

## Jacqueline caps off a memorable final day at the McDowell Signature Indian Derby 2010

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**Mumbai, February 7, 2010:** The pundit's predictions and the masses most wanted, Jacqueline, took the winners accolades in a come from behind victory at The McDowell Signature Indian Derby 2010 today at the Mahaxmi Race Course. The filly, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Vijay B. Shirke, Mr K N Dhunjibhoy and Mr Berjis Desai and trained by Pesi Shroff, powered forward with a last minute burst that took it through the finish line. Jacqueline's owners took home a prize purse of a whopping Rs 1 crore 27 lakhs

The Derby weekend was the most exciting event on the social calendar, as the glitterati converged at the turf in some of the finest ensembles and spectacular hats. It was truly the playground of the 'Bold & Beautiful' as racing enthusiasts, socialites and personalities from various walks of life came to witness the magic of the most awaited racing weekend. The 10 races saw the crowd go through the highs and lows as champions and contenders competed for the super prizes and trophies.

Present at the occasion, Dr Vijay Mallya, Chairman, The UB Group said, "The McDowell Signature Indian Derby is an iconic event and the hottest on the social calendar. It has been 26 remarkable years of association with the Indian Derby. Every year we bring the finest international entertainment to cater to the tastes of the 'Bold & Beautiful'. We firmly believe in the concept of bigger and better, and have always walked the extra mile to ensure that the McDowell Signature Indian Derby is among the best the world over and this year has also been a memorable one."

There was entertainment galore throughout the Race Course with performances by international artists and the uber-cool and stylish hub – a state-of-the art air-conditioned hanger was abuzz with activity and a special carnival atmosphere with a tarot card reader, designer stalls- a complete flea market feel.

Tribute performances to Michael Jackson by the energetic Robin Parsons completely wowed the audience as he brought the king of Pop back to life with his jaw-dropping rendition of 'Bad', 'Wanna Be Starting', whilst internationally acclaimed singer Kaiya paid her tribute to Tina Turner with songs like 'Simply the Best'. Witlox, Europe's leading illusionist casted a spell as he performed some unbelievable tricks to keep the audience entertained. The performances took place simultaneously in the Paddock area and the AC lounge in between races creating an electric atmosphere.

McDowell Signature Indian Derby 2010 was the much awaited and electrifying confluence of sport, fashion, fun and high-energy excitement. Some of the best Indian and international jockeys participated in this richest individual sporting event. McDowell Signature Indian Derby has evolved into a unique coming together of connoisseurs of the good life, who have the penchant for racing and appreciation of premium brands.

The new Mercedes C class sedan was won by Shahrukh Goveshi in the sweepstake.

Designer Narendra Kumar showcased his exclusive creation for the Indian Derby on Signature Glamour Ambassador Sarah Jane. Other noted celebrities who made their presence included Bollywood actor Jackie Shroff, Monikangana Dutta, Nisha Jamwal, Claudia of Big Boss fame, Ash Chandler, Randhir Kapoor and the Poonawala family.

The most gorgeous Bold and Beautiful ladies and men at the venue, presented a McDowell Hamper that included Hats, premium cigars and cutters courtesy Habanos. The beautiful were gifted sunglasses by Braccialini and shirts for men by Alea courtesy Ministry of Fashion