



South African stars shine on Dubai World Cup night

by Rommy Faversham

The planet's two richest turf races, run as part of the Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (UAE-G1) undercard on March 29 at Nad al Sheba Racecourse, were captured by a pair of former South African-based champions—each one sporting a pedigree with noteworthy family ties.



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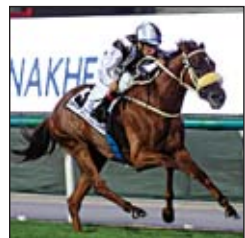
JAY PEG

The first of the two grass events, the \$5-million Dubai Duty Free (UAE-G1), was captured by Jay Peg. The front-runner fought back after being headed in midstretch to score a gal-

lant half-length victory over French classic winner Darjina while lowering the course record for 1,777 meters (8.83 furlongs) to 1:46.20.

Less than one hour later, Sun Classique became the first female in 11 runnings to win the \$5-million Nakheel Dubai Sheema Classic (UAE-G1), completing the 2,400 meters (11.93 furlongs) in 2:27.45.

Jay Peg and Sun Classique were South Africa's champion three-year-old male and filly, respectively, for the 2006-'07 season. Bred by High Season Stud in the Western Cape, South Africa, Jay Peg hails from the first crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Camden Park, who succumbed to toxic shock from a ruptured cecum in June 2007.



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SUN CLASSIQUE

Jay Peg is out of Laptop Lady, whose immediate family can best be described as uncelebrated.

Perhaps a key, then, to this pedigree is his broodmare sire, Al Mufti, a half brother to the dam of Jay Peg's paternal grandsire, A.P. Indy, thus creating 4x3 inbreeding to their common dam, Lassie Dear.

That pattern is reminiscent of 2005 champion two-year-old male Stevie Wonderboy, who was by the A.P. Indy stallion Stephen Got Even and featured a 3x3 duplication of Lassie Dear's daughter Weekend Surprise.

Sun Classique, on the other hand, was bred in Australia by her partner-owner, Lionel Cohen. From a distinguished Antipodean family, Sun Classique's grandam is a Group 1 winner. Her fourth dam produced leading Australian sire Century.

Sun Classique's sire, Fuji Kiseki, is an unbeaten Japanese two-year-old champion. Interestingly, his fourth dam, Milan Mill, also produced influential sire Mill Reef, who also appears in Sun Classique's pedigree

as the broodmare sire of Last Tycoon (Ire).

That breeding pattern reappeared the day after the Dubai Sheema Classic when Fuji Kiseki's son Fine Grain won Japan's Takamatsumonomiya Kinen (Jpn-G1) on March 30. Fine Grain's grandam is by Mill Reef, creating a similar duplication of Milan Mill.

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Jay Peg, b. h., 2003

Camden Park 98 12 fs, 2 SWs SI 30.52 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 890 fs, 111 SWs SI 4.03 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fs, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Danzig Island 90 Unraced 11 fs, 2 SWs DI=3.86	Danzig 77 1072 fs, 199 SWs SI 5.38 DI=4.71	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74
=Laptop Lady (SAf) 96 2 fs, 1 SW DI=1.43	Al Mufti 85 4 wins, \$45,352, Spl 498 fs, 33 SWs SI 3.63 DI=1.86	Roberto 69 500 fs, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Pas de Nom 68 *Cougar II 66 Who's to Know 70	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52 Tale of Two Cities 51 *Cindy Lou II 55 Fleet Nasrullah 55 Masked Lady 64
	=Ladies Game (SAf) 90 6 wins 6 fs, 0 SWs DI=1.61	=Elliodor (Fr) 77 579 fs, 52 SWs SI 29.96 DI=0.89	Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59 Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67 Lyphard 69 =Ellida (Fr) 64	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48 Nashua 52 Rarelea 49 Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47 Sir Gaylord 59 Missy Baba 58 Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60 =Crepello (GB) 54 =Sans Le Sou (Ire) 57
=Elfjenjer (Aus) 94 5 fs, 1 SW DI=1.50	Last Tycoon (Ire) 83 8 wins, \$683,438 Champion 1510 fs, 87 SWs SI 1.44 DI=1.77	Try My Best 75 382 fs, 32 SWs SI 1.30 DI=2.43	Cornish Prince 62 Sally Lou 62	Bold Ruler 54 Teleran 54 Cohoos 54 Lou Sally 47
	=Gamine (NZ) 86 9 wins, \$202,371, SW 6 fs, 1 SW DI=1.48	=Remember Century (Aus) 81 9 fs, 1 SW DI=4.33		

Sun Classique, ch. m., 2003

=Fuji Kiseki (Jpn) 92 1186 fs, 39 SWs SI 1.13 DI=0.89	Sunday Silence 86 9 wins, \$4,968,554 Champion 1492 fs, 169 SWs SI 2.33 DI=2.43	Halo 69 724 fs, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48 Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47 Promised Land 54 Pretty Ways 53
	Millracer 83 2 wins, \$41,249 15 fs, 2 SWs DI=0.51	*Le Fabuleux 61 446 fs, 41 SWs SI 2.21 DI=0.11	Wishing Well 75 6 fs, 1 SW DI=1.67	Understanding 63 Mountain Flower 64
=Elfenjer (Aus) 94 5 fs, 1 SW DI=1.50	Last Tycoon (Ire) 83 8 wins, \$683,438 Champion 1510 fs, 87 SWs SI 1.44 DI=1.77	Marston's Mill 75 13 fs, 0 SWs DI=3.18	In Reality 64 Millicent 69	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57 Cornish Prince 62 Milan Mill 62
	=Gamine (NZ) 86 9 wins, \$202,371, SW 6 fs, 1 SW DI=1.48	=Remember Century (Aus) 81 9 fs, 1 SW DI=4.33	Northern Dancer 61 Sex Appeal 70 Mill Reef 68 *Irish Lass II 62	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 Buckpasser 63 Best in Show 65 Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62 =Sayajirao (GB) 44 =Scollata (Ire) 52 Atan 61 =Rocchetta (GB) 61 =Reliance II (Fr) 62 =Soft Angels (GB) 63
			Sharpen Up (GB) 69 Doubly Sure (GB) 71	Bold Ruler 54 Cicada 59 =Rego (Ire) 49 =Baraganda (Aus) 48

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