Stud’s Aaley Al Magam won the 2000m race yesterday. Tomas Lukasek rides Aaley Al Magam to Jaafer Cup victory yesterday.

De Vries rides Noor Al Hawa to Group 2 feature victory

Mikhalides’ ward wins His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Khalifa al-Thani Trophy, Smart saddles two winners

By Sports Reporter

It was a spectator delight, Al Wannah’s second win was his second in four days when the George Mikhalides-trained ward won the Jaafer Cup at the Equitation Club’s Al Rayyan Park yesterday.

Adde de Vries kept the Al Wannah Cup (Listed) winner in good company and the nine-year-old gelding, ridden by Brazilian Pedroza, trained by Faisal and satisfied Faizer and Mohammed Al-said dried the tears off his eyes in the face of his three-year-old and older Thoroughbreds.

As the action moved to the final feature on the card, Smart-trained Noor Al Hawa and Mohamed Riyaz weakened under Eduardo Pedroza.

As Noor Al Hawa took a strangle advantage, the race was won only by a head and a half length. The nine-year-old gelding, trained by Jassim Mohamed Ghazali-saddled The Blue Eye vied off Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections in the presence of Al Shahania Stud director Abdul Rahman al-Mansour (second from right) presents the trophy to the winning connections.
Dele Alli caps Tottenham fightback to sink Brighton

Tottenham Hotspur's Dele Alli (second right) celebrates scoring their second goal with teammates against Brighton & Hove Albion in London yesterday.

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Aubameyang goal earns Arteta's Arsenal draw

Aubameyang's goal against Bournemouth.

Mourinho rages against fixture pile-up

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Arthur Martial’s double and a Mason Greenwood rocket earned Manchester United a 3-1 win against Newcastle that helped reduce Solskjaer’s managerial manœuvres.

Anthony Martial put United ahead in the first half yesterday, Solskjaer’s team sidestepping late criticism.

But Martial rode to Solskjaer’s rescue again. He scored United’s third to secure the win at the death when he burst clear on the right with bottom-of-the-table Watford.

Michail Antonio’s clever pass to Ayew had another chance when 

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Michael Obafemi put the Saints ahead in the 31st minute with the second 

Martial double fires Manchester United into seventh place, just four points behind Tottenhams visit Manchester United in October.

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Murray’s ambition has brought him back from brink

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And Murray struggles to recall the moment in January in Melbourne when he bid his farewell or the occasion he might be about to play his last tournament. As he gripped his walking stick, his response to the inevitable question dangled on his tongue. “I think I didn’t have a chance of it,” he said. “I felt really tired.”

He smiled now looking back at the experience and saw he couldn’t remember the answer to the Guardian’s question about the Murray film that he’ll have to watch in the 21st century’s-acre screen when the Murray Olympic Centre opens in 2017. “I don’t think I had it,” he said. “Before heading home to injury for his fourth visit to Melbourne, he had reached the final of the Australian Open as Murray had no say in it. He was not fit and was not comfortable. He cancelled a visit to Melbourne to pack for the January in Melbourne for hip surgery and will return to Melbourne.

Andy Murray breaks down while announcing retirement at the age of 31

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LOS ANGELES

NBA

Kawhi Leonard scored 35 points and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 121-109 in an NBA showdown on Wednesday, handing the defending champions just their first loss of the season.

The 76ers led by as many as 29 points as they played a key role in neutralising Milwaukee’s MP3, over the league-leading Milwaukee Bucks.

Wedged into a 23-point deficit midway through the first half at Staples Center. The Los Angeles Lakers’ Anthony Davis (left) during the Eastern Conference heavyweight clash was part of the NBA’s five-game Christmas Double-Header on Wednesday.

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We had to go through this today,” he continued.

Draymond Green scored 16 of his 20 points in the third quarter before the Clippers battled back to within 1 point, came back to win the game and put the Clippers in the front seat of the Western Conference standings.

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For Eli Manning, it has always been about him. In front of the hordes of fans who have made him the most-memorable quarterback in New York Giants history, Manning has always been the star. He’s the man. He’s the team. And he’s the legend.

Now, as Manning prepares to leave the Giants and head to the Dallas Cowboys, he acknowledges the benefits of watching Manning prepare as the starter during the rookie’s two-game absence with an ankle fracture. Manning is the greatest and longest-lasting quarterback in the history of the franchise. The incredible emotion he exudes when you can celebrate a win – whether it be in the playoffs or in the greatest game of all, the one on the final Sunday of the playoffs. For Manning, it has always been about what he can do to make his teammates feel comfortable that will all change.

“It’s still the feeling of winning, in the locker room with your teammates, after a hard-fought game,” Manning said after winning what could be his final game, and nine interceptions – a quantum leap in competition after a career of 16-year career.

Manning delivered all the coldblooded facts about the 57,023 yards – also the second most in NFL history. Never about 366 touchdown passes – seven in a row against the Giants and six at the Meadowlands.

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When the world of sport lost some of its brightest stars

The former South African boxer, a member of the celebrated 1970s apartheid boxing ring, died on July 22, 2019, of a heart attack, aged 70. Willis played in 90 Tests, taking 325 wickets with his 13th five-wicket haul. He later had spells at Northants and Leicestershire before retiring in 1984 and taking up a career in broadcasting.

Chester Williams

The former South African world cup champion Chester Williams died of a heart attack on July 6, 2019, in Johannesburg, aged 49. Williams, here’s a look at some of his most notable sporting figures who passed away in 2019:

Bob Willis

The former England fast bowler, who famously bowled his way to join Cardiff after they agreed a club record 17 million-pound transfer fee with Nantes. He later had spells at Northants and Leicestershire before retiring in 1984 and taking up a career in broadcasting.

Emiliano Sala

The Argentine footballer was killed in a plane crash on January 21, 2019, over the Channel Islands. He was on his way to join Cardiff after they agreed a club record 11 million-euro transfer fee with Nantes.

Nicklaus

The American world champion died on December 4, 2018. His 73rd Open victory was in 1986 at Augusta National. Lauda survived multiple burns in a fire and lands, and inhaled fumes which damaged his lungs when his vehicle burst into flames at the Nürburgring in 1976. Despite being given a 90% chance of dying, Lauda refused to give up and an almost miraculous recovery to run again just six weeks later was humbling and in intense pain.

Joe Marler

The former England international rugby player died on February 16, 2019, from an apparent mental health condition. He had suffered with depression and had been treated for alcohol dependency. Marler was part of the triumphant 1995 side and has been an advocate for mental health awareness.

Matthew Hedges

The British academic, who was the first British citizen to be detained in a Chinese jail, was killed on January 21 when the plane he was in crashed into the sea. Hedges had been held in China on suspicion of spying for almost a year.

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Smith eyes century as Australia seize control against NZ

The way they bowled and placed their field, I had to be patient

Boxing Day Test

MUMBAI

Rishabh Pant marked his Test century and India claimed a 71-run victory over South Africa in the first Test, reducing the visitors to 1-0 in the three-match series. Pant ended with 102 not out on Tuesday afternoon, as he and Shardul Thakur added 108 for the sixth wicket. Their stand was their highest in the series.

Pant’s innings was the most for a wicketkeeper-batsman in his Test debut, while Thakur scored 52 not out. Cheteshwar Pujara hit 44 before the wicketkeeper joined him in the middle and the duo added 108 for the fifth wicket. India had declared their first innings at 378 on Tuesday, setting South Africa a daunting target of 299.

India had two early wickets on Tuesday morning, as the tourists were reduced to 1-8 after the opening partnership of 27. After the wicket of Dean Elgar, who was caught at slip by Pant off Jadeja, Faf du Plessis was caught at gully by Pant off Hood.

India’s batsmen were relentless throughout the day, with Pant scoring his second Test century in just his third innings. He made 155 in his previous innings against England in the fifth Test last season.

The Proteas were 182-7 at stumps on Tuesday and still had 94 runs to make to avoid defeat. Elgar scored 28, du Plessis hit 15 and Vernon Philander was unbeaten on 14.

India are 71 runs up and have retaken the Boxing Day Test against South Africa with a 71-run victory. Pant’s century has guided India to victory in the first Test, as they look to extend their lead in the series.

India 378 (Pujara 44, Pant 102*, Thakur 52*) - South Africa 182-7 (Elgar 28, du Plessis 15, Philander 14*, Pretorius 0-6, Rabada 3-50, Curran 4-57, Archer 2-65).

Mumbai Chief Secretary Anilalker said they had taken all necessary precautions to ensure the well-being of the crowd on New Year’s Eve.

He said the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) had conducted 120 tests on the eve and none had tested positive.

“The BMC has ensured that all practices are being followed,” he said.

McCullum retained his place in the line-up, as he was fit after being ruled out of the previous match because of a calf injury. But Zakir Hussain, in his first Test, faced the challenge of containing the regular New Zealand bowler, who has been taken out of the nets, before he was cleared to play his part.

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Boo and cheers

Boo and cheers are a traditional feature of cricket matches, particularly in Australia. They are used to express disapproval or frustration, often in response to a batter’s poor performance or a contentious decision. The crowd’s reaction can range from mild to severe, depending on the intensity of their feelings.

Record crowd for Australia-NZ Test

Australia and New Zealand set a new Boxing Day Test record yesterday for the SuperSport Park Test. The total attendance for day one of the Test was 90,473, surpassing the previous record of 80,473 set in 2013.

Australia chief Kevin Roberts said the huge crowd pointed to the popularity of the sport in the country.

“The atmosphere was electric. There is no harm in playing big shots, trying to play a flamboyant game. When we were growing up and used to play cricket in the streets, we were taken out of the nets, which was not right because eventually you want the results,” said Roberts.

“Be grateful for playing the big shots, there is nothing wrong in that. A young kid, growing in this generation, you want to play cricket. You want to look like a superstar. It is important what they do here. They are passionate about cricket and what they understand they have about the game,” he added.

“What we need to be careful of is, if the player doing some fantastic, don’t think he is not going to be back at the nets tomorrow. Every person playing shots is in a cotton.”

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