

THE WORLD'S RICHEST HORSE RACE PROVED ITSELF TO BE A GLAMOROUS AFFAIR AS A RACE-MAD AND FASHION-CLAD CROWD TURNED OUT AT DUBAI'S NAD AL SHEBA RACECOURSE TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

While Roses In May took the US\$6million Dubai World Cup prize with a convincing three lengths win, Dubai's own fillies frolicked on the lawns and in the VIP tents.

Also in attendance were Sheikh Mohammed and his horse enthusiast wife, Princess Haya. British rock outfit The Darkness were spotted in the crowd, a host of footballers from around the world, film stars and New York-based fashion designer Catherine Malandrino who judged Fillies On The Field along with Jacqueline Seemar, wife of locally-based horse trainer Satish Seemar.

The world's richest meeting has total prize money of US\$16 million up for grabs in a series of high-profile races that draws a TV audience of millions around the globe. When the prestigious race was first run 10 years ago, Dubai did not hold the standing that it enjoys today and the World Cup has been instrumental in the growth of Dubai as a tourism and business hub.

More than 150 glamorous women entered the Damas and Saks Fifth Avenue-sponsored Fashions On The Field contests for best dressed lady and best hat. The winner of the best dressed lady title was Anett Wockenfus, a German law student who currently lives in Australia. She'd won her trip to Dubai after winning the Fashions on the Field at the 2004 Melbourne Cup.

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HH General Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and UAE Minister of Defence, and his wife Princess Haya (above) attended the richest horse race in the world, the Dubai World Cup, on March 26. Ladies (below) displayed their hats during the highlight of the UAE's social and sporting calendar