

Becket beckons

NEVER has a racing event been so full of expectations as last Sunday's The Vandrevala Foundation Indian Turf Invitation Cup Day was. With Haresh Mehta's Becket giving this season's (until Sunday) unbeaten filly Jacqueline a run for the money, and coming on top, the elite sport was a sell-out with over 15,000 turning up to watch the great race at the Mahalakshmi race course. Cyrus and Priya Hiranandani Vandrevala hosted Grand Tea and a scintillating dance show on ice. Leading stars Saif Ali Khan and Bipasha Basu were present for the awards presentation made on the centre of the race track. It was a glorious day of racing and entertainment with applause for a great show put up by the RWITC.

1. Vivek Jain thanks Saif Ali Khan and Bipasha Basu with RWITC mementoes
2. The ice show that attracted the crowd
3. Becket (no. 2) and Jacqueline (no. 8) at the finishing line
4. The elite crowd gets up from their seats to catch the action
5. Saif and Bipasha cheer from the stands
6. Owner Haresh Mehta and trainer S Padmanabhan pose with their winning horse Becket while jockey Suraj Narreddu raises his hands in victory
7. Yohan Poonawala and Michelle Poonawala at the paddock
8. Adar and Natasha Poonawala look striking
9. Vijay Shilke (Jacqueline's owner) and his wife pose for the camera
10. Zarcus Vandrevala and his wife

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