

Brothers Mohammad and Rashid Al Habtoor led the Al Habtoor Polo Team to a convincing 5-3 win against the Al Shindagah team in the final of the Al Habtoor Polo Challenge held at the Royal Guards Polo Club in Windsor on Sunday.

In the final of the Al Habtoor Cup, the La Tour Hotels team rode a brilliant seven-goal swamp from player of the tournament Jean-Paul Clarin to emerge victors against the Black Birds.

The highlight of the annual tournament was the presence of Queen Elizabeth II along with her husband Prince Philip.

This annual event is sponsored by Al Habtoor Group alongside the running of the horse racing at Royal Ascot as part of its commitment to the sport of kings, as well as putting Dubai on the international polo map.

Khalaf Al Habtoor, Chairman of the Al Habtoor Group, joined the Queen in presenting the trophies to the winners and runners-up after the finals.

"I am very happy and pleased with the success of this championship. This was truly a carnival and I was amazed with the presence of some of the top businessmen and sports personalities from England for this year's tournament," said Al Habtoor.

"I consider the sponsorship of this event as a humble contribution of trying to put Dubai and the UAE on the international polo map.

"This tournament is also meant as a reflection of what we hold true and close to our culture," he added.

A pony show was put on after the prize distribution.

The show aimed to take the fans and spectators through the evolution of polo.