dubai for the race to see his horse, the imaginatively named Flintoff, fail to fire and he was pulled up early on the second circuit while Harry Skelton, son of Great Britain show-jumping great Nick, pulled up Niche Market at the 29th of the 30 fences along with long-time leader Conna Castle.

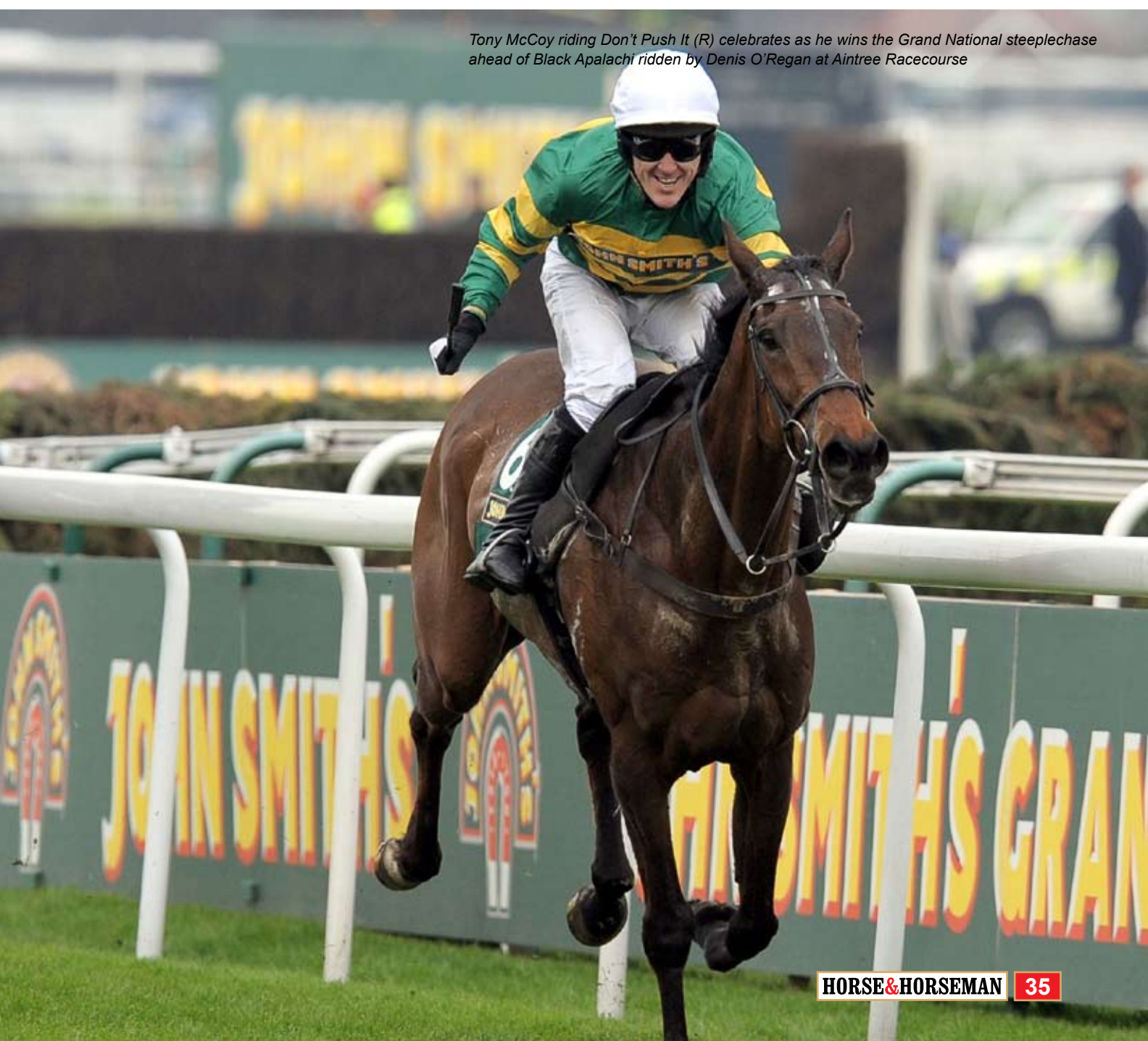
Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson's



Don't Push It ridden by A P McCoy (2L) jumps Beecher's Brook before winning The Grand National steeplechase at Aintree Racecourse.



Tony McCoy riding Don't Push It (R) celebrates as he wins the Grand National steeplechase ahead of Black Apalachi ridden by Denis O'Regan at Aintree Racecourse



Big Buck's ridden by Ruby Walsh clears the last hurdle on the way to winning the Liverpool Hurdle Race on the first day of The Grand National Meeting at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, northern England



A P McCoy riding Don't Push It celebrates as he wins the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree Racecourse.



What A Friend landed the feature race on the first day of the Grand National.

Less than 24 hours after Bayern Munich had knocked United out of the Champions League Ferguson was in the winner's enclosure to greet the Grade One Totesport Bowl Chase victor.

This was the perfect pick-me-up following the defeat at Old Trafford for the Scot who owns the Paul Nicholls-trained chaser in partnership with Manchester businessman Ged Mason.

What A Friend had most in reserve to hold off Carruthers after the final fence after long time leader Nacarat belted the first fence in the straight.

Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Imperial Commander failed to justify odds-on favouritism in this 150,000 pound prize after unseating his jockey, Paddy Brennan at the 14th fence.

What A Friend, a 5-2 shot who was a fresh horse having skipped last month's Cheltenham Festival, took the honours by three quarters of a length.

Ferguson said: "I'm very pleased, it's fantastic and I was so excited. It's great. That's the beauty of the racing game. Every fence you're jumping yourself,

that's the beauty of it.

"I've had a lot of great winners, but to win a race of this magnitude and class is fantastic. I'm really pleased. He's a young horse and the aim is to go to the Gold Cup next year."

Nigel Twiston-Davies said of Imperial Commander: "The horse is fine -- he didn't jump very well and if you don't jump you don't win. He made an early mistake and his jumping fell apart so we'll send him off for a nice long break now."

Big Bucks, also trained by Nicholls, succeeded where Imperial Commander failed in following up his Cheltenham Festival success with victory in the opening Grade One Liverpool Hurdle.



Don't Push It ridden by Tony McCoy (front) jumps Beecher's Brook before winning the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree Racecourse.



Pedders Cross (L) ridden by Jason Maguire jumps clear to win the John Smiths Mersey Novices hurdle during the Grand National meeting at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool, north-west England

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SUPER SAVER CAPTURES KENTUCKY DERBY CROWN

Calvin Borel guided Super Saver through the mud to victory in the 136th Kentucky Derby in Louisville to give trainer Todd Pletcher his first Derby win after 24 fruitless attempts.

For Borel, it was a third triumph in four years in the venerable race, the first jewel in US flat racing's Triple Crown.

Borel piloted 50-1 longshot Mine That Bird to a stunning triumph last year, and won in 2007 aboard Street Sense.

"Calvin Borel is a great rider anywhere he goes, but at Churchill Downs he's even five lengths better,"

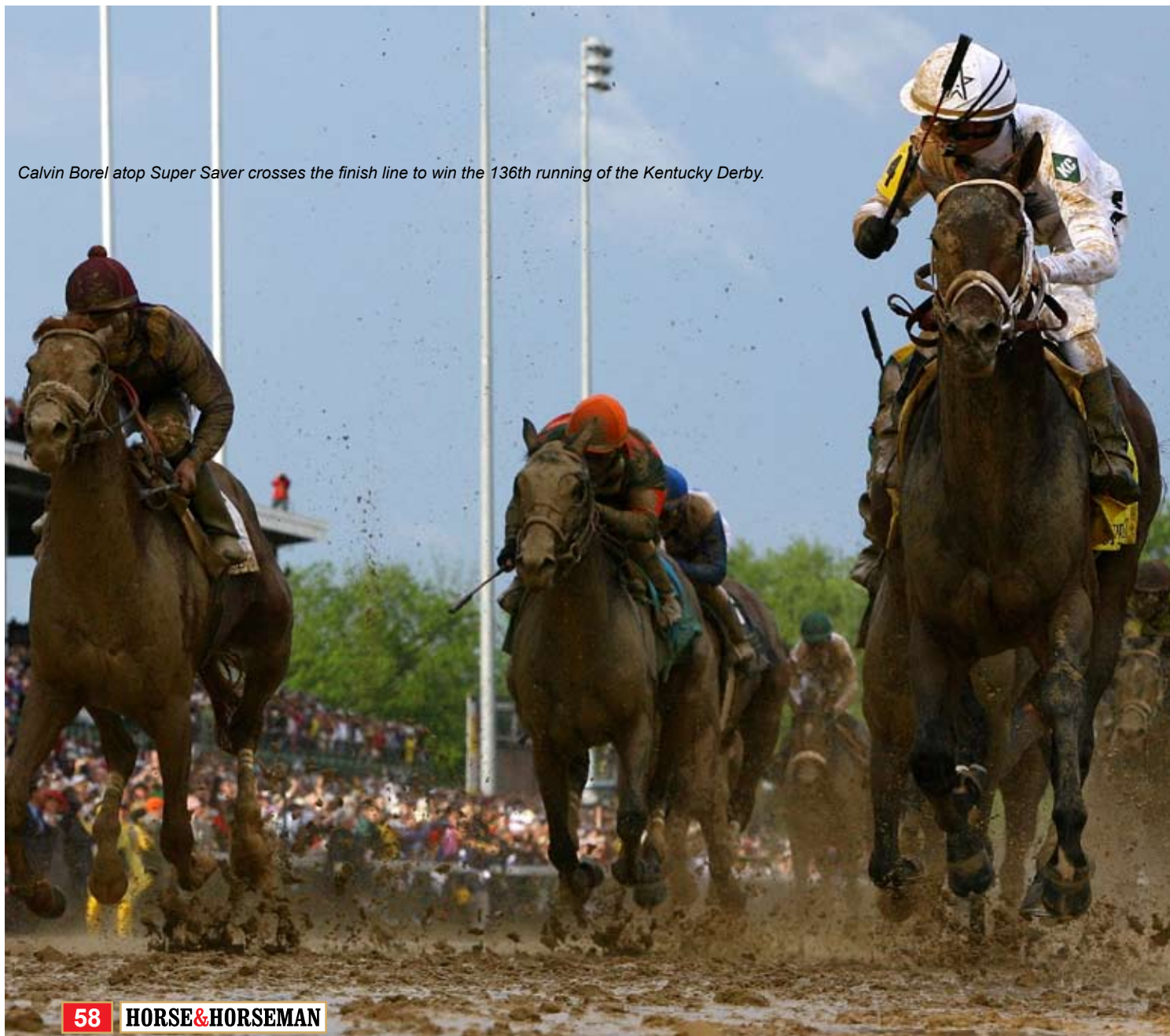
Pletcher said. "He knows how to ride this track and gets along with his colt beautifully."

On the treacherous mud at Churchill Downs, Borel delivered another superb ride on the rail, stalking the leaders before making his move into the stretch to cruise to the victory.

Borel had enough confidence in his mount to take him off the lead early, although in all but one of his six prior races the colt had never been further back than second in the early going.

Borel knew the sloppy track and the 20-horse field made a front-running strategy a bad idea. So

Calvin Borel atop Super Saver crosses the finish line to win the 136th running of the Kentucky Derby.



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Jockey Calvin Borel holds the 136th Kentucky Derby trophy with trainer Todd Pletcher after winning atop Super Saver.





(2nd from-R) Calvin Borel atop Super Saver comes around turn four during the 136th running of the Kentucky Derby.



Calvin Borel celebrates atop Super Saver after winning the 136th running of the Kentucky Derby.

after breaking from the fourth post he quickly moved Super Saver to the rail and bided his time.

"Calvin Borel is amazing. He is fearless," rival trainer Bob Baffert said. "He takes control of the race, and you have to give him a lot of credit. He's a great rider."

Super Saver went off as the second-choice behind favourite Lookin At Lucky in the 1 1/4-mile race. Lookin At Lucky, trained by Baffert, was hindered by his unfavourable post on the rail and finished sixth.

Baffert's other entry, Conveyance set the pace for more than three-quarters of a mile before finishing 15th.

Ice Box, saddled by Nick Zito and ridden by Jose Lezcano, overcame a terrible trip to capture second, edging the Dale Romans-trained Paddy O'Prado, who was third with Kent Desormeaux aboard.

While Pletcher ended his Derby drought, the triumph did not come on the horse that was reckoned his best chance this year. His Eskendereya was the horse to beat in the build-up to the Derby but had to be scratched just a week before with a leg injury.



Owners Kenny Troutt and Bill Casner celebrate their win with Super Saver in the winners circle after the 136th Kentucky Derby .

Kentucky Oaks goes to Blind Luck

Blind Luck tracked down Evening Jewel in the final yards to win the \$500,000 Kentucky Oaks Churchill Downs in Louisville.

The heavy 6-5 favourite trailed early before roaring down the stretch to catch Evening Jewel at the wire in the 1 1/8-mile race for 3-year-old fillies.

It was the third victory in the filly version of the Kentucky Derby for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. Blind Luck, ridden by jockey Rafael Bejarano, paid \$4.60, \$3.60 and \$2.80 while covering the distance in 1:50.70.

Evening Jewel and jockey Kent Desormeaux came within a head-bob of pulling off the upset and paid \$9.40 and \$7.20. Tidal Pool, under Calvin Borel, was third and paid \$5.00.

LOOKIN AT LUCKY CAPTURES PREAKNESS

Lookin at Lucky won the 135th Preakness in Baltimore (Maryland), dooming the Triple Crown bid of Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver and giving jockey-switching trainer Bob Baffert a historic triumph.

Lookin at Lucky, still 12 days shy of his third birthday, charged into contention on the outside in the final turn then moved ahead and held off runner-up First Dude to win the 1 3/16-mile race in 1min 55.47secs.

"This horse has so much heart. He's a warrior," Baffert said. "I didn't feel confident until I saw those colours and him cruising. Turning for home



Lookin At Lucky part owner Mike Pegram, front right, holds the trophy alongside fellow owners, Karl Watson, second from right, and Paul Weitman, third from right, as trainer Bob Baffert, second from left, and his son Bode, lower left, look on in the winner's circle following the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course.

Lookin At Lucky, left, ridden by Martin Garcia, wins the Preakness ahead of First Dude, right, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, who takes second during the 135th Preakness horse race





Lookin At Lucky trainer Bob Baffert holds the trophy in the winner's circle following the 135th Preakness horse race



Martin Garcia holds the trophy in the winner's circle after riding Lookin At Lucky to win the 135th Preakness horse race



Lookin At Lucky, foreground, with Martin Garcia aboard, wins the 135th Preakness horse race ahead of Jackson Bend, behind, ridden by Mike E. Smith, and Yawanna Twist, right, with Edgar Prado aboard, at Pimlico Race Course

I just thought, 'Please nobody run me down.'

First Dude was three-quarters of a length back with Jackson Bend third and Yawanna Twist fourth followed in order by Dublin, Paddy O'Prado and Caracortado.

Super Saver finished a woeful eighth in the 12-horse field at Pimlico after challenging in the final turn but fading down the final stretch, foiling jockey Calvin Borel's prediction of a Triple Crown sweep for the colt.

"When I asked him (to charge), he just kind of folded up. It happens," Borel said. "Perfect trip. I wouldn't have changed it for nothing in the world. He just come up empty."

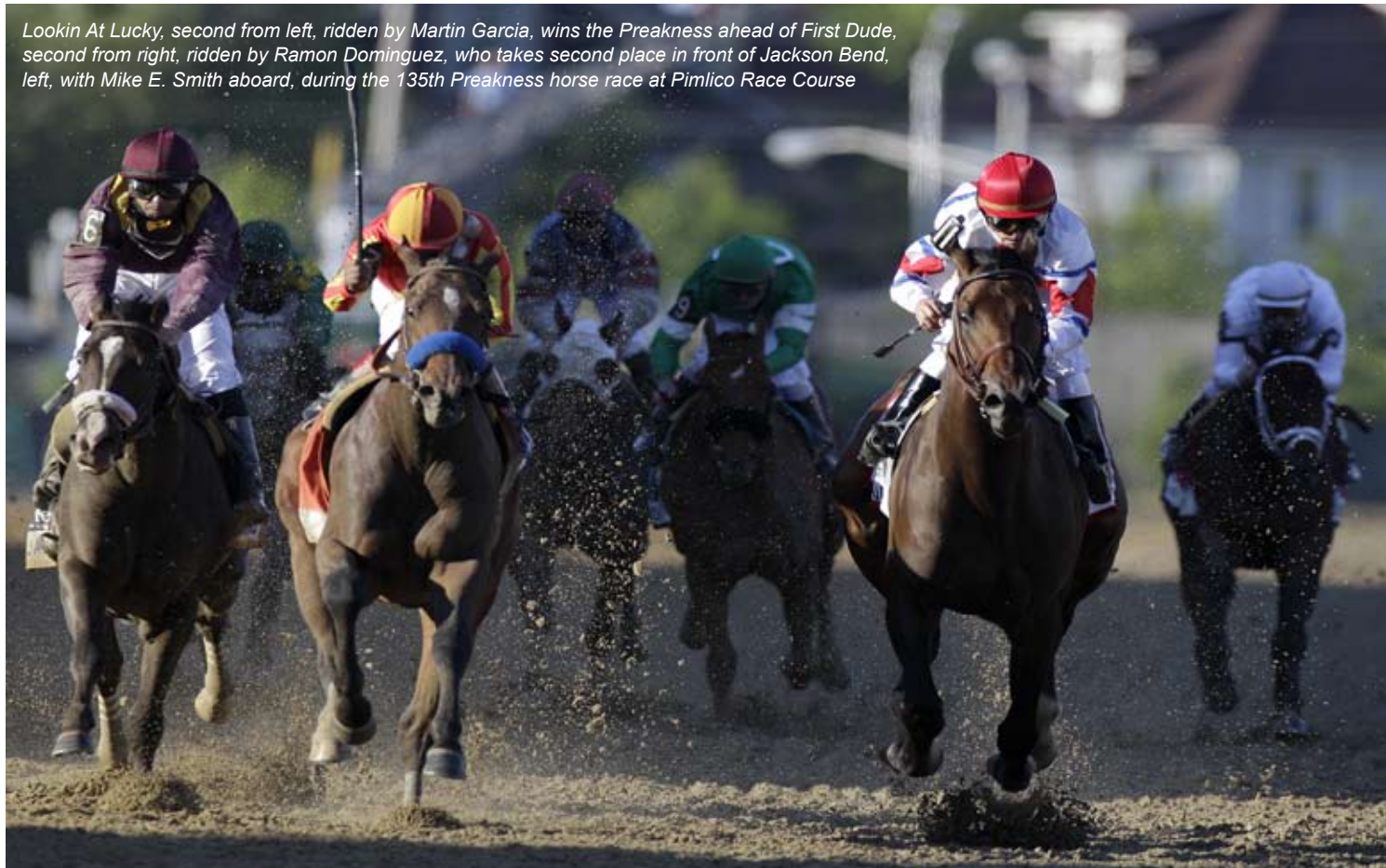
No horse has swept the Kentucky Derby, Preakness



The horses leave the gate during the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Lookin At Lucky, with Martin Garcia aboard, won the race.



Lookin At Lucky, second from left, ridden by Martin Garcia, wins the Preakness ahead of First Dude, second from right, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, who takes second place in front of Jackson Bend, left, with Mike E. Smith aboard, during the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course

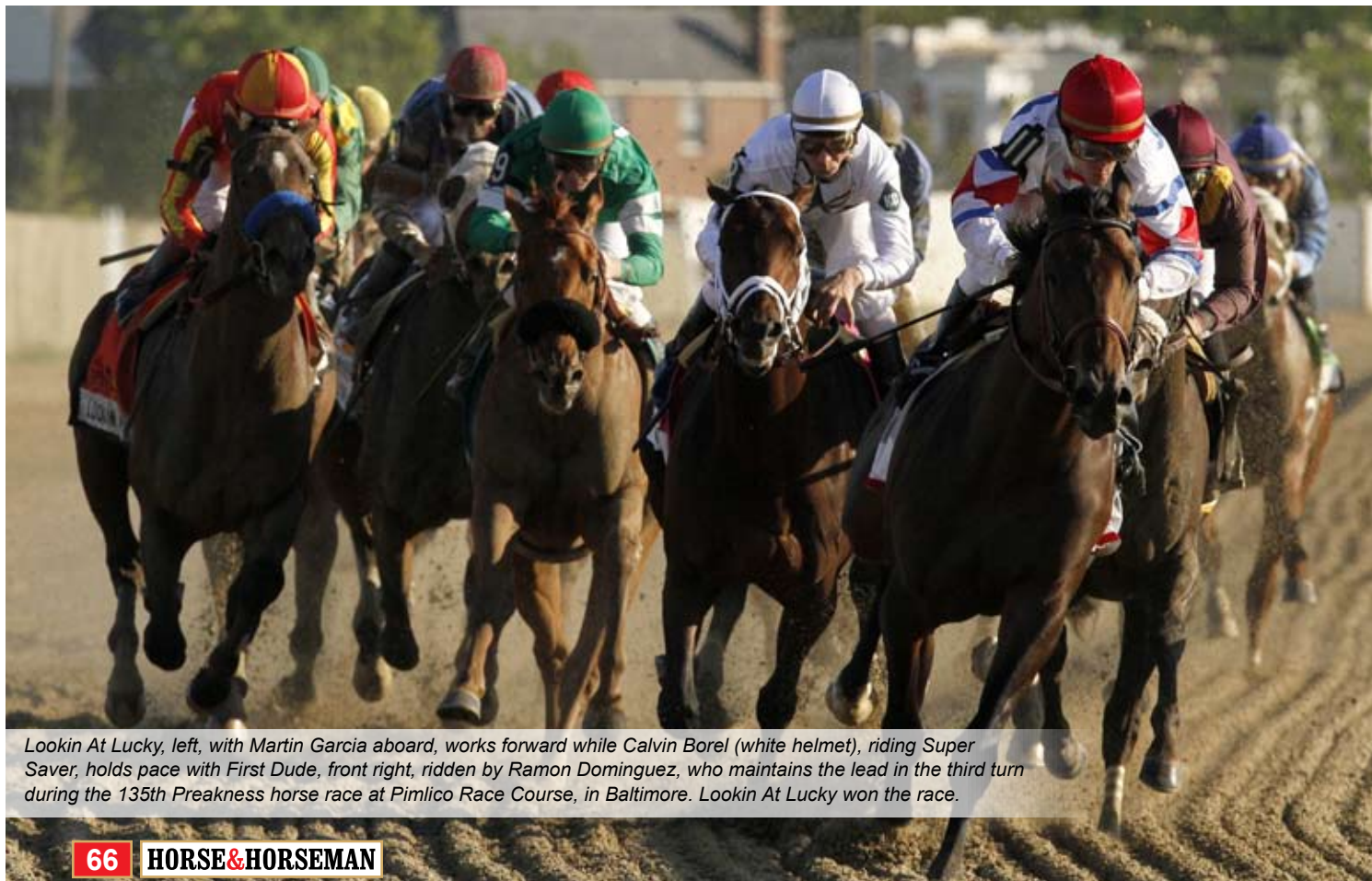


and Belmont Stakes since Affirmed in 1978.

Lookin at Lucky took a measure of redemption for a shocking sixth-place Kentucky Derby finish, one that prompted Baffert to switch jockeys from Garrett Gomez to Martin Garcia, a 25-year-old

rider who won in his Preakness debut.

"This means a lot for me," Garcia said. "I tried to get out of trouble and he felt really good. I tried to save him in the first turn and after that, do whatever he wanted. He responded when I



Lookin At Lucky, left, with Martin Garcia aboard, works forward while Calvin Borel (white helmet), riding Super Saver, holds pace with First Dude, front right, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, who maintains the lead in the third turn during the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course, in Baltimore. Lookin At Lucky won the race.

asked him to go. When I had a chance I went for it.”

Baffert enjoyed his ninth Triple Crown victory and fifth Preakness triumph to match D. Wayne Lukas for second on the all-time Preakness list.

Garcia’s victory in the saddle meant Baffert got to avoid those who would have second-guessed the decision to switch from a veteran jockey to a relative newcomer in the wake of the Derby defeat.

“He came out to ride,” Baffert said. “He’s so young. He doesn’t realize the importance of this race.”

Lookin at Lucky nudged even with Super Saver as a betting favourite just before the start, making it three wins in a row for Preakness favourites.

Super Saver trainer Todd Pletcher fell to 0-5 in the Preakness as his horse finished out of the money for only the second time in eight starts. Schoolyard Dreams was ninth followed by Aikenite, Pleasant Prince and Northern Giant.



Martin Garcia, left, aboard Lookin At Lucky, walks back with outrider Clark Cassidy after the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Lookin At Lucky won the race.



Lookin At Lucky, left, ridden by Martin Garcia, wins the Preakness ahead of First Dude, right, ridden by Ramon Dominguez, who takes second place in front of Jackson Bend (6), with Mike E. Smith aboard, who takes third place during the 135th Preakness horse race at Pimlico Race Course, in Baltimore.

Drosselmeyer wins BELMONT STAKES

Drosselmeyer surged past the leaders in the final straight to win the 142nd Belmont Stakes in New York to give Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott his first victory in a Triple Crown race.

With jockey Mike Smith in the irons, 13-1 shot

Drosselmeyer defeated Fly Down by three-quarters of a length.

Preakness runner-up First Dude was third in the 1 1/2 mile "Test of the Champion" that completes the Triple Crown series that also includes the Kentucky



Mike Smith, riding Drosselmeyer (R) leads First Dude, ridden by Ramon Dominguez and Fly Down, ridden by John Velazquez to win the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Derby and Preakness.

Drosselmeyer gave owners WinStar their second Triple Crown win of the season after the Kentucky Derby triumph of Super Saver.

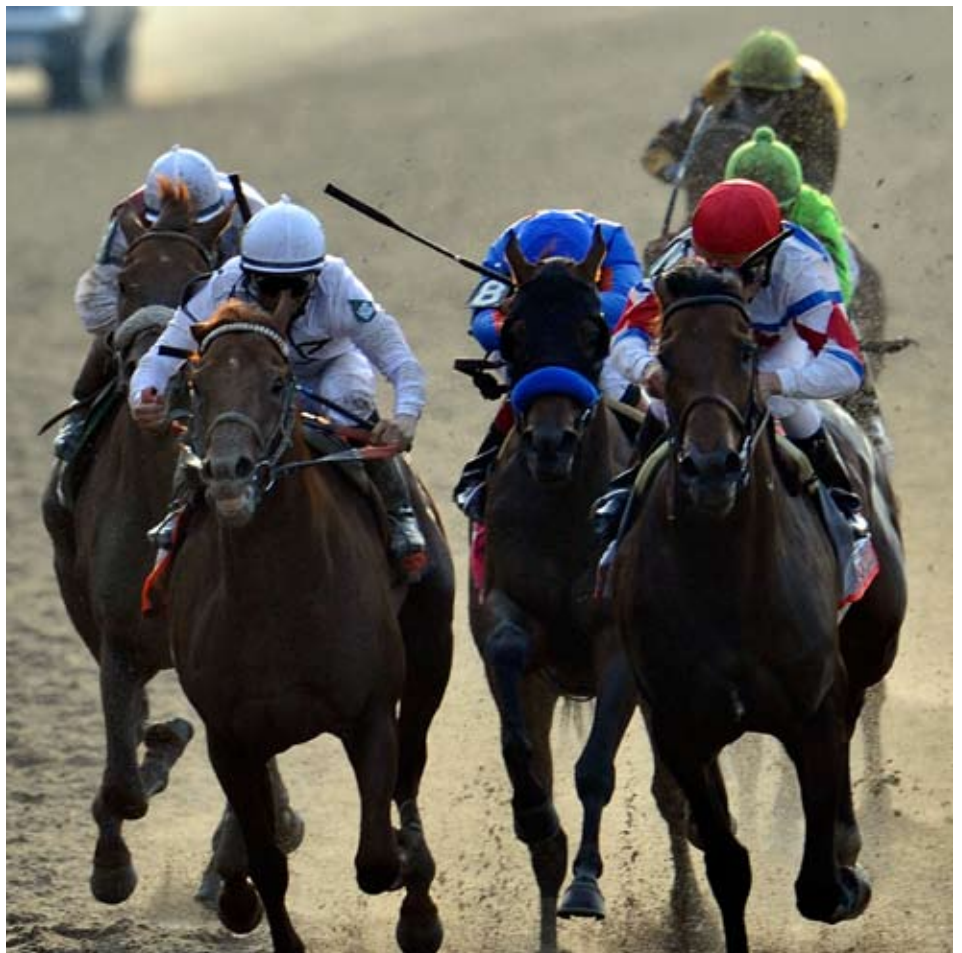
But neither Super Saver nor Preakness winner Lookin At Lucky ran on the day, when 45,243 turned out in hot, sunny weather at Belmont Park despite the absence of a Triple Crown contender.

The last horse to complete the coveted treble was Affirmed in 1978.

Mott, who became the youngest trainer inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 1998 at the age of 45, had not won a Triple Crown race in 13 prior attempts.

Veteran jockey Smith had been 0-12 in the Belmont, but filled that gap on his resume with a masterful ride.

"It all came together," said Mott, who trained the great Cigar in 1995-96. "I think it was just a matter of time with some of the good horses I get to train



Jockey Mike Smith (left) comes up the stretch riding Drosselmeyer as he battles for the lead on his way to the Belmont win as First Dude, ridden by Ramon Dominguez (red helmet) finished third at the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.

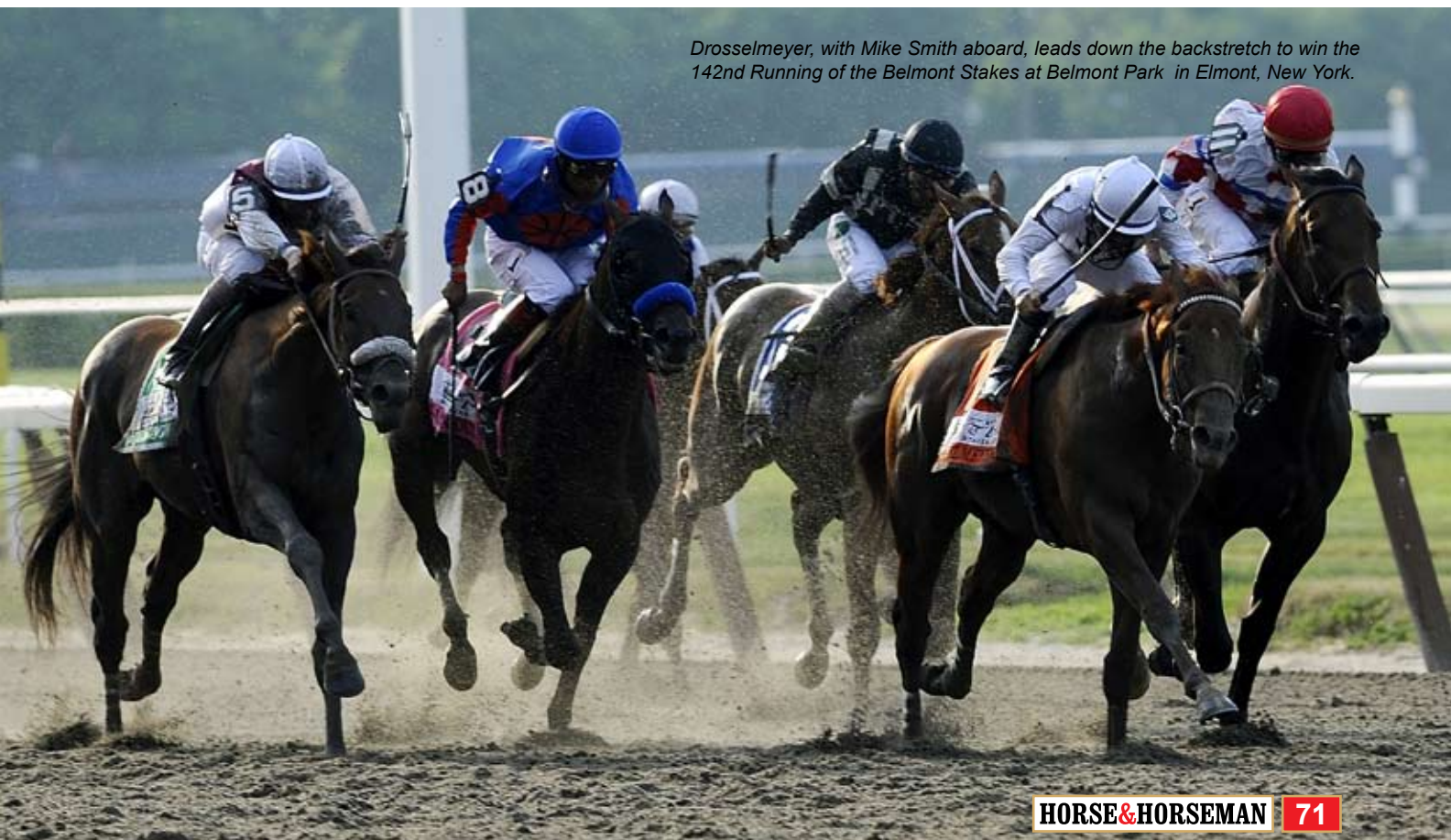
Drosselmeyer jockey Mike Smith (L) and trainer Bill Mott are joined by New York State Governor David Paterson as they celebrate winning the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Jockey Mike Smith (center) riding Drosselmeyer to the win as he crosses the finish line with Fly Down (left) ridden by John Velazquez who finished second and First Dude ridden by Ramon Dominguez (right) who finished third at the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Drosselmeyer, with Mike Smith aboard, leads down the backstretch to win the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.





Jockey Mike Smith rises in his saddle as he rides Drosselmeyer to the win along with Fly Down (left hidden by Drosselmeyer) ridden by John Velazquez who finished second and First Dude ridden by Ramon Dominguez (red helmet) who finished third at the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Jockey Mike Smith (left) gestures to the crowd after riding Drosselmeyer to win the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York

that it was going to happen.”

Smith was riding Drosselmeyer for the first time, taking over from Kent Desormeaux. “I felt like the horse needed a little change in routine,” said WinStar Farm racing manager Elliott Walden. “We went to Mike because we felt he would get him in a rhythm and keep him running.

“This horse really kicked hard turning for home and finished strong.”

Smith kept the big-striding chestnut colt in the open, and made a move on the outside on the last of Belmont Park’s sweeping turns.

In the final straight he overtook the Dale Romans-trained First Dude, who had set the pace for most of the race under Ramon Dominguez.

Drosselmeyer also held off a late challenge from Fly Down, who was saddled by Nick Zito and ridden by John Velazquez.



Fans of the morning line favorite Ice Box were disappointed when the horse did not finish in the money during the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York

Mott was delighted to see Drosselmeyer live up the promise he had not quite fulfilled this year, a season that saw him finish fourth, third and second in his three prior starts and fail to qualify for the Kentucky Derby field.

"He always keeps coming," Mott said. "He has been close going a mile and an eighth and he's had some trips where he didn't have the golden trip. He got nice, smooth trip today."

The Zito-trained Kentucky Derby runner-up Ice Box went off as the 9-5 favourite but finished ninth in the 12-horse field.

For Zito, it was a day of mixed emotions. "I'm obviously disappointed in Ice Box," Zito said. "He was ready to go the last couple of days, but I guess he just left his race somewhere. He certainly didn't run, that's for sure. I'm happy, obviously, Fly Down ran great."

Jockey Mike Smith (center) riding Drosselmeyer to the win as he crosses the finish line with Fly Down (left) ridden by John Velazquez who finished second and First Dude ridden by Ramon Dominguez (right) who finished third at the running of the 142nd Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Drosselmeyer, with Mike Smith aboard, wins the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes in front of Fly Down, with John Velazquez aboard at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



Mike Smith (2nd, L) is joined by WinStar Farm manager Elliot Walden (L) and trainer Bill Mott, (R) at the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York.



WORKFORCE GIVES MOORE RARE CLASSIC DOUBLE

Workforce ridden by British jockey Ryan Moore (3rd R) wins the Derby on the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England



English champion jockey Ryan Moore celebrated a rare classic double in Epsom as Workforce won the Epsom Derby in record time and gave trainer Sir Michael Stoute his fifth race win.

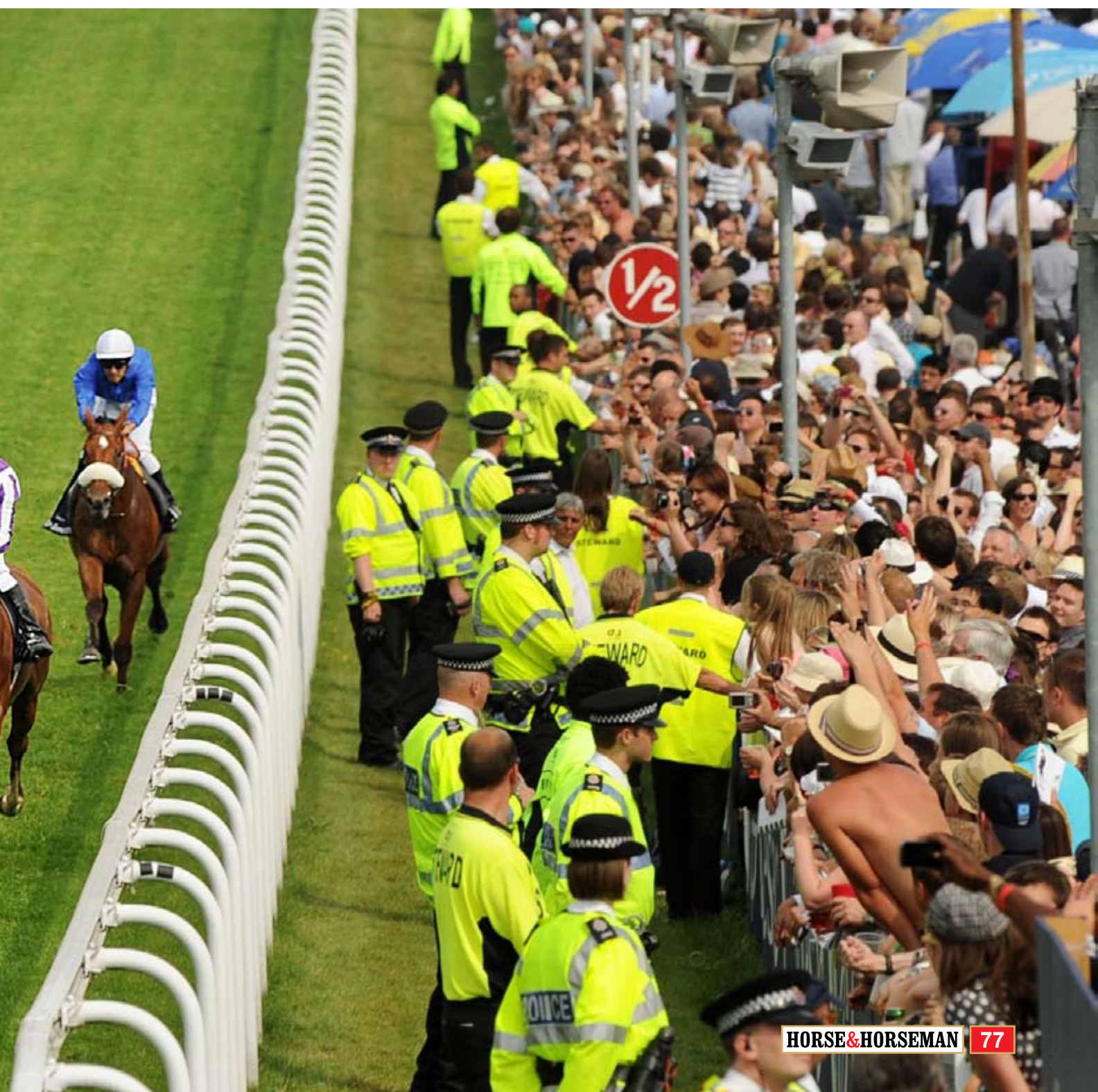
Moore, 26, had won the Epsom Oaks a day before with Snow Fairy and became the first jockey since Kieren Fallon in 2004 to do the Oaks/Derby double.

Workforce, a 6/1 shot running only his third race, came home seven lengths clear of 100/1 Irish outsider At First Sight, while The Godolphin Operation's Rewilding was third at 9/2, another 1 1/2 lengths behind.

The winner's time of 2min 31.33sec was nearly a second faster than the previous best course and distance time set by Lammtarra in the 1995 Derby.

Moore had plenty of work to do as the 12 runner field entered the finishing straight as At First Sight -- the pacemaker for favourite Jan Vermeer -- had a 10 length advantage and showed no signs of stopping under Jamie Heffernan.

Moore, though, ate bit by bit into the Aidan O'Brien-trained runner's lead and with just under two furlongs to go he had got upsides him and passed him and from then on it was just a case of how far





Racegoers attend Derby Day, the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England



Racegoers are silhouetted as they enjoy champagne on Derby Day, the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England



British jockey Ryan Moore rides Workforce to victory during the Derby on the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England

he would win by.

At First Sight stayed on bravely and got a deserved second place while Rewilding, under Frankie Dettori, ran on well after not handling the awkward descent at Tattenham Corner to give the Dubai-based Godolphin Operation some reward for outlaying 75,000 pounds in supplementing him for the race.

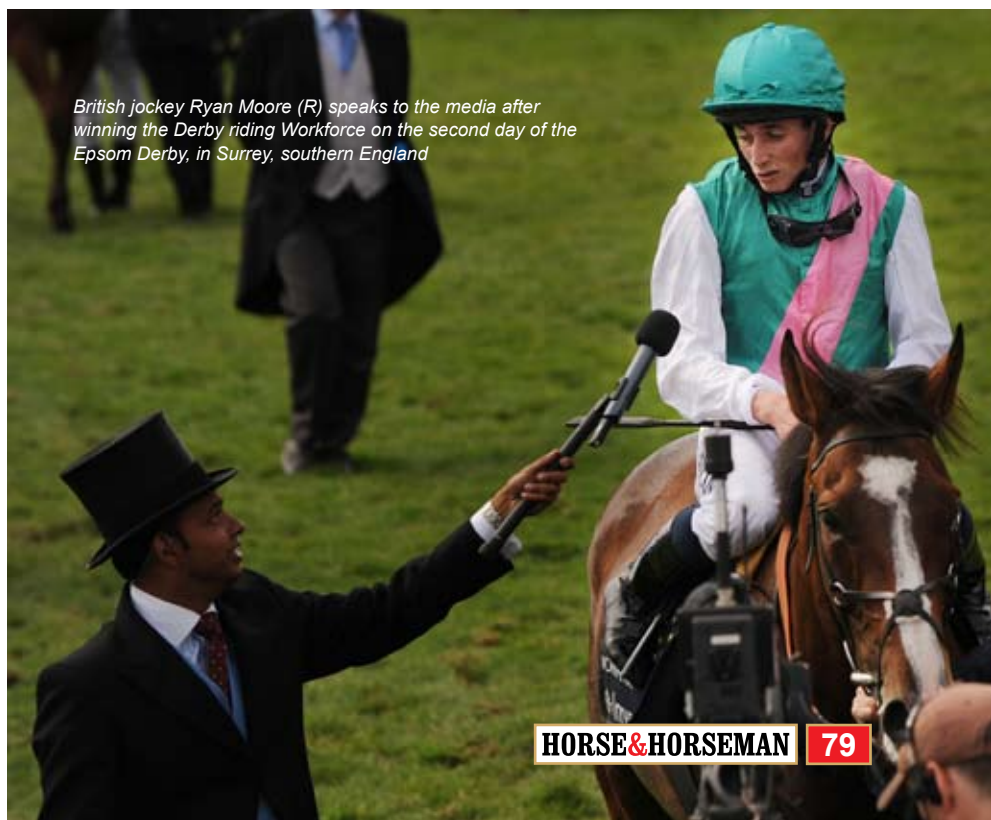
Jan Vermeer, who had replaced St Nicholas Abbey as favourite for the race last week after the latter was withdrawn, stayed on for fourth without ever threatening to give O'Brien a third win in the race.

Another Godolphin runner Alzir was sixth, though, he was fortunate to have three-time Derby winning jockey Fallon on board.

The troubled Irishman -- who was having his first ride in the race since 2006 -- had got stuck in traffic and then left his family in the car while

he took a train and then a taxi to the track arriving barely an hour before the race.

Workforce's equine rivals would probably have wished that the same problems had been encountered by him on the way to the racecourse.



British jockey Ryan Moore (R) speaks to the media after winning the Derby riding Workforce on the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England

Moore guides SNOW FAIRY TO VICTORY

Snow Fairy won the Epsom Oaks under three-time champion jockey Ryan Moore, rewarding trainer Ed Dunlop's bold move in supplementing her for the race only a fortnight ago.

The 9/1 chance won by a neck from 25/1 outsider Meeznah, who gave rookie trainer David Lanigan a memorable first runner in the race, while three-time winning Oaks trainer Aidan O'Brien had to settle for third with 8/1 shot Remember When.

Dunlop persuaded Austria-based South American owner/breeder Cristina Patino only two weeks ago to reinvest the 20,000 pounds winnings from a May 19 race at Goodwood in entering her for the Oaks -- another shrewd decision by the Frenchwoman, who had bought her back at auction for 1,500 pounds a year-and-a-half ago. Victory here netted her connections 208,000 pounds.

Hot favourite Aviate failed to quicken when given an opportunity by Tom Queally and faded to finish seventh, dashing trainer Henry Cecil's hopes of a record ninth victory in the classic.

For Dunlop it was a second victory in the 'fillies derby' -- winning with Ouija Board six years ago -- as it is raced over the same 1 1/2 miles course and distance as Saturday's race for the colts.

"I've lost my voice," gasped 41-year-old Old

Etonian Dunlop, son of English training great John. "It's amazing. Ryan gave her an amazing ride. We were quite anxious as we had doubts about her staying.

"To win two Oaks is well amazing, what else can one say!" added an emotional Dunlop.

Moore was less effusive about the win, even though it is his first ever English classic victory. "It was a very rough race so I took her back down the field," said the 26-year-old, whose greatest previous successes was winning the Breeders Cup Turf on Conduit two years in succession. "This gave her a chance and she showed a nice turn of foot. It's great to win the Oaks," he added.

Mrs Patino could barely believe her eyes. "It's not possible! We (Dunlop and her) talked it over and I said yes. And like any good gambler we reinvested our winnings on another bet!"

The other Group One race of the day, the Coronation Cup, had seen O'Brien record his first top class victory of the season outside Ireland as 5/6 on favourite Fame and Glory landed it under Johnny Murtagh.

Last year's Oaks heroine Sariska was second, frustrating her trainer Michael Bell's hopes of recording his 1000th career winner in some style.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II attends Derby Day, the second day of the Epsom Derby, in Surrey, southern England on June 5, 2010.



CHECKING THE VITALS: ABDOMINAL SOUNDS

by: Doug Byars, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM

Unlike heart and respiratory rates, abdominal sounds do not punch a specific time clock for generating “gut sounds.” The rhythmic peristaltic churning of food mixed with fluids within the gut varies in slower waves depending on meal time, the meal itself, and the level of activity. You don’t actually “time” bowel sounds, but you do want to know if they are present.

Anatomy of the Gut

Veterinarians often joke that the abdomen of the horse was designed by a committee: it is complex and the obvious source of our leading killer, colic, which literally means pain with an abdominal origin. The horse has a unique abdominal anatomy, with the gut being within a space also shared by the liver, kidneys, and spleen. The reproductive organs also are present in females, with pregnancy being almost like the ever-enlarging living tumor. In males, the reproductive organs originate within the abdomen, then descend.

If we follow an oat kernel from the time of ingestion to digestion, it is quite a trip with strategic digestive processes. Anatomically, after the esophagus empties into the stomach, food and water begin transport through the abdominal viscera. The stomach is relatively

small (2-4 gallons) and empties into the small intestine. Compare that to the 40-50-gallon vat called the rumen in the cow. If that oat kernel runs into a problem in the stomach of a cow it can be churned, fermented, and regurgitated for more chewing (cud). The horse is a species that does not regurgitate or vomit, thus the kernel is either trapped there or slowly exits into the duodenum, travels on to the jejunum and then the ileum, a trip of about 70 feet in length for the cumulative small intestine.

When indicators of abdominal discomfort are not subtle or they are obvious: sweating, rolling horse that you can't keep up ... call the veterinarian immediately. You don't need to concern yourself with listening for bowel sounds when the horse is reacting so violently. Sick horses with intestinal compromise should always be examined by a veterinarian, since even subtle problems can become life-threatening.

The small intestine ends with the muscular ileum that empties into the large colon and cecum, collectively called the “hindgut.” Foals become hindgut fermenters at about three to four months of age. The cecum in the horse serves as a blind but large fermentation sac located on the right side of the abdomen.

The large colon also originates there at the junction of the ileo-cecal-colic valve, a favorite site for tapeworms. The cecum and colon are significant fermentation processing plants, with the large colon starting on the right, circling forward toward the diaphragm then going along on the left, folding upward and back on itself, before again going forward then passing back over to the right side to end with the junction to the small colon.

The large colon is a major fluid resorption area and the small colon is where the fecal balls are formed. The large colon is about 35 feet long with a large diameter, and it is followed by the small colon and rectum, which make up about 12 feet in length. Obviously, the journey for that oat kernel was significant--it traveled more than 150 feet in a few hours or less--and is completed out the rectum and anus usually as a digested hull of the original oat kernel.

Listening to Your Horse's Abdominal Sounds

Having an appreciation for the anatomy of the bowels gives the veterinarian an approach to detecting the location of a problem during the physical examination. Listening to both sides of the abdomen both high and low can be done by placing your ear against the abdomen, but this is not nearly as precise or safe as using a stethoscope. The sounds to be heard are a mixture of gurgling, gaslike growls, fluid as tinkling sounds, and occasionally "roars" as grumbles in the normal horse (similar to us apologizing to our companions for that occasional loud abdominal sonic storm). These would be normal sounds that the veterinarian refers to as either peristaltic or "borborismus," and they reflect normal bowel activity.

In most cases silence is the signal of something abnormal. Since no special time clock is within the abdomen for sounds, it means listening to both sides of the abdomen for at least a minute each. Hearing the presence of bowel sounds should reassure you that things are still moving along as expected. Silence might sometimes be a sign of excessive gas or an impending diarrhea. Faint tinkling sounds might signify infection or a significant colic lesion. Searching for sounds or the lack thereof is important

and your veterinarian will appreciate as much information as you can obtain from observing your horse and listening to his abdomen whenever the clinical signs are subtle.

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Owners become guardians of their horses by paying attention to problems their horses might present. Not eating, slow eating, excessive gas production, changes in the character of the feces, weight loss, or chronic colic are signs needing interpretation. The stethoscope allows the listener a cursory appreciation of abdominal abnormalities, as he or she notes changes that can be heard, or not heard. The additional "vitals" information relayed to your veterinarian will be the temperature and the heart and respiratory rates, along with an evaluation of the mucous membranes. A quick appreciation of the vital signs with abdominal sounds is usually a window providing effective communications for both you and your veterinarian regarding a horse's immediate health status.



DERBY WINNING JOCKEY GREVILLE STARKEY DIES

Former jockey Greville Starkey, whose finest and darkest hours in a long and distinguished riding career came in the Epsom Derby, has died aged 70 after a long battle against cancer.

Starkey won the 1978 Derby on Shirley Heights, but in the 1986 classic he suffered a narrow defeat on red-hot favourite Dancing Brave when he was criticised for exaggerated waiting tactics.

He rode a total of 1,989 winners on the Flat and notched up a century of wins in a season on four occasions. His best numerical tally came in 1978 when he finished fourth in the jockeys' table with 107 winners.

Starkey was champion apprentice in 1957 and retired from racing at the end of the 1989 season.

Aside from Shirley Heights his other big race successes came in the Oaks, Sussex Stakes, Eclipse and Ascot Gold Cup.

He will also be remembered for a bizarre incident at Royal Ascot in 1988 when his mount Ile De Chypre swerved across the track and unseated him. It was later alleged in a bizarre race fixing court case that his mount had been stopped by a 'stun gun'.

Former weighing room colleague Willie Carson paid tribute to Starkey, telling The Racing Post: "He was a very good judge of a horse, he knew what he was sitting on.

"He always loved waiting and one of his strengths was winning by as little as possible, he was always brave at doing things like that. He was a very cool customer in a race, he was unflappable."

Carson recalled Starkey as something of a 'character' off the track and said: "He was very famous for his dog-barking. He could bark like a jack russell -- he was quietly spoken but you would always know where he was.

"One time he had been getting in trouble with the stewards for not keeping straight and so in a two-and-a-half-mile race at Goodwood when he was going round the turn he stuck his right hand out to tell all the jockeys behind he was turning right!"

AUSTRIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTERNATIONAL AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Shiney Muscaleana & Gerhard Hairas
Inter, Austrian Champ. Reining.*



After a very long period of rain and cold weather, the first weekend with warm sun. Not only the weather was phantastic also the numbers of participants where as high as never before.

40 nominated horses, 219 starts during two and a half days, shows clearly that the new rule accepted in the Austrian National Equestrian Federation rulebook, that each rider is allowed to nominate as many horses as possible to ride for him, equal in the Championships, was highly accepted

There where also new faces to be welcomed. Young talents could show there ability. First time not only Dressage and the whole Westernsection. as - Pleasure, Reining, Trail, Horsemanship, Westernriding, Freestylereining & Polebending where offered, Showjumping was also organized, max hight 1,10m, speed & faults, indoorarena and technical wise very difficult built.

Friends from Denmark, Polen and Germanywherehere. They where very experienced and well trained but last exept one Champion Title □ Traditionale Arabian Riding Sonja Dries & Malik Ibn Muscateal - all stayed in Austria. Great succes fort he Austrians and the Sportprogramm of VVÖ.

Two extraordinary horses where unbeatable: ESTELLA by Mezalians ridden by Tina Kropik and owened by Ing Wirth was simply a class for her own in Dressage. ESTELLA won every competition she starts in



*Estella Nationaler & Internationaler
Austrian Champion Dressage*





Kailashi

as they are: Junior Preliminary Test, Intermediaire I, Prix St. Georg. After one year foaling break a great success for this two!

KAILASHI by Mandan, also a team with lots of success in the last years. Hannah Friedl 15 years of age road the very difficult Trails in an extremely good manor much higher class as all others. But not only Trail also Western Pleasure and in the end also Western All Around Champion Titles she won There where nobody from the other riders – very good ones – like this pair.

MAGIC MAGIR & Reinhard Hochreiter new in the event of the pure bred Arabians was the Best in Austrian National Reining and beat the Champion of last year Gerhard Hairas with Shiney Muscaleana , SHINEY MUSCALEANA won the International Austrian Champion Title Reining and could show her high performance quality.

The showground where the Austrian Nationals are organized since many years is a very famous and wellknown Western location. WTC Schulz is often the houst of European Championships

NRHA Reining. The Show Jumping parcours was technical wise very difficult. VVÖ promotes the Show Jumping and there were many participants there but they need all three days to come in the last day to a good result. PADISHAH the new horse of Marion Schulz won Intern. & National Austrian Championship after the Polish Team where eliminated. Silbermedale was won by a wellknown

old team KHEN SAABIS NASHITA after a foaling break of a year & Stefan Hirnböck. .

Sandra Wagner & WIZARD two newcomers in the Championships showed of a very high quality of All Around and became with a total of very good results International Austrian All Around Champion Classic.



*Estella Intern. & Nat. Austrian
Champion Dressage*

PADRON S KHEN SAABI & again Stefan Hirnböck, always in Dressage short behind Estella was not only in the medals in Dressage, the competition Classic Pleasure is there speciality and the Title International & National Austrain Champion Classic Pleasure was theres. Classic Pleasure is in the same way as Traditionale Arabian Riding a competition the rider loves. This groupe

competitions where all horse are together in the arena, not separated by sex, are more difficult to ride than in the first moment it looks like

Traditionale Arabian Riding, an also very popular Class in traditional original arabic Costumes also a pleasure competition, all together in a groupe following the anouncement of the ringmaster was won by AARON Ibn CHALEF & Susanne

*Aaron Ibn Chalef National Champion
Traditionale Arabian Riding*



Padishah





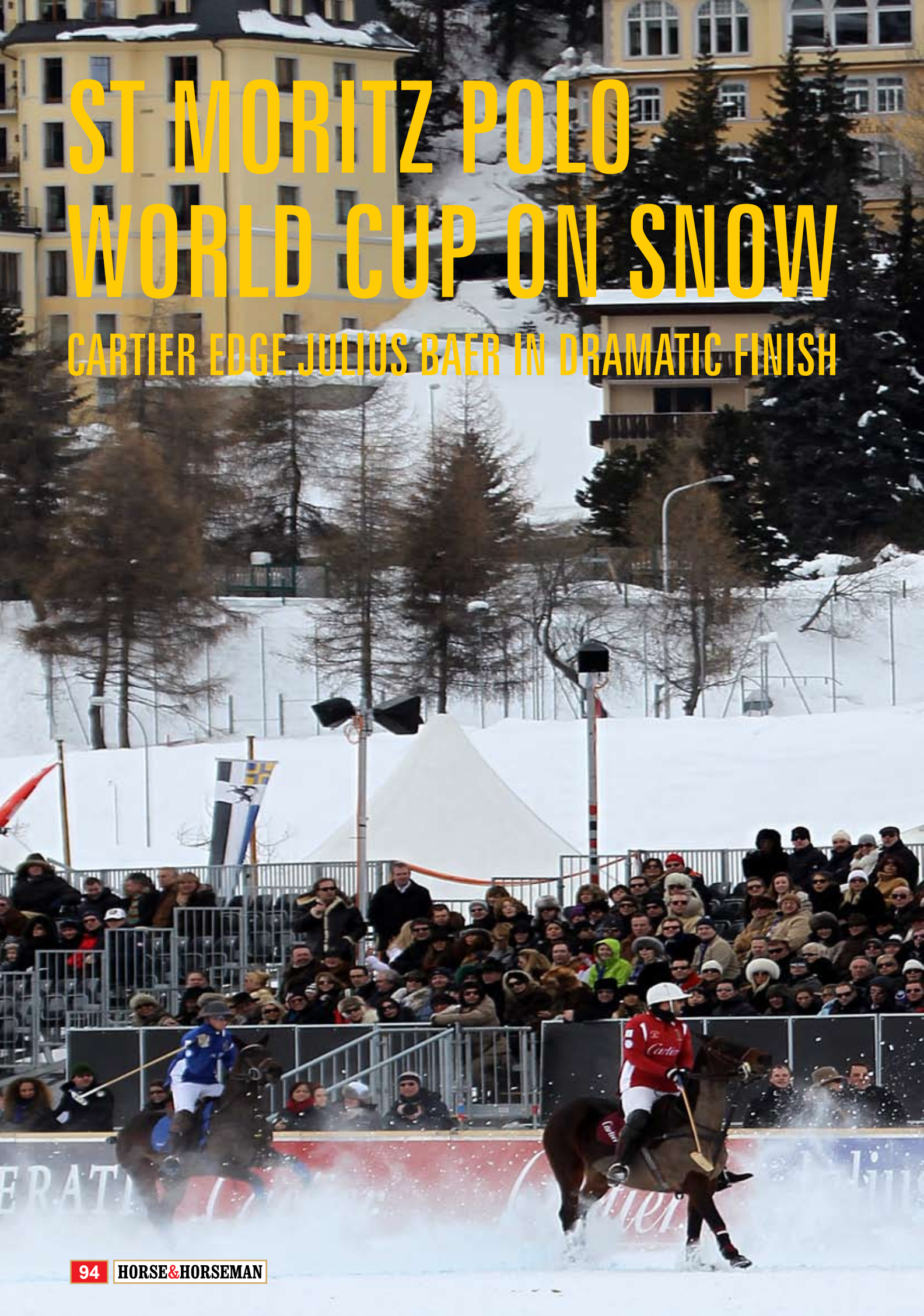
Aaron Ibn Chalef Ladies Side Saddle



Macig Magir Nat.Champion Reining

Schuh in Austrian National Championship and in Intern. Austrian Championship Sonja Dries & MALIK IBN MUSCATEAL GER, was Champion. Both riders with a very good ride and very pretty costumes.

The Organizer of the event, the Austrian Arabian Breeders Association (VVÖ), should be thanked very much. Without the very generous sponsoring during long time the Austrian Arabian Sport horses would be not on this high level they showed.



ST MORITZ POLO WORLD CUP ON SNOW

CARTIER EDGE JULIUS BAER IN DRAMATIC FINISH



Cartier defeated Julius Baer in a dramatic finish to take the coveted Cartier Trophy home in the grand finale to the 26th St Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow.

The scores were tied at 3-3 with just eight seconds to go when Cartier were awarded a penalty from point blank range. Glen Gilmore, the Most Valuable Player of the four-team spectacle, couldn't have missed from this close. The penalty conversion

sparked wild celebrations from a large contingent of fans in the stands.

Julius Baer, however, were not happy with the referee's decision to award the penalty against them. Their top player Pablo MacDonough said it was a shame to finish a game like that. "I would have preferred to have lost because they scored a really nice goal but, well, these things can happen. Hopefully I can be back next year to reclaim the title, because it's a fantastic event and the polo is getting better and better," he said.

It was a fantastic match nevertheless with polo of the highest quality. Both Cartier and Julius Baer players fought neck and neck almost throughout the match to take the upper hand. The first chukka





produced a goal apiece from both sides while Julius Baer outscored Cartier 1-2 in the second chukka to lead 3-2 at the halfway stage.

Cartier scored the only goal of the third chukka as the finalists were tied 3-3 going into the deciding chukka. They were engaged in a fierce battle to take supremacy in the fourth chukka but the good moves failed to produce a goal until the penalty awarded to Cartier with just eight seconds to go.

Australia's Glen Gilmore scored all the goals for Cartier. Julius Baer goals came from Jose Donoso, Pablo MacDonough and Richard Le Poer.

Earlier in the day, Brioni won the Louis Roederer Trophy after beating Maserati 7-6 in an eventful and entertaining subsidiary final.

After conceding a lead of





7-3 at the end of the third chukka, Maserati played out of their skins to score three goals in the final chukka but still lost by a solitary goal.

The St Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow is the world's most prestigious winter polo tournament on snow and the highest ranked polo tournament played in Switzerland. Every year since 1985, four high-goal teams with handicaps ranging between 18 and 22 goals have competed on the frozen Lake St Moritz for the coveted Cartier Trophy. The organisers of this exclusive event are St. Moritz Polo AG, leading international experts in equestrian sport and dedicated promoters of the sport of polo in particular.

Following are the results of the final, the subsidiary final and other matches played during the event:

CARTIER TROPHY

Cartier – Julius Baer: 4:3 (1:1, 1:2, 1:0, 1:0).

Cartier: Saeed Bin Draï, AE; Rob Archibald, AU; John Paul Clarkin, NZ; Glen Gilmore, AU (4 goals).

Julius Baer: George Milford Haven, UK; Jose Donoso, CL (1 goal); Pablo MacDonough, AR (1 goal); Richard Le Poer, UK (1 Tore).

LOUIS ROEDERER TROPHY

Maserati – Brioni: 6:7 (0:1, 2:3, 1:3, 3:0).

Maserati: Philipp Maeder, CH; Federico Bachmann, AR (3 goals); Ignacio Tillous, AR (3 goals); Pablo Jaureche, AR.

Brioni: Amr Zedan, SA; Gaston Lauhle, AR (1 goal); David Stirling, UY (3 Tore); Chris Hyde, UK (3 goals).



NESPRESSO TROPHY

Maserati – Brioni: 5:7 (1:2, 1:0, 2:2, 1:3).

Maserati: Philipp Maeder, CH (4 goals); Federico Bachmann, AR (1 goal); Ignacio Tillous, AR; Pablo Jaureche, AR.

Brioni: Amr Zedan, SA (2 goals); Gaston Lauhle, AR (2 goals); David Stirling, UY (2 goals); Chris Hyde, UK (1 goal).

POLO ST.MORITZ SWITZERLAND TROPHY

Cartier – Julius Baer: 8:7 (1:0, 3:3, 2:3, 2:1).

Cartier: Saeed Bin Draï, AE; Rob Archibald, AU (3 goals); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (5 goals); Glen Gilmore, AU.

Julius Baer: George Milford Haven, UK (1 goal); Jose Donoso, CL; Pablo MacDonough, AR (4 goals); Richard Le Poer, UK (2 goals).

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Maserati – Julius Baer: 4:5 (0:0, 1:2, 2:1, 1:1, 0:0, 0:1).

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

Julius Baer: Clare Milford Haven, UK; Jose Donoso, CL; Pablo MacDonough, AR (4 goals); Richard Le Poer, UK (1 goal).

SWISS JET TROPHY

Cartier – Brioni: 7:4 (2:1, 0:3, 3:0, 2:0).

Cartier: Saeed Bin Draï, UAE (1 goal); Rob Archibald, AU (2 goals); John Paul Clarkin, NZ (2 goals); Glen Gilmore, AU (2 goals).

Brioni: Amr Zedan, SA; Gaston Lauhle, AR; David Stirling,



UY; Chris Hyde, UK (4 goals).

SOLAR TROPHY

Julius Baer – Brioni: 6:5 (2:1, 0:2, 1:1, 2:1, 1:0).

Julius Baer: George Milford Haven, UK (1 goal); Jose Donoso, CL; Pablo MacDonough, AR (5 goals); Richard Le Poer, UK.

Brioni: Amr Zedan, SA; Gaston Lauhle, AR (1 goal); David Stirling, UY (1 goal); Chris Hyde, UK (3 goals).

NIARCHOS TROPHY

Maserati – Cartier: 5:6 (1:2, 1:1, 0:2, 3:0, 0:1).

Maserati: Philipp Maeder, CH; Federico Bachmann, AR (3 goals); Ignacio Tillous, AR (2 goals); Pablo Jauretche, AR.

Cartier: Saeed Bin Draï, UAE; Rob Archibald, AU; John Paul Clarkin, NZ (2 goals); Glen Gilmore, AU (4 goals).



Focus on the ponies' well-being

As part of last year's reorganisation of St. Moritz Polo AG, several improvements and enhancements have been optimised: the new fences around the field provide a safer barrier between the playing field and the spectators, the new accommodation for the ponies complies with the latest standard in equine animal husbandry, and during the tournament for the first time a specialised physiotherapist was on site to attend to the animals.

Bernhard Pollinger, Head of Sports and Infrastructure at St. Moritz Polo AG, comments: "The current boxes in St. Moritz do not meet the latest requirements. So we developed winter-proof tents with generously sized boxes and good ventilation for the horses. Ultimately, the well-being of our main players is the top priority."

A forward-looking energy concept ensures green energy in St. Moritz

The organiser, St. Moritz Polo AG, has also taken the opportunity presented by the tournament's realignment to develop a new energy concept. At this year's tournament, the heated tent space on the lake was reduced by one third, and in the future the



energy requirement will increasingly be drawn from renewable sources. For this purpose, the Basel-based specialist for solar energy, Tritec International AG, built a photovoltaic facility to produce solar energy, specially constructed for this event. Along the length of the pitch, Tritec installed an impressive photovoltaic system, whose 100 solar modules, covering over 150m², directly feed the generated power into the St. Moritz municipal grid. Photovoltaic systems have enormous potential in alpine regions: with 320 days of sunshine a year and excellent solar radiation levels, St. Moritz provides ideal basic conditions for the use of solar electricity sources.

Heinz Reber, CEO of St. Moritz Polo AG, commented at the press conference: "It was our goal in developing this new concept to set an example for staging a sustainable St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow. Here, our vision is to organise a totally CO₂-free tournament. We hope that we have convinced the authorities of the need for our initiative and that other organisers of events on the lake will follow our example in the future."



One example has obviously already been successfully set. Charles Stisted, CEO of the English Guards Polo Club, confirmed this: "St. Moritz Polo AG has also taken the opportunity presented by the tournament's redesign to set completely new standards."

A gourmet festival shaped by the region

The 26th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow 2010 was a sensation on the culinary front too. Seven Swiss star chefs, with a total of 118 Gault-Millau-Points between them, celebrated regional cuisine at the very highest level on the lake, in line with this year's motto 'Engadine/Graubunden'. Reto Mathis, Roland Johri, Franz Faeh, Jacky Donatz, Urs Gschwend and Daniel Muller pampered visitors during the polo tournament with delicious regional specialities. Andreas Caminada, Switzerland's 'Chef of the Year 2010' who was recently awarded 19 Gault Millau points, was responsible for the catering at the gala dinner. The decor was also inspired by the region. The rustic ambience was modelled after Carigiet's illustrations from the children's book 'Schellenursli' and fitted in perfectly with the surrounding mountain panorama.

In the morning the young Swiss alphorn player Eliana Burki, appearing for the first



time in St. Moritz at the 26th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow, provided musical entertainment. The 26-year-old musician delighted the audience by producing unusual jazz and funk sounds from this traditional Swiss instrument, proving her reputation as a virtuoso of the alphorn.

St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow

The St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow is the world's most prestigious winter polo tournament on snow. Four high goal teams with handicaps ranging between 18 and 22 compete every year on the frozen Lake St. Moritz for the coveted Cartier Trophy. Organised on a round-robin schedule, each of the four contesting team meets every other team in turn, before the tournament culminates in the third place play-off and the final on a Sunday. These high-level encounters require the utmost of concentration, strength, skill, courage and endurance -- both from the riders and their ponies. The particularly tricky conditions posed by playing on snow and at the unaccustomed altitude of 1,800 metres place exceptional demands on man and animal alike.

27TH ST. MORITZ POLO WORLD CUP ON SNOW CANCELLED

Too much uncertainty over use of the lake



St. Moritz, 16 June 2010

Half a year before the next St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow is due to take place, its organiser, St. Moritz Polo AG, believes it has no option but to cancel the tournament. The reason behind this decision concerns See-Infra, the group formed specifically to oversee all issues relating to the infrastructure on the lake, which has yet to begin

its work. Decisions ranging from regulatory issues, those of an organisational nature or related to safety were not communicated by those responsible at See-Infra, the White Turf Racing Association (WTRA) and the local authority in St. Moritz, if indeed the decisions were made at all. Against this background, St. Moritz Polo AG will be unable to host a tournament in its present format for 2011.

The fate of the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow in its current format is closely linked to the local authorities, the organisers of White Turf horse racing events, which also take place on the lake, and the climatic conditions. To coordinate all of these factors, at the beginning of this year the group named See-Infra was founded – a decision-making committee comprising representatives from all the parties involved: the local authority in St. Moritz, the WTRA and St. Moritz Polo AG as a partner. St. Moritz Polo AG greatly regrets the apparent failure of this collaboration before it had even begun.

Joint planning with the local authority in St. Moritz and the WTRA failed

To date, and in spite of repeated requests from St. Moritz Polo AG, essential decisions regarding regulatory, organisational and safety aspects have yet to be taken by the local authority and the WTRA. Without these decisions, St. Moritz Polo AG cannot enter into any contracts with its partners, nor can it implement any of its concepts or work with its sponsors to plan the 27th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow to the level of quality expected. For these reasons, the organisers have decided to go their separate ways and have, for the time being at least, cancelled the international polo tournament scheduled to take place in January 2011.

Continuous dependence on external factors

Before the foundation of See-Infra, St. Moritz Polo AG was merely a subtenant of the WTRA, who in turn had been granted the exclusive rights by the local authority to use the lake and to hold tournaments on it. As a subtenant, St. Moritz Polo AG was totally dependent on external factors regarding the existing infrastructure and the date allocated for the event. Traditionally the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow signals the beginning of the season at the end of January. As the tournament has grown and requirements have increased, it is important for St. Moritz Polo AG to be able to work

in a flexible way regarding the infrastructure.

The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) examined a study into the strength of the ice sheet on Lake St. Moritz during the horse racing in February. Its results and clear recommendations indicate that when the ice is less than 45 cm thick, a thorough examination of the strength of the ice sheet is required. The ice sheet on Lake St. Moritz varies from year to year, and at the end of January, as the results show, it is often a borderline case as to whether or not the lake is able to carry the weight of the WTRA infrastructure without any safety risk. St. Moritz Polo AG has trusted its landlord's safety regulations and has always complied with all of them. In this situation it had no influence on the infrastructure, which is clearly too extensive for the requirements of the World Cup at the end of January.

Unknown safety risk

For this reason St. Moritz Polo AG decided last year to make sustainable staging of the event its top priority. The key points in this respect will be, on the one hand, to minimise the safety risk in terms of the weight load on the lake and, on the other, to reduce the energy requirements of the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow. As a result, in the pre-planning stage for last year's tournament, the area allocated for the tent was reduced considerably for ecological reasons. The main pressure points were also more evenly distributed across the ice so that the tournament could still go ahead even under bad weather conditions.

Without reliable information from See-Infra concerning the measures taken by the WTRA to comply with the recommendations of the study into the strength of the ice sheet, St. Moritz Polo AG believes it would be irresponsible to stage further tournaments on the lake. The withholding of this information is thus an important reason why, until further notice, the 27th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow cannot take place.

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