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# Louise Owen

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As a first-time model, the wife of England and Newcastle striker **Michael Owen** steals the show at a Sandown Park photo-shoot

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Louise Owen is known for her love of horses and being the wife of Newcastle United and England footballer Michael Owen. We can now add model to her list of credits. "It's the first time I've done anything like this," she said after a photoshoot at Sandown Park to promote the Coral-Eclipse Day on Saturday July 4. Louise, who is patron of the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre in Lancashire, will be the judge of Sandown Park's annual Best Dressed Competition at the prestigious meeting.

A mother of three children under the age of six, she looked wonderful in a range of designer outfits, some supplied by Bernard of Escher.

Louise is surrounded by horses at home in Cheshire. She says: "We have eight horses at home, so they take a lot of looking after. I started riding at seven, owned my first horse from 15 and marrying Michael confirmed my lifelong passion for horses and racing.

"We're lucky enough to live very near to Chester racecourse, which is lovely, and Michael established the Manor House Stables with the trainer Nicky Vaughan a couple of years ago."

Coral-Eclipse Day ranks among the best flat racing days in the country and is a magnet to the top jockeys and horses. The main race also attracts a prize of £500,000. ●

