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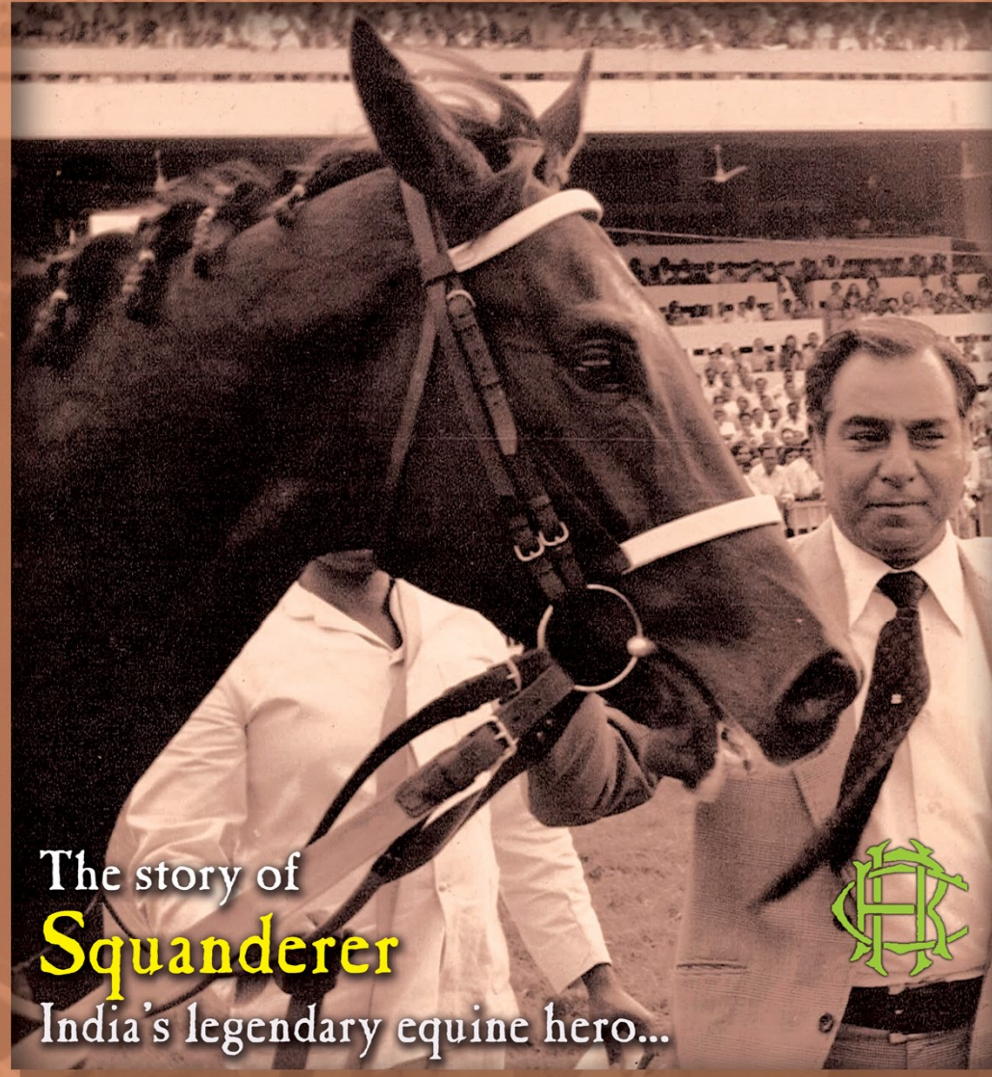




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# Taj Falaknuma Palace Hyderabad



2000 feet above Hyderabad, Taj Falaknuma Palace is the crowning jewel of the history of the Nizams, where grandeur is celebrated and savoured in equal measure. This pivotal heritage hotel provides marvelous views of the palace courtyard and the 400-year old city of Hyderabad, as it beckons you to take a page out of the chapter from the city's history, and revel in the opulence of the Land of the Nizams.

## Design Diaries

With a décor that beams with grandeur, Taj Falaknuma Palace comes adorned with large Venetian chandeliers, rare furniture, grand marble staircases and gurgling fountains. The priceless statues, objets d'art, murals in ornate frames, and an awe-inspiring crystal collection make for a royal design saga.

The Palace Library, a replica of the one at Windsor Castle, is a collector's envy as it is home to the rarest of manuscripts, books and one of the most acclaimed collections of the Holy Quran in the country, all of which were selected and brought back by the Nizam himself. With many secrets still hidden within the undulating folds of 32 acres of land, rediscover the buried history during your stay at Taj Falaknuma Palace.

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In tandem with the sophistication of the hotel, the culinary fare is also an exciting spread of hearty cuisine, fit for the Nizams. The aromatic journey to indulge your senses begins at Aada which offers a carefully crafted menu capturing the essence of Indian Hyderabadi cuisine. The elaborate fare at Aada recreates the wonders of the royal kitchens.

Bringing a global palate to the Land of the Nizams, Celeste is an elegant all-day-dining restaurant offering classical Italian and Mediterranean fare. With ingredients sourced from across the globe, Celeste plates up a truly bespoke experience for a bon vivant. Jade Room makes for the perfect spot to enjoy the Afternoon High Tea, as you feel the essence of Nizami royalty. Enjoy an impressive collection of teas including the unique Nizam Blend with champagne and classic Indian accompaniments. For an unconventional combination of culinary and leisurely experiences, step into Hookah Lounge, which will transport yourself several centuries back in time. Imbibe the fumes of royalty as a delicate floral scent lingers in the air, and take a tippie of exotic cocktails.

## Rooms and Suites

The royal experience continues in the comfort of luxurious rooms which perfectly marry the conveniences of modernity with Nizami splendour. The Luxury Rooms, and Palace Rooms welcome you with a glimpse into the imperial age, perfectly capturing the essence of that era. The Royal Suites, Historical Suites, Grand Royal Suites, and the Nizam Suite are the epitome of magnificence, garbed in a stately attire.

The rooms and suites at Taj Falaknuma Palace – a confluence of traditional designs from the age of the Nizams and exquisite colonial art, are an unparalleled retreat.

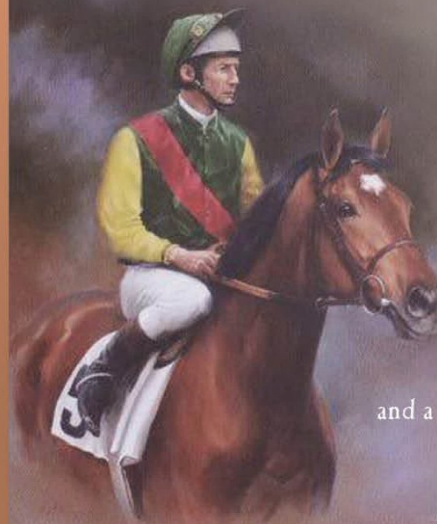
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Taj Falaknuma Palace is the perfect venue for merry celebrations. The Durbar Hall, and the 101-Dining Room boast of splendour and panache, and offer the perfect venues for large celebrations with friends and family, reflecting the soirees of the days gone by.

The royal city of Hyderabad merges modern lifestyle with ancient heritage. The art and culture of this beautiful city is seamlessly encapsulated at Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad, displaying and preserving the pride of the Nizams.

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A good jockey doesn't need orders  
and a bad jockey couldn't carry them out anyway;  
so it's best not to give them any.

- Lester Piggott





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## From the Editor...

In the last edition of Horse Power, if you may recall, I had talked about how the race horses are neglected once they retire from racing. It's unfortunate that the jockeys too face a similar plight once they hang up their boots. They refuse to face the retirement as I suppose they miss all the excitement and fuss made around them when it goes missing once they decide to give up riding. The top boys can seldom take retirement in their stride. Besides they don't plan a good retirement, with the result that they soon tend to face financial problems, get into deep depression and invariably turn towards alcohol. The owners and trainers who once gave them all the importance and molly coddled them, don't care about them once they stop riding. Although there have been exceptions, this unfortunately has been the trend world over.

There have been many such examples here in India and abroad where retired jockeys become alcoholic, their home breaks up, they get into major health problems which finally leads to certain death. The jockeys who have gone through this kind of a situation are P Shankar, E Alford, and more recently Billy Mathews and of course the very famous Pat Eddery in England who died last year at the age of 63 due to alcoholism. There are many more who have been struggling to survive and some go through bad accidents which leave them crippled for life. Poonacha went through a similar situation. He was a very decent jockey who lived a great life while riding, and even went to the extent of dating film stars as he was

good looking too! He had an accident at Guindy and after years of suffering had a sad ending to his life. The rich and famous owners whom he had ridden for, giving them the pleasure of leading in winners, never bothered to help him in any way.

Of late I used to notice Yusuf Khan who also went through a similar situation, he would come to the races at Malakpet and no one bothered about his presence. A top light weight jockey at one time and the most sought after, he rode for leading trainers and owners in India and if you may recall, he was also the Champion Jockey in Bombay and Hyderabad besides other centres. But finally he died after having gone through ill health and financial issues.

Racing is no doubt great fun but does anyone sit back and think for a moment, what risks a jockey takes to give us the pleasure of racing? The art of race riding is often overlooked; one doesn't realise that it needs exceptional ability for a jockey who is an athlete himself, whose partner is a horse which weighs more than 400 kgs. At 40 miles an hour, he needs to make instant decisions and he needs the strength to handle such a powerful animal. Moreover, the timing of his move needs to be correct, and in this sport, within a split second it could lead to a fatal accident. Look what happened to DK Ashish recently in the Calcutta Oaks when he clipped a horse in front and it led to his unfortunate death. Being a rider myself and having ridden in Gymkhana Races, I know how dangerous this sport can be.

But then, that's racing I suppose, exhilarating, heart breaking, cruel and yet exciting and always unpredictable. You must be prepared to take the rough with the smooth otherwise you are in the wrong game. Let's not therefore neglect our retired jockeys and also the ones who can't ride anymore due to serious accidents. They have in the past given us the pleasure of racing at the risk of their lives. The least we could do is acknowledge their presence - especially the owners and trainers whom they have ridden for - they need to extend a helping hand.



The first issue of Horse Power was appreciated by many of the members of HRC officials, trainers, jockeys and besides we received a lot of letters and calls from the other Turf Clubs appreciating the effort put in to gather the information that was included. The web site, indiarace.com was kind enough to mention about Horse Power and this resulted in many calls and emails asking for a copy. The same people sent us mails of appreciation after having received the copy. Many of the sports journalists have also called and appreciated and some requested for extra copies too!

The basic aim of this journal is to create interest and awareness of racing as a sport. Like other games, racing too has its heroes, and there are equine heroes too. When Seabiscuit in the United States became famous, there used to be a queue of admirers in his yard wanting his hoof impression on a piece of paper as an autograph!!! How I wish a day would come here when our race goers would do the same too. We in India have had equine greats, many names come to my mind: but then, it's very unfortunate that in our country racing is taken more as gambling than a sport and we need to drive home the point that it is indeed a great sport and it deserves the right recognition. So as a good beginning to give the unsung equine heroes their due credit, we have dedicated this issue of Horse Power to some of the greatest horses who have left a mark on the race tracts of India like the Squanderer, apart from the interesting facts about the bloodline of an exceptional stallion Prince Pradeep and some reminiscence of a classic filly, Her Majesty.

Do send us your views of Horse Power - you could send me a mail at [siraj@attari.in](mailto:siraj@attari.in) or send me a letter at the HRC's postal address. We shall also appreciate if any of you would like to send us some old and interesting photographs of racing which could be used in the magazine. Due credit will of course be given, or if you have any interesting anecdotes connected to racing, I shall be most obliged if you could share it with Horse Power ●

- Siraj Attari



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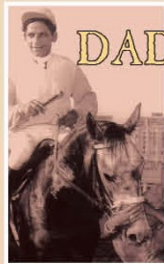
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# India's legendary equine hero

## Squanderer

When you think of names of the great horses which have graced the race tracks in India, Squanderer's name would most certainly be there amongst the top.

I was already a Race Day Official when he won his first of the two President of India Gold Cups in 1977 and he came to Hyderabad with a huge reputation of being a great race horse.

I had never seen him before, but it made no difference at all as I could comprehend Squanderer's substance... I felt I was lucky to be there close enough to touch him. There was a lordly lift to his head and from what I still remember; he had very sharp inquisitive eyes which is always a sign of an intelligent horse, besides he seemed very playful and naughty! I also remember him taking a lot of interest in what was happening around in the parade ring before the race.

It was a privilege to watch Squanderer win three of his 18 races here at Malakpet. The horse is considered to be one of the greatest Indian bred and his trainer Byramji who has trained many champions, considers him one of the best he has ever trained.



Squanderer being admired by the Governor Mrs Sharda Mukherjee after she gave away the President Of India Gold Cup in 1977, also seen in the photograph is trainer RR Byramji

The dam of Squanderer, Milky Way, was trained by D. McPherson in Calcutta and had a very ordinary racing career. She won just once when steered to victory by E Alford as a four year old out of her 11 outings. Although she finished third behind Fair Haven in the Calcutta Oaks, the fact of the matter is that there were only three runners and she finished a distance behind the runner up!!! She was soon retired to the Yeravada Stud after a disappointing racing career and finally made up as a brood mare, producing 13 foals of which eight were winners.

One could never imagine that this mare would produce a great horse as Squanderer after having had such a poor racing career. Her first foal was a good looking dark bay colt by Prince Pradeep, named Sha hi Noor. The colt showed tremendous ability and won three races before fracturing his sesamoid which ended his racing career; this was probably due to the fact that he was raced too often in a short span of time. In 1972, Milky Way bred Shandaar by Valloroso, a big chestnut who was a good type and brave enough to finish second in the Indian Turf Invitation Cup to Commanche in spite of being unsound. She had a filly by Confusion called Constellation, apart from Apache and also Trojan Prince by Shari. On the 29th of May 1973, a full brother to Shandaar was born, very different from the other off-springs of Milky Way, very well confirmed, rich bay, not a hint of white on him, showed class and quality even as a yearling.

It was not the practice to buy horses from the farm in those days and therefore he was entered to be auctioned at the RWITC Auction Sale in 1975. RR Byramji, known to have an eye for good horses, was rather impressed with his half-brother to Sha hi Noor, he made it a point to have a proper look at this colt before he entered into the ring, and liked him at once. He tried to convince Sumit Khatau to buy him, but for some reason he was not convinced, he then tried to buy him for M/s FA Irani and KA Irani, who thought the reserve price was not "up to the mark" as they didn't want to buy a cheap horse!!! Ranjit Bhat was standing close by and was aware of the conversations and told Byramji that if he liked the colt so much he would buy him when he would come into the Auction Ring. And so it happened: the hammer dropped at Rs 65000 in favour of Ranjit Bhat and his friend Indru Mirchandani, the rest as they say is history, this horse ended up earning almost 17 lakh of rupees in his racing career!

The colt, champion in the making, was named Squanderer and was rightly sent to the legendary champion



Squanderer and Vasant Shinde being led by trainer RR Byramji, Ranjit V Bhat and IS Mirchandani after winning the 1977 President Of India Gold Cup.

trainer, RR Byramji. Little did anyone then realize that he would turn out to be one of the greatest to have raced in India. Byramji soon discovered that Squanderer had a mind of his own, and always tried to buck and drop the rider! He was very strong and powerful and had to be held by two boys and one had to be in the saddle when being paraded in the paddock. Jagdish, who initially rode him, had to show his power to settle him down as he was quite a handful and a head strong horse.

Squanderer ran twice in Bombay and won both the races with ease before going to race in Bangalore during the summer. He won the Kolar Cup over a mile by eight lengths and then ran as a hot favourite in the Colts Trial Stakes where he was beaten by Yusuf Khan on Red Satin which was his only defeat in 19 starts. It was indeed a rather controversial ride though, as Jagdish took him very wide at the turn and finished on in the closing stages. He ran in the Bangalore Derby as a favourite once again and with 11 rivals in the field, he had no difficulty winning the Derby as he shifted into power drive at the 200m and went away to win effortlessly. Squanderer's successful bounce back in the Derby was the first in an unbroken sequence of 15 victories which is a record in India. He later demonstrated his staying powers and his great ability of acceleration which is a hallmark of a champion horse.

During the Bombay season, after the usual rest, he had put on weight but, as expected, won the Indian 2000 Guineas beating Wild Blossom by a length and then won the Ruia Gold Cup beating the same horse by a wider margin of four lengths. People were now slowly realizing that here was a genuine champion





Squanderer being paraded by Byramji and his 'Head Lad' Armogam in front of the Grand Stand, Malakpet, after winning the 1977 President of India Gold Cup.



The owners leading in Squanderer with Shinde in the saddle at the racecourse here at Malakpet

(88) The President of India Gold Cup.  
2400 Metres.  
4 years old & Upwards.

Squanderer	3/54	Shinde 3/10
61* Cupid	1/57	Smith 6/2
42b Red Satin	4/54	Shrel 40/2
61c Anekta	5/59	Yash 40/2
Tranquility	6/54	Jediah 8/2
61b King of Beers	6/54	Karan 12/1

Won by 2 1/2 3 1/2 3 Ls.  
Time 3 min. 47 sec.  
Total 6 win 8 pla.  
Trained by R.R. Byramji.



Vasant Shinde on Squanderer in the parade ring at Malakpet

horse in the making. The Indian Derby was at his mercy and Squanderer, as was expected won it like the great horse that he was.

So impressed was Byramji that he decided to race the colt against the English mare Certainty who was ridden by E Johnson in the RWITC Invitational Trophy race which was open to foreign horses. He faced the older horses for the first time including the outstation horses, besides Certainty, Amberdue, Makalu, The Commissioner and Tradition, all high performing horses were up against him. Squanderer ran a superb race, in spite of being blocked at the top of the straight, once he got a tiny gap; he went through it like a bullet and won the race beating the classy mare by over three lengths. This was an amazing display of a great horse, the like of which has not been seen since at the Mahalaxmi Race Course.

In the meanwhile Squanderer was sent to Bangalore where he won the St Leger, and Jagdish decided to move to Bangalore to race, and so Byramji signed Shinde to ride for his stable. Squanderer bucked and kicked around the first time that Shinde got on him and the jockey was thrown to the ground. But later they understood each other well and in fact Shinde would converse with Squanderer in Marathi and they won nine races together! The Maharaja's Cup in Bangalore was the first of the nine races that they won before winning the Indian Turf Invitation Cup where Shinde was going double handful on him and kept looking back!! Later, the race goes in Hyderabad were fortunate enough to see the great horse come and win the President Of India Gold Cup with ease from Cupid.

He was sent to Poona where he won the St Leger in spite of the fact that he had an accident after getting loose, frightened by a passing vehicle and falling into a ditch and being badly cut. He couldn't be given any medicines as a rule in view of the upcoming St Leger even though he was badly shaken and bruised. This happened while walking from the stables of Byramji at Wanowrie to the track for a morning workout. He thus won the Triple Crown, besides winning the Bangalore Derby and the Indian Turf Invitation Cup - the "Super Slam" as it is called.

In his third year of his racing career, Squanderer won five races including the Eclipse Stakes and Maharaja Harisinghji Cup in Bombay, and the Governor's Cup in Bangalore. He was sent to Hyderabad for the Nizam's Gold Cup and the President of India Gold Cup for the second year running. During the journey

from Bangalore to Hyderabad, he was badly jarred and jolted due to the poor conditions of the road with the result that he hated entering the float again!! After winning the Nizam's Gold Cup, he had to stay back in Hyderabad as he refused to get into the float, he had a mind of his own. Missing his familiar surroundings the horse became rather moody and would always whip around at the 2000m marker during the morning work outs. Fearing this, Byramji sent across Sea Mist to keep him company as he felt that the horse was home sick!!! Sea Mist would work along with Squanderer so that he wouldn't whip around and so Byramji decided to run Sea Mist in the President of India Gold Cup along with Squanderer, concerned about the habit that he had developed of whipping around at the 2000m marker. The strategy worked to perfection, Sea Mist did a perfect job of keeping Squanderer pinned to the rails while negotiating the 'danger point' and Squanderer won the President of India Gold Cup which was the last race of this great horse's career and he won in spite of a bad tendon.

When I spoke to Byramji about this last race of his, he said that Maj Lad who was running Maratha Lancer in the race, was sitting next to him during the race. Between the 6 furlong and 5 furlong Byramji noticed that Squanderer was dropping back and he remarked to Maj Lad that the horse was breaking down and felt that he was going to be beaten, but once Shinde shook him and took him out, he just cruised and increased his speed and won like the true champion that he was. Winning an astonishing eighteen of his nineteen starts, Squanderer became a legend and captured the heart of lovers of racing in India.

Squanderer was retired to Stud and stood at the Sunnyland Stud and was later shifted to the Kolhapur Stud. He developed a very bad back problem and so it was decided to finally retire him from his Stud Duties to Yeravada Stud where he was born. His career as a stallion was rather disappointing to say the least. He died on the 7th of May 2000 and is buried next to another great horse Prince Pradeep at the Yeravada Stud Farm.

In other countries, especially in the United Kingdom and the United States Of America, there are books written on famous race horses, jockeys and trainers, which unfortunately has never been done in India, which indeed is a great pity. Like in any other sport, racing too has its heroes and Squanderer was certainly one of India's great Equine heroes ●

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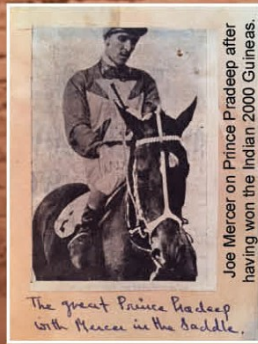
# Prince Pradeep

## Stallion par excellence

Dr Farrokh Wadia, the owner of the Yeravada Stud Farm in Poona and a highly respected personality in Racing in India traces the interesting blood line of a dark bay horse Prince Pradeep of the 1960s...



Harry Carr on Prince Pradeep after winning the Indian Derby



Joe Mercer on Prince Pradeep after having won the Indian 2000 Guineas.

The great Prince Pradeep with Mercer in the saddle.

**PRINCE PRADEEP**  
(dk.bay horse 1960) by  
MIGOLI out of DRIVING by  
WATLING STREET.

Foaled at Yeravada. Breeder:  
Yeravada Stud & Agrl. Farm

Sold for Rs.50,000  
(then a big price) at auction to  
the late Mr.Gaokar.

Trained by Aziz Mahmoud  
throughout his career.

WON 9 races including the  
Indian 2000 Gns Gr.1. Indian  
Derby Gr.1, Indian St. Leger  
Gr.1, A.C.Ardeshir Gold Cup  
Gr.3 & Maharaja of Morvi Cup.

2nd: Indian Turf Invitation Cup  
Gr.1, Eclipse Stakes of India  
Gr.3 & A.C. Ardeshir  
Gold Cup Gr.3.



Prince Pradeep seen winning the Indian Derby with Harry Carr astride. He said that he was the biggest "puller" he had ever ridden!



Bright Hanouar by Prince Pradeep being led in by Mr Mehta and trainer SM Shah after winning the Indian St Leger, Shamu Chavan astride.

**Prince Pradeep** a got abroad dark bay 1960-1976, won 9 races including the Indian 2000 Guineas, Indian Derby, Indian St Leger and was very unlucky not to have won the Invitation Cup. He was a brilliant racehorse endowed with great speed. He may not have been a true 1 ¼ mile horse but won the St. Leger on class. As a young horse he was a tearaway and used to regularly gallop off uncontrollably in the mornings (to the great amusement of rival trainers!). So highly rated was he by his connections that they ran him in the A.C.Ardeshir Gold Cup at the age of three, when he ran second. It was only the advent of the fine English jockey Joe Mercer which taught the horse to settle. Even so he won the Derby by 6 lengths.

By the time the St. Leger came around, Mercer had left India and the horse was ridden by his elderly and just about to retire father-in-law, the famous jockey Harry Carr. The story has it that the jockey was so exhausted after the race that he called for a large brandy to revive himself.

Neither jockey was available for the Indian Turf Invitation Cup at Calcutta, with the result that the horse ran away from the start, tired in the straight but came back again to finish 2nd to another Yeravada bred, the filly HOVERCRAFT (later the first Indian bred to win the Queen Elizabeth II Cup).

When the time came for him to retire to stud, he was bought back by Yeravada, who had never previously stood an Indian bred stallion. It was my aunt Perin Dalal (pioneer breeder and my father's partner in Yeravada from the beginning) who insisted that he

should be acquired. She had been deeply impressed by him, particularly his style of galloping - which we in the racing world used to call "like an English horse".

The story surrounding his birth is one of our Yeravada romances. My father was sitting next to his friend Prince Aly Khan at the Newmarket Sales, when one of the latter's fillies DRIVING was brought into the ring in a very shaggy state. My father, who had an eye on her breeding, bid for her despite Aly Khan's dissuasion and secured for the then minimum bid of 30 Guineas. She was sent to our farm in Ireland but failed to conceive to MIGOLI. She was returned to him the following year, conceived and came to India to become the dam of PRINCE PRADEEP.

At stud the horse was an instant success, the story of his first crop (only 6 foals) reads:

**BRIGHT HANOVAR** - won Indian Derby, St. Leger & Invitation Cup. Finished first in Indian 2000 Gns. but was placed 2nd on objection - thus missing the Triple Crown. Champion of his classic crop.

**ELEGANCE** - won Indian 1000 Gns. & Oaks and finished 2nd in the Derby to BRIGHT HANOVAR.

**ROYAL CHALLENGE** - won Calcutta 1000 Gns., 2000 Gns., Oaks, Derby & St. Leger. 3rd behind BRIGHT HANOVAR in the Indian Turf Invitation Cup.

**First crop record = 3 winners of 9 Classics + 1st & 2nd in the Indian Derby + 1st & 3rd in the Invitation Cup.**

His success as a racehorse and at stud is not surprising. His sire MIGOLI won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Eclipse Stakes and placed in the Epsom Derby. He was a son of the English Derby winner BOIS ROUSSEL, out of one of the Aga Khan's finest lines. PRINCE PRADEEP's dam DRIVING, by the English Derby winner WATLING STREET, was a close descendant of the English Oaks winner TOBOGGAN (also grandam of CITATION).

He was, and remains, the most successful Indian bred sire of all time. He sired 9 winners of 15 Indian Classics in his career (regional classics not included in this), before his career was cut short untimely at the age of 16. He is buried at Yeravada just across from SQUANDERER (also born here).

\* Please note that the racing Pattern was not in existence at the time, and therefore the Group indicators are of the same races as of today ●



uckiest  
em all!

The filly with four Indian Classics,  
**HER MAJESTY,**  
from the mid 20th century!

HER MAJESTY (Barra Sahib-Laughing Water)  
considered to be the greatest ever Indianbred, she was  
singularly unfortunate in not winning the Derby, which  
she lost very narrowly.

## She was lost at the sea... some reminiscences

**H**er dam LAUGHING WATER ran second in the English 1000 Gns. to ROCKFEL. She was purchased in foal to MICHOUY by the Yeravada Stud and imported to India. The resulting filly was sold to Prince Aly Khan and eventually became ancestress of the Invitation Cup winner AMOROUS KNIGHT. LAUGHING WATER visited BARRA SAHIB (BLENHEIM-LA VOULZIE) in 1942 and the resulting foal was a big rather gangling filly who was so upright that she virtually knuckled over and had to be placed in splints for some time.

In the meantime, two mares both in foal to SOLARIO, had been purchased from the Aga Khan. They were LA VOULZIE (TEDDY-VALHALLA) and BENTE MIRA (BLENHEIM-FRIAR'S LADY). Mr. A.C.Ardeshir was very keen to acquire a share in LAUGHING WATER and BENTE MIRA, and accordingly took half shares in each.

Some time after HER MAJESTY was born, the partnership was dissolved and the half shares were exchanged (by spinning a coin, I think). BENTE MIRA became wholly ours and LAUGHING WATER and her filly foal wholly Mr. Ardeshir's. The filly therefore was jointly bred by Yeravada Stud and Mr. Ardeshir, but raced solely for the latter.

Her racing career, under the training of W. Buckley, is history. As it is she is the only filly ever to have won four Indian Classics. Had she not been virtually brought down in the Derby by the collapse of her pacemaker (why did she need one ? ! ), it is likely that she would have won that race also, in which she eventually finished second to a worthy adversary in BUCEPHALUS. The return match in the St.Leger, which she won, and the public scenes thereafter were permanently engraved in the minds of those who were there.

Many experienced racing persons felt that after the St.Leger she was never the same filly again. Despite this, it is worth noting that she raced with credit the following year against imported English horses who had form in their own country - e.g. if I remember rightly COMBINED OPERATIONS.

Due to the threatened axe on racing and the consequent disaster which engulfed the breeding industry in 1948, many horses were sent to or returned to England in an effort to salvage some of the effort. HER MAJESTY was one of them, but she never reached there, and was lost at sea - an indirect victim of Mr. Morarji Desai's indelible mark on the history of Indian breeding.

As a footnote, LA VOULZIE had no opportunity of perpetuating her splendid blood, as she and foal both died during foaling or shortly after. Her son BARRA SAHIB left Yeravada for the new Induri Stud, but died very shortly after, and so he too was lost to Indian breeding after a tremendous start. BENTE MIRA on the other hand became grandam of three excellent racehorses in RANDOM HARVEST, SUNDEEP, and AL BASHIR, and incidentally her SOLARIO colt was sold in those days for Rs.75,000 but did not live to race. BENTE MIRA herself was also due to be re-exported in 1948, but died due to an accident just as she was leaving Yeravada.

LAUGHING WATER was the only one who made it back to England and to the best of one's recollection did breed there for Mr. Ardeshir ●

- Dr Farrokh Wadia



HER MAJESTY (Barra Sahib-Laughing Water)  
considered to be the greatest ever Indianbred, she was  
singularly unfortunate in not winning the Derby, which  
she lost very narrowly.



# Remembering the DADA of Indian Jockeys, Shamu Chavan

Shamroo Chavan, lovingly known as Dada to his friends, was one of the great jockeys to have graced the Indian tracks. He was born on the 25th of October 1922 and died on the 26th of September 2015, riding for more than 52 years with more than a thousand wins to his credit.



Trainer G Chavan and HH Hari Singh of Kashmir with Sunny Downs, S Chavan in the saddle.



Shamu Chavan on the filly Sunny Downs, waving out to his fans as he is led in by trainer G Chavan and His Highness Hari Singh of Kashmir, after winning the Indian Oaks.



The first Triple Crown winner, Commoner and Shamu Chavan being led in by trainer Sion F Nessim and owner Diamond after winning the 1954 Indian Derby.

He rode his 1000th winner at the age of 55 at Maha lakshmi Race Course in 1979 when he won on Silvery Moon, trained by his son Chandrakant, and rode his last winner in 1983. However, he went on to ride till he was 64 years old - his last ride was on Jalpari in 1988 in Poona. A highly respected jockey, he was very strong at the finish and was known to be a genius in riding waiting races and a very strong and forceful rider.

He was born in Kolhapur to Balwantrao Chavan, who was attached to the Cavalry of the Maharaja of Kolhapur and had more than 150 horses under his charge. Soon he taught his son bare back riding from the very young age of five. Ably guided by his father, Shamu Chavan picked up the finer points of riding and came to know horses from this very tender age. The Maharaja of Kolhapur who bred race horses, was very keen on racing, and took the initiative along with KM Munshi of starting an Apprentice Jockeys School. He was keen to have Indian boys becoming jockeys as there were mostly foreign boys riding during that period. Thus Chavan was soon sent to Poona's first Apprentice School in 1938, and after two years, he was granted a license in the year 1940.

Chavan got his first ride in public in March 1941 on a horse called Great Moghul and didn't finish on board. Two weeks later, riding only for the third time, Chavan rode his first winner in the Gwalior colours, on a horse called Vijai Kumari who was trained by Aziz Mahmoud. He won the race by a sort head beating another apprentice jockey Uttam Singh, who in later years became a famous Trainer in Western India.

Chavan never looked back. He initially rode for Maharaja Kolhapur and after his death, rode for Maharaja Gwalior as a second jockey to the Australian Robert. He also rode for Baroda, Idar, and other big stables. His association with Maharaja Kashmir was the longest which lasted till 1961 when the Maharaja passed away. Maharaja Kashmir was so fond of Chavan that he willed a house for him close to the Poona Race Course. He later freelanced and rode for various Trainers and was as expected in great demand. He rode for Adenwala, Maj Lad, Byramji, Maj KP Jadhav, Baba Khan, Talib, McPherson, Galstaun, Lagad, SM Shah, and also for his brother Ganpat for whom he rode for many years. He also rode for big owners like Sultan Chinoi who owned the Manjri Stud, Badami, Dagas, and Goculdas, Mukhri and Mehmood the film stars, and many other well-known owners.

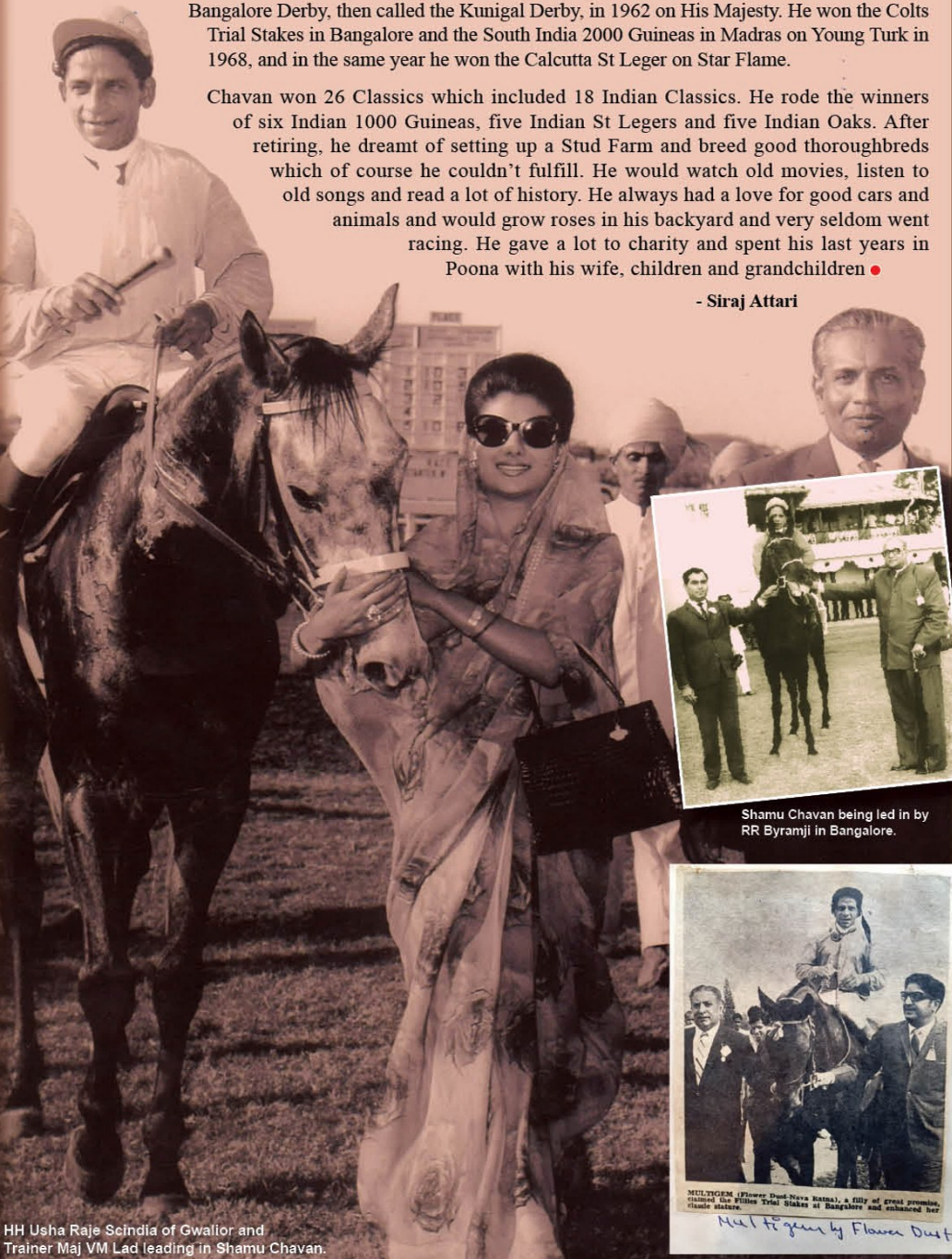
Chavan rode his first Classic winner in the year 1950 when he won the St Leger on Summer Lightning. Very soon, in 1953 Chavan rode Commoner to win the Triple Crown, and he was the first horse to win all the three Indian Classics. In 1954-55 Chavan won the 1000 Guineas and the Oaks on Tosca who was trained by Talib and who after retiring to stud, was the dam of Fair Haven and Mica Empress. For his brother, trainer Ganpat Chavan, he won the same two Classics in 1958-59 on Meherban. On Maharaja Kashmir's filly Sunny Downs, Chavan won the 1000 Guineas, Oaks and the St Leger in 1957-58. In the Derby, Sunny Downs was ridden by Jim Foley and finished second to Canny Scot; Chavan rode Tall Story in the Derby and in the 2000 Guineas instead. Chavan won the first running of the



Bangalore Derby, then called the Kunigal Derby, in 1962 on His Majesty. He won the Colts Trial Stakes in Bangalore and the South India 2000 Guineas in Madras on Young Turk in 1968, and in the same year he won the Calcutta St Leger on Star Flame.

Chavan won 26 Classics which included 18 Indian Classics. He rode the winners of six Indian 1000 Guineas, five Indian St Legers and five Indian Oaks. After retiring, he dreamt of setting up a Stud Farm and breed good thoroughbreds which of course he couldn't fulfill. He would watch old movies, listen to old songs and read a lot of history. He always had a love for good cars and animals and would grow roses in his backyard and very seldom went racing. He gave a lot to charity and spent his last years in Poona with his wife, children and grandchildren ●

- Siraj Attari



HH Usha Raje Scindia of Gwalior and Trainer Maj VM Lad leading in Shamu Chavan.

Shamu Chavan being led in by RR Byramji in Bangalore.



Multigem and Shamu Chavan, led in by Aziz Mahmoud and Suresh Mahendra after winning the Bangalore Fillies Trial Stakes in 1969.

# Nostalgia

A cherished collection of racing photographs



Everynsky and Sandy Barclay led in by Mr and Mrs KC Khattau and Mr SC Khatau after winning the 1980 President Of India Gold Cup.

Courtesy : Deccan Herald.





Mr R Surender Reddy presenting the Champion Trainer's Trophy to MB Mangalorkar

Trainer JS Dhariwal leads in Chaitanya Ratham and Jockey L Marshall after winning the 1985 Charninar Challenge Deccan Derby (Left Top)

Scintillating and Vasant Shide led in by Trainer RR Byramji and owners Aswin B Mehta and NH Mehta after winning the 1985 President Of India Gold Cup at the Malakpet Race Course (Left Middle)

Deep Kanya, Karan Singh astride, being led in by Trainer MB Mangalorkar and Owner Mr R Surender Reddy after winning a race at the Guindy Race Course, Madras in 1972 (Left Down)



Noble Princess, owned by Hajee Abdul Sattar Sait and trained by BP Shivan seen here after winning the 1974 President of India Gold Cup with Jockey Shafiq in the saddle



Adler, P Shroff in the saddle, winner of the Classic Indian Turf Invitation Cup run at Malakpet in 1993



Secret Star, C Ruzzan in the saddle seen on the Malakpet Race Track after winning the 1997 President Of India Gold Cup, trained by Imtiaz Sait (Right Top)

R Corner on Star Contender winner of the 1991 and 1992 President Of India Gold Cup (Right Middle)

Aslam Kader on Elusive Pimpemel winner of the 1995 and 1996 President Of India Gold Cup run at Malakpet (Right Down)



Vasant Shinde on Scintillating on the Malakpet track soon after winning the 1985 President Of India Gold Cup





Raja Mehboob Karan, Prince Mukarram Jah Bahadur and Princess Esra seen here in the Paddock at the Secunderabad Race Course in the year 1966.

Photo Courtesy : Mr Sartaj Karan, Club Member, HRC (Top)

Trainer M. Ali Asker leading in the Madras Cup winner Dilawar Beg (who was later named Triple Blue and raced in the Gymkhana Races) with Ahmed Khan in the saddle, 1958 at the Secunderabad Race Course (Left)



Trainer BP Shivan seen leading in Lady Gibraltar with Richard Alford astride at the Secunderabad Race Course in 1966 (Right)



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Secunderabad Race Course 1930s



Mr R Surender Reddy and Dr MAM Ramaswamy



A Abbas, Richard Alford and Trainer Ahmed Abbas in the paddock at Malakpet Race Course in 1969



Prince Mukarram Jah Bahadur ( now the present Nizam ), seen giving away the Nizam Cup to trainer BP Shivan, also seen are Lt Col Basiruddin Ahmed, Princess Esra and Raja Mehboob Karan.



Chairman Mr R Surender Reddy giving away the Champion Jockey's Trophy to Yusuf Khan, the leading jockey of the 1985-1986 Hyderabad Winter Season. Yusuf Khan rode more than 1000 winners and was also the Champion Jockey in Bombay and the most sort after light weight Jockey in India. He rode for top class owners and trainers and was the first Jockey of Adenwalla for several years. He also rode for trainer MM Galstaun, MB Mangalorkar, AB David Ted Fordyce ( won the Bangalore Derby for him on Red Divine ), Dhariwal, Pandole, Aziz Mohd, BK Lagad and others. He rode for MAM Ramaswamy, film star Mahmood Ali, Maharaja of Gwalior and many other leading owners.

A few of the jockeys riding at Malakpet in 1979 seen here at a dinner hosted for Officials and Professionals, from the left, Poonacha, Vikram, Rehman, S Marshall, C Krishnan, Umesh and Sugumar.



Jockey Md Ahmed, Mr Ghulam Ahmed, trainer MB Mangalorkar, Mr R Surender Reddy and Raja Narasimha Rao after the trophy presentation at Malakpet in 1973.



Jockey S Reddy, Mohammed Ali, MJ Iqbal and others at a party held at the Secunderabad Race Course 1965.

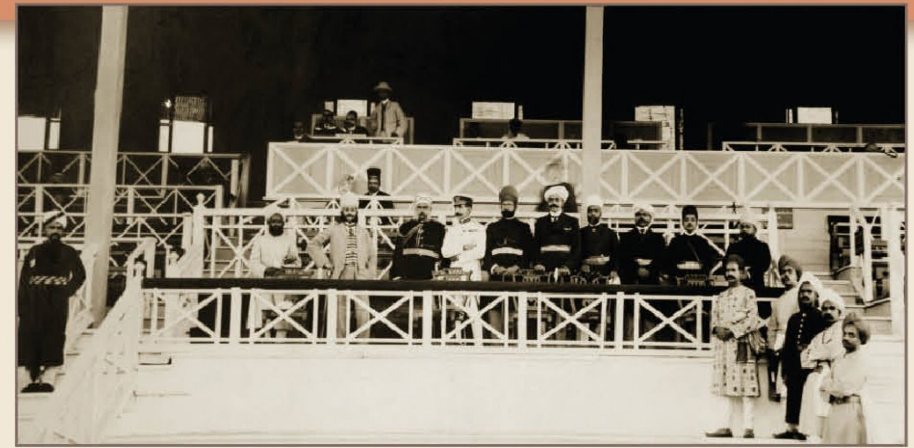




Lt Col Basheeruddin Ahmed, Rani Mehboob Karan and Mrs Basheeruddin Ahmed at the Secunderabad Race Course. Photo Courtesy : Mr Sartaj Karan



Raja and Rani Mehboob Karan at the race course. Photo Courtesy : Mr Sartaj Karan



HH Nawab Mir Mahbub Ali Khan, Nizam the VI at the Race Course, Bombay, 19th February, 1904.



Billy Mathews astride Goodwood Sal being led in by Richard Alford after winning the February Plate at Malakpet in 1982.



The President of India Mr VV Giri being introduced to the Australian Jockey Brian Foy who won the first running of the President of India Gold Cup on Nice Fella in 1970.



Manitou and Vasant Shinde winner of the first Invitation Cup run at Malakpet in 1978.



Richard Alford and Billy Mathews seen holding their Champion Trainer and Jockey Trophy which they won with 23 wins each during the 1981-1982 Hyderabad Winter Season.



Paul Eddery on Running Flame after winning the 1999 President of India Gold Cup. At Malakpet, she also won the Nizam's Gold Cup, Golconda 1000 Guineas, Golconda St Leger, Winner of the Indian Turf Invitation Cup, Indian Oaks, and the Indian 1000 Guineas, she went on to race in the US and came back and proved to be a great success as a brood mare, produced multiple Classic winners including the great horse Desert God

Most of the nostalgic photographs that have been used in this issue, and also the previous one are from the personal collection of the editor of Horse Power. ●



JS Dhariwal and owners S Rangarajan and AKS Brar lead in Bonzer with C Rajender in the saddle after winning the Hindu Juvenile Million in 1999.



Big Idea Ahmed Khan astride winner of the 1951 Nizam's Gold Cup run on the 29th of July over 2000m being led in by a young BK Khan Baba owner Mr VN Appa Rao and trainer Baba Khan.



Dear Siraj,  
 I am very sorry not answering your letter before now, but I did ask the photographer at Pembury for a photo to send you, but it promised me one, but it never came. So I am now back home with an old one. Thank you for your kind wishes, and hope that all your studying is not given over to racehorses.  
 Lots of luck with your album.  
 sincerely yours  
 Stan Smith

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## Treasured letters

Even before I was a teenager, I used to write to famous jockeys, trainers, owners and breeders requesting them for photographs and surprisingly all of them used to respond. This is how I made friends with some of the well known personalities in racing, and later met them during my visits to where they lived. I met John Hislop who owned Brigadier Gerard, and who has written a lot of books on racing besides being a jockey, racing journalist, racehorse owner, breeder, racing administrator, Steward at Newmarket, Sandown and Salisbury and also was elected to The Jockey Club in the United Kingdom. I got to know Lester Piggott very well in a similar manner and he, over the years sent me many of his very rare pictures, and I still keep in touch with him. Raymond Guest, who was the owner of the Epsom Derby Winner Sir Ivor, sent some great pictures of his horse. I have a lot of letters from most of them which I treasure, and am sure some of you would like to go through, as I would like to share them with you.

- Siraj Attari

M. B. Mangalakar  
 No.1. Race Park,  
 Guindy,  
 Madras - 32.  
 31st October, 1968.

Dear Siraj,  
 I have received your letter dated 23rd October 1968, and have not forgotten my promise to send you a picture of Buck Passer.  
 I am sorry you could not get me on the phone at Hyderabad as I was very busy flying between Hyderabad and Bangalore. I appreciate your interest in horses, but I feel you should concentrate on your studies and finish your studies before you come to this game.  
 I have Mr. Osborne's photograph with me at Bangalore and when I go there next I will send it to you.

With all best wishes to Gautam,  
 Yours sincerely,  
 M. B. Mangalakar

Siraj Ali Attari,  
 'Nageena'  
 Road No.3,  
 Banjara Hills,  
 HYDERABAD - 34.

M. M. Galstann  
 3.B, Gurusaday Road,  
 Ballygunge,  
 Calcutta. 19.  
 January 19, 1969.

Dear Master Attari:  
 Thank you for your letter of December 29th and also for your congratulations.

FAIR HAVEN has now gone to Bombay to run in their Derby. She did not go to Madras after all. She will be ridden by Brian Taylor, a very good English jockey, in Bombay.

I am enclosing two pictures for you, one of the Derby lead in and the other of FAIR HAVEN passing the winning post. Second is Play Boy, who won our St. Leger yesterday. I am sorry I have no small pictures of MICA EMPRESS or PA BEAR.

I am glad to know you are fond of horses and also ride. But take some advice from an old man and don't become too interested in racing when you grow up! Concentrate on your studies, in which I wish you every success.

With best wishes.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 M. M. Galstann

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Dear Siraj Ali,  
 I thank you very much for your letter dated January 16th and very glad to note your interest in maintaining an album of horses and especially Race Horses.  
 At present I do not have a copy of the photo of FAIR HAVEN, However as and when I receive copies, I shall send you one. In the meantime, I am sending you a cutting from the "STATESMAN".  
 I do not have copies of the photo of MICA EMPRESS. I shall try to get one and send it to you. Wishing you every success in maintaining the album.

Yours sincerely,  
 G. V. Rao  
 (P.O. G. VENKATESWARA RAO.)



8, NAGAR ROAD,  
YERAVADA,  
POONA 6.  
17th February 1975.

Mr. Siraj Attari,  
"Sunnymore",  
Road No. 2,  
Banjara Hill,  
HYDERABAD-34.

Dear Mr. Attari,

Thank you for your letter of 8th February and the kind interest you show in our horses. I am sorry to say that we have still not produced a brochure of our Stud horses, but hope to this year. I have also not taken a really good photograph of PRINCE PRADEEP but intend to do so in the near future. I will surely send you some prints when ready.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*F. D. Wadia*  
(F. WADIA)

FROM JOHN HISLOP, EAST WOODHAY HOUSE, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

TELEPHONE: HIGHCLERE (0635) 253303

30.11.77

Dear Mr. Attari;

Here with a couple of

pictures of the Brigadier, one of  
him at stud, the other of him  
in training as a 4 y.o. with  
me on him.

Yours sincerely,  
John Hislop

8, NAGAR ROAD,  
YERAVADA,  
POONA 6.  
September 23rd  
1968.

Dear Siraj

Thank you for your letter  
of the 15th September. I am glad  
you liked the selection of  
photographs we set you.  
I am so sorry that at the moment  
we have not got the photographs  
you want. But we hope to  
collect them in a few weeks  
& I shall keep you  
& post them to you as ready.  
With best wishes

Yours sincerely  
F. D. Wadia  
F. D. Wadia

8, NAGAR ROAD,  
YERAVADA,  
POONA 6.

9th Sept. 1968.  
Regd. A.D.

Mr. Siraj Ali Attari,  
NAGEENA, Road No. 3,  
Banjara Hills,  
HYDERABAD 34.

Dear Mr. Attari,

Mr. Wadia has received your letter of the  
22nd August and has selected a few photos of  
horses bred by him. He hopes you will like  
them.

Yours faithfully

*F. D. Wadia*  
Secretary  
to Mr. F. D. Wadia.

Encl. 5 Photographs.



8, NAGAR ROAD,  
YERAVADA,  
PUNE 411 006.

11th September 1981

Mr. Siraj Attari,  
"Sunnymore"  
Road No. 2, Banjara Hill,  
HYDERABAD 500 034

Dear Siraj,

I am sorry I could not reply earlier to your letter of 11th August. We would be very pleased to show you around the stud farm any time you visit Pune. Our telephone Nos. are 22634 for myself, and 26766 for Dr. Wadia.

I am so sorry I have no publications to give you as we have ourselves no extra copies of any of the European journals that we receive. If I have any, at any time I shall certainly remember to post them to you.

Thank you very much indeed for your kind thought about our foals and yearlings fetching good prices at the forthcoming sales. We have already given the name of the mare MIDNIGHT BLOSSOM to Indian Turf Services and I am waiting for an answer from them. I have found out that she belongs to four South Indian owners with a one-fourth share each, and she was last located at the Jaggy Stud Farm.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Dalal

Mr. Siraj Attari,  
"Sunnymore"  
Banjara Hills  
HYDERABAD 500 034

Dear Siraj,

I have been able to find a spare copy of 'Pacemaker International' with its 'Pattern Races' supplement for the month of May 1981, so I am sending it to you, and I hope you will enjoy reading it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Jain Dalal

8, NAGAR ROAD,  
YERAVADA,  
PUNE 411 006.

10th November 1981

"Sunnymore"  
Road No 2  
Banjara Hills  
Hederabad 500034

Date: 13 September 2004

Dear Siraj,

Many thanks for your letter. I could send you a pair of goggles, which I used many times for the museum, also a copy of my new book entitled "Lester's Derby's" which came out on Derby Day. I am sure that you could sell many copies in India. Let me know what you think.

Kindest Regards,

Lester

Lester Piggott

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Florizel  
Hamilton Road,  
Newmarket,  
Suffolk.

29/1

Dear Siraj -  
many thanks for your card, and also 7 our Best Wishes for my birthday, best wishes. Hope you are keeping well, I did ride in a veteran's race, in Melbourne last week, I finished third, we enjoyed a good week. I will be in Dubai in February and March. Regards Lester

  
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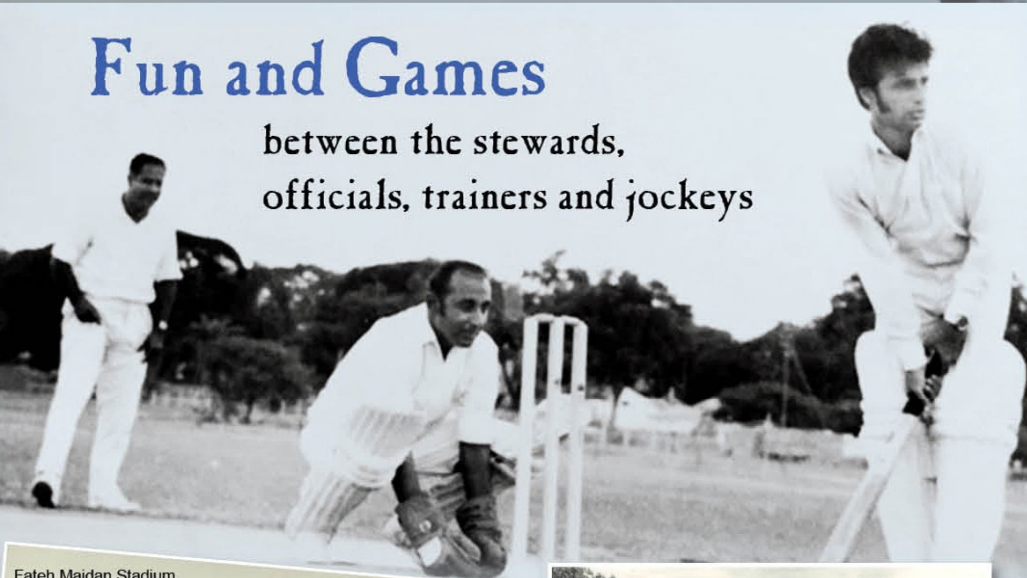
Dear Siraj -  
many thanks for your letter, it was my kind of you to write.  
"College Chapel" ran well in the July cup, but not good enough on the day, he will probably run at Deauville August before going back for the Nunthorpe.  
Regards to you all  
Lester

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# Fun and Games

between the stewards,  
officials, trainers and jockeys



The annual Cricket Match played between the Jockeys, Trainers, Officials and Stewards in 1978, standing from the left, K Ramakrishna, T V Reddy, Dharma Ebenezer, N N Reddy, Shehzad Abbas, M H Chenoy, and P E Bapooji. Kneeling, R M Seth, Siraj Attari, A D 'Silver and Ali Khusrung Jung.



Cricket match played in 1988. From the left Rasheed, Richard Alford, Jaggy Dhariwal, F Conway, Mir Hyder Ali Khan, J Vikramdev Rao, B Shanker, Kudreth Khan, Yusuf Khan, RR Komandur, Sitting from the left, R Figredo, Manasseh, Mohd. A. Abbas, Mahmood Khan and A Brisson.



Cricket Match at the Gymkhana Grounds in the year 1971, standing from the left, J Stephens, Devadoss, Amanullah Khan, MB Mangalorkar, Burke, B Vijay Reddy, Z Darashah, B Baria. Kneeling from the left, Howell, P Woods, Manasseh, Locke, and JS Dhariwal.



Cricket Match played at the Gymkhana Grounds in 1982. Standing from the left - Adil Mirza, MH Chenoy, O'Wills, SM Bhonsle, PE Bapooji, Ali Khusrung Jung, N Shanker, Hyder Hasan, Siraj Attari and RR Komandur. Sitting in front - A Mercer, T McKeown, Syed Ali, Shahreyar, Saleem Chisty and A Brisson



Dinner at Malakpet, standing from the left, Dharma Ebenezer, Rusi Seth, Dr Krishna Rao, Dr K Ramakrishna, Dr Bhasker, D R Selvaraj, kneeling , Dr SM Karthikeyan, Siraj Attari and TV Reddy, photograph taken at Malakpet during a dinner in 1977.



A dinner at Malakpet Race Course in 1976, from the left, Raghupathi Reddy, SM Karthikeyan, Siraj Attari, T V Reddy, Rusi Seth, Oak, Ghulam Hyder, Dharma Ebenezer and Vinod Chander.

Every year, a cricket match is played between the Professionals, Stewards and Officials; it's been a tradition which in the past was looked forward to with great enthusiasm. Everyone are together over lunch, besides "pulling each other's leg". It's generally a day of having an outing of fun where the Professionals get to socialize with the Stewards and Officials and play a game of Cricket and enjoy a meal together.



The Donkey Derby on the track at Malakpet !!! Seen from the left MH Chenoy, B Vijay Reddy riding the donkey, jockey S Mohd., Jaggy Dhariwal astride the donkey, and jockey Fegredo.



# Archives



Most of these owners trainers and jockeys raced in Hyderabad

Draft.

# Archives

16th March 1913.

My dear Colonel Pinhey,

Apropos of our conversation yesterday evening, I send herewith copy of Colonel Swanston's letter, with plan and estimates for the Stand and other buildings in connection with the Secunderabad Race Course.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) F. J.

...late 19th to early 20th century



# HYDERABAD RACE CLUB PROGRAMME

## OF THE HYDERABAD RACES, FOR 1897.

### UNDER CALCUTTA TURF CLUB RULES.

FIRST DAY ... Tuesday, 16th November, 1897.  
SECOND DAY ... Thursday, 18th " "  
THIRD DAY ... Saturday, 20th " "  
FOURTH DAY ... Tuesday, 23rd " "

... late 19th century!

Special Penalties:—Winners Rs. 900  
Winners Rs. 10 lbs  
penal-  
lative

Allowances:—Maidens 5 lb allowance  
the same way

Distance:—1½ Miles.

Entrances:—See foregoing

(2.)—The Salar Jung  
Rs. 800 to the winner

For:—Arab and Country

Weight:—13-3 to carry 9

Penalties:—Winners once

Special Penalties:—Winners

Rs. 900

penal-  
10 lbs

Allowances:—3 lbs. for  
C. Bs. 7 lbs  
allowance

Distance:—7 Furlongs.

Entrances:—See foregoing

(3.)—The Ash

Rs. 800  
Rs. 450

# PROGRAMME OF THE HYDERABAD RACES, 1897.

(UNDER CALCUTTA TURF CLUB RULES.)

PATRON.

HIS HIGHNESS THE NIZAM.

STEWARDS.

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SERS. MAJOR ARMSTRONG, I. M. S. Madras Landwehr.  
MAJOR F. R. THACKERAY, R. A. MAJOR W. H. O'NEILL, R. A.  
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MAJOR A. R. HILL, Northampton Regt.  
MAJOR APSUR-UD-DOWLAT, Bhopal. FRED. GORDON, Esq.

MAJOR P. GOUGH,—Hon. Secretary

FIRST DAY,

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

(1.)—The Shums-ool-Oomrah Cup Rs. 1,500.

Rs. 1,000 to the winner, Rs. 300 to the second, and Rs. 200 to the third. Rs. 850 presented by Nawab Sir Koorsheed Jah Bahadur K. C. I. E., and Rs. 650 from the fund.

For:—All Arabs and Nizam's Country Breds that were maidens on the 1st May 1897.

Weight:—For Age.

Penalties:—Winners once 4 lbs, twice 7 lbs, oftener 10 lbs.

# HYDERABAD RA 1882.

## SUBSCRIPTION LIST

City Notes

NAMES.	Amount.	NAME
H. H. The Nizam	3000	The Nizam
H. H. Govt.	2500	The Nizam
Sir Salim Jung	1000	Mirza Akbar Khan
Do	400	Mirza Akbar Khan
Asst. Bakhsh Bahadur	1000	Mirza Akbar Khan
Rajah Namdeo Rao	800	Mirza Akbar Khan
Rajah Jung Bahadur	300	Mirza Akbar Khan
Mirza Jafar Jung	500	Mirza Akbar Khan
Mirza Jafar Bahadur	200	Mirza Akbar Khan
Rajah Shewraj Rao	250	Mirza Akbar Khan

## TABLE OF ENTRANCES, STARTING STAKES, &c., FOR 1897.

Allowances:—Horses that had not won a race of the value of Rs. 200 or over previous to the 1st May 1897, 5 lbs. Maidens 10 lbs. (Not cumulative.) Horses entered to be sold for more than 7 lbs. Nizam's C. Bs. to carry 7 lbs. same weight as Arabs.

Distance:—1 Mile.

Entrances:—See foregoing tabular statement.

(18.)—The Fakhr-ool-Moolk Plate Rs. 1,000.  
Rs. 500 to the winner, and Rs. 200 to the second, and Rs. 450 presented by Nawab Fakhr-ool-Moolk Bahadur and Rs. 550 from the fund.  
For:—Arab and C. B. Ponies 14 hands and under, English and Australasians 13-3 0 at. 10 lbs.  
Weight:—Arabs and C. Bs. 14 hands and under, English and Australasians 13-3 0 at. 10 lbs.  
Penalties:—Winners once 4 lbs, twice 7 lbs, oftener 10 lbs.

Special penalties:—Winners of a race of the value of Rs. 900 or over 4 lbs.  
Winners of a race of the value of Rs. 1,900 or over once 7 lbs, twice 10 lbs, in addition to the ordinary penalties above stated. (Not cumulative.)

Allowances:—3 lbs. for every ¼ inch. Ponies that had not won a race of the value of Rs. 200 or over previous to the 1st May 1897, 5 lbs. Maidens 10 lbs. (Not cumulative.) Nizam's C. Bs. to have a special allowance of 7 lbs.

Distance:—1 Mile.

Entrances:—See foregoing tabular statement.

NAMES OF RACES	Added money.	Entrances on the				Distance.	Class of Race	Class of Horse
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th			
<b>FIRST DAY</b>								
1. The Shums-ool-Oomrah Cup	1,500	100	100	100	100	1½ Miles	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
2. The Fakhr-ool-Moolk Plate	1,000	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
3. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
4. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
<b>SECOND DAY</b>								
5. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
6. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
7. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
8. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
<b>THIRD DAY</b>								
9. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
10. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
11. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
12. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
<b>FOURTH DAY</b>								
13. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
14. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
15. The Ash	800	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.
16. The Nizam's Cup	400	100	100	100	100	1 Mile	W. A. & C.	Arabs and Nizam's C. Bs. 14 hands and under.

## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER.

(6.)—H. H. the Nizam's Gold Cup Rs. 6,000.  
Rs. 4,500 to the winner, Rs. 1,000 to the second, and Rs. 500 to the third. Rs. 4,500 presented by H. H. the Nizam and Rs. 1,500 from the fund.

For:—Arabs and Nizam's Country Breds.  
Weight:—Handicap.  
Distance:—R. C. and a distance.

Entrances.—See foregoing tabular statement.  
Entrance will close on the 1st November with Rs. 50 extra for horses which are not struck out by 7 a. m. on the 16th November.

The handicap to be published by the 10th November.  
(7.)—The Lilliput Stakes Rs. 800.  
Rs. 600 to the winner, and Rs. 200 to the second.

For:—Arab ponies 13-2 and under.  
Weight:—13-2 to carry 9 st. 3 lbs.  
For:—Winners once 4 lbs; twice 7 lbs; oftener 10 lbs.

Winners of races of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 2,000 or over 4 lbs, in addition to the above.



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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
Jagdish	22	8	6	3	5
Foley	9	4	4	1	4
Iqbal	6	11	9	7	4
Dalpat Singh	4	4	7	3	4
Jadow	2	5	3	6	7
Nolan	2	0	3	6	8
S. S. Shah	1	4	5	6	9
Karan Singh	1	3	5	6	9
Reddy	1	2	0	4	8
D. Rao	0	4	4	0	6
Ananth Rao	0	2	1	0	6
Bashir Ahmed	0	1	1	1	3
Woods	0	0	0	1	3

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
V. Powar	10	14	9	8	9
Khan Baba	10	5	3	2	10
M. Farah	8	8	6	5	15
Khan Asker	5	7	7	1	8
Puttanna	5	3	8	4	4
V. V. Powar	4	2	4	6	7
Ahmed Khan	3	3	6	1	5
Jarvis	2	4	2	2	7
R. Khodayar	1	1	1	3	7
Shivan	0	1	1	3	5

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
F. Smith	20	9	11	3	2
Jagdish	12	14	8	6	4
Reddy	7	7	7	12	8
Iqbal	6	7	8	4	0
B. Raj	4	8	7	5	5
D. Rao	4	3	1	2	7
Bashir Ahmed	1	3	0	3	7
Ananth Rao	1	2	7	0	8
S. S. Shah	1	1	1	3	10
S. Chavan	0	2	1	3	2
Z. K. Khan	0	0	3	6	5
Sundaram	0	0	1	0	1

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
M. Farah	19	9	11	7	6
Khan Baba	11	8	7	8	14
V. V. Powar	10	11	14	17	19
Ahmed Khan	7	14	3	4	3
Puttanna	5	5	5	4	7
Jarvis	3	7	7	1	0
R. Khodayar	1	0	2	1	1
Shivan	0	2	6	4	8

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
Jagdish	16	12	8	2	2
Foley	15	15	5	5	5
Iqbal	8	6	1	5	4
Dalpat Singh	6	2	2	4	2
Jadow	5	3	8	4	4
Nolan	3	5	5	4	6
S. S. Shah	1	6	7	6	9
Karan Singh	1	1	0	0	0
Reddy	1	0	0	1	0
D. Rao	0	3	6	3	4
Nathu Singh	0	2	5	4	11
Joseph	0	1	2	1	2
Ananth Rao	0	0	5	4	7
Bashir Ahmed	0	0	0	0	1
Woods	0	0	0	0	1

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
Folkes	22	18	15	12	13
Khan Baba	15	16	15	12	13
Puttanna	10	5	6	5	9
V. V. Powar	3	6	12	7	11
M. Farah	3	4	3	2	3
S. J. K. Irani	2	1	0	0	3
V. Jadhav	1	6	3	5	6

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
Jagdish	15	10	2	4	4
Dixon	13	14	13	6	6
Foley	8	8	18	4	8
B. Raj	7	11	8	4	8
S. S. Shah	6	6	4	8	8
Ananth Rao	5	8	3	2	2
Shanker	5	1	2	6	2
Fakruddin	4	2	2	2	2
Jadow	3	1	3	3	3
S. B. Ahmed	2	4	1	1	11
Iqbal	2	2	2	2	2
Nathu Singh	2	2	2	1	2
R'sekaran	1	2	1	0	1
Bashir Ahmed	1	2	1	0	1
S. Chavan	1	0	5	0	3
Joseph	0	2	2	2	2
D. Rao	0	1	0	1	1
Sundaram	0	0	1	0	0
Tukaram	0	0	1	0	0
Rodrigues	0	0	1	0	0
Bashir Khan	0	0	0	4	0

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
Puttanna	22	12	12	15	15
V. Jadhav	10	16	16	13	13
Khan Baba	10	8	6	2	2
Appoo	7	8	13	3	3
Qutub	7	6	1	3	3
Badruddin	5	3	2	0	0
Dougall	4	4	3	6	6
M. Farah	4	2	2	0	0
R. Khodayar	2	4	3	6	6
Jarvis	2	8	11	12	12
Swedani	1	1	1	1	1
S. J. K. Irani	0	6	4	3	3
		1	2	2	2

Leading Owner:—Messrs. A. Swamy & J. Lal.

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
17	12	9	4	15	
10	14	6	4	16	
9	8	13	7	11	
8	0	10	5	15	
6	6	4	4	10	
5	5	11	5	18	
5	6	3	7	18	
4	7	5	2	9	
4	4	1	2	10	
3	1	3	3	2	
2	2	5	0	10	
1	1	2	0	8	
1	0	0	1	9	
1	0	0	1	5	
0	2	1	0	2	
0	2	1	0	5	
0	0	0	1	4	
0	0	0	0	1	
0	0	0	0	0	

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
20	16	14	6	27	
13	12	4	7	18	
13	8	17	10	21	
10	2	10	2	22	
7	6	10	13	16	
6	9	4	8	17	
5	8	5	6	16	
5	5	4	4	8	
4	9	1	7	18	
2	2	4	5	10	
2	4	0	1	2	
1	2	0	0	0	
1	4	0	0	1	
0	0	0	0	0	

Leading Owners: Raja of Wanaparthy.

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HYDERABAD

JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
16	15	9	8	12	
13	5	2	4	9	
11	12	14	5	10	
10	3	7	6	12	
7	2	3	1	2	
4	4	4	5	7	
3	10	3	3	9	
2	6	9	3	13	
2	4	4	4	7	
2	3	6	3	7	
2	3	3	9	11	
2	3	3	7	7	
2	1	0	2	5	
2	0	3	0	1	
2	0	1	1	2	
1	1	1	3	8	
1	1	0	0	0	
1	0	3	1	5	
1	0	1	2	3	
1	0	0	5	7	
1	0	0	1	3	
0	2	1	3	12	
0	2	0	0	3	
0	2	0	0	3	
0	1	1	0	1	
0	0	0	1	1	

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
16	12	12	10	18	
15	15	23	11	31	
14	3	6	10	12	
12	14	13	9	15	
10	4	4	2	9	
7	6	6	8	12	
7	8	13	10	27	
3	4	5	7	17	
3	4	1	3	5	
3	4	1	7	9	
2	6	1	7	4	
2	3	2	5	3	
2	3	2	5	3	
0	4	1	0	0	

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HYDERABAD TRAINERS' STATISTICS

Trainers	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Mangalorkar, M. B.	23	*21	17	
Hill, D. M.				*14
Meherjee, M.	*28	85	26	
Patel, R. N.	21	14		*24
Khan Baba, B. K.	11	8	6	4
Ahmed Abbas	11		11	16
Thompson, A. G.	10	4	11	7
Ahmed Khan	9	5	6	9
Bashu	5	13	16	16
Omkar, G. M.	*5	5	9	16
Irani, S. J. K.	4	8	5	8
McGiffin, J.	3	7	10	
Shinde, B. L.	3	5	7	*2
Appoo, H. D.	2	4	0	6
	1	5	0	1
	1	1	2	1
			3	3

Leading Owners: Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Reporter, Mrs. D. Meherjee & Miss D. B. Desai.

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
21	19	14	9	28	
*13	13	14	3	24	
12	8	10	15	24	
10	7	7	9	18	
7	6	7	6	18	
9	6	10	11	19	
7	10	6	6	17	
7	10	5	5	13	
7	4	5	4	12	
6	6	4	3	12	
4	2	3	4	15	
4	4	1	0	5	
3	4	1	3	11	
3	1	2	5	11	
2	2	3	1	21	
2	0	3	2	13	
2	3	3	2	7	
1	4	2	3	11	
1	2	2	1	11	
1	1	1	4	6	
1	1	1	1	4	
1	0	2	2	7	
0	3	2	7	5	
0	1	0	1	3	
0	0	2	1	1	
0	0	1	0	5	
0	0	0	1	0	
0	0	0	2	4	

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
30	24	21	16	30	
29	27	25	16	38	
13	8	11	20	50	
*12	17	16	9	23	
9	14	13	10	26	
6	7	16	5	26	
5	4	7	11	29	
4	3	3	1	15	

\* Includes a dead-heat.

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STATISTICS OF JOCKEYS & TRAINERS

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JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
23	17	14	10	14	
16	9	3	3	3	
*13	8	9	7	7	
*9	13	6	6	6	
8	4	10	4	4	
*8	4	5	4	4	
3	11	5	4	4	
3	3	9	4	4	
2	4	8	4	4	
2	2	6	0	0	
1	1	3	2	2	
1	4	2	2	2	
1	3	7	3	3	
1	2	1	1	1	
0	1	0	1	1	
0	4	3	2	2	
0	3	1	1	1	
0	1	8	11	3	
0	1	4	4	4	
0	0	0	0	0	

TRAINERS' STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unpl.
26	18	16	14	14	
18	13	15	10	10	
*16	9	15	10	10	
*14	9	15	10	10	
*11	21	16	10	10	
3	15	14	15	15	
3	2	12	8	10	
1	3	3	3	3	
1	3	6	6	6	
0	1	3	10	10	
0	3	2	2	2	
0	1	5	2	2	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	0	0	0	
0	1	1	3	3	
0	0	0	0	0	

\* Includes a dead-heat.

Leading Owners: Mrs. S. Hill.

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HYDERABAD JOCKEYS' STATISTICS

Riders	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Unplaced
20	18	14	10	20	
17	7	12	9	12	
17	4	10	6	12	
10	11	7	8	15	
10	*7	8	*3	19	
9	11	11	7	15	
9	7	6	4	15	
*9	12	11	7	17	
6	1	7	9	17	
6	18	4	4	17	
5	4	4	4	24	
5	4	5	9	24	
5	*11	7	6	15	
3	6	7	5	15	
3	0	2	4	17	
3	6	4	4	17	
*2	6	7	4	24	
1	6	7	7	13	
1	2	8	7	19	
1	2	1	4	10	
1	0	3	4	10	
1	0	1	2	19	
1	0	1	3	13	
0	2	0	0	0	
0	2	0	2	12	
0	1	2	1	2	
0	1	0	1	2	
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0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	

\* Dead Heat

† Apprentice with allowance.



# Homage



Pat Eddery on the great Saddlers Wells

## "Pat on the back" !

Homage to one of the finest jockeys of the world,

## Pat Eddery

**Eleven** times Champion Jockey Pat Eddery, the same as Lester Piggott, died at the age of 63 on the 10th of November 2015. He was the second most successful jockey in the history of British Racing in terms of the number of winners ridden. Between 1969 and 2003 he rode 4632 winners in England, exceeded only by Gordon Richards who rode 4870, between 1921 and 1954. Third in the list is Lester Piggott with 4493 winners. Lester always described Eddery as "natural and a gifted horseman".

Pat Eddery was a boy wonder - he rode against top class jockeys during the 70s and 80s with great success. He was always a shy, withdrawn sportsman and disliked the limelight and attention given to him. He was loved by everyone and people were star struck by him but he never saw himself as great and always remained very humble and accessible.

A strong and effective rider, yet silky and smooth, he was simply amazing on a horse back! He had the magic touch with an incredible pair of hands with the result that the horse would relax and even the greatest pullers would always settle and enjoy the ride given by Eddery without lugging him! He would always do the right thing at the right moment with an amazing ability of reading a race, graced with an outstanding judgment of pace. Horses used to go very well for him - he would position his horse at the right spot from where the horse would have the best chance to show his ability at the finish. He ended up having very few accidents compared to all the other jockeys put together.

With an unusual style, Eddery was always very strong at the finish and yet remained cool. His riding style was not elegant by normal standards owing to his bouncing up and down in the saddle as he urged his mounts at



Eddery receiving the Lester Piggott Award for the Flat Racing Jockey of the Year from Lester Piggott



Pat Eddery presenting the 2008 British Champion Jockey Trophy to Ryan Moore

the finish, but strangely he was very effective - unlike Lester who always sat elegantly high in the saddle. He had a very distinguished style: very natural, probably due to the fact that he started riding racehorses from the early age of just eight. Riding was always in his heart and he had a tremendous ability. A true genius in the saddle, he was way ahead of the times.

He hero worshipped the exceptional Lester Piggott, yet Pat Eddery's ability remained unquestioned as he was never scared of Lester in a race unlike most of the other jockeys. He always took him on and the friendly rivalry would remain with close finishes for jockeys' championship between the two on several occasions.

Pat Eddery was a caring person, and generous to such an extent that the fellow jockeys called him "God". He was always on time, if not before time for the morning work, and always the first to arrive at the races on a race day.

A thorough professional, all he did was thinking of how he would win. He would want to win an ordinary race at Brighton as much as he would want to win a Classic at Epsom. Eddery never had any misunderstandings with any of his trainers and owners that he rode for, was always very correct and very, very classy indeed. He was a very private person, unassuming, and would never show off despite achieving great stardom. He would be surprised and felt shy when he was recognized at airports or other public places, always obliging fans with his autograph.

Pat Eddery achieved a lot and went to amazing heights during his riding career. He won fourteen British Classics which includes the Epsom Derby three times. He was also Champion Jockey in Ireland in 1982. His first winner was on a horse called Alvaro at Epsom in 1969 and in less than two months he won the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot riding against top class jockeys. He rode five winners out of a card of six at the age of eighteen which is a record and was the youngest British Champion Jockey at the age of twenty one with 148 winners! He was also the first to be voted the Jockey of the Year in 1974 by the Horserace Writers' Association. At twenty one, he was also the leading jockey at Royal Ascot, while in 1974 he saw his first winner of the English Classic when he won the Oaks on Polygammy.

Since early childhood, Pat Eddery dreamt of becoming a champion jockey and winning the Derby - well his dreams came true and how! Grundy became the first of the so many greats that he rode. He won his first Epsom Derby on Grundy in 1974 and later rode an exceptional race on him to win the Kind George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes beating a very high class field which included the great mare Dahlia who had won this race twice, Lester Piggott riding her, and Bustino with Joe Mercer, winner of the St Leger and the Coronation Cup. Pat Eddery managed to drive home Grundy by half a



Eddery on one of his favourite Grundy





Pebbles and Pat Eddery



length after a hard fight head to head battle with Bustino, and justifiably the race became known as the “the race of the century”, the horse won due to the sheer genius of Eddery.

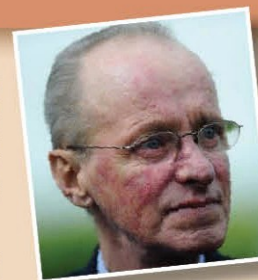
This was during the period that he was riding for Peter Walwyn. He was retained with this stable for eight long years and it was a very happy partnership which ended only due to the fact that the equine virus had hit the stable acutely affecting the horses which lasted for two years.

the inaugural Lester Piggott Award for the Flat Jockey of the Year, which he won again in 1991 and 1996. He rode an incredible race on Dancing Brave to win the 1986 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe coming from almost a hopeless position to win in the last couple of strides in his typical style of bouncing in the saddle, one moment everyone was looking where Dancing Brave and Pat Eddery were and the next moment Eddery brought him home to win the race!!! He won the Arc de Triomphe on four occasions - the first in 1980 and three on a trot 1985, 86 and 87 - the only jockey to do so. He rode for Prince Khalid Abdullah till the year 1994 after which he rode as a freelance jockey until his retirement from the saddle in 2003.

Pat Eddery was associated with many of the top class horses during his career as a jockey like Detroit, Storm Bird, Saddlers Well, King’s Lake, Golden Fleece, Lomond, Assert, El Gran Senor, Rainbow Quest, Dancing Brave, Moon Madness, Warning, Zafonic, Quest Of Flame, Jupiter Island, Silver Patriarch and many more.

In 2005 Eddery was awarded an honorary OBE which he considered a great honour and in the same year he was granted a Trainer’s license and set up a stable of 40 horses at Musk Hill Stud. His brother Paul Eddery, who was also a jockey, became his Assistant Trainer. Eddery’s first runner finished second and his first winner came in 2006 at Kempton Park where a horse

called Visionist won a handicap race. His only Group 1 Winner was a horse called Hearts of Fire - he won the Gran Criterium in Italy in 2009 and he sent out his final winner a week before he died. He was not very successful as a Trainer though, and missed his riding days like most of the jockeys do once they retire.



This picture was taken when he had retired and had become an alcoholic, looks older than his age due to his deep depression that he was going through.

Eddery won many races outside Europe, including the major ones - he won the Japan Cup in 1986 on Jupiter Island, the Breeders’ Cup on Pebbles in 1985, the Arlington Million Tolomeo, and the Canadian International Stakes on French Glory. He also won the Breeders’ Sprint on Sheik Albadou. He rode more than 2000 winners besides winning 4632 races in the United Kingdom. He also rode in Bombay in the year 2000.

in the year 2009. The divorce happened due to the fact of his getting into a depression and becoming an alcoholic which finally led to his death. His father Jimmy Eddery, who was also a top class jockey, won the Irish Derby in 1955 and almost beat Lester Piggott in the Epsom Oaks in 1958, also died due to alcoholism at the age of 63.

One of the twelve living children of Jimmy Eddery and Josephine Moylan, Pat Eddery married Carolyn Mercer, the daughter of late Manny Mercer and niece of Joe Mercer. They have two daughters and a son. The marriage broke down and they were formally divorced

Pat Eddery was an amazing jockey and one can never take that away. He was a man of extraordinary talent, but with an ordinary man’s fallibility and his passing away at a relatively young age has been a great loss to racing ●

- Siraj Attari



Pat Eddery



Pat Eddery and Dancing Brave





## Lester Piggott: Jockey on Frankie Dettori, Frankel & fairytales

"How old is he now?" people whisper in passing. The tell-tale lines on his well-weathered face give the game away. He will be 80 this year (2015)

"Of course you never think about going this far," he says. "Nobody really wants to be 80, do they? I suppose it comes to us all."

I'm face-to-face with Lester Piggott, described this week by fellow record-breaking jockey AP McCoy as the "greatest sportsman of all-time". He is partially deaf with a speech defect that gives him a low nasal tone. We are sitting as close as chess players.

As many of Piggott's rivals found during a riding career which made him a household name, things are conducted on his terms. No nonsense. Each word delivered as precisely as one of his 4,493 British winners.

He's smart, slight, sun-kissed. The Swiss air, in which he now resides, is clearly doing him good. Trademark grey suit, polished black loafers.

"I do plenty of exercise. I walk quite a bit, but I haven't ridden in three or four years," he says.

There are no spoken regrets, no plans for a big party to mark his ninth decade - which begins on 5 November - though he "really ought to do something".

Plenty of pauses, but plenty of insight too, if you're patient. In the course of our conversation he says Frankie Dettori is the best, Frankel isn't, current jockeys are better than previous generations, and recalls his own "fairy story" comeback 25 years ago.

"Better jockeys now... but they should be"

Piggott set new landmarks in a racing career which began at the age of 12 in 1948 and continued into the 1990s, via a spell in prison which made front page news, and two retirements.

He was a master of coaxing half-a-ton of thoroughbred at speeds topping 35mph round Epsom's unique mile-and-a-half rollercoaster track, winning the Derby an unprecedented nine times. That is two more than recent champion jockeys Kieren Fallon, Dettori and Ryan Moore have between them.

All of this on a starvation diet, reputedly majoring in champagne and cigars, and riding at up to a stone-and-a-half below his natural weight. Tall for a flat jockey at nearly 5ft 8in, he weighed as little as 8st 5lb. They called him the Long Fellow.



Piggott, aged 12, studies the form in 1948, the year he won his first race



### Lester Piggott in numbers

Classic wins: 30 Derby: 9 St Leger: 8 Oaks: 6 2,000 Guineas: 5 1,000 Guineas: 2 Royal Ascot victories: 116

Of his 30 Classic victories, eight came in the world's oldest - the St Leger - which will be run again on Saturday at Doncaster. This is where we chat on the lawn on the inside of the track.

For a man regarded by many racing observers as the greatest jockey, some of his comments about the current crop come as a surprise.

"Overall they are better now. They're more stylish," he says. Pause. Is there a punchline?

"Of course you have to remember they get so much more practice. I'd have maybe 500 rides a year and some of them are getting 1,000. They should be better, by average," he adds.

Lester Piggott had his first race aged 12 and rode until a few years ago



Piggott relaxes with a cigar at home in 1981, one of 11 years in which he finished champion jockey



## 'Everything changes - it's progress'

Piggott was champion jockey 11 times between 1960 and 1982 in an era where rivals included talented riders like Willie Carson and Pat Eddery.

The format for the championship, which still sees the rider with most victories winning the title, has changed from this year.

Rather than the full term of the British turf flat racing season from mid-March to early November, it now runs from early May to the middle of October.

The move has been branded sacrilege by some traditionalists, but Piggott sees the benefits - meaning top jockeys can still ride in the big autumn races abroad without affecting their domestic title hopes.

"Everything changes, even in everyday life. It's progress. Everything is faster," says Piggott, who will present the trophy to the winning jockey at Ascot on British Champions Day on 17 October.

"I think it's right now because they've got everybody riding and it finishes at a reasonable time.

"There's so many big meetings all over the world that the better jockeys have to go to. The horses they have been riding are running in those big races."

Would Piggott have won more titles under the new system?

"I'd hope so," he replies.

And you suspect he knows so.

### Piggott on current jockeys

On Frankie Dettori - "Frankie really is the best, isn't he?" So what sets him apart - judgement, pace? I ask. "Nobody knows that - if you knew, you could make jockeys."

On Ryan Moore: "He doesn't say very much, but everybody's different. Frankie does a lot of talking, I suppose, but he's been good for racing. They are two different people."

On Silvestre de Sousa, the current title favourite who is nearly 30 wins ahead of nearest rival William Buick: "He's got a good lead now and seems unbeatable."

Despite the passage of time, the names of horses he rode many years ago live on in the racing lexicon - Nijinsky, The Minstrel, and his own personal favourite Sir Ivor. He rode Nijinsky 45 years ago to become the last partnership to win the British Triple Crown - the 2,000 Guineas, Derby and Leger - but the horse does not feature at the top of his best-ever list.

"The greatest horse I've seen is Seabird. I always thought Seabird was the best, then Ribot and then probably Frankel," he says. He did not ride any of them. Seabird won the Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 1965, Ribot was a two-time Arc winner a decade earlier, while Frankel went 14 races unbeaten before retirement in 2012.



Piggott won the 1970 St Leger on Nijinsky to complete the Triple Crown



Piggott and Vincent O'Brien were reunited in 1990.

### The Voice of Racing - 'an exceptional man'

Piggott lost a close friend last month when the former BBC racing commentator Sir Peter O'Sullivan died at the age of 97.

"Sir Peter was part of racing for so long. He was there every day more or less. He became a big friend," recalls the former jockey.

"He was an exceptional man. I used to see him quite a lot right until the end."

O'Sullivan was quoted in one of his last interviews as saying he had hinted to the Queen that Piggott might be given his OBE back.

The honour was withdrawn when Piggott was jailed for three years in 1987 after being found guilty of an alleged tax fraud of more than £3m. With time off for good behaviour, he served a year and a day in prison.

He dismisses the OBE story as "rubbish", so I ask how he feels about that whole episode now. "I don't want to talk about that," he says.

Piggott looks into the distance. I'm boxed in and look for an opening. Nowhere to go, until we revisit a great racing tale.

### Fairytale comeback - at the age of 54

The awkwardness evaporates as I ask about one of Piggott's greatest rides - which featured in a Sunday Times list of the '50 great sporting moments of the 20th Century'.

After a stalled training career and prison, he made a triumphant return to the saddle in 1990 at the age of 54.

Just 12 days out of his second retirement, Piggott guided Royal Academy, trained by old ally Vincent O'Brien, to victory in one of the world's richest races - the \$1m Breeders' Cup Mile.

"It was Vincent O'Brien. He made the suggestion really. I wasn't thinking about it. He said 'why not come back?' and I did," he recalls.

The jockey showed all his icy nerve as he waited to pounce, seizing victory in the final strides, prompting the on-course commentator to call him "the living legend".

Recalling the victory at Belmont Park, New York, Piggott said: "He wasn't really a mile horse. I had to ride him to get the trip and had to wait. He was always a little bit slow into his stride.

"It was a good performance that day. He was going very well. I don't know what happened but on the turn for home he slipped. He lost his footing and just stopped for a few strides. To get up and win after that, he had to be a good horse."

You broke into a rare post-race smile, I suggest to him, having watched the footage back.

"It was exceptional really. It was like a fairy story and they don't often happen."

And he smiles again, ending on another victory ●

- Frank Keogh

Courtesy: BBC Sport, Nov. 2015



# Passing on the baton, the Nerredus' never cease to race!

The Narredu family has been into racing in India both as jockeys and trainers and amongst them have trained and ridden many winners and have contributed a lot to racing in India. There was also a tragedy in their family recently when one of the members of the family, Ashish lost his life in Calcutta while riding in the Oaks.

**Mallesh Narredu**, one of the top riders that India has produced, is now retired, and has become a successful trainer. In his own humble words, he narrates on the Nerredu kin.



Apprentice School Days of M Narredu



M Narredu astride Indictment after winning the Indian 2000 Guineas in 1997



First Winner of M Narredu as a Jockey astride Amiable Lady trained by C A Kuttapa

For us, it is a matter of great honor and unequalled pride to be called upon to provide our track-record in Indian racing. I respectfully put forth before you the fact-file of my family members' accomplishments on the race track.

I would like to dwell on the small beginnings. My father Mr **Gangaram Narredu** was a Contractor and later was employed at the RWITC. It was his efforts that got my elder brother **Satish Narredu** into the Apprentice jockeys' school at RWITC. Satish was the first member of our family to come into pro racing. He had a long haul at the start of his career. Despite innumerable heartbreaks and disappointments, he kept on working, waiting for that one break

Nothing much happened

in Pune and Mumbai. Satish then decided to shift to Bangalore and that was a turning point in his career.

Trainer Tassi Shring gave him his First Winner on Nectar Crown in 1980. It was after a couple of years that he rode for Mr. Gumman Singh and took his first championship as a jockey claiming allowance in 1983 and from then on Satish was steadily moving up the ladder.

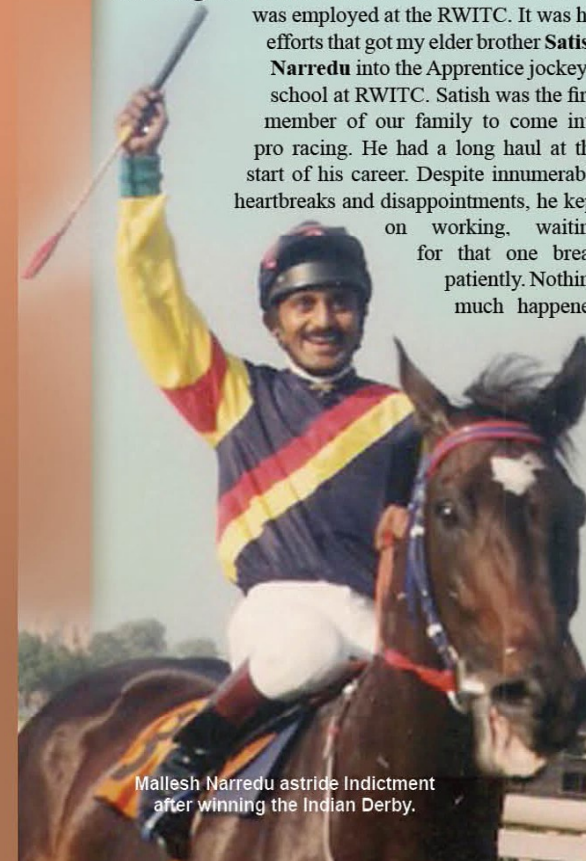
Satish hung his boots after a long and successful career having ridden 1036 winners as a jockey. He is the only jockey in India to have won the Derbies in all the Racing centers of India.

Satish's high point came when he was engaged by the doyen of Indian racing Dr MAM Ramaswamy in 1995. Satish won 51 classics for him all over the country. Their biggest moment together came in The Indian Derby in 1996, it was a sensational victory as Satish was dead-last astride AMAZING BAY coming into the homestretch and he slipped through the rails and finished with a flourish! Dr MAM was delighted as this was the first time that he had won the Indian Derby in his own colors!

Satish won almost every big race there was in the Indian racing circuit in the next 5 years of partnership with the racing baron.

Satish is currently among the top trainers in Bangalore with about 45 horses under his charge. He has won 360 races as a trainer till date and counting, including 3 Derbies. The biggest win being THE INDIAN DERBY, with SUPER STORM.

I was the next one from our family to come into racing. My brother's successes had inspired me and I joined the Apprentice



Mallesh Narredu astride Indictment after winning the Indian Derby.



From Left to right : Christophe Soumillon , Damien Oliver , M Narredu , Mick Kinane , Darryl Holland , Frankie Dettori in South Africa for the Jockeys Challenge in 2008.



jockey school in 1982. I had to wait horribly long for more than a year and half before I rode my first winner on Amiable Lady on 17th August, 1986. In fact I was the last of my batch of jockeys to score a win!

Thankfully both Satish and I evolved as better jockeys through sheer grit and dedication. My brother was a great motivator for me. We used to have endless discussions over racing and riding matters. The inputs helped along as we understood horses better and learned to give the horse his due in the race.

In my case, I had the privilege to ride for Mr. K N Dhunjibhoy and we enjoyed a record association for 22 years. I can't recall any other owner-jockey association that has lasted for 22 years anywhere in the world! My best years were devoted to Mr. Dhunjibhoy and we won a number of classics including the Indian Derby with INDICTMENT, with whom we also won the Indian Triple Crown.

In Pune, the success we had in the Nanoli Pune Derby is unmatched to date. I have won a record number of Pune Derbies (7) in my career as a Jockey and I still hold the record for the highest number of winners (49) for single season. I have been privileged to have ridden successfully for most of the big owners in the Circuit in my tenure as a Jockey, such as Dr. M A M Ramaswamy, Dr. Vijay Mallya, Mr. Vijay Shirke and (Late) Mr. Deepak Khaitan.

I started training soon after retiring as a jockey at the end of Pune Season - October 2010. My first winner as trainer was in March 2011 in Mumbai. I have so far won 160 races till date, which include 5 Derbies all in the year 2014 - 15. The year has been the best year of my racing career in which I won 28 Group races all across the country with my Champion Horses "QUASAR" and "BE SAFE" & GODSPEED, standing out. I am grateful to the almighty for blessing me with these great horses and I thank my Owners for placing their faith



Indictment winning The McDowell Indian Derby 1997 ridden by M Narredu.



S Narredu astride Amazing Bay winning The McDowell Indian Derby 1996.



Quasar being led in after his victory in The Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2015. Ridden by Yash Narredu & Trained by M Narredu.



Be Safe being led in after his victory in The ABV Nucleas Indian 2000 Guineas 2014. Ridden by Suraj Narredu & Trained by M Narredu.

and confidence in me. It was a nice feeling to be known among the top riders on the circuit, and to be currently considered among the Top Trainers in the country. My brother and I won the jockey championships a number of times. We are the only brothers to have won the Indian Derby as both Jockeys and Trainers. We are 2 among the only 3 to have accomplished the feat of winning the Indian Derby as both Jockeys and Trainers.

Suraj Narredu, Satish's son, started riding as an apprentice at the tender age of just over 16. He is one of the leading jockeys in the country currently. He has ridden for most of the elite owners and is retained by Mr Shapoor Mistry recently. He has achieved the landmark of 1000 winners in record time of less than Eight years. He has crossed the 1500 mark recently, which also include an impressive number of 40 regional and Indian Classics. Suraj has also won a number of races abroad, being the only Indian Licensed Jockey to win a race in America. He represented India in the YOUNG STARS Jockeys

Championship in Mauritius and brought the laurels home for INDIA winning the championship, beating world renowned Jockeys Maxim Guyon, Micheal Barzelona. He has also won in Malaysia and Macau, and has also ridden in Dubai and recently in France as well.

Besides the above riding talent in the family, Satish's son **Rajesh Narredu** is a trainer at Bangalore with 20 horses in training. He has won 17 races till date, after getting his license in July 2014; his high point was when he won the Maharaja Sir Harisinghji Trophy (Grade 2) in Mumbai in April 2015.

My son **Yash Narredu** is still pursuing his college and he has had a satisfying start to his career. He has just turned 18 now and is quickest among all of us in shedding his allowance on riding 40 winners. He achieved this feat in just over 5 months from the time of getting his license in April 2014. Having ridden 23 winners in the Bangalore Summer Season, he narrowly missed his first Jockeys' Championship in his first

M Narredu with his 2 sons Yash Narredu & Deepesh Narredu leading in Falcon (Suraj Narredu astride) after winning the SA Poonawalla Million in Pune.



Trainer M Narredu & his team after his First winner as a trainer with Enlightenment.





season. He followed up with 22 winners in Pune in his first season of riding in Pune. Another glorious feat to his credit is his success in the Invitation Cup in his very first attempt in the big race. He rode impeccably astride Quasar, and has since made quiet a bond with the colt, winning 4 group races after the Invitation Cup.

Yash also has the distinction of being the youngest jockey ever to win an Indian Classic when he won the Indian St Leger (Gr1) at Pune partnering Quasar. He was 18 years and 18 days on the day. Karl Umrigar was the youngest at 18 years and about two months.

The latest to enter into the sport is my elder son **Deepesh Narredu** who has done his Graduation and just got his Assistant trainer's license at Pune.

Dead Heat of M Narredu & S Narredu astride Great Spectacle & Forest King respectively in The Hemavathi Cup in Bangalore.



One of the most unique records was when Satish and I were involved in a dead-heat in The Hemavathi Cup in Bangalore Summer Season in 1995. Satish was atop Forest King and I was riding Great Spectacle. Both horses were owned By Dr. M A M Ramaswamy, both were trained by Mr. J. H Foley, and both were bred at the Poonawalla Stud Farms. This is one of the rarest incidents in racing all over the world as no brothers have ever been involved in a dead-heat.



Pat Smullen, Dermot Weld and Yesh Narredu, who was attached to Weld's yard for a couple of month's during the summer this year

### S. Narredu

Champion Jockey – 8 times,  
Champion Trainer twice consecutively at Mysore in 2013 and 2014.  
Total Number of Winners as a Jockey 1036.  
Total Number of winners as a Trainer 360 till date.  
Number of Classics won as a Jockey 51,  
Number of Classics won as a Trainer 7.  
First Indian Jockey to win 100 Races in one Racing Season at one center.  
Only Indian Jockey to have won Derbies in all Racing Centers in India (Bangalore, Mysore, Pune, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Chennai, Ooty)

### M. Narredu

Number of Champion Jockey title - 13  
Total Number of Winners as a Jockey 1665  
Total Number of Winners as a Trainer till date - 160.  
Record Number of Pune Derby win by any Jockey till date – 7.  
Record Number of Group Races won by a trainer in a single year - 23 .  
Represented India as a Jockey At ASCOT, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and also rode at Malaysia, Ireland, Qatar.

### Suraj Narredu

Champion Jockey 24 times at Bangalore, Mysore and Hyderabad.  
Total Number of Winners as a Jockey 1520 till date.  
Total number of classics till date 40.  
Represented India as a Jockey in Mauritius and Macau, also ridden at America, France, Malaysia and Dubai.

### Rajesh Narredu

Licensed as a trainer in July 2014, won 17 races till date.  
Won the Audi presents The Maharaja Sir Harisinghji Trophy (Grade 2) in April 2015.

### Yash Narredu

Licensed as a Jockey in April 2014, won 95 races till date.  
Won The Invitation Cup (Gr. 1) in his very first appearance in the race with QUASAR, Won The President of India Gold Cup (Gr. 1), The Bangalore St. Leger (Gr. 2), The Maharajas Cup (Gr. 2) and The Chief Justices Cup (Gr. 3).  
Champion Apprentice Jockey 3 times. Champion Jockey claiming allowance 2 times.

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## Silvestre de Sousa

The journey of a boy from Brazil who became a Champion Jockey of Great Britain...



Silvestre de Sousa holding the Jockeys Championship Trophy 2015 which was given away by Lester Piggott. On the left of Piggott is Richard Hughes.



Silvestre De Sousa's powerful riding gets Arabian Queen home in the Juddmonte International Stakes beating the mighty Golden Horn and Dettori in a close fin



**Silvestre** de Sousa who won the Derby in Bombay and the Golconda 2000 Guineas in Hyderabad, is now the Champion Jockey of Great Britain.

The legendary English trainer, Sam Armstrong, father-in-law of Lester Piggott, always encouraged and sent jockeys from England to ride in India as he believed that it "fine-tuned" them and turned them into top class jockeys. He sent several jockeys to India - Wally Swinburn, Duncan Keith, Geoff Lewis, Taffy Thomas, to name a few. After riding in India they became better jockeys with the experience that they gain out here on our tracks.

The same is the case with Silvestre de Sousa. He would come and ride during the Bombay Season and did so for almost four seasons. He won the Indian Derby on Antonios. Besides riding in Bombay, he rode in Bangalore regularly and in Hyderabad on several occasions, and won the winter 2000 Guineas in Hyderabad. The experience that he gained from riding in India has definitely helped him in reaching a different level in racing. Today he is one of the most sought after jockeys in the international racing circuit after having become the Champion Jockey in England in 2015.

Success hasn't come to him on a platter though - he has worked hard to come to this stage. He said, "When I first came to Europe, I just wanted to have one ride to get the feel of the Turf and today look where I am!" He has indeed come far ever since and is going places - a small boy from Brazil is now much in demand as he now has a big talent and is on the rise.

Born in the year 1980 in Brazil, the youngest of the ten siblings, he never sat on a horse till he was 18 years old. This happened after he was introduced to the then leading jockey in Sao Paulo, Fausto Durso. Though the start to his career was rather disappointing as it took six months to get his first ride, but in 16 months he ended up being the Champion Apprentice Jockey. He later moved to Ireland and was riding for Dermot Weld, although the move didn't work out well. He was just 22 years old and couldn't speak a word of English which



made it very difficult for him to communicate. It was a struggle which I suppose he would like to forget.

For two long years he had not ridden in public and so he decided to move to England and got himself attached to Yorkshire-based trainer David Nicholls. De Sousa was not very optimistic and gave himself two weeks to try it out before moving back home to Sao Paulo. But to his utter surprise, the trainer could see the hidden talent in De Sousa and he soon got his first ride in England in 2006. He ended up riding 27 winners from 195 mounts. Nicholls used his son Adrian as his first jockey and De Sousa started riding for different trainers later on. It was tough in the beginning but it did show results as he started riding more winners after 2006. From 21 winners in 2007, 35 in 2008, and 68 in 2009, he rode more than 100 winners in 2010, most of them coming from small trainers at long odds.



Silvestre De Sousa being given a guard of honour at Ascot on the 17th of October 2015 after he was declared British Champion Jockey

In 2011 he was in a different league and was noticed by leading trainers and big owners. He moved to trainer Mark Johnston's yard and this led to his riding winners of important races. He won the Queen's Vase on Namibian, and on Fox Hunt he won the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes. He described his wins as unbelievable, saying "When you look at my background, you would never think that I would ride a winner at Royal Ascot."



Silvestre De Sousa seems to be on top of the world after riding an immaculate race to win the 2015 Juddmonte International Stakes on Arabian Queen beating the Golden Horn the Epsom Derby winner.

De Sousa would have won the Championship in the year 2011 but was packed off to Australia to ride Fox Hunt in the Melbourne Cup finishing only seventh. This resulted in his missing out on riding for almost a week in Great Britain, which finally cost him the Championship, losing by just four winners to Paul Hanagan.

De Sousa is going places now besides becoming the Champion Jockey in England last year. In Dubai, he won the Dubai World Cup on African Story and Dubai Turf on Sajjhaa. He has won some major races in Italy and the United States of America and we are bound to hear a lot about him in the future too.

Although he couldn't speak a word of English when he started riding in England, he now speaks the language fluently. De Sousa is married to Vicky Behan who was a Nicholls apprentice and no mean achiever herself in the saddle. They have a son Ryan and have now settled in England.

Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope we get to see him ride in India during the Winter Season. We also hope he comes to Hyderabad to ride in one of our Classics as he had done a few years ago ●

- Siraj Attari



Silvestre de Sousa on Vijayraaj, winner of the 2007 Golconda 2000 Guineas being led in by trainer Deshmukh.



S De Sousa on Vijayraaj, winning the 2007 Golconda 2000 Guineas from B Prakash on Golden Edition.



# HRC News

## Hyderabad

### Monsoon Races 2015



Sahibzadi Rashidunissa Begum giving away the 2915 Nizam's Gold Cup to Col SB Nair.



A delighted young Yash Narredu on Quasar, led in by his father, Trainer Malesh Narredu after winning the 2015 President Of India Gold Cup.



Quasar

Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes Grade III, run over a mile was the first Classic of the Season and was won by Sarasam Mdhusudan Reddy owned Woman O War; the filly trained by Srinivas Reddy was unbeaten in her last five outings. The filly being one eyed, is a difficult ride but Imran Chisty rode a great race in spite of the fact that the filly stumbled midway and almost dislodged him, but he soon gathered her and rode a superb race to win from That's My Darling, the field of eight runners had the Bangalore Derby winner Angel Dust who didn't figure on board.

Deccan Colts Championship Stakes a Grade III race run over a mile was won by the Kunigal Stud bred Desert God a colt out of that great mare Running Flame. Bred owned and trained by S Padmanabhan the colt was ridden by S Narredu and he beat the Bombay challenger Colombiana and the local horse Kolors. Desert God, as you are all aware, has left a mark in racing in India ever since.

The Nizam's Gold Cup one of the oldest run races in India, was first run in the year 1896, and was always the 'blue ribbon' of the Hyderabad racing season till the Derby and the President Of India Gold Cup was introduced in the 1970s. It still attracts the best horses from the country, in 2015; it was won by Col SB Nair's four year old gelding, Dare To Dream. Trained by Srinivas Reddy and ridden by Dashrath Singh the gelding won from Azzurro who looked a serious threat as he was coming up with a good gallop and inching closer to the winner, Dashrath Singh pushed the horse with hands and heels and won by quarter of a length.

The President Of India Gold cup was first run in the year 1970 over a mile and it was won by Australian Jockey Brian Foy on Nice Fella, however, from 1971 it is run over a mile and a half. Trainers of most of the Classic winners in India, aim to send their horses to run in this prestigious race and the race goes here at Malakpet get to see the best horses running in Hyderabad. One of the greatest horse to grace the Indian Track, Quasar won this Grade I race here at Malakpet in great style. Yash Narredu rode a confident race. Once he gave him the reins at the top of the straight, the chestnut colt trained by Malesh Narredu, sailed away to victory, Dare To Dream finished second ahead of Tintinnabulation and Agostini.

Desert God and Suraj Narredu being led in by Trainer Padmanabhan and Mrs Sharmila Padmanabhan after winning the 2015 Deccan Colts Championship Grade III at Malakpet Race Course.







Trainer M Srinivas Reddy, Digvijay Singh Shekhawat and Sarasam Madhusudan Reddy lead in Woman O War and Imran Chisty who rode a superb race to win the Deccan Fillies Championship Stakes.

Foy also won the first running of the Deccan Derby in 1971 on the Meherjee trained filly, Red Surprise. Winners of the Deccan Derby have invariably gone and won more Classics at other centres and some of them have ended up being considered as champions! The Monsoon Derby always draws a large crowd and in 2015 Desert God, the favourite won like a champion that he is under David Allan who was flown down from England especially to ride the Derby, and he rode a very confident race. Cameron set a hot pace initially but Columnus took over from the five furlong marker followed by Royal Seal, Dazzling Bay, Chal Dhannu Chal, Desert God, Woman O War, That's My Darling and Fair Fax, Though Cameron regained the lead as the field entered the straight but David Allen was quick to bring Desert God on the outside at the top of the straight. The good looking colt lengthened his stride and went away to win very impressively indeed giving his trainer, Padmanabhan his fifth Derby win at Malakpet. Desert God went on to win the Indian Derby and the Indian Turf Invitation Cup and several other important races ●

## The Hyderabad Winter Season 2015 - 2016



Intelligence and Suraj Narredu, led in by trainer Vishal Gaikwad after winning the Golconda 1000 Guineas.

The Golconda 1000 Guineas a Grade II Race was run on the 23rd of November 2015 and it was won by Vishal Gaikwad trained filly Intelligence. Ridden by Suraj Narredu, she beat the local champion filly Woman O War who was the favourite with PS Chouhan in the saddle, with great ease and gave her trainer his first Classic success. The favourite looked rather stale and was not her usual self.



Suraj Narredu seen winning the Golconda 1000 Guineas on the filly Intelligence.

### CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES HYDERABAD MONSOON RACES 2015

CHAMPION TRAINER:		
MR.LAXMAN SINGH	29	WINS
CHAMPION JOCKEY		
KULDEEP SINGH	24	WINS
CHAMPION APPRENTICE //INDIAN JOCKEY (Claiming Allowance)		
N.S.RATHORE	13	WINS
LEADING INDIVIDUAL OWNER		
DR.M.A.M.RAMASWAMY	Rs. 69,86,200/-	STAKE MONEY
LEADING INDIVIDUAL OWNER (HORSES BASED AT HYDERABAD)		
DR.M.A.M.RAMASWAMY	Rs. 69,86,200/-	STAKE MONEY
LEADING INDIVIDUAL LOCAL OWNER		
COL.S.B.NAIR	Rs. 50,75,250/-	STAKE MONEY
LEADING JOINT OWNERS	43,83,968/-	STAKE MONEY
MR.S.PADMANABHAN & MRS.SHARMLA PADMANABHAN REP. M/S RADIANT BLOODSTOCK PVT LTD & COL.SWAPAN BHADRA ch c (3 years) DESERT GOD		
LEADING JOINT OWNERS (Horses based at Hyderabad)		
MR.AHMED ALAM KHAN & M/S VIJAY RACING & FARMS PRIVATE LIMITED REP.BY MR.VIJAY KUMAR GUPTA & MR.SUSHEEL KUMAR GUPTA	Rs. 36,72,120/-	STAKE MONEY
LEADING BOOKMAKER		
M/S RAHUL & CO	Rs. 44,43,100/-	FIELD MONEY
CHAMPION HORSE		
ch c (4 years) QUASAR (Seeking the Dis - Belle Jour(USA) Mr.Jaydev H.Nody rep.M/s J.M.Livestock Private Limited, M/s.Tanmay A.Jagaste S. Madhav G.Patanekar TRAINER: M.NARREDU		
HORSE OF THE SEASON		
b m (5 years) PAR EXCELLENCE (4 starts 4 wins) By Trained by G.S.Bhargava		



Desert God and David Allen after winning the Deccan Derby on the track at Malakpet Race Course



Woman O War and Imran Chisty seen winning the Fillies Championship from That's My Darling, Akshay Kumar astride.



**CHAMPIONS OF THE HYDERABAD WINTER SEASON**

**Leading Individual Owner:** Col. S. B. Nair

**Leading Individual Owner:** Col. S. B. Nair  
(Horses based at Hyderabad)

**Leading Individual Local Owner:** Col. S. B. Nair

**Leading Joint Owners:** Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan & M/s Vijay Racing & Farms Pvt. Ltd. rep. by M/s Vijay Kumar Gupta & Susheel Kumar Gupta

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**Champion Trainer:** Arunpan Sharma

**Champion Jockey:** Imran Chisty

**Champion Indian Jockey/App. Jockey:** Abhishek S. Pawar  
(Claiming Allowance) Deepak Singh

**Horse of the Season:** b m (5yo) Vijay Vaishnavee (Yeats-Bright Hope (FE))  
5 starts - 4 wins  
**Owner:** M/s Vijay Racing & Farms Pvt. Ltd. rep. by M/s Vijay Kumar Gupta & Susheel Kumar Gupta, Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan & Mr. Mohd. Alam Khan  
**Trainer:** L. V. R. Deshmukh  
ch c (4yo) King Charles (Kingda Ka (AUS)) - Laserre  
**Owner:** M/s Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. rep. by Mr. & Mrs. K. N. Dhunjibhoy & Mr. & Mrs. Z. K. Dhunjibhoy  
**Trainer:** Laxman Singh

King Charles, owned by Mr and Mrs Dhunjibhoy won the Golconda 2000 Guineas a Grade II race run over a mile. Trained by the hard working trainer Laxman Singh, he looked a picture in the paddock with C Alford astride. King Charles put up a very gutsy performance and won the race from Sea Lord, the Bangalore challenger.

The Grade II Golconda Oaks run over mile and a half on the 4th of January 2016 was won by Shroff trained Heather and she won like a good stayer, coming to Hyderabad after winning two impressive long distance races. She proved to be the best stayer amongst other eight rivals when she came with a bang to go past Star Formation and Let There Be Light.



Mr and Mrs KN Dhunjibhoy and Trainer Laxman Singh lead in the Golconda Derby winner King Charles and jockey Sandesh



Heather and PS Chouhan being led in by Pesi Shroff after winning the Golkonda OAKS.

The Golconda Derby Stakes a Grade I race was run on the 31st of January 2016; winner getting a prize money of Rs 30, 82860, and Laxman Singh was the trainer of the winner King Charles who had also won the 2000 Guineas. The horse was rated the highest in the field and justified his rating, ridden this time by Sandesh, he beat the Bangalore challenger Blazing Touch in front of a packed Stand. It was nice to see the owners Mr and Mrs Dhunjibhoy coming over from Bombay to lead in their winner ●



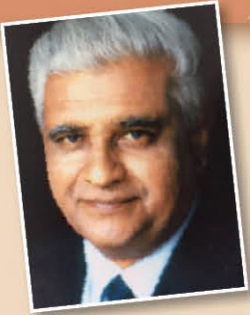
Laxman Singh leading in King Charles and C Alford after winning the Golconda 2000 Guineas.

King Charles and Sandesh win the Golconda Derby Stakes (Grade I) from Blazing Touch and Mogadishu.

Photos courtesy : B Surya Prakash Rao



# Racing Academy and Jockey's Apprentice School



Mr N N Reddy



The School has continued ever since and is now managed by Dr Veerendra and Mr Bajrang Singh.

Mr NN Reddy also had a brilliant idea of starting an Academy to train youngsters to make a career out of racing as Officials. After having retired as the Secretary of the Hyderabad Race Club, under Mr NN Reddy's directorship, a Racing Academy was started at the Hyderabad Race Club. Today several of the boys who graduated from the Academy are Officials in most of the Turf Clubs in India. It has always been a struggle in the past for the Turf Clubs to find youngsters and thanks to the far sightedness of Mr NN Reddy, the Race Clubs could benefit from the Academy.

The above photograph is of the first batch of the Academy, Mr NN Reddy and Brig SN Capoor are seen with the boys ●



The first batch of Apprentice Jockeys trained at HRC, standing from the left, S Alford, Azmath Ali, Dayal, Kannan, Rajashaker, G. Khade and John Anthony, sitting in front are Lt Col S L Reddy, Pandu Khade and O K Jimmy.

Y.S. Gautam, Azmath Ali, Mr N N Reddy (Director), Karan Singh Pandher, Gurpreet Singh Badrain, Brig SN Capoor, R. Manjunath, Itat Aman Khan, T.S. Mahendher, (Standing in front) Riaz Khan. (From Left to Right)

**In 1983** Mr NN Reddy took the initiative and started a School for Apprentice Jockeys. During that period only RWITC had a school and none of the other Turf Clubs had any similar training centre. Mr NN Reddy convinced Pandu Khade one of the great Indian Jockeys, who had retired, to join HRC in the capacity of being the Principal of the Apprentice School. Also Lt Col SL Reddy, renowned rider from the armed forces pitched in by teaching the boys the finer points of riding. Mr NN Reddy, further, wanted the boys to continue their education besides learning the art of race riding and therefore he had OK Jimmy, who tutored the boys and they had to appear and go through regular school exams. This helped the boys to carry themselves well, get the confidence of being educated which indeed made a lot of difference and helped in building their future. Some of the boys who have given up their career as Jockeys, have had the opportunity to start their own business or have got good jobs due to the education that they could get while going through the term at the Apprentice School.

Over the years, the Apprentice School at the Hyderabad Race Club has produced jockeys who have made a mark for themselves and a few have ended up as leading jockeys too.



## The new Off Course Tote Center

The Hyderabad Race Club in the month of June 2016 opened a new model of Off Course Tote Center at the Lower Tank Bund Road. This facility has all the modern amenities for the punters, spread over four floors of about 20,000 sft. with ample parking area for cars and motorcycles, and two air conditioned halls. A large canteen area at the ground floor with seating and tables for punters to relax has also been provided.

The Club is planning to modernize all the other tote centers in a phased manner. There are a total of 15 Off Course Tote Centers (OCTC) at present of which 6 are in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

HRC is constructing a New OCTC building, of about 1,31,000 sft at Vijayawada which will have nearly 35,000 sft for the off course Tote centre and the remaining area of the building would be used for commercial purpose and it would indeed be the most modern facility ●



Mr R. Surender Reddy cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the new OCTC.



Legendary Trainer RR Byramji admiring the old photographs and the library at the Race Course, Malakpet.



Dr B Sridhar retired as the Secretary at the end of May 2016 and Dr Veerendra Kaja took over from the 1st of June 2016. The Officials organized a farewell lunch and a souvenir was presented to the outgoing Secretary. Seen from the left, Mr NN Reddy, Dr Sridhar and Dr Veerendra Kaja.

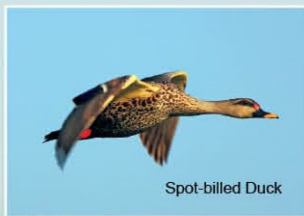


Visitors from Mauritius - Ex President of Mauritius Turf Club Mr and Mrs Jeenarain Soobagarh and Mr and Mrs Subrojit with Chairman, Hyderabad Race Club Mr R Surender Reddy and Mrs Surender Reddy in the Indian Racing Library and Museum, Hyderabad Race Club.

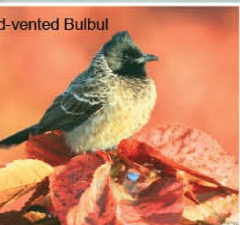




Green Bee Eater



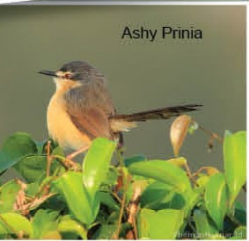
Spot-billed Duck



Red-vented Bulbul



Black Kite



Ashy Prinia

## Malakpet Race Course,

a haven  
for birds

In the middle of a concrete jungle, the Malakpet Race Course is now the only remaining lung space in the area. Its indeed a pleasure to see such greenery in the city, where very little of nature is left and the Race Course had a huge surprise and a bonus for the bird lovers, when they visited the Hyderabad Race Club one early morning on a mission to watch and photograph the resident birds at the Race Course.

The members of the Bird Watchers Society were enchanted sighting different species of birds here. During the couple of hours that they spent, they saw 41 different types of birds and the experts felt that they are many more that they could have missed out sighting, like the Blue Jay... while they were delighted to sight those little Sparrows, which have now more or less disappeared. Thanks to the sprawling greens, the birds find this age old race course a haven.

Photos courtesy : Hemanth Kumar



Zitting Cisticola

There are about 41 species. It is possible however, that there may be others also which we could not observe. The large amount of grassland with the small marshes and ponds are conducive to more migrants. We could perhaps anticipate the presence of more species of Munia (in particular the Red Munia). There is also a possibility that there may be more species of warblers in the area such as the Greenish Warbler and also the Jungle and Grey-bellied Prinia as also the presence of some of the Reed Warblers. I also have a suspicion that I saw the Marsh Sandpiper today but I was unable to get a decent sighting of the bird and therefore I have not included it in the list. The absence of Babbblers is also significant, but they may well be present in some of the other areas which we did not visit, particularly around the stables area.

- Humayun Taher  
Member, Bird Watchers Society, Hyderabad.

## List of species sighted

- ✓ Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)
- ✓ Indian Pond-heron (*Ardeola grayii*)
- ✓ Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)
- ✓ Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)
- ✓ Rose-ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*)
- ✓ Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)
- ✓ Little Green Bee-eater (*Merops orientalis*)
- ✓ White-browed Wagtail (*Motacilla maderaspatensis*)
- ✓ Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecicus*)
- ✓ Ashy Prinia (*Prinia socialis*)
- ✓ Indian Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus brunescens*)
- ✓ Scaly-breasted Munia (*Lonchura punctulata*)
- ✓ Rosy Starling (*Sturnus roseus*)
- ✓ Black Drongo (*Dicurus macrocerus*)
- ✓ Intermediate Egret (*Egretta intermedia*)
- ✓ Indian Spot-billed Duck (*Anas poecilorhyncha*)
- ✓ Grey Francolin (*Francolinus pondicerianus*)
- ✓ Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)
- ✓ Koel (*Eudynamis scolopacea*)
- ✓ Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)
- ✓ Indian Roller (*Coracias benghalensis*)
- ✓ Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*)
- ✓ Indian Black Robin (*Saxicolaoides fulicatus fulicatus*)
- ✓ Plain Prinia (*Prinia inornata*)
- ✓ Purple Sunbird (*Cinnyris asiaticus*)
- ✓ Baya Weaver (*Ploceus philippinus*)
- ✓ Asian Pied Starling (*Gracupica contra*)
- ✓ House Crow (*Corvus splendens*)
- ✓ Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)
- ✓ Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)
- ✓ Red-wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus indicus*)
- ✓ Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)
- ✓ Asian Palm-swift (*Cypsiurus balasiensis*)
- ✓ White-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*)
- ✓ Wire-tailed Swallow (*Hirundo smithii*)
- ✓ Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*)
- ✓ Common Stonechat (*Saxicola torquatus*)
- ✓ Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*)
- ✓ Indian Silverbill (*Euodice malabarica*)
- ✓ Brahminy Starling (*Temenuchus pagodarum*)
- ✓ Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)





# Sunday Cross Country Trails

**The** Riding Club started by HRC has become popular in a short period of time; the Secretary Dr Veerendra Kaja takes a lot of interest along with Bajrang Singh, teaching some of the youngsters' finer nuances of riding. There are lot of members who join for the Sunday Cross Country Rides, a trail created in the interiors of the Race Course.

Besides this, HRC encourages other Equestrian Activities too, and has been regularly participating in the jumping competitions at Hyderabad Polo and Riding Club. Recently, Dr Veerendra Kaja and Club Member Chetan Reddy won medals in the National Equestrian Championships held here in Hyderabad, conducted by the Telangana State Equestrian Association.



Top - Dr Veerendra Kaja, Siraj Attari and Mr Anjani Kumar on a Sunday morning cross country trail at HRC.  
 Bottom - Dr Veerendra Kaja leading the members through the high grassy, muddy mounds and deep watery trails for a bit of adventure and more!



## When they retire... Retired Racehorse Welfare Society

**Keeping** the welfare of racehorses in mind, the Hyderabad Race Club took the initiative of starting a home for the retired horses that otherwise would invariably end up being sent away into wrong hands where they would be made to starve. There have been a lot of such instances where once a most sort after racehorse, would end up in misery not being looked after and starve to death. Therefore, the Hyderabad Race Club had the vision to start a home for these horses that come out of racing and a society was formed in 2009 called the Retired Racehorse Welfare Society. A renowned rider and a former International Judge, Lt Col SL Reddy is the President of this society. It is the first ever registered welfare society in the country for retired racehorses and also for those horses which need care.

So far 90 horses have been taken in the Society and some of them have been adopted by the City Mounted Police, a few Riding Clubs and some individuals who have the passion for horses. Before any horse is given to a good home, the place is personally verified and the stables are inspected by Dr Veerendra Kaja who is the General Secretary of this Society. Later, all the horses given to the good homes are monitored by the Society on a regular basis.

The Hyderabad Race Club has recently constructed stables at Poolapally Village, Vikarabad, where the Club has acquired 76 acres of land and part of the area will be used by the Retired Racehorse Welfare Society ●



Havoc enjoying a retired life !



Some of the retired race horses are now being trained for show jumping.





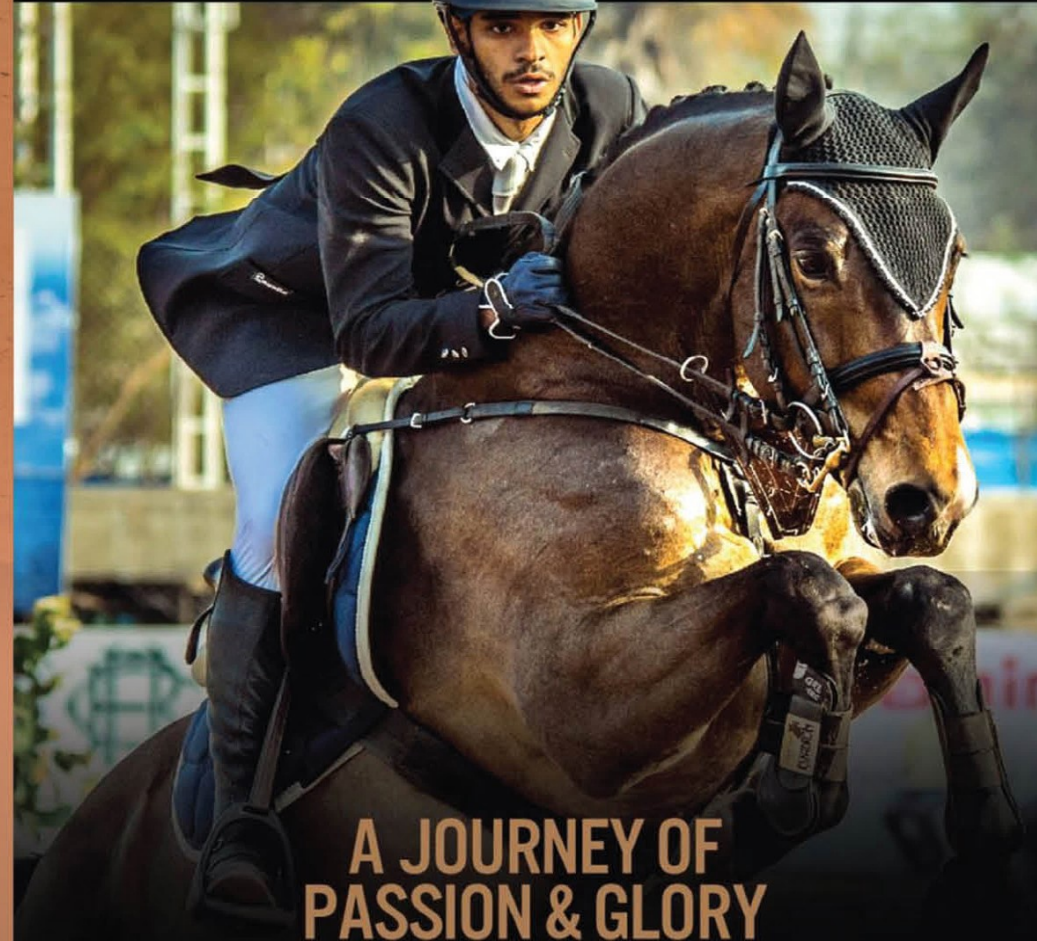
The National Equestrian Championship held in Hyderabad in February 2016. **Chetan Reddy Nukala** won Silver medals in the Grade 3 and Grade 2 Showjumping Category and team Bronze and Gold in the same categories respectively, thereby ranking him Second in India in showjumping points for the year 2015-16.



**Dr Veerendra Kaja** won the National Equestrian Championship preliminary show jumping Gold astride Sheikh's Emperor and also won the Telangana State Equestrian Association Open Show jumping astride Star One. (2015-16)

Hyderabad Race Club's participation in the National Equestrian Championship at Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club conducted by the Telangana State Equestrian Association.

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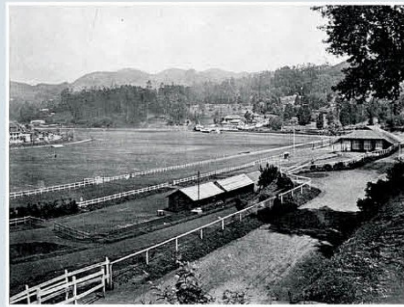
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# Madras Race Club reviving its past glory

After almost thirty years, competitive racing returned to both Madras and Ooty, the knowledgeable crowds have at last been able to enjoy good racing after three long decades. Over the last few decades, punters had stopped going to the race course and would go only for the inter venue instead. But now, drastic changes are being made for the better. The authorities of the MRC which is one of the oldest racing centres, at last decided to let out station horses, trainers and jockeys compete during the season and this has already made all the difference. The totalizator was also revived and as expected the collections zoomed, and the starved race goers can now look forward to good racing times.

The Madras Race Club is now steadily reviving its past glory, though it will take a while but it will soon be on par with the other Turf Clubs in India. Punters witnessed close finishes and there was proper Stipping and Handicapping after many years!!



The Ooty Race Course was established during the late 19th Century



Ooty Race Course with the hills in the background

The Ooty Race Course a tricky track for a jockey to ride has a smashing background of the blue mountains



Dr SM Karthikeyan, Secretary Madras Race Club, has been working hard to get MRC back on track



Jockey Umesh and trainer MJ Iqbal in the Ooty paddock



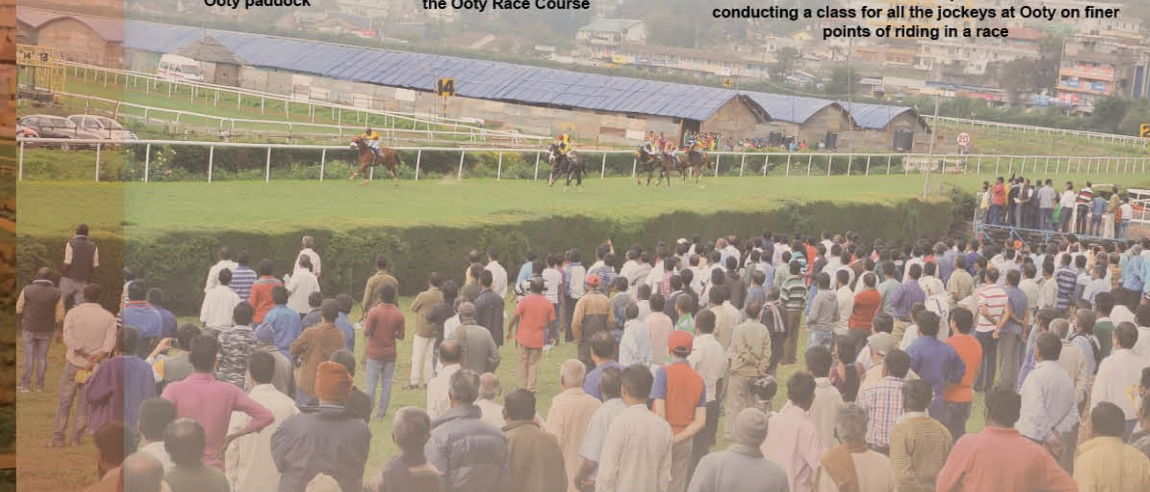
Dr Veerendra and Dr Mushtaq Ali Mirza are seen in the paddock at the Ooty Race Course



Dr Veerendra and Dr Mushtaq Ali Mirza seen here conducting a class for all the jockeys at Ooty on finer points of riding in a race

The Hyderabad Race Club played a prominent part by coming forward in helping the Madras Race Club. At a request from MRC, Mr R Surender Reddy and the Stewards of HRC took the initiative and sent Dr Mushtaq Ali Mirza to assess the situation and later Jagat Goel was sent to Stipe during the Madras Season and Veerendra Kaja too pitched in between and later went and helped during the Invitation Cup weekend and stayed till the end of the Madras Season.

The last Invitation Cup was held in Madras in 2005 and therefore after more than ten years MRC came forward in hosting the event and they did it very successfully indeed. The team effort paid off, led by the Chairman Mr R Ramakrishnan along with the Stewards and the Secretary, Dr SM Karthikeyan, they all worked hard to see it happen. There was no maintenance for many years with the result, the Stands, Stables, Quarters and other areas were in a bad state. In spite of losing time



Huge crowds came to enjoy racing

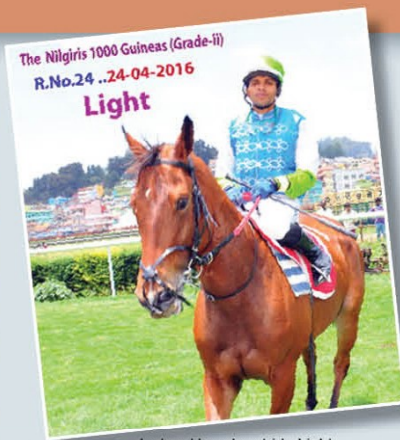




Battalion-Jockey S. Zervan, The Nilgiris 2000 Guineas (Grade-III)

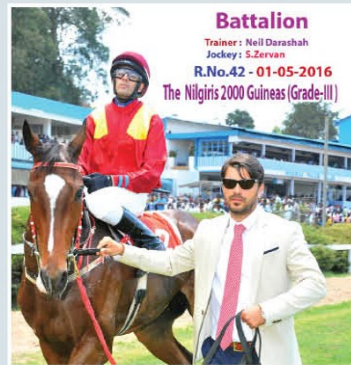
during the floods that Madras faced, MRC literally pulled up their socks, fought against time and were ready to hold the big event. Railings were replaced and like the other Turf Clubs, new modern and safer railings were put in place both in Madras and Ooty. In general, a facelift was given to MRC which was long, long over due.

After having conducted the Invitation weekend successfully in Madras, racing shifted to Ooty in April, and the crowds at this centre, were delighted to watch normal, competitive racing. In the past, even on the Derby Day, there would be less than a hundred punters at the race course but this year it was different, huge crowds came to enjoy racing and even on an ordinary days racing there were big crowds. The Thousand Guineas was won by an outsider, Light and the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby was won by Neil Darashah's horse from Bangalore, Battalion. Trainer Foley and his jockey used to win all the Classics and most of the other races in a day's racing, always would end up being the leading professionals, well this was not the case anymore, instead its normal racing! All the other trainers and jockeys won races during both the Madras and the Ooty Season unlike in the past. The Stake money of all the Classics could be compared to any other centre in India.



Jockey Umesh astride Light.

Dr Mushtaq Ali Mirza was based in Ooty through the Season and Dr Veerendra Kaja was also sent by the Hyderabad Race Club to help and guide in running of the Season, he had to return though after 16 days of racing as he had to take over as the Secretary of HRC. They both played a major role in the vast improvement in running of racing throughout the Season.



Battalion-Trainer Nail Darashah & Jockey S. Zervan, The Nilgiris 2000 Guineas (Grade-III)



R Ramakrishnan, Chairman, Madras Race Club, presenting the Nilgiris Derby Stakes (Grade-I) R.No.62 - 08-05-2016 to the connections of the winner, Battalion.

Mr AL Murugappan giving away the Champion Trainer Trophy of the Ooty Season 2015 to Trainer Fahad Khan.

Champion Jockey of the 2015 Ooty Season, C. Brisson seen receiving the Championship Trophy from Mr Balamukanda Das.

In Ooty, all handicap ratings, which were not right, were revised and corrected in order to have competitive racing which as we all know was a thing of the past!! A much better and balanced Prospectus was framed; the Rules of Racing and procedures were put in action after decades. All these changes resulted in close finishes, clean racing and not one sided as it had become. Horses not performing, have been removed, they were even allowed to run as nine year olds too which has now been revoked. So let's all wish MRC the best of luck and look forward to the old centre coming back on track. If you

may recall, Madras had the best of trainers, jockeys, horses and owners and it is one of the best if not the best equipped Race Clubs in India. The Stands, Equine Hospital, Stables, Weighing Room, Quarters and other facilities are amazing ●



Desert God the winner seen here at Guindy being led for a final work out.



Quasar who finished a close second in the Invitation Cup seen working out on the sand track at Guindy



Be Safe who finished third in the Invitation Cup seen here after working out in the morning



# News from Abroad



Dettori who can never hide his emotions, seen here on Golden Horn at Longchamp after winning the Arc and denying Treve of her third victory in this race.



Frankie Dettori rode his 3000th winner when he rode Predilection to victory at Newmarket on the 12th of August 2016. The 45 year old Italian is the sixth jockey to reach the landmark in Flat Racing. The five others are, Sir Gordon Richards, Doug Smith, Lester Piggott, Pat Eddery and Willie Carson.

**Golden Horn**, the 2015 Epsom Derby winner was honoured as Europe's Horse of the Year, which is equivalent to the Eclipse Award. Golden Horn was trained by John Gosden, he placed in all his eight outings winning six, which includes, the Epsom Derby, Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The son of Cape Cross also won the Coral Eclipse Stakes, Irish Champion Stakes and the Dante Stakes but he lost the Breeders' Cup Turf in the United States and was the runner up to Ryan Moore ridden filly Fond. He was retired to the Dalham Hall Stud at Newmarket with earnings of more than 4.4 million pounds; Golden Horn was the second highest rated horse in the world behind United States Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.



The good looking colt, Golden Horn being given an early morning work out by Dettori at Epsom before the Derby



The delighted Aga Khan having a word with Pat Smullen while leading in his fifth Epsom Derby winner, Harzand.



American Pharoah and Victor Espinoza seen winning the Breeder's Cup, he was retired to Stud after winning this race.



The magnificent Triple Crown Trophies that American Pharoah won

**American Pharoah** became a hero and the darling of United States after winning the Triple Crown and only the 12th horse to do so, also won the Breeders' Cup Classic. In winning all the four races, he thus became the first horse to win the 'Grand Slam' of American Racing. He won the Eclipse Award for the Horse of the Year in 2015 with earnings of US \$8,650,300. He now stands at Ashford Stud in Kentucky.

The 2016 Epsom Derby was won by the Aga Khan's horse **Harzand**, ridden by Pat Smullen and trained by that wonderful trainer Dermot Weld. He had been a doubtful runner in the morning after an injury scare but pounded his way to glory in the Derby. He was nearly withdrawn 48 hours before the race as he had found to have lost a shoe and his foot required icing and at the last moment it was decided to run the colt. Harzand beat the favourite US Army Ranger ridden by Ryan Moore, who made a late challenge coming from far but had no impact on the winner. It was the first Derby winner for both the trainer and the jockey but it gave His Highness the Aga Khan his fifth in the Epsom Derby the other Derby winners being, Shergar in 1981, Shahrastani in 1986, Kahyasi, 1988, and Sindar in 2000. Harzand completed a Derby double when he won the Irish Derby in July.



Fans admiring the Triple Crown winner American Pharoah!





**Richard Hughes** retired in June 2015, seen here bidding good-bye to his fans at Goodwood. He rode for several years in India and was very popular in Bombay. He was the British Champion jockey in 2012, 2013 and 2014 and won 1828 races in England. Very tall for a flat jockey at 5 feet 10 inches, he probably called it a day due to weight problems as is the case with so many other top jockeys. He had a great style of nursing horses along, getting them to respond and run into the race without appearing to physically ride them hard. In 2012 he equaled Dettori's record of winning seven out of the eight races in a single meeting at the Windsor Racecourse. Though for his first Classic, it was a long wait, it was only in 2013 that he won his first British Classic when he won the 1000 Guineas on Sky Lantern. He has now taken a Trainer's Licence and trains at Lambourn in Berkshire.

Richard Hughes retired in June 2015, seen here bidding good-bye to his fans at Goodwood. He rode for several years in India and has now taken up training.



William Buick one of the top jockeys in England, seen delighted after winning the 2016 Coral Eclipse Stakes on Hawkbill.

Ryan Moore being led in on the filly Fond after winning the 2015 Breeders' Cup Turf in the US, Aidan O'Brien, the Irish Trainer is also seen in the picture.



William Buick rides a superb race to win the 2016 Coral Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park, on Hawkbill from the late finishing The Gurkha and Ryan Moore

Ryan Moore and Minding coming back after winning the 2016 Investec Oaks at Epsom. The well bred filly, by Galileo out of Lillie Langtry also won the English 1000 Guineas, Pretty Polly Stakes and the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood,

Ryan Moore the jockey in form, won the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot on Highland Reel in July and also was the leading Jockey at Royal Ascot in June this year.



**Kieren Fallon**, one of the most celebrated and controversial jockeys, suddenly decided to retire from the saddle during the current, 2016 Racing Season. The fifty one year old jockey won the Epsom Derby three times besides winning the 2000 Guineas five times, 1000 Guineas four times, Epsom Oaks three times, won the Arlington Million in 2005, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on two occasions, 2005 and 2007 and was the British Champion Jockey six times. He rode 2253 winners in England, rode many winners in Ireland, France and other countries, he also rode for a few years in India during the winter season. He was a stable jockey to Michael Stoute, Henry Cecil and also to Aidan O'Brien.

Dubbed 'king Kieren' by the punters and assassin' by his opponents as he cut them down time and again, Fallon was in his prime from the late 1990s to about ten years ago. He made sure that he was always in the right place at the right time during his races. He had superb coolness that stood him in good stead when dealing with pressure not only while riding at flat racing's highest level but also while dealing with the more controversial side of his 32 year career, often at the same level ●



Aidan O'Brien always had a high regard and respect for Fallon

Fallon seen here with Henry Cecil who called him a very hard worker and a Group One Jockey.

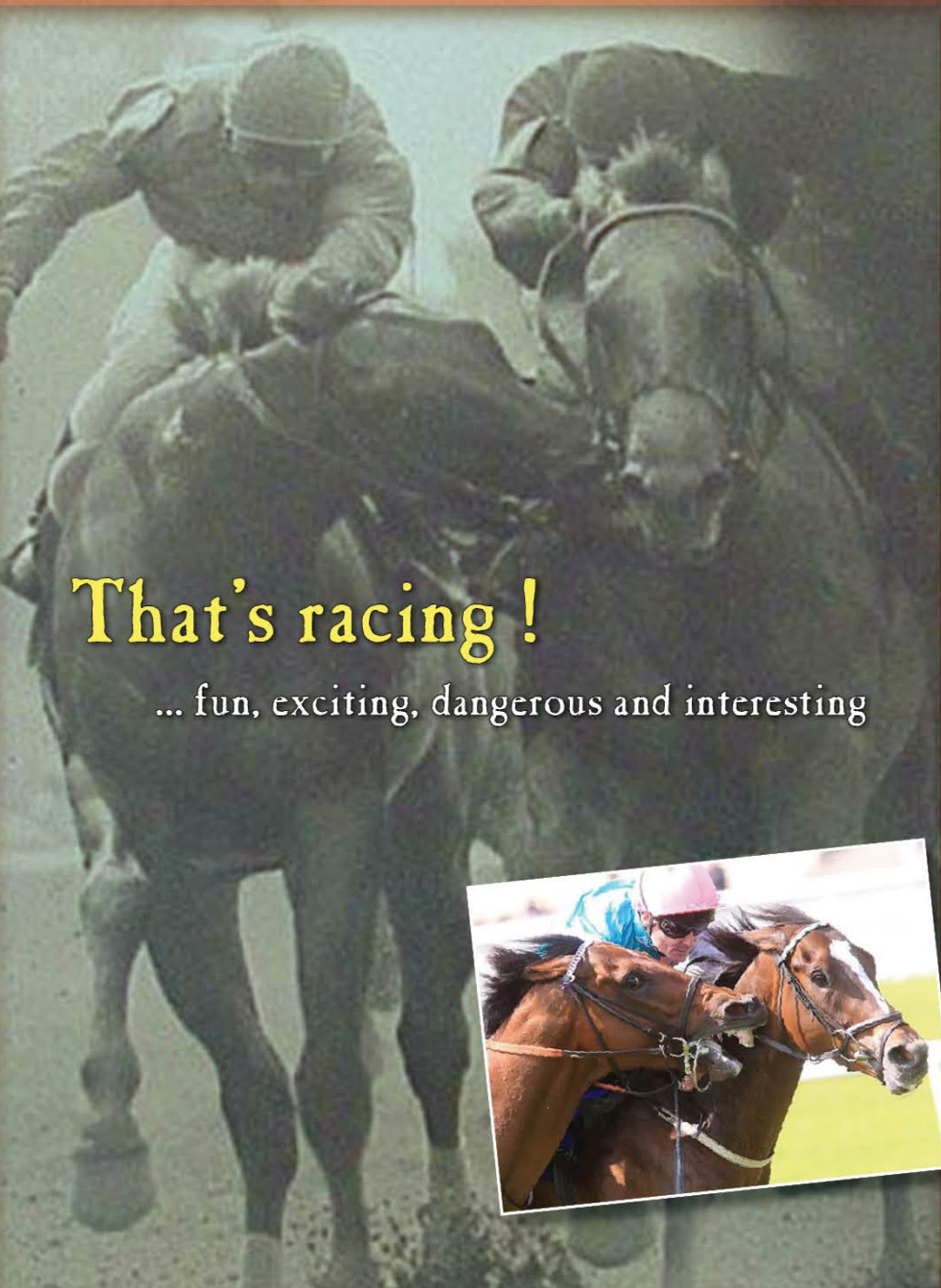


Kieren Fallon six times British Champion Jockey, has also ridden at Malakpet



Kieren Fallon on Star Light at Goodwood





# That's racing !

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This photograph won the Eclipse Award, race run at New York, the horse on the outside Great Prospector biting Golden Derby. And so, Great Prospector lost the race, as he had turned his head away to bite Golden Derby!!



Jockey Blake Shinn's breeches are down half way through the Highland Race Colours Plate, Victoria, Australia



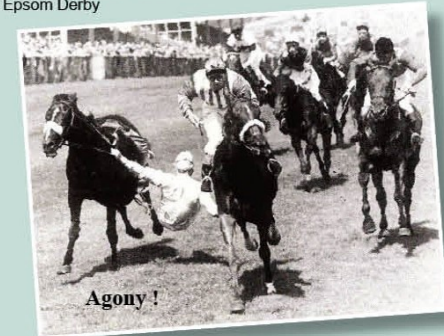
Frankie Dettori fly jumps from Golden Horn after winning the 2015 Epsom Derby



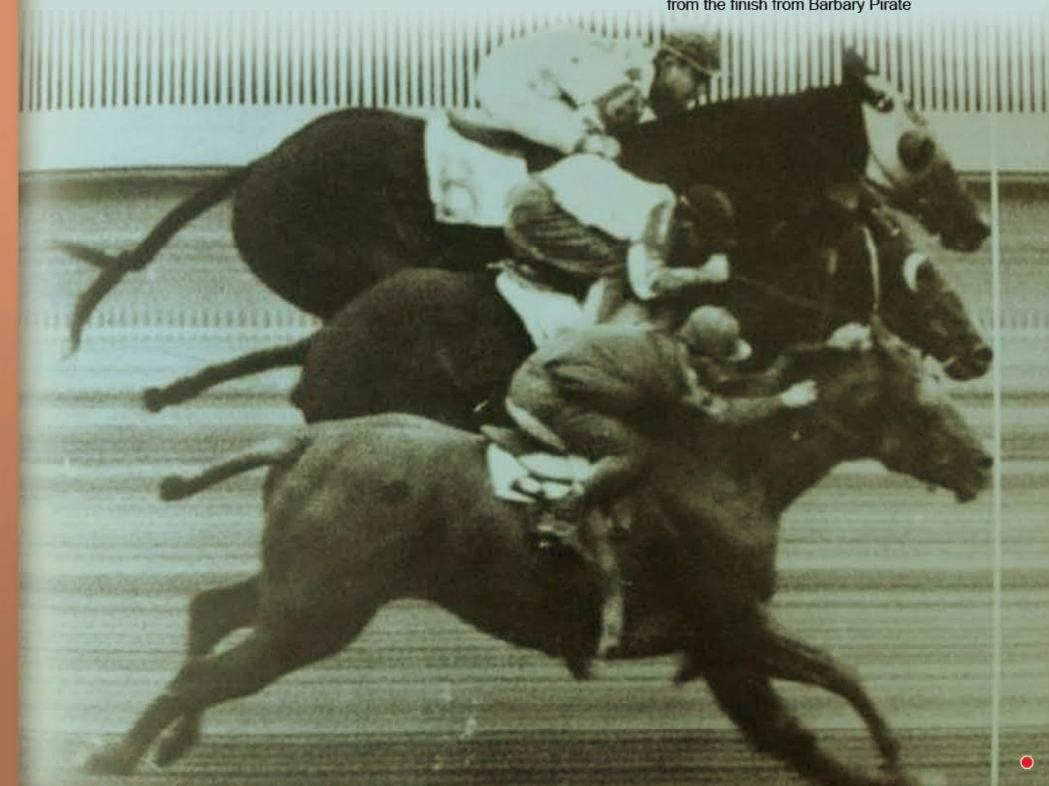
A stalker in Australia during the running of the Melbourne Cup in 2012



Royal Bangkok Turf Club Triple Dead Heat



Lester Piggott has a dramatic fall at Brighton 100 yards from the finish from Barbary Pirate

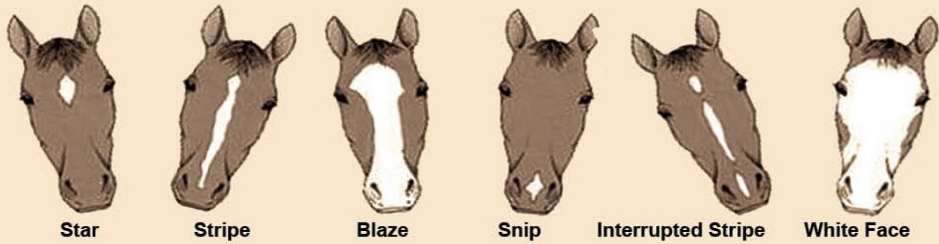


The first Triple Dead Heat on the 10th of June 1944 at Aqueduct Race Track, New York.



# Know more about horses and racing

## Equine Markings

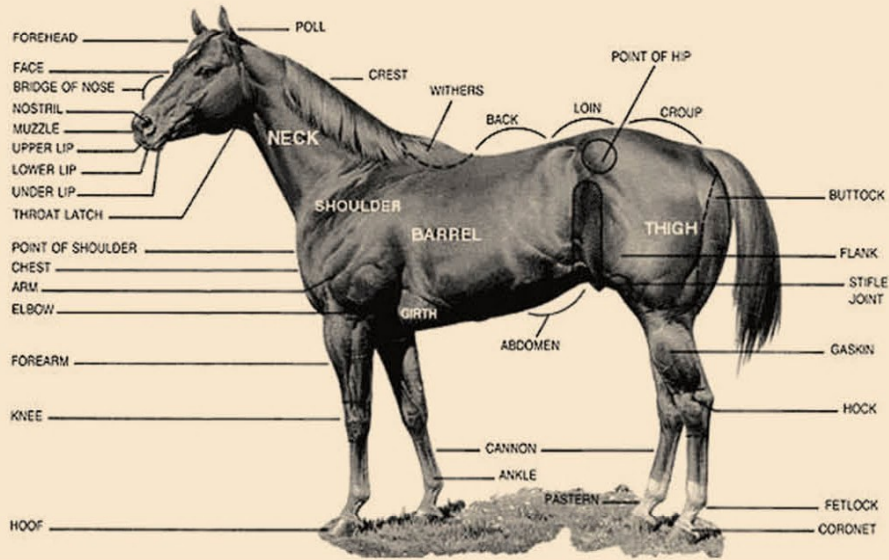


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## Parts of Horse



## Equine Coat Colour



GREY



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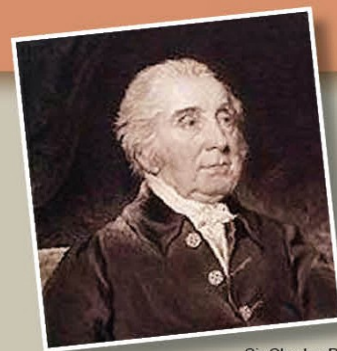


# Amazing facts you did not know about the five classics

All the five Classics originated in England and they have an interesting story behind them of how they were named. The other countries, where racing is conducted, also used the same names when Classics were introduced, which of course was much later.



Diomed, winner of the first Derby run in the year 1780



Sir Charles Bunbury

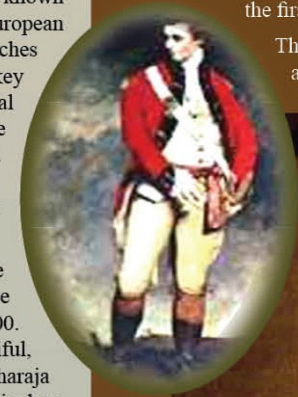
1784, which remains the current distance. Lord Derby achieved his first success in the event in 1787 with a horse called Sir Peter Teazle. Initially the Derby was run on a Thursday during the end of May or early June depending on Easter. In the 1838, the race was moved to a Wednesday to fit with the Railways Time Table, but was still at times run on different dates depending on Easter. In the 20th Century, 1990, the race was run on the first Wednesday of June until 1995 when it was once again changed to the first Saturday of June and since then the Derby is run on that day.

The Derby is always run at the Epsom Race Course except during the two World Wars, from 1915 to 1918 and 1940 to 1945 the race was run at Newmarket. Over the years, the Derby has inspired many similar events all over the world where racing is held. Today, every racing centre has its main event which is The Derby, known as the "Blue Ribbon" of the racing season. European variations include the Derby Italiano, the Deutsches Derby, the Irish Derby and the Prix du Jockey Club which is the French Derby. Other national equivalents include the Australian Derby, the New Zealand Derby, and the Tokyo Yushun. Several racing centers in the USA include the Derby, though the Kentucky Derby is their main Derby which is part of their Triple Crown.

In India, the Derby was first run on the 30th of January 1943 at the Mahalaxmi Race Course Bombay, for a prize money of Rs 35,000. The winner was a filly called Princess Beautiful, trained by MC Patel, owned by HH the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda and ridden by the Australian jockey, Edgar Britt. Indecently, Edgar Britt who was born in 1913 and the first jockey to win the Indian Derby, is still alive at the age of 103, settled near Sydney, Australia. The 1000 and the 2000 Guineas were also won by Princess Beautiful, only three Classics were run during that year and the other two, St Leger and Oaks were introduced a year later. In India, as you are aware, the Derby is held at all the other racing centers, being the main event of the season.

## III The St Leger, oldest of the five classics

Run for the first time in the year 1776, the St Leger is the oldest of the five Classics, run at the Doncaster Race Course in England and is the final leg of the Triple Crown, the other two being the 2000 Guineas and the Derby. The last Triple Crown winner in England was Nijinsky in 1970, ridden by Lester Piggott and the first horse to win the Triple Crown was a horse called West Australian who won the three Classics in 1853. The St Leger was introduced by Major General Anthony St Leger (born in 1731 and he died in 1786), an Army Officer and a Member of Parliament, who lived in England near Doncaster. It was initially referred to as "A Sweepstake of 25 Guineas" and the original distance was two miles. The name St Leger was decided over a dinner at The Red Lion, Doncaster in the year 1776. The dinner was organised to discuss the details of the race and it was suggested that it should be called the Rockingham Stakes in honour of the host, Charles Watson Wentworth, the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham, but the Marquess proposed that the race be named after Maj Gen Anthony St Leger and so it was named St Leger and was run for the first time in the year 1776.



Major General Anthony St Leger

The first winner of St Leger was an unnamed filly owned by the event's organiser, the 2nd Marquess of Rockingham; the filly later was named



Charles Watson Wentworth, 2nd Marquess of Rockingham

## The Derby, a living history created over "heads or tails"?!

The Derby originated at a celebration party hosted by Lord Derby at his Estate "The Oaks", the party was to celebrate the first running of the Oaks Stakes in 1779, the winner Bridget was owned by the host, Lord Derby. As the evening went by, Lord Derby and his guests decided to introduce another race, this time for both fillies and colts, and it was decided that it should be named after either the host of the party, the 12th Earl of Derby, or one of his guests, Sir Charles Bunbury. The decision was therefore made by the toss of a coin between Lord Derby and Sir Charles Bunbury, Lord Derby called it correctly and so the race got its name The Derby Stakes, if Sir Charles Bunbury had won, it would have been called the Bunbury Stakes!!!

The inaugural running of the Derby was held on the 4th of May 1780 at Epsom and it was won by Diomed, a colt owned by the gentleman who lost the toss, Sir Charles Bunbury and he collected prize money of 1,065 pounds and fifteen shillings!

For the first four years, the Derby was run over a mile but this was later changed to a mile and half in

## Why call it The Oaks?

The race is named after 'The Oaks', an estate near Epsom, in England, which was leased out to the 12th Earl of Derby in the 18th century. Lord Derby was having a party at his mansion, 'The Oaks' in 1778 and along with his guests that night, it was decided to introduce a race for fillies, and it was a unanimous decision to name it Oaks after Lord Derby's estate. And so, it was first run as The Oaks Stakes in 1779, a year before the introduction of the Derby Stakes. The inaugural winner of the Oaks was a filly called Bridget owned by Lord Derby himself. Over the years, the Oaks subsequently became one of Britain's leading events for the three year old fillies, always run at Epsom except during the two World Wars it was run at Newmarket. By the mid-1860s, the five leading events for this group were referred to as 'Classics', the other four being the Derby, St Leger, 1000 Guineas and the 2000 Guineas. This concept was adopted in most of the other countries where racing was popular, including India where the Indian Oaks was first run on the 29th of January 1944 at the Mahalaxmi Race Course, Bombay, winner getting a prize money of Rs 35,650 and was won by the filly, Same Again ridden by jockey FJ Marrs and trained by VV Powar. Over the years, the other Turf Clubs in India adopted this race, like the rest of the other four Classics.



Edward Smith Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby



Lord Derby's house "The Oaks" where the coin was spun and Oaks is named after his house.



Allabaculia. Geldings are not permitted to run in the St Leger and this decision was taken in the year 1906. The St Leger is always run at Doncaster except when it was moved to Newmarket during the First World War and it was called the September Stakes instead. It was once cancelled in 1939 due to the outbreak of the Second World War, the following year it was run at Thirsk in November, in 1941 it was run at Manchester, at Newmarket from 1942 to 1944 and at the York Race Course in 1945.

The St Leger has inspired a number of similar events around the world, although many are no more restricted to three year olds anymore. In Europe there is the Irish St Leger, the Prix Royal Oak (French St Leger) the Deutsches St Leger and the St Leger Italiano.

The Indian St Leger was first run on the 26th of February 1944 at the Mahalaxmi Race Course, winner getting prize money of Rs 33,825, and was won by the Australian Jockey Edger Britt on Royal Windsor, owned by HH the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda and trained by MC Patel. Later, over the years, the other centers in India also included this Classic as one of the five Classics.

## 2000 Guineas, the race named on its original prize money!

One of the five Classics, the 2000 Guineas was first run on the 18th of April 1809 and it preceded the introduction of a version for fillies only, the 1000 Guineas by five years. Both these races were established by the Jockey Club under the direction of Sir Charles Bunbury, who had earlier co-founded the Derby; he had played a major role in the running and naming of the Derby at Epsom. The race was named according to its original prize money; a guinea amounted to one pound and five shillings. The concept was soon followed by the other European Countries, in Ireland, it is the Irish 2000 Guineas, in France, it's the Poule d'Essai de Poulains and in Italy its Premio Parioli.

The filly, Princess Beautiful won the first running of the Indian 2000 Guineas in Bombay on the 16th of January 1943 for prize money of Rs 20,250, ridden by Edger Britt and trained by MC Patel; she was owned by the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda.



Edger Britt having a game of billiards with the Maharaja of Baroda. He won the first running of the Indian Derby on Princess Beautiful in 1943, owned the Maharaja

## The 1000 Guineas

The 1000 Guineas was first run in England on the 28th of April 1817, five years after the inaugural running of the equivalent race for both colts and fillies, the 2000 Guineas. These two races were established by the Jockey Club under the direction of Sir Charles Bunbury, like the 2000 Guineas, the 1000 Guineas was also named according to the original prize money which was given to the winner.

Like all the other four Classics, other European countries included these classics during their racing season, German 1000 Guineas, Irish 1000 Guineas, the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and the Premio Regina Elena. Australia, New Zealand and Japan also have the 1000 Guineas as one of the five Classics.

In India, the 1000 Guineas was first run on the 1st of January 1943, winner getting prize money of Rs 20,250 and it was won by the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's Princess Beautiful, ridden by Edger Britt and trained by MC Patel ●



Edgar Britt who won the first running of the Indian Derby on Princess Beautiful, 103 years old now, settled near Sydney, Australia



Princess Beautiful, the first Indian Derby Winner

# Shoes/Plates of Famous Racehorses



Shoe of Quasar used during morning work, 2015



Racing Plate of Desert God used when he won the Indian Derby, 2016



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3	Footstepsinthesand	Guernsey (B F)	01-Mar
4	Midnight Interlude	Maun Vrat (B F)	16-Apr
5	Kingda Ka	Misteireach (B F)	04-Apr
6	Excellent Art	Shadow Roll (B F)	22-Apr
7	Arazan	Silent Crystal (B F)	18-Mar
8	Whatsthescript	Sparkling Crystal (B F)	06-Apr
9	Midnight Interlude	Tatbeeq (B F)	07-Feb
10	Excellent Art	Tootsie Wootsie (B F)	30-Jan
11	Western Aristocrat	Edessya (Dk B F)	14-Mar
12	Whatsthescript	Bright Future (B F)	01-Apr
1	Arazan	Accessorize (B C)	04-Apr
2	Western Aristocrat	Elizabeth (Dk B C)	23-Feb
3	Midnight Interlude	Eloise (Dk B C)	03-Mar
4	Archipenko	Etroubles (Gr C)	29-Mar
5	Midnight Interlude	Evelyn May (B C)	06-Jun
6	Excellent Art	Incognito (B C)	29-Apr
7	Excellent Art	Mooring (B C)	02-Apr
8	Midnight Interlude	Sinetta (Dk B C)	04-Feb
9	Kingda Ka	Trisara (B C)	09-May
10	Kingda Ka	Zellers (B C)	11-May
11	Kingda Ka	Golden Bright (B C)	09-Mar
12	Kingda Ka	Lassere (B C)	07-May
13	Kingda Ka	Napoleon's Mistress (Ch C)	10-Apr
14	Kingda Ka	Snow Cannon (B C)	26-Mar
15	Whatsthescript	Catherine Linton (B C)	27-Jan
16	Western Aristocrat	Daily Edition (B C)	15-Feb
17	Midnight Interlude	Celestial Treasure (B C)	12-Mar
18	Whatsthescript	Castletroy (B C)	07-Apr

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Squanderer and Shinde seen in the unsaddling enclosure at Malakpet after winning the President Of India Gold Cup in 1977



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