

Adjudicate creates Invitation Cup history

Five-year-old is the first to retain the premier crown; Trafalgar gives trainer Mckeown memorable double

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Kolkata-based trainer James Mckeown made the historic circuit of the Mysore Race Track his own when he saddled Adjudicate (Multidimensional-Alvarita) and Trafalgar (Western Aristocrat-Bluegrass Phenom) to win the 'Grade 1 Double' - Indian Turf Invitation Cup and Major P.K. Mehra Memorial Super Mile - on Sunday. Five-year-old Adjudicate, ridden by Y.S. Srinath, became the first horse above the Classic age to win the Invitation. She is also the first since the terms of the race changed in 2013 to win in successive years and with a record timing in both essays.

Calcutta Derby winner Trafalgar, ridden superbly by David Allan, won the Super Mile in an emphatic fashion to vindicate his owners' decision to target him for that race, given the poor run in the Indian Derby, instead of going for the Invitation.

The last time two Kolkata-based horses won the Invitation and the Super Mile was back in 1996 in Chennai.

Aachen takes honours

Arun Alagappan-owned Aachen (Tazahum-Mink Mitten), bred at the Sans Craintes Stud Farm, claimed the honours in Viloo C. Poonawalla Million, while Darius Byramji-trained Multifaceted (Multidimensional-Dhaawiah) took the Suresh Mahindra Multi Million Trophy (Gr. 3) in a record time.

Trafalgar, owned by Messrs Joydeep Datta Gupta, Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Sanjay Datta Gupta, Jeet Banerjee, Achuthan Siddharth,



Ultimate Accolade: N. Nityanand Rao (chairman, Mysore Race Club) presenting the Indian Turf Invitation Trophy to Amitabh Nanda, owner of Adjudicate, in the presence of, from left, Zavaray Poonawalla (chairman, Royal Western India Turf Club), M.A.M.R. Muthiah (chairman, Madras Race Club), Sudipto Sarkar (chairman, Royal Calcutta Turf Club), R. Surender Reddy (chairman, Hyderabad Race Club), D.Vinod Shivappa (chairman, Bangalore Turf Club) and J.S. Bedi (chairman, Delhi Race Club). ■ M.A. SRIRAM

Martand Singh Mahindra, Shouryabrata Mandal And Sigma Scan Systems Pvt. Ltd., set the double rolling. He looked outstanding in the Parade Ring and ran true to his looks to give his connections its first Super Mile victory.

Adjudicate, owned jointly by the Khaitan family from Kolkata and the Nanda family from Mumbai, inscribed her name into the annals of racing history. Not only did she win the first-ever running

of the Invitation Cup here, but also became the first to win the *pièce de résistance* of the Indian Turf two years in succession.

Multifaceted triumphs

Multifaceted, owned by the Edwards family from Sri Lanka and ridden by Suraj Narredu, made amends for his lacklustre performance in the Bangalore Turf Club Sprinters Cup on Saturday with a great run over the 1400m in

the Suresh Mahindra Multi Million.

THE RESULTS:

1 HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA SRI JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION MILLION (2,000m), rated 60 & above: **THE GREAT GATSBY** (David Egan) 1, Roma Victor (Trevor) 2, Rustic Sunrise (A. Baandal) 3 and Velocidad (Srinath) 4. Nose, 2-1/2 and Shd. 2m, 2.50s.848 (w), 16, 13 and 70 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 167, FP:

144, Q: 81, Trinella: 4,334 and 3,715. Favourite: Roma Victor. Owners: Vijay Racing & Farms Pvt. Ltd. rep by M/s. Vijay Kumar Gupta & Sushel Kumar Gupta & Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

2 SMT. GAYATRI DEVI AND SARDAR K.B. RAMACHANDRARAJ URS MILLION (1,600m), rated 40 to 65: **STARRY WIND** (I. Chisty) 1, Grey Channel (P.S. Chouhan) 2, Electra (S. John) 3 and Mighty Red (Nicky Mackay) 4. Not run: Ascendancy, 1, Nk and 2-1/2. Im, 35.08s. ₹173 (w), 35, 10 and 21 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 65, FP: 895, Q: 401, Trinella: 4,390 and 2,080. Favourite: Grey Channel. Owners: Mr. R.C. Puri, Mr. Manohar Duggal & Mr. Darius R. Byramji. Trainer: Darius.

3 VILLOO C. POONAWALLA MILLION (1,200m), rated 40 to 65: **AACHEN** (C.S. Jodha) 1, Harbour Sunrise (Trevor) 2, Majestic Warrior (P.S. Kavraj) 3 and Dandi March (Nicky Mackay) 4. Not run: Donna Rossa. 2-1/4, 3/4 and 1/2. Im, 10.14s. ₹157 (w), 23, 14 and 20 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 53, FP: 1,372, Q: 758, Trinella: 6,186 and 4,418. Favourite: Harbour Sunrise. Owner: Mr. Arun Alagappan. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

4 SURESH MAHINDRA MULTIMILLION TROPHY (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms): **MULTIFACETED** (Suraj) 1, Tutankhamun (Trevor) 2, Snowdon (David Allan) 3 and Shesmyscript (C.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Corfe Castle, Cavallo Veloce and Set To Win. 1, 2-1/4 and Lnk. Im, 21.05s (record time). ₹39 (w), 18, 20 and 13 (p), SHP: 56, THP: 59, FP: 236, Q: 107, Trinella: 424 and 125. Favourite: Snowdon. Owners: Mr. Rienzie M.K. Edwards & Mrs. P.P.M. Edwards. Trainer: Darius.



Champion team: Adjudicate (Y.S. Srinath up) being led in by, from left, breeders Gajendra Singh and Sultan Singh, representing Shona Stud Farm, along with owner Amitabh Nanda and trainer James Mckeown, after her victory in the Indian Turf Invitation Cup on Sunday. ■ M.A. SRIRAM

5 MAJ P.K. MEHRA MEMORIAL SUPER MILE CUP (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms): **TRAFALGAR** (David Allan) 1, Gift Of Grace (A. Sandesh) 2, Prevalent Force (Suraj) 3 and Watchmyscript (C.S. Jodha) 4. Not run: Tenno Sho. 1, 1-1/4 and 1-3/4. Im, 34.19s. ₹73 (w), 18, 16 and 13 (p), SHP: 47, THP: 56, FP: 381, Q: 129, Trinella: 714 and 311. Favourite: Prevalent Force. Owners: Mr. J.D. Gupta, Mr. J. Mukhopadhyay, Mr. S. Datta Gupta, Mr. J. Banerjee, Mr. A. Siddharth, Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra, Mr. Shouryabrata Mandal & M/s. Sigma Scan Systems Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: J.E. Mckeown.

6 INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP (2,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms): **ADJUDICATE** (MULTIDIMENSIONAL-ALVARITA) SRINATH 1, JULIETTE (Muskettier-Gimmesum-

sugar) A. Sandesh 2, **DESERT GOD** (Burden Of Proof-Running Flame) David Allan 3 and **ANJEZE** (Win Legend-Angelique) Trevor 4. 1-3/4, 3/4 and 1-1/4. 2m, 26.97s (record time). ₹58 (w), 19, 16 and 23 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 71, FP: 604, Q: 279, Trinella: 2,539 and 1,010. Favourite: Star Superior. Owners: Mrs. D. Khaitan, Mr. & Mrs. A. Khaitan, Mrs. D. Nanda, Mr. D.A. Nanda, Mr. Esha Nanda Bhowani & Mr. Amitabh Nanda rep. Arion Horse Co. Pvt. Ltd. Trainer: J.E. Mckeown.

7 KUNIGAL STUD MILLION (1,200m), 3-y-o only, (Terms): **YACHAN** (Trevor) 1, Ashwa Broomi (A. Imran) 2, Lactosse (David Egan) 3 and General Patton (Suraj) 4. Not run: Yaadein. Snk, Lnk and 2-1/2. Im, 11.51s. ₹46 (w), 14, 13 and

12 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 37, FP: 315, Q: 72, Trinella: 273 and 126. Favourite: General Patton. Owners: Mrs. Namrata Rakesh & Mr. Ujash Mahendra Patel. Trainer: Rakesh.

8 MALAYAN RACING ASSOCIATION GOODWILL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 20 to 45: **STRIKING MEMORY** (Darshan) 1, Divine Hunt (David Egan) 2, Star Cavalry (Bhawani Singh) 3 and Jameson (Trevor) 4. 1-1/2, 2-1/4 and Hd. Im, 23.31s. ₹54 (w), 20, 19 and 16 (p), SHP: 58, THP: 73, FP: 541, Q: 314, Trinella: 2,010 and 862. Favourite: Divine Hunt. Owner: Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda. Trainer: Lokanath.

Jackpot: ₹4,02,440 (three tkts.); Runner-up: 4,348 (119 tkts.); Treble (i): 10,857 (one tkts.); (ii): 6,522 (carried over); (iii): 4,037 (six tkts.).

MAM Ramaswamy Trust chosen champion owner

TAI AWARDS

CYRUS J. MADAN
MYSURU

If one thought that the excitement, euphoria and enthusiasm would have waned at the Mysore Race Club after an incredible afternoon on Saturday, one would have been wrong and by a long way at that.

The thunder of hooves made way for sound of music and celebrations as the Mysore Race Club put on a glittering affair on Saturday night as it showcased the Turf Authorities Of India awards to honour excellence and achieve-

ment on the Indian turf between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019.

The awardees:
CHAMPION OWNER: Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. A.C. Muthiah accepted the award on behalf of the trust.

The famous gold with the brown belt silks, which dominated racing throughout the country, remains at the forefront and is still a force to reckon with.

CHAMPION TRAINER: Vijay Singh (Kolkata). This is the first time he has won the award and it would give his already illustrious career a tremendous boost.

CHAMPION JOCKEY: Suraj Narredu. The Bengaluru-based

Ace, who recently completed 2000 winners, has a huge fan following and the award is well-deserved.

CHAMPION STUD FARM: Poonawalla Group Of Farms. Cyrus S. Poonawalla and Zavaray Poonawalla dedicated the award to the Poonawalla team which had worked tirelessly to ensure that the farm retained their No. 1 status.

CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR (based on a point system): Adjudicate. Trained by James Mckeown at the Sohna Stud, the mare made headlines by winning the Invitation Cup last year and repeated the feat on Sunday here.

She is owned by the Khaitan family from Kolkata and the Nandas from Mumbai.

Brown delivers for The Blues

His 31st-minute strike proves decisive for BFC in the first leg against ATK

ISL

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BENGALURU

There was finally some cheer in the Bengaluru FC camp as it battled past ATK 1-0 in the first leg of the ISL semifinal at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Sunday.

Deshorn Brown's first-half strike secured the reigning champion a morale-boosting win that puts it in the ascendancy going into the second leg in Kolkata next Sunday.

Nishu sees red

The home side played the last five odd minutes with 10 men after Nishu Kumar was sent off for denying Roy Krishna a scoring opportunity near the edge of the area. ATK pinned its hopes on the resulting free kick for the crucial away goal. But despite a retake, ATK couldn't score as BFC's excellent defensive co-ordination came to the fore.

Earlier in the evening, the first chance of the match fell to BFC in the seventh minute when Rahul Bheke rose to meet Dimas Delgado's corner but headed it over the bar. But for that, BFC pegged itself deep with ATK doing all



Over the moon: BFC's Deshorn Brown is gung-ho after getting past ATK goalkeeper Arindam Bhattacharja. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR

the pressing.

Just after the quarter-hour mark, ATK thought it had gone ahead when David Williams, after collecting the ball from Krishna on the right flank, drove it into the net, only to be called for a handball.

The hosts' first phase of sustained pressure came around 30 minutes and it brought three consecutive

corners. While not much came off them, BFC stuck immediately after, when Brown bundled the ball in from close range after ATK goalkeeper Arindam Bhattacharja made a mess of a weak shot from central defender Juanan.

At the break, in an attacking move, Cuadrat brought on striker Keaughn Frater for defender Albert Serran

and the Jamaican proved the liveliest of the lot.

Brilliant save

On 75 minutes, he unleashed a superb left-footer from 30 yards out which was brilliantly saved by Arindam. He then released Paartalu on the right wing but the latter's cut-back wasn't capitalised on by Chhetri.

Much of ATK's attack was

restricted to the left side of the midfield, but Michael Soosairaj had a largely forgettable outing there.

ATK's hopes rose when Williams went on a marauding box-to-box run that brought the free-kick from a dangerous position. But BFC ensured it wouldn't be denied the victory.

The result: Bengaluru FC 1 (Brown 31) bt ATK 0.

Sri Lanka pips West Indies in a thriller, sweeps series

Mathews' final over does the trick for the Islanders



Hooray! Angelo Mathews gives vent to his feelings after he kept his nerve in the last over to help Sri Lanka defeat the West Indies by six runs. ■ AP

WI IN LANKA

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PALLEKELE

Angelo Mathews' experience came to the fore as Sri Lanka kept its nerve to beat West Indies by six runs in the third and final ODI on Sunday. The win helped the Islanders clinch the series 3-0.

Chasing the hosts' 307, openers Shai Hope (72, 88b, 6x4) and Sunil Ambris (60, 60b, 6x4, 1x6) gave the visitors a flying start, adding 111.

Nicholas Pooran (50, 61b, 3x4, 1x6) and Kieron Pollard (49, 50b, 6x4, 1x6) then sustained the momentum and it looked like the Caribbeans were on course to chase down the big total.

Keeping his cool

With West Indies needing 13 off the final over, the ice-cool Mathews was on the ball des-

pite being hit for a four off the first delivery. Off the next, he had Fabian Allen caught at deep midwicket. Allen's cameo had threatened to take the game away from the hosts.

Earlier, Kusal Mendis and Dhananjaya de Silva smashed half-centuries for Sri Lanka after it opted to bat. Mendis top-scored with 55 (48b, 6x4, 1x6) while Dhananjaya hit 51 (47b, 5x4).

Avishka Fernando and skipper Dimuth Karunaratne gave the hosts a brisk start with a 60-run opening stand before the West Indies struck.

Joseph got Fernando caught behind for 28, and spinner Roston Chase caught and bowled Karunaratne for 44.

Kusal Perera, who made 44, and Mendis then rebuilt the innings during their 89-run stand to take the attack

to the opposition. The inform Mendis, who hit a century in his team's thrashing of West Indies on Wednesday, completed his 17th ODI fifty before falling to Joseph.

Fast bowler Sheldon Cottrell bowled former captain Angelo Mathews for 12, but the rest of the batsmen kept up the charge.

Dhanajaya, who completed his fifty in just 45 balls with a boundary off Jason Holder, and Thisara Perera put on 64 for the sixth wicket.

The scores:

Sri Lanka 307 in 50 overs (Dimuth Karunaratne 44, Kusal Perera 44, Kusal Mendis 55, Dhananjaya de Silva 51, Thisara Perera 38, Alzarri Joseph 4/65) bt West Indies 301/9 in 50 overs (Shai Hope 72, Sunil Ambris 60, Nicholas Pooran 50, Kieron Pollard 49, Fabian Allen 37, Angelo Mathews 4/59).

Manchester City beats Villa, retains Carabao Cup

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Manchester City claimed the League Cup for the fourth time in five seasons, beating Aston Villa 2-1 at Wembley on Sunday, thanks to goals from Sergio Aguero and Rodrigo.

Mbwana Samatta pulled a goal back for Villa, but its wait for the club's first silverware since 1996 goes on as Pep Guardiola's men have now won six of the last seven major trophies in English football.

Guardiola made eight changes from the side that won 2-1 at Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday, with Kevin De Bruyne among those left on the bench.

However, it mattered little as City had the luxury of recalling Aguero, Raheem Sterling and David Silva to the starting XI, and the gulf in class showed.

Guardiola's raft of changes also handed a rare start to Phil Foden and the 19-year-old more than justified his selection.

The result: Aston Villa 1 (Samatta 41) lost to Manchester City 2 (Aguero 20, Rodrigo 30).

Ganguly not to attend ACC meeting

Coronavirus scare scuttles plans



Plans scuttled: Sourav Ganguly will not attend the Asian Cricket Council meeting in Dubai. ■ PTI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

The BCCI president Sourav Ganguly will not attend the upcoming Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting in Dubai, scheduled for March 3, due to the coronavirus threat.

"Ganguly was supposed to leave tonight but the coronavirus scare in the UAE has led to the postponement of the meeting," a BCCI source told PTI here.

BCCI chief Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah were to attend the ACC meeting.

But, over the last few days, around 730 cases of

coronavirus were reported in the UAE, creating panic among travellers and locals.

Ganguly last Friday said that the next Asia Cup will be held in Dubai, paving the way for both India and Pakistan to participate in the continental tournament.

Pakistan was the designated host for the tournament scheduled for September, but with the BCCI making it clear that the Indian team would not be able to travel to the neighbouring country owing to security concerns, the event has been moved to Dubai.

Humpy climbs to No. 2

She displaces World champion Wenjun; Hou on top

RANKINGS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI

GM Koneru Humpy has moved up to No. 2 in the latest World rankings, displacing reigning World champion Ju Wenjun.

Humpy, the World rapid champion who recently won the prestigious Cairns Cup in the United States in a strong field that included Wenjun, is ranked behind China's Yifan Hou as per the March FIDE ratings.

Humpy, who won or tied for the first spot in three elite tournaments in a row, is now on 2586, trailing only Yifan (2658).

GM D. Harika is ranked

ninth while R. Vaishali moved up a spot to ninth in the junior girls' category.

Interestingly, no Indian men's player figures in the top 10 of the World rankings in the open section.

Anand 16th

Former World champion Viswanathan Anand is ranked 16th, followed by Vidit Gujarati at 22nd. Gujarati is now the second highest ranked Indian player, jumping four places from the 26th spot last month.

World champion Magnus Carlsen tops the rankings.

In the juniors' section, GM Nihal Sarin was ranked 10th in the world.



Moving up: GM Koneru Humpy rose to second in the latest World rankings. ■ FILE PHOTO