

Glamour, Fashion and exhilarating Racing converged at the McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013

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- India's most glamorous racing event for those celebrating power and success was held on February 2 & 3 at the Mahalaxmi Race Course in Mumbai -

Mumbai, February 3, 2013 – The most awaited McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby was back again this year with high stakes, glitz and glamour. India's most sought after racing event saw the crème-de- la-crème of the city soak up in the fervor of the game on February 2 and 3 at the Mahalaxmi Race Course in Mumbai. The McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013 race was won by 'Superstorm' owned by Mr. Rajesh Narredu, trained by Mr. Satish Narredu and jockeyed by Mr. Jimmy Fortune.

This year, all records were broken as 27,143 people attended the McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013!

McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013 featured a host of fun-filled and breath-taking performances by celebrated and renowned artists that pumped up everyone's adrenaline. Scott Barnes, the coveted international make-up artist created his signature look 'The Glow' on various celebrities like Aditi Rao Hydari, super model Laxmi and many more. He showcased interesting makeovers on the Indian skin tone. His work with Jennifer Lopez gave birth to the monochromatic look featuring bronzed skin and pale lips which got him much critical acclaim.

Also known as 'The' fashion destination, designers Rocky S & Pria Kataaria showcased their uber-stylish line during this weekend extravaganza. On February 2nd, 2013, Pria Kataaria Puri displayed her 'Red Carpet collection' and on February 3rd, 2013, Rocky S showcased his extravagant chic collection with Romance combined with sex appeal in harmony with a sparkling touch of glamour giving it a very high fashion look. A host of socialites like Nisha JamVwal, Atul Kasbekar, Sherlyn Chopra, Yohan Poonawalla, Michelle Poonawalla and many more came in especially for the fashion shows even as Achla Sachdev choreographed all the shows.

Also performing were the 'Blade Babes', a glamorous trio of female martial art experts demonstrating their skills with live weapons in an acrobatic style. Blade Babes showed dynamic female physicality through a new vision of martial arts. It featured champion martial artists, Cecily Fay, Zara Phythian, and Helen Bailey. Also featured was "So you think you can dance" finalist Lizzie Gough.

Jinjo Crew, an innovative dance group performed at the McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013. They are a South Korean dancing sensation group known for their B-boying and hip hop moves.

Not leaving the musical aspect far behind, the Bangalore based band 'One Nite Stand' enthralled the audience with their music. Known for their lively and energetic performances, this is a band that is now recognized as one of Bangalore's most touted young bands. The band comprised Behram (Vocals/Bass Guitar), Hemanth (Guitars), Neville (Piano) and Abhilash (Drums). Dr.Vijay Mallya, Chairman, UB Group, said, "Every year the McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby brings a new level of exhilaration to the fore. Every minute detail is well thought out and strategically planned to bring to the Nation, her finest Derby, ever! This is where raw speed, elite fashion and competitive spirit converged. This is where the stakes grow higher year after year with this year's record prize purse being Rs.3 Crores! The McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby 2013 was an event that excited everyone, including me!" Khushroo Dhunjibhoy, Chairman, Royal Western India Turf Club (RWITC) said, "The RWITC was privileged to host one of India's iconic sporting events - The McDowell Signature Indian Derby Weekend in association with The UB Group. The event was all about style, class and top quality thoroughbred racing. It combined the best elements of entertainment and leisure as we brought India's greatest horse race, this year with record prize money, to the city."

Other Highlights:

Jockeys that took part:

Mr. Richard Hughes - Hemisphere, Mr. Joseph O'Brien - Montezuma, Mr. Colm O'Donoghue – Shivalik Hero, Mr. Daniel Grant, Sylvester D'Souza – Ceasars Star.

Lead runners:

An Acquired Taste, Shivalik Hero, Machaivellianism, Vijay's Pride, New World, Montezuma, Showin'off, Ceasar's Star,

Wind Stream, Rodeo.

Featured races on the 2 days of the McDowell Signature Indian Derby:

DAY 1 : 2nd February, 2013

The McDowell's No.1 Challenge

The Black Dog Trophy

The United Spirits Challenge

The Bouvet-Ladubay Championship

The McDowell Signature Trophy

The Antiquity Rare 'Fusion of the Finest' Cup

The Kunigal Stud Breeders' Produce Stakes
(Grade 3)

DAY 2 : 3rd February, 2013

The McDowell Signature Premier Indian Derby
(Grade 1)

The Vladivar Cup

The Antiquity Blue 'Fusion Of The Finest' Cup

The McDowell's No.1 Platinum Trophy

The Royal Challenge 'Game For Life' Cup

The Four Seasons Cup