

NEWS In Brief



DUBAI WORLD CUP 2000

BY AMINA KHALIFA

The richest race of the world was held in Dubai, On March 25th 2000.

The Dubai World Cup was inaugurated in 1996 with a prize money of US\$4 Million and since then has been further enhanced by an increase up to US\$6 Million for the year 2000. It has been known to be the race with the highest prizes in the world.

In only four years it has become the thoroughbred "World Championship" over a distance of 2000m on dirt. This race has brought the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East onto the stage of world racing.

The Dubai World Cup Committee offered the opportunity for Dubai World Cup selected runners to spend a period of 30days in Dubai before the race to allow adaptation and training on the racetrack.

Six races took place on the 25th, of which the most important was the Dubai World Cup group 1- for 4 year old and above thoroughbreds. It took place under floodlights for a distance of 2000 meters. From the 2,000 metre chute horses raced around two gradual left hand turns then entered a 600 metre straight finishing line. The width of the dirt track is 21 metres accommodating up to 18 runners at a time. The track is made up of a hard dirt base with 10 cm of loose dirt on the surface. It was undoubtedly a very successful event involving lots of festivities and prizes.

Results:

1st- DUBAI MILLENNIUM (GB)
Owner: Godolphin.
Trainer: S bin Suroor. Jockey: L Dettori.
2nd- BEHRENS (USA)
Owner: William L Clifton & Rudlein Stable.
Trainer: H James Bond. Jockey: J Chavez.
3rd- PUBLIC PURSE (USA)
Owner: Juddmonte Farm.
Trainer: Robert Frankel. Jockey: C Nakatani.

Prize money:

1st: US\$3,600,000.
2nd: US\$1,200,000.
3rd: US\$600,000.
4th: US\$300,000.
5th: US\$180,000.
6th: US\$120,000.

FEI/BCM World Rankings JUMPING

Period: 26/04/1999 - 25/04/2000

BY PETER BOLLEN

RANK - RIDER (NATION) POINTS

1-PESSOA, Rodrigo (BRA) 3936.2
2-BEERBAUM, Ludger (GER) 3795.4
3-MELLIGER, Willi (SUI) 3166.5
4-SLOOTHAAK, Franke (GER) 2871.4
5-WHITAKER, John (GBR) 2690.4
6-PHILIPPAERTS, Ludo (BEL) 2591.0
7-MANDLI, Beat (SUI) 2537.1
8-FUCHS, Markus (SUI) 2518.2
9-EHNING, Marcus (GER) 2424.8
10-LANSINK, Jos (NED) 2221.6
11-SMIT, Jerry (ITA) 2065.0
12-POMEL, Thierry (FRA) 2004.7
13-NIEBERG, Lars (GER) 1963.7
14-DUBBELDAM, Jeroen (NED) 1919.9
15-BILLINGTON, Geoff (GBR) 1911.5
16-WHITAKER, Michael (GBR) 1909.4
17-GOVONI, Gianni (ITA) 1832.6
18-SIMON, Hugo (AUT) 1815.4
19-WEINBERG, Helena (GER) 1704.3
20-BECKER, Otto (GER) 1692.0
21-NAGEL, Carsten-Otto (GER) 1676.5
22-ROBERT, Michel (FRA) 1673.8
23-FIRESTONE, Alison G. (USA) 1565.7
24-LAMPARD, Di (GBR) 1543.6
25-BENGTSSON, Rolf-Gran (SWE) 1490.3
26-CHARLES, Peter (IRL) 1383.8
27-MICHAELS-BEERBAUM, Meredith (GER) 1374.9
28-PRUDENT, Katie Monahan (USA) 1370.3
29-LEDERMANN, Alexandra (FRA) 1354.5
30-HENDRIX, Emile (NED) 1345.6
31-MCNAUGHT, Lesley (SUI) 1334.5
32-TOPS, Jan (NED) 1232.6
33-SMITH, Robert (GBR) 1211.5
34-GRETZER, Maria (SWE) 1179.3
35-BEERBAUM, Markus (GER) 1159.6
36-HUIS IN 'T VELD, Carry (NED) 1139.7
37-VELIN, Thomas (DEN) 1120.5
38-SCHNEIDER, Ralf (GER) 1112.2
39-BARYARD, Malin (SWE) 1027.1
40-SPOONER, Richard (USA) 965.8
41-CLEEREN, Kristof (BEL) 922.5
42-ARIOLDI, Roberto (ITA) 916.8
43-HUGHES, Marion (IRL) 910.2
44-HETZEL, Holger (GER) 902.7
45-TURI, Jozsef (HUN) 882.4

The First International Endurance Race In Egypt 100 Km. Results

BY MARYANNE S. GABBANI

It was a tough trail because of the 75 horses that started out, only 18 finished. Of the 18 finishers, 6 of them were local....not a bad percentage, I think, for a bunch of first timers. Here's the finishing list with a caveat.

Place - Rider (number); Horse; Country
1st Mohamed al Maktoum (7); Falah; UAE
2nd Hamdan bin Mohamed (3); Jidda; UAE
3rd Abdullah Bilhab (2); Fergie; UAE
4th Abdullah Khamis(20); MoroMachado; UAE
5th Ahmed bin Mohamed(4); BeauDiddle; UAE
6th Hussain Abu Shabab(29); Alajdal; Jordan
7th Hazza bin Zayed al Nahyan(8); JMoria; UAE
8th Mohamed Ibrahim Hassan(24); Alan; Jordan
9th Luke Antony Steele(17); Auscot ParkStephanie; UAE
10th Gomaa Mahmoud Awad (71); Mayhoub; Egypt
11th Ghislane Aburagheb (28); Hilwitna; Jordan
12th Mohamed Dardir (53); Kelly; Egypt
13th Sallem Ben Laden (36); Kholkhal; Egypt
14th Sultan bin Sulayem (12); ? ; UAE
15th Gaber Hosny Abdel Gelil (82); Salman; Egypt
16th Mohamed Taha (84); Laialy; Egypt

International News

BY ARNO NEESSEN

It was a tough trail because of the 75 horses that started out, only 18 finished. Of the 18 finishers, 6 of them were local....not a bad percentage, I think, for a bunch of first timers.

International News

BY YASMIN EL HABASHY

It was a tough trail because of the 75 horses that started out, only 18 finished. Of the 18 finishers, 6 of them were local....not a bad percentage, I think, for a bunch of first timers.