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CLASSY CURLIN CAPTURES **DUBAI WORLD CUP**

Hot favourite Curlin showed to the world why he was adjudged as the American Horse of the Year with a scintillating seven and three quarter lengths victory in the \$6 million Dubai World Cup (Group 1) run over 2,000 metres.

The classy Breeders Cup Classic (Group 1) winner became the first horse in the Dubai World Cup history to win from gate 12.

Last year's UAE Triple Crown winner Asiatic Boy beat Well Armed for second place while American entries A.P. Arrow and Great Hunter finished fourth and respectively. Godolphin's fifth



Jalil managed seventh place behind Lucky Find, who won the Maktoum Challenge.

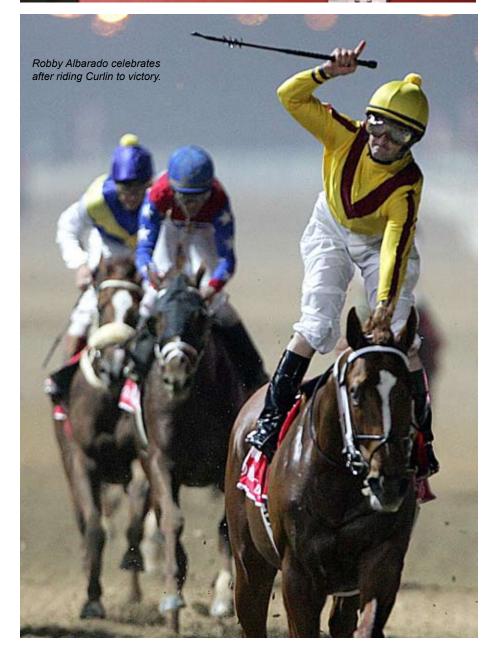
This was jockey Robby Albarado's third Group 1 victory aboard Curlin.

He was obviously elated after his effort and showered praises on Curlin. "I'm just honoured to ride him. He gives you such a great feeling." Albarado also paid tribute to the team that has handled Curlin's preparations in Dubai, saying: "They are just fantastic. They do all the hard work. I just get





Curlin's owner Jess Jackson (at left), trainer Steve Asmussen (at centre) and jockey Robby Albarac pose for photographers after winning the Dubai World Cup.



to ride him and show off. It's an unbelievable feeling coming over here and winning this great race."

Trainer Steve Asmussen was equally ecstatic. "He's a tremendous animal. For him to produce an effort like this, far away from America, is just fantastic. He has spoiled us with his consistency and brilliance. Pre-race the horse was in great shape and he stepped from the stalls and just spoiled us again. Since his Breeders Cup Classic win, he has shown us that he can do things quicker and I think he's proved that again tonight. It's a dream come true."

Well Armed led the field around the final turn before Albarado pushed Curlin into second from the outside and quickly assumed the lead for good at the fourfurlong mark.





SUN CLASSIQUE TAKES SHEEMA CLASSIC

Kevin Shea guided Sun Classique perfectly in the \$5 million Sheema Classic to present Mike de Kock his second victory of the night.

The four-year-old produced a stunning run from behind to upstage favourite Viva Pataca to win in 2:27:45, which was just five hundredths outside the track record. Doctor Dino with jockey Olivier Peslier finished third in the 12-furlong race.

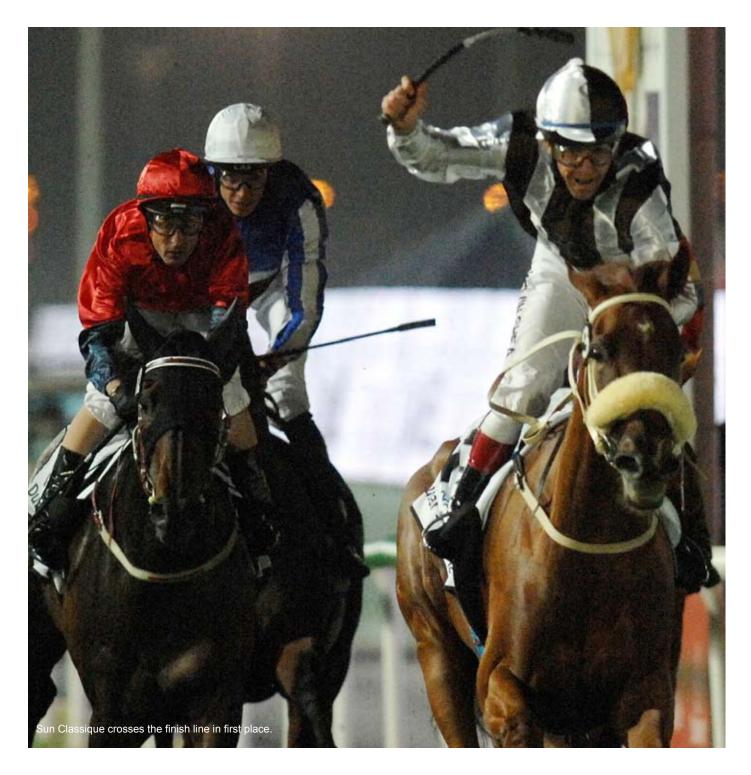
De Kock had earlier registered a 1-2 finish in the UAE Derby.

After Spring House had done all the running, favourite Viva Pataca took the lead as the pack of 16 headed for home. But the Fuji Kiseki filly stayed within striking distance. And once Spring House faded away, Kevin Shea was able to ease away from the inside to finish strongly ahead of favourite Viva Pataca.

Viva Pataca was looking to make it a two-in-a-row for Hong Kong after Vengeance of Rain's win last year.

Shea was obviously elated. "This is heaven on





earth. She had the perfect trip. She had weight in her favour. She was at the top of her game. What more can I say but that she was awesome and she must be one of the best turf fillies in the world," he said.

Viva Pataca rider Darren Beadman said: "He came into the race at the right time. He gave me a great ride all the way through the race. He came out at the top of the stretch and gradually wore them down. I thought I was going to win at the 200-metre mark but the filly just getting that little bit of an allowance told on him in the last quarter. A tremendous effort."

Doctor Dino's jockey Olivier Peslier said: "He ran very well. I had a good run. I tracked Viva Pataca and he ran on really well in the straight but we couldn't get to the winner."

Germany's Quijano finished fourth and jockey Andrasch Starke felt he was unlucky in the run. "We found some trouble near the 200-metre mark and I think he probably should have finished second. He ran a very good race and with a better pace early on, I think he might have even won," he said.







DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN: BENNY THE BULL KEEPS US FLAG FLYING HIGH

The American domination of the Dubai Golden Shaheen (Group 1) continued when Benny The Bull won the \$2 million sprint by a length and a half ahead of Idiot Proof. Locally trained Star Crowned finished third.

This was the eighth victory for an American horse in nine years. Dubai-trained State City was the only non-American entry to win the race in 2003 for trainer Paddy Rudkin.

US trainer Richard Dutrow Jr and legendary jockey Edgar Prado also made it two in two in this



year's meeting after their victory in the Godolphin Mile with Diamond Stripes.

Top Irish jockey Mick Kinane who rode Star Crowned raised an objection with the stewards against Idiot Proof's jockey David Flores for interference, but it was dismissed.

Benny The Bull is a Group 1 winner in America and finished fourth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint last year.

Prado kept Benny The Bull off the pace and bided his time to make his move. That happened in the final furlong. Benny The Bull sped past Idiot Proof to complete a wonderful win in 1:08.7, which was just outside the track record set by Big Jag in 2000.

Prado was delighted after winning his second race on his first ever night at Nad Al Sheba, saying: "He is a very nice horse with phenomenal speed. He has proven he can run against the best in the world. Every time I asked something from him he responded -- he is all business."

Idiot Proof's rider David Flores said: "I had to ask him for a bit more. We nearly ran a new track record so I am very happy."

Mick Kinane said: "I think we ran about six-and-a-half furlongs. They brought me from the stands rail to the far rail. I felt if we could have run straight up I would have finished second. Overall it was a good run."

The big disappointment of the race was second favourite Diabolical who finished seventh of 15 under Frankie Dettori.





DUBAI DUTY FREE: JAY PEG IS SOUTH AFRICA'S PRIDE

Jay Peg under jockey Anton Marcus upstaged a star-studded field to win the \$5 million Dubai Duty Free (Group 1), the joint richest turf race in the world.

South Africa trainer Herman Brown had two of his horses ---Jay Peg and Linngari -- in the field, which included 11 Group 1 winners. Jay Peg drew gate 14 while Linngari started from gate 16.

However, Jay Peg laid to rest any fears that Brown might have had with an excellent performance, shocking the entire field with a record finish. The winning time of 1:42:21 was a new record, beating the previous best of 1:46.48.

Marcus guided the four-year-old bay colt well. At one stage he was almost unseated because of a slipping saddle but he recovered to give Brown the biggest win of his career, which includes more and a 1,000 victories.

The South African jockey kept Jay Peg wide and it seemed he would find it difficult in the home stretch. Under pressure from Group 1 winner Darjina, Marcus asked Jay Peg to give it his all and the colt did not disappoint.

French entry Darjina finished in second played while Archipenko of the United States came in third.

"He has always been improving and I think he peaked at the right time," a delighted Brown said

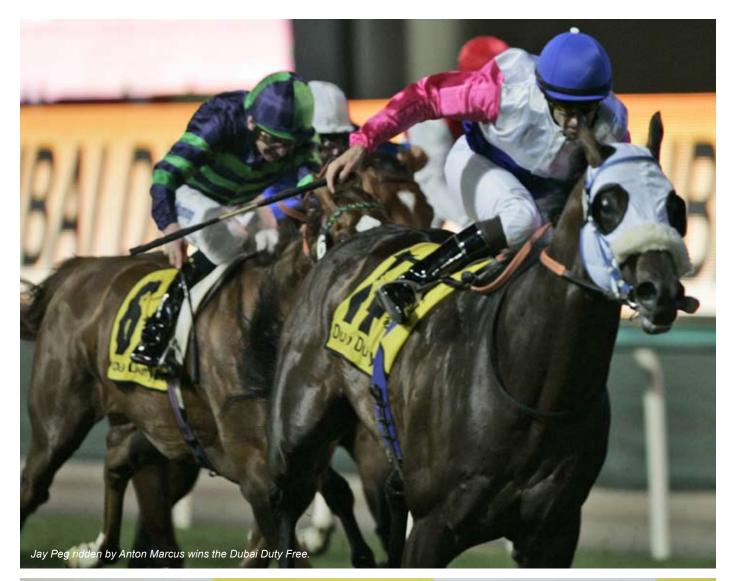


Anton Marcus and owners of Jay Peg celebrate after winning the Dubai Duty Free.

of Jay Peg. "This win is without doubt the highlight of my career. It is all down to the teamwork both here and back in South Africa."

Marcus had nothing but praise for his horse. "He likes a scrap and I wasn't worried when other horses went past him. I'm pleased that we had horses on either side of us. That really helped at the end."

Jockey Christophe Soumillon said of Darjina: "She's given me a perfect ride but in the end she's really just 85 per cent today and we'll see her at 100 per cent soon."





DUBAI KAHAYLA CLASSIC: MIZZNA UPSTAGES MADJANI

Mizzna proved to the world that mares can compete and even beat their male counterparts when being the only female in the nine-horse Dubai Kahayla Classic (Group 1) for Purebred Arabians she upset favourite Madjani.

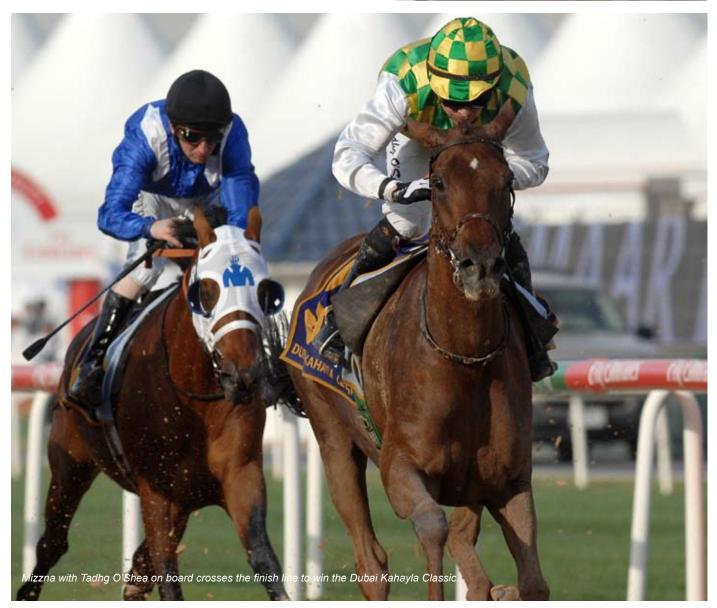
The Eric Lemartinel-trained six-year-old, whose mother Alanudd won three Kahayla Classics from 1997 to 1999, was not favoured on dirt as she had scored four victories on turf this season. But Mizzna under Tadhg O'Shea and owned by Minister of Presidential Affairs Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan proved her critics wrong with a wonderful run to beat Madjani by two lengths. Al Moutawakel finished third.

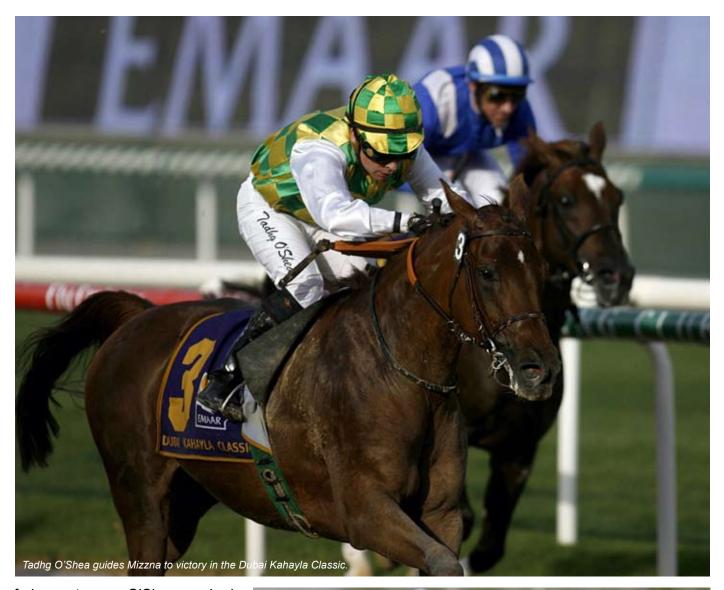
Kandar Du Falgas hit the front with about four furlongs left in the 10-furlong race while Madjani stayed just behind.

Madjani ridden by Richard Hills made his more from the outside and took the lead. Mizzna came from behind and started to challenge Madjani with a little more than two



key Tadhg O'Shea poses with his troph





furlongs to go. O'Shea pushed Mizzna hard and emerged as a worthy winner.

O'Shea, who has had a fantastic season in the UAE, was an elated man and praised Mizzna. "She has loads of class. She is only six and she has a lot more to come. She quickened up very well and she will be hard to beat," he said. "She was very good and very relaxed just like her mother. I had a flat spot about five furlongs out, but I let her have a breather and she really responded."

Lemartinel said: "Mizzna has improved tremendously over the last year. Though she used to be an eight-furlong horse before, she is now relaxed even over 10 furlongs and today she proved a true champion."



DIAMOND STRIPES WINS GODOLPHIN MILE

2006 Kentucky Derby-winning jockey Edgar Prado made a victorious debut at the Dubai World Cup meeting when Diamond Stripes won the \$1 million Godolphin Mile.

The Richard Dutrow Jr-trained five-year-old son of Notebook beat a strong challenge from Saeed Bin Suroor's Elusive Warning to win by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

Godolphin was hoping that Elusive Warning would end its title drought in the race but it was not to be. Godolphin horses have won seven of 12 races in the past but have











struggled in the last three years.

Elusive Warning with Kerrin McEvoy on board and Blackat Blackitten ridden by celebrated jockey Frankie Dettori made the early move and it seemed it would be a fight for the top between the two. But Diamond Stripes under Prado had other ideas. Prado guided Diamond Stripes perfect and when he unleashed his pace, it left both Elusive Warning and Blackat Blackitten playing catch up.

While Elusive Warning took second place, Blackat Blackitten finished in sixth position. Don Renato came in third and was followed by Zakocity and Rosberg in that order. Diamond Stripes' joint owner Abbas Masri was over the moon. "I'm so excited right now, I can't describe it. The horse just ran huge today. My heart just dropped to my knees when I saw him coming down the stretch."

Prado, who won the 2006 Kentucky Derby on Barbaro, said: "He fought hard all the way and I was really proud of him."

Assistant trainer Michelle Nevin said: "He tends to kind of want to wait on other horses, so Edgar did a great job of keeping him moving. He loves this track and I think the mile is his best distance."

Elusive Warning's jockey McEvoy said: "He got to the front at 150



Edgar Prado poses with his trophy.

metres but then levelled out. I tried hard and did get a check shortly after the start which may have cost him the race."

HONOUR DEVIL BEATS ROYAL VINTAGE FOR UAE DERBY

Honour Devil produced a dominating performance to win the UAE Derby (Group 1) from stable companion Royal Vintage and give South African trainer Mike de Kock his fourth success in the colt's classic.

Godolphin's Cocoa Beach, winner of the UAE 1000 Guineas and Oaks, ran on to finish a game third while British raider Strike The Deal, who led briefly in the straight, stayed on for fourth.

Winner of the UAE 2000 Guineas at Nad Al Sheba in February, Honour Devil came from 5th of 12 to lead in the final furlong and go on to his dominating victory.







Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al-Maktoum (at right), owner of Honour Devil, receives the UAE Derby trophy.

"He's a very nice horse. I liked him from the first time I sat on him and have to say I probably didn't give him the best ride last start," John Murtagh said. "He showed tonight what a real champion he is. He's a very, very good horse, really tough and genuine."

De Kock, who was winning the colt's classic for the second successive year after Asiatic Boy romped to victory 12 months ago, had previously scored with Lundy's Liability in 2004 and Victory Moon the previous year.

"It was a great result and put the cherry on the season for us," said the South African. "The Breeders' Cup Classic is the long-term plan for Honour Devil, while we'll look at next year's Dubai World Cup for Royal Vintage."

Jeremy Noseda's Strike The Deal took the lead three furlongs out, under British champion jockey Ryan Moore, but was immediately threatened by two De Kock runners who flanked him on either side.

Murtagh shook his reins at Honour Devil and the colt responded in majestic fashion to sprint clear of his rivals and win.

Royal Vintage rider Kevin Shea said: "Honour in defeat. That horse (Honour Devil) is just too tough for me this time. I had him (Royal Vintage) coming for home -- he was struggling and I was going well. I thought I would be able to turn the tables, but I couldn't."



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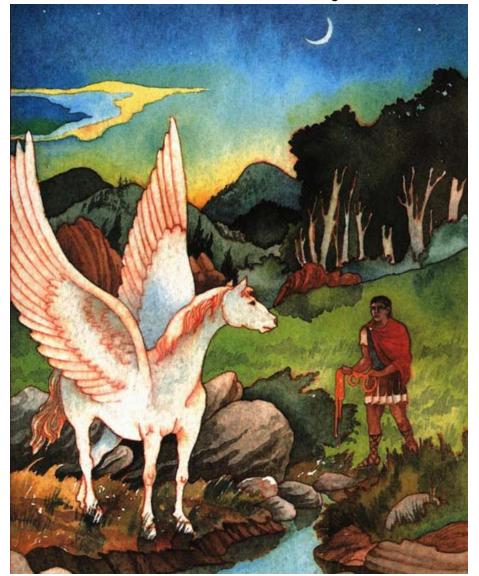
Legendary Horse

PEGASUS

A white horse, wings spread and flying graciously high in the air – Pegasus. He is known to anyone, not only to lovers of Greek mythology.

Two stories tell of his royal birth from Poseidon, the god of seas who had taken the appearance of a horse while seducing and Medusa. Legend has it, that Medusa, the snail headed Gorgon, was beheaded by the hero Perseus, and as her head fell down, from the open neck sprang Pegasus – and also his brother Chrysaor, the giant. Another story says, they originated from the blood of Medusa as she was beheaded and which spilled on the ground and into the sea. Blood and sea foam mingled and a winged horse rose from them, called Pegasus – "spring".

Athena, who herself was goddess of justice and daughter of Zeus, caught the horse and tamed it with her golden bridle. Later



she presented it as a gift to the Muses, where Pegasus was to serve the Muses and poets at Mount Helicon.

His specialty was of course flying, but wherever his hooves struck the soil, an inspiring spring burst out.

Once an arts contest was held by the Muses and during a singing competition Mount Helicon swelled with pride.

Poseidon saw the threat for the Muses and ordered Pegasus to stop it. The steed kicked it with his hooves, the mountain froze again and from the place which the hooves had touched a spring came forth.

Bellerophon was a young eager man from Corinth, who had raised the anger of a jealous hero. That man had given a sealed letter to him and told Bellerophon to hand it over to the King of Lycia, where he was heading. From the letter the king learned that Bellerophon should be put to death. To avoid killing him directly, the young man was told to fight the dangerous Chimera, which had put the kingdom in a state of fear. The king doubted, that the young hero would survive this test, but Bellerophon was advised by a seer to find Pegasus and set out for the task on his back. He was told to sleep in a temple of Athena, and during his sleep the goddess visited him, gifting him her golden bridle and a charm. When he woke up, still holding the bridle in his hand, he walked towards a meadow, where he

saw the beautiful appearance of Pegasus, peacefully drinking from a spring. When the horse spotted the bridle of his first tamer Athene, he graciously came near and allowed Bellerophon to ride him.

The winged horse showed no sign of fear at the sight of the fire breathing Chimera with her 3 heads – one from a goat, a lion and a dragon. He raised high in the air and charged down, allowing Bellerophon to throw his spear at her to kill her.

Later they were also subduing the Amazons together. After all his success Bellerophon became cocky and tried to fly straight up to Mount Olympus, the mythical realm of Greek gods.

Zeus, the main god, was in rage about the hubristic gesture of Bellerophon and sent a gadfly to sting Pegasus on their flight up. Pegasus jerked in pain and dropped Bellerophon down to earth, where he was said to fell on the Plain of Aleion ("Wandering"), where he lived out his life in misery as a blinded cripple as punishment for trying to act as a god.

Afterward, Pegasus found sanctuary on the sacred mountain, where he carried Zeus' thunderbolts and was ridden by Eos, the goddess of dawn.

Love was not out of reach for Pegasus. His eyes fell on the beautiful Euippe (sometimes called Ocyrrhoe), who had been the human daughter of a Centaur, but was transformed into a mare after the gods started fearing her amazing abilities as a seer. Another story says, that the human Ocyrrhoe was raped and conceived. She had to hide from her family who still believed her a virgin and for her own security she transformed into a mare after giving birth and therefore given the name Euippe (hippe: Greek for mare). She thought herself unlucky of course, but with Pegasus her fate turned. He sired a colt, Celeris. Their

family is the origin of the winged horses. Celeris and Euippe are associated with the constellation Equuleus, the small horse, seen next to Pegasus' constellation as a horse head..

On his last day of life, he was awarded for his faithful service of carrying his thunderbolts, Zeus transformed Pegasus into a constellation, to be seen and known for eternity. Legend also has it, that when Zeus put him up in the skies, a single feather fell down on the city of Tarsus (Greek: feather).

Many a character in books and on screen was based on Pegasus. In the mid 60s a cartoon series, produces by Mr. Weiss, was aired obviously inspired by the Greek myth. In "Luno – the white stallion" the little boy Tim owned a marble statue of Pegasus, and at his words: "Oh winged horse of marble white, take me on a magic flight" it would come alive and take him on rides through the air to adventures in far off lands.



Cheltenham Gold Cup:

TRAINER NICHOLLS BASKS IN GLORY

Denman with Sam Thomas aboard upstaged his stable-mate Kauto Star to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup in Cheltenham.

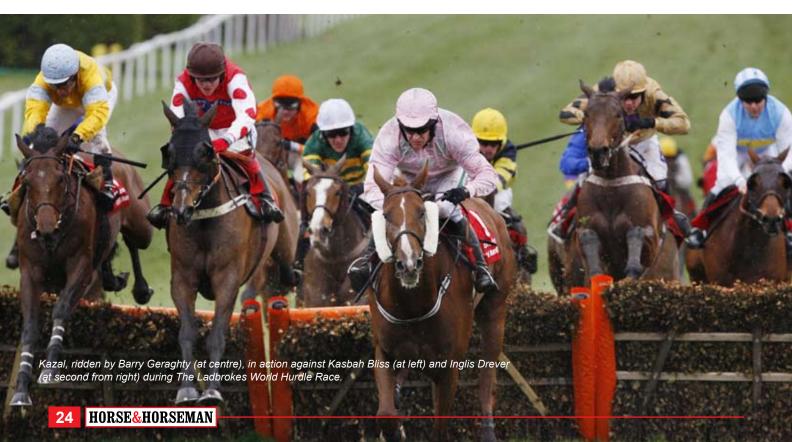
For Paul Nicholls it was a winwin situation all the way. Neptune Collonges took third place to give the trainer a clean sweep of the first three positions.

Denman, sent off at 9-4, registered a seven lengths victory to stay unbeaten over jumps. Kauto Star was 11-10 favourite while Neptune Collonges, who was a short head behind, was 25/1.

Even before the race, the Gold Cup was billed as the battle between Denman and Kauto Star and the duo did not disappoint a large gathering.



Robert 'Chocolate' Thornton (at left) rides Captain Cee Bee during The Novices' Hurdle Race.





In Accord falls after unseating Tom Greenall during The National Hunt Steeple Chase Challenge Cup.



"It went exactly to plan. What a horse, what a jumper," said Thomas. "He got a bit tired by the end."

Kauto Star's owner Clive Smith was gracious in defeat. "It is a great win for the stable and many congratulations to the owners," said Smith. "It is a sport that has you up one day and down the next. But we will bounce back from this and beat him next time."

The Gold Cup is the traditional climax to the jump racing festival served up annually in the Cotswolds and the 2008 edition lived up to all its hype as a showdown between stable-mates.

Kauto Star, who won the event last year, might have been the pre-race favourite, but Denman showed his class on the field.

Thomas had Denman pinging the challenging Cotswold fences from the word go as he settled the horse they call 'the tank' in behind leader Neptune Collonges. Ruby Walsh had Kauto Star tucked in



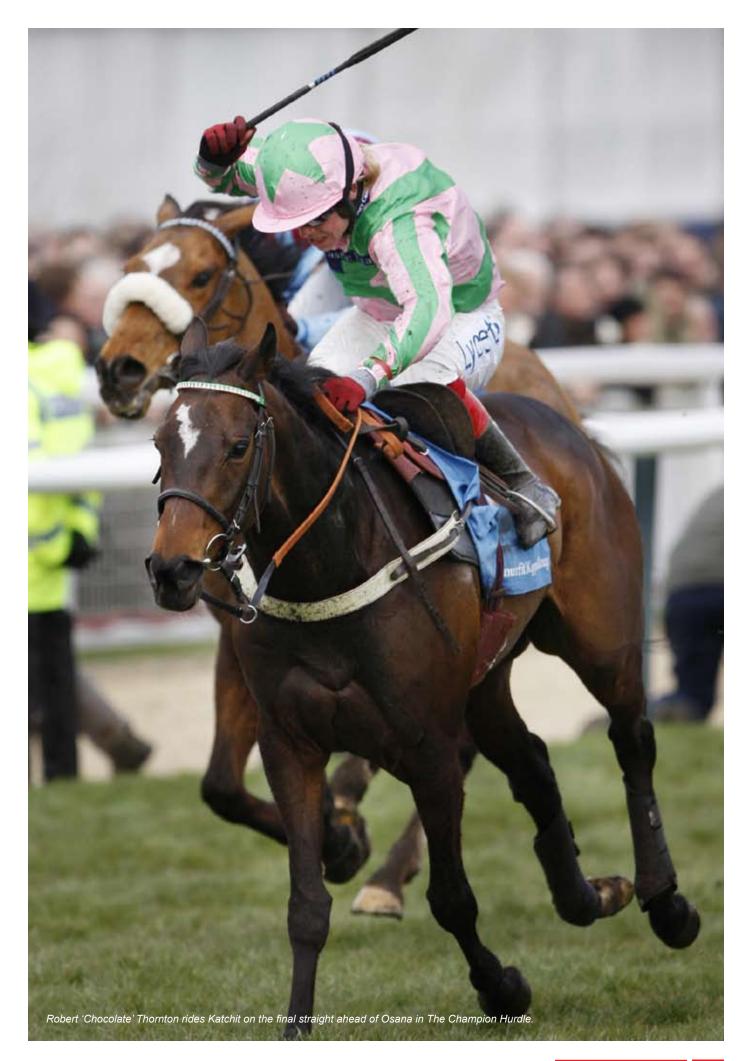
the fourth day of the Cheltenham Festival



A racing fan on the first day of the Cheltenham Festival.



Denis O'Regan rides Inglis Drever <mark>after winnin</mark> The Ladbrokes World Hurdle Ra<mark>c</mark>e.





Hairy Lemon ridden by Robert Thornton leads the pack on one of the fences during The Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase.

behind this pair in third, but he was never travelling as smoothly or jumping as perfectly as the pretender to his crown.

"We were never going to win, the ground was too tacky for us," said

Walsh.

Denman surged into the lead at the fence in front of the stands and from there on he never gave Kauto Star a chance.

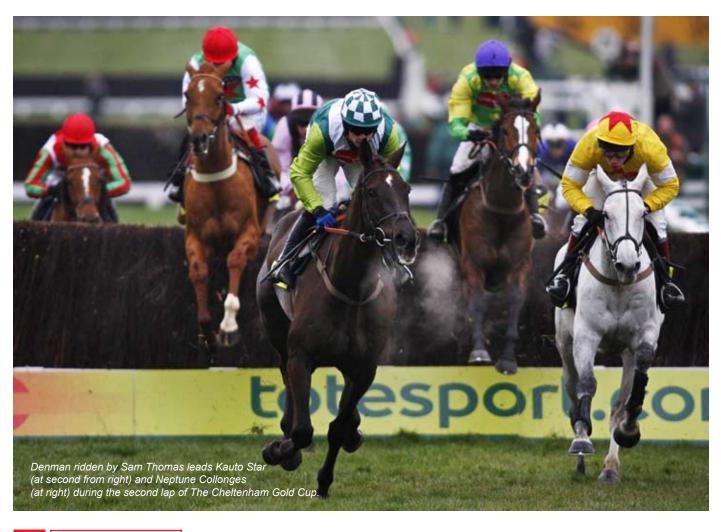
Inglis Drever claimed a slice of



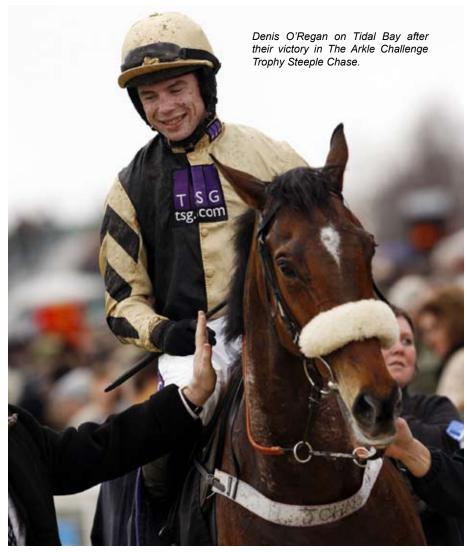
Jockey Jason Macquire on Whiteoak walks into the Winners Enclosure after winning The Mares Hurdle Race.

jump racing history by winning the Grade One World Hurdle for the third time.

Howard Johnson's 11-8 favourite beat Kasbah Bliss (9-1) by a length in front of a sell-out 65,000 crowd.







Jockey Denis O'Regan said: "What a horse! I can't believe it, it's a dream. He's a serious horse. I never panicked and I was never in any trouble. He just takes off. It was a good jump at the last and he did the rest."

O'Regan had the nine-yearold tracking the leaders in fifth coming down the hill three fences out. He was pulled out to make his challenge over the last but was only assured of victory in the three-mile feature in the dying strides.

Katchit won the Champion Hurdle after staving off a strong challenge from Osana to claim victory by a head.

Ridden by Robert Thornton, Katchit's victory saw the fiveyear-old follow-up his victory in last year's Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham. Punjabi ran on to beat Sublimity into third place.



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Jockey Ruby Walsh riding Master Minded (at left) jumps a fence during The Queen Mother Champion Steeple Chase.



"It's unbelievable he's a little terrier and is so tough it's unreal," Thornton told the BBC.

Katchit became the first five-yearold to win the Champion Hurdle since See You Then in 1985.

Master Minded, ridden by Ruby Walsh, destroyed a strong field to win the Queen Mother Champion Chase by a huge margin of 19 lengths over defending champion Voy Por Ustedes.

Master Minded became the first five-year-old to win the Champion Chase in its 49-year history.

Trainer Paul Nicholls told Channel 4 Racing: "He's awesome for a five-year-old. He jumped absolutely brilliantly and travelled well."

Master Minded is owned by Clive Smith.

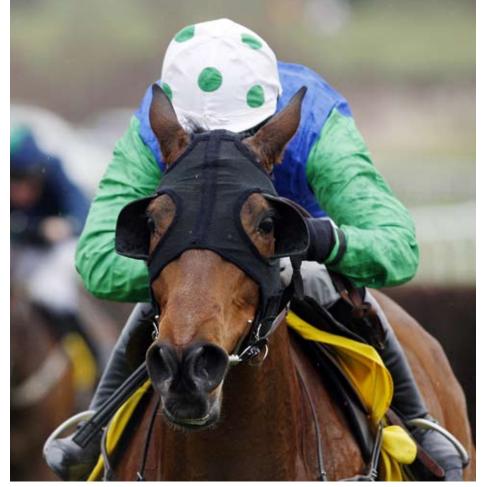
Champion jockey Tony McCoy teamed up with Albertas Run to win the Grade One Royal and Sun Alliance Chase.

But McCoy was out of luck in the big handicap chase when he took a fall on the 5-2 favourite Don't Push It. Mister McGoldrick (66-1) won the event with Dominic Elsworth aboard.

The second day of the Cheltenham Gold Cup Festival was cancelled for safety reasons as the course



Jockey Tony McCoy during third day action in the Cheltenham Festival.



Jockey Timmy Murphy guides Our Vic ridden over the final fence on his way to victory in The Steeple Chase.

was whipped by high winds, organisers said. Strong winds were threatening to uproot the tents used for corporate visitors at the course in southern England.

Racecourse official Andy Clifton told BBC radio: "We have had a weather forecast for today that predicts extremely strong winds over the next six or seven hours up to three o'clock this afternoon and possibly beyond and there is a fairly high degree of certainty over that forecast, so on that basis we have made the decision to abandon racing today.

"Luckily the forecast for the next couple of days is much calmer so the races that were due to be run today will be accommodated into extended programmes on Thursday and Friday (the next two days)."



Sam Thomas riding Denman celebrates after winning The Cheltenham Gold Cup.

















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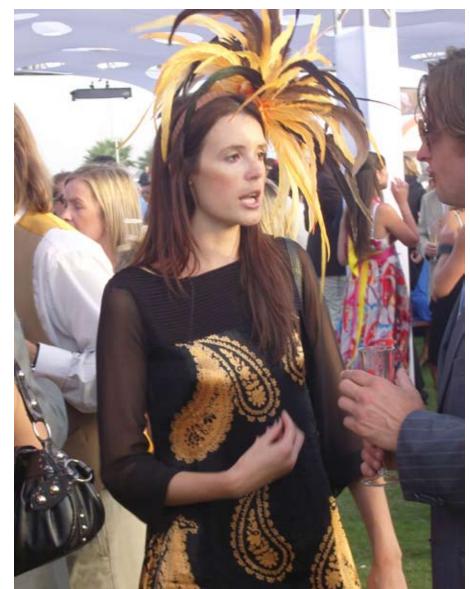




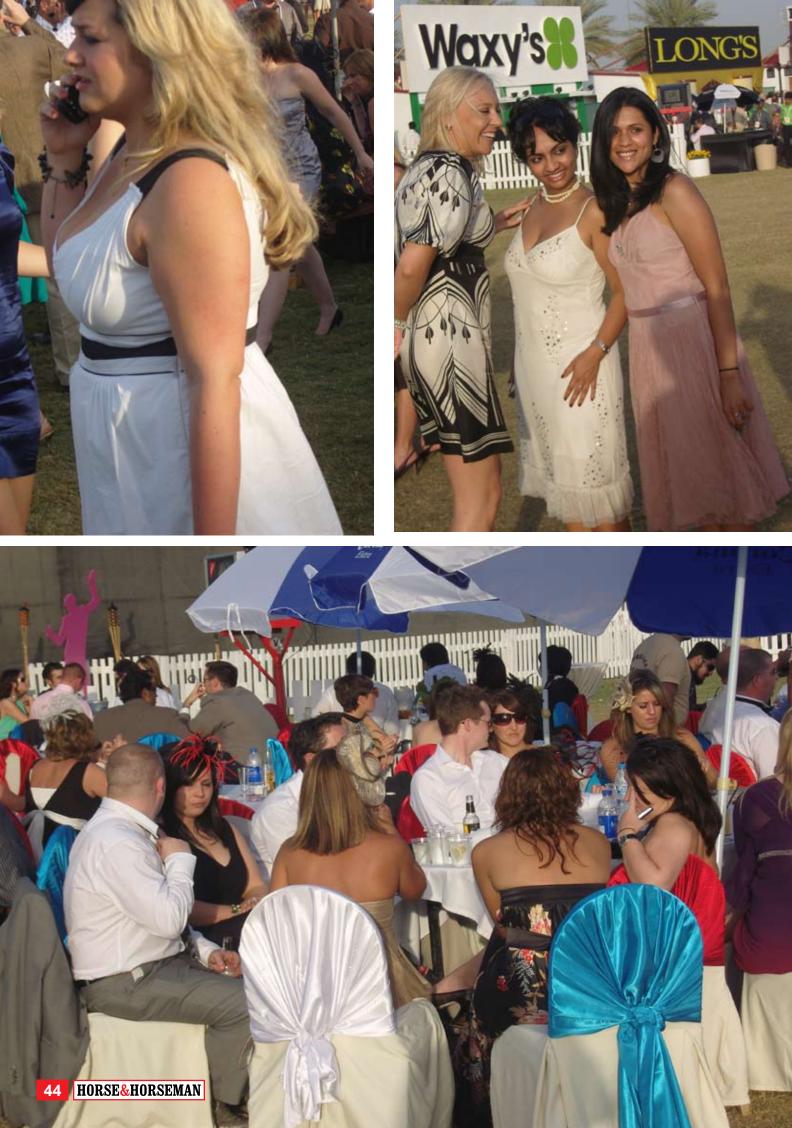
















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Comply Or Die Takes Grand National Honours



Former alcoholic and ex-prison inmate Timmy Murphy rode joint favourite Comply or Die to win the Grand National at Aintree to record his first triumph in 13 attempts.

The 7/1 David Pipe-trained winner beat home three Irish raiders to give Murphy, who served six months in prison in 2002 for indecent assault after an alcoholfuelled incident on a plane, the biggest moment of his life.

King John's Castle, the first ever finisher for trainer Arthur Moore and ridden by Paul Carberry, just failed to become the first grey since Nicolaus Silver in 1961 to win and was second four lengths adrift at 20/1, while Snowy Morning, trained by 2005 winning handler Willie Mullins and ridden by David Casey, was third at 16/1.

Last year's third place Slim Pickings, trained by Tom Taafe and ridden by Barry Geraghty, was fourth at 10/1.

Murphy was understandably ecstatic. "I can't believe it," gasped Irish jockey Murphy. "He gave me the best ride ever. He immediately settled into a great rhythm. This really hasn't sunk in yet. It's fantastic for the owner David Johnson as it is a race he has always wanted to win."

Pipe, who was assistant to his father for several years, was also almost speechless. "I can't describe the feeling," said Pipe. "It



Timmy Murphy, ridden Comply or Die celebrates winning The Grand National horse race at Aintree racecourse in Liverpool, north-west England on April 5, 2008. 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. AFP PHOTO/PAUL ELLIS









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The Grand National horse race starts at Aintree racecourse in Liverpool, north-west England on April 5, 2008. 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. Timmy Murphy, ridden by Comply or Die won the race. AFP PHOTO/PAUL ELLIS





Ruby Walsh (at left) riding Gwanako leads after the last fence of the Topham Steeple Chase on the second day of the Grand National.

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may have taken 20 years for my dad to win it, but to be fair I had a lot stronger ammunition than he did when he started."

Johnson too was full of praise for Murphy. "I have always believed in Timmy and the ride he gave today exemplified why I had faith in him," said Johnson.

Pipe senior, many times champion trainer, expressed his pride in his son. "It took me a lifetime to win it (the Grand National) and he (David) has already achieved it," beamed Pipe senior. "Everything went to plan and the winner has done it really well."

Geraghty was overjoyed with Slim Pickings' run. "He ran a blinder. We will definitely come back next year as he is only nine years old," said Geraghty.

Casey too was happy. "Snowy Morning ran great and gave me a super ride," said the Irishman.

Carberry, too, was delighted despite seeing his hopes of landing the race for a second

time, having previously won it on his father Tom's Bobbyjo, dashed. "I think Davy Russell (riding Chelsea Harbour and who was prominent till the final two fences) put the kibosh on me," smiled Carberry.

"He told me as I passed him not to hit the front till after the last, but that went awry as we took the second last a bit short. However, I never lost belief that I could win it the whole way up the straight."







Austria's Thomas Fruhmann clears a jump during the Global Champions Tour show jumping competition in Doha. Brazilian rider Bernardo Resende Alves won first place in the competition, organised by the Qatar Equestrian Federation.



Finland's Nora Pentti clears a jump during the Global Champions Tour show jumping completion in Doha.





Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum of Germany rides her horse Octavia Farms LLC-Micha during Global Champions Tour in Doha. Brazilian rider Bernardo Resende Alves won first place in the competition.





All Inclusive NRW ridden by Germany's Ludger Beerbaum jumps an obstacle on his way to third place in the World Cup Equestrian Jumping final at the Gothenburg Horse Show in Scandinavium Arena.



Castle Forbes Litertina with Ireland's Jessica Kyrten aboard jumps an obstacle on her way to victory in the World Cup Equestrian Jumping final at the Gothenburg Horse Show in the Scandinavium Arena.







Jessica Kyrten of Ireland on Castle Forbes Libertina rides during the first round of the World Cup Equestrian Jumping final at the Gothenburg Horse Show in Scandinavium Arena.



Ludger Beerbaum of Germany on All Inclusive rides during the first round of the World Cup Equestrian Jumping final at the Gothenburg Horse Show in Scandinavium Arena.





Pyro (at left), ridden by Shaun Bridgmohan, and Stevil (at right) with Eddie Castro in the saddle in action during the \$600,000 Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds in New Orleans. Pyro won the race.



Pyro ridden by Shaun Bridgmohan (#3), Blackberry Road (at right) with Robby Albarado aboard and Garrett Gomez-ridden Majestic Warrior fight it out in the \$600,000 Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds in New Orleans.





Shaun Bridgmohan-ridden Pyro leads the pack in the final stretch to win the \$600,000 Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds in New Orleans.