

IT WAS SUCH AN EXCITING WEEKEND IN RIYADH, AT THE WORLD'S RICHEST RACE DAY CARRYING THE FLAG OF SAUDI CULTURAL HERITAGE. WITH A TOTAL PURSE OF USD\$31.5M, EIGHT TURF AND DIRT RACES TOOK PLACE WITH TOP WORLD RACEHORSES AND JOCKEYS COMPETING AT KING ABDULAZIZ RACECOURSE.



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Moving around the racecourse and the grandstand, you would see how the event attracted horse lovers, royalty, fashion enthusiasts and Saudi crowds coming from all around the Kingdom to witness the Saudi Cup festival.

**FRENCH SUPERSTAR CHRISTOPHE LEMIRE MAKES HISTORY WITH FOUR INCREDIBLE WINS FOR JAPAN**

On the first race of the Saudi cup day, Lemire and Authority (JPN) flew to the finish line at the \$1,500,000 Neom Turf Cup winning the 2100m race by a length and a quarter.

The Japanese domination at King Abdulaziz Racecourse continued when Songline made an amazing victory at the \$1.5M 1352 Surfsprint followed by Stay Foolish dominating the \$2.5M Longines Redsea Turf Handicap.

The fourth triumph for Lemire was at The Riyadh Dirt Sprint presented by Saudia, with an easy victory for Dancing Prince (JPN) adding to Japan's incredible night in Riyadh.

*"This is unbelievable. I knew this was a very good horse and it's easy when you are riding good horses. I'm so happy for connections. I have been in Japan for two years with the restrictions and no travel, so I was fresh tonight! My horses were just too good tonight. I don't know what to say."* Lemire said

**EMBLEM ROAD MAKES AN UNBELIEVABLE VICTORY AT THE \$20M SAUDI CUP ON HOMETLAND**

It was such a joyous Saturday evening for the Saudi crowds after the unexpected extraordinary win of Emblem Road in the \$20 million Saudi Cup race.

Panama's jockey "Wigberto Ramos" soared to the finish line riding Emblem Road towards the glory of the Saudi title, defeating star horses like last year's winner Mishriff (IRE) and Kentucky Derby winner Mandaloun (USA).



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Emblem road is a four-year-old American bred that only raced in Saudi Arabia, trained by Mitab Almulawah and owned by Prince Saud Bin-Salman Abdulaziz.

*"Wow. To have a locally trained horse perform that way is very emotional. I'm very happy for the connections, and I'm happy for Saudi Arabia. I think Mishriff, a Saudi Arabian-owned horse [the 2021 The Saudi Cup winner], did amazing things to spread the love of horses. And to have a locally-trained horse win it [The Saudi Cup] is extremely special, and I'm really excited about what this means for the future of horse racing in Saudi Arabia."* \_ Prince Bandar Bin Khalid Al Faisal, Chairman of the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia said 🐾



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# A RACING FESTIVITY IN A LAND CARVED BY THE HOOFS OF ITS HORSES

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