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# THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

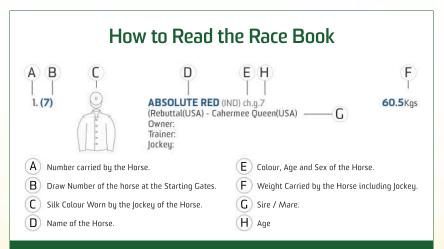
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# <mark>MESSAGE FROM</mark> THE CHIEF GUEST

On the onset I would like to congratulate the committee members of Royal Turf Club for hosting the much-awaited Governor's Cup 2021 with its pageantry and charm during the Nuwara Eliya season, especially during the new-normal era we live in.

Horse racing has a rich and long history in Sri Lanka and Royal Turf Club has done a yeoman service maintaining the tradition and spirit how the sport was carried onto over 150 years. We have been very unfortunate that from 2019 most of Sri Lanka sports activities have been disrupted due to Easter Bombings and the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence this year is particularly a hard one for sports, from organising events under strict guidelines and to secure sponsors to host an event of this magnitude.

We see a gradual yet positive return of sports activities in Sri Lanka and it is a pleasing fact that horse racing events are regaining momentum.

As the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, I take this opportunity on occasion of the RTC Governor's Cup 2021, to congratulate Royal Turf Club for ensuring that this beautiful and regal sport is active in Sri Lanka.

I sincerely hope the sport of horse racing will grow from strength to strength and attract foreign participation and be part of Sri Lanka's vision to become a regional sporting hub that caters to the increasing demands of the affluent traveler.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports will offer its fullest support to Royal Turf Club in order to maintain the Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya to the highest standards, which in turn could benefit the country through sports tourism and sports entertainment.

I wish Royal Turf Club the very best of luck for the rest of the events of the Holiday Season and in all their upcoming endeavors toward making horse racing one of the key sports in Sri Lanka that could bring us international recognition.

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa (MP) Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports



#### MESSAGE FROM THE STATE MINISTER

It gives me immense pleasure to convey my heartiest congratulations to Royal Turf Club, its committee and officials for organizing the RTC Governor's Cup on 15 th of April, 2021.

We are aware that the Governor's Cup is an important horse racing event with a rich history and as the State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion and an ardent supporter of horse racing, I am pleased to note that RTC has worked tirelessly to bring this event alive during this hard time.

As a keen lover of sports, I believe horse racing is an integral part Sri Lanka's sporting history and the Governor's Cup is undoubtedly a celebrated event not only here but overseas. This, as usual, will definitely be a great boost to Nuwara Eliya and the sports in general, which is the core part of glamour and attraction during the April Holiday Season held annually.

I am glad to observe that RTC has done a great deal of effort in uplifting the sport of horse racing and maintaining the standards of the Racecourse and its facilities in Nuwara Eliya. The Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya is one of the oldest in Asia and one of the scenic in the world and what RTC's efforts to preserve the standards and quality is overwhelming.

I am also happy to note that RTC conducted a successful race event on 20th of March and that will definitely provide them the inspiration to conduct the Governor's Cup and other events to follow. I wish to thank RTC, the committee, officials and all others involved for their undying contribution for horse racing and sports tourism in Sri Lanka in a fair and professional manner. I send my warmest wishes to RTC for the rest of the season and for many years to come.

#### Thenuka Vidanagamage (MP)

State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion



## A MASSAGE FROM THE GUEST OF HONOUR

As the Chairman of Expolanka Holdings, and as a keen follower of this beautiful sport of horse racing, it gives me immense pleasure, prestige and pride to congratulate Royal Turf Club for conducting the famous and most glamorous 'Governor's Cup' in 2021.

On behalf of Expolanka Holdings, let me convey our warmest wishes to RTC for conducting the Governor's Cup 2021 under challenging circumstances and for inviting us to be part of this historic horse racing event.

Expolanka Holdings is highly keen to support sports events in Sri Lanka. Horse racing and the Governor's Cup is a combined element that we could also adhere from RTC's trademarks -- prestige and glamour.

This indeed is a component what horse racing, unlike other sports, could offer to all of us.

To be part of a prestigious event such as the Governor's Cup, as main sponsors, makes us proud partners of RTC. Let us hope this association would grow strength to strength to continue as proud stakeholders of this beautiful event in years to come.

On behalf of Expolanka Holdings, I wish Royal Turf Club and its energetic committee nothing but the very best, more courage and strength to continue the class of horse racing in Sri Lanka.

Let us all enjoy a beautiful and memorable day of glamorous horse racing!

Hitoshi Kanahori Chairman Expolanka Holdings PLC



# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL PROVINCE

It is with great pleasure that I wish to extent my warmest wishes to Royal Turf Club of Nuwara Eliya, its committee members, officials, horse owners, trainers, jockeys and all horse racing lovers of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the prestigious Governor's Cup, scheduled on 15th of April, 2021.

As Sri Lankans, we eagerly anticipate this glamorous event during this time of the year and this year is no exceptional when it comes to our expectations on Governor's Cup as horse race lovers. All of us are well aware that the whole world is experiencing a challenging phase with COVID-19 affecting the progress of all humans alike.

Under such challenge, Royal Turf Club is taking up the challenge to conduct the Horse Racing Festival 2021, more importantly the Governor's Cup, which is the crown sporting event of the region.

As the Governor of Central Province, I'm delighted to see the most beautiful Nuwara Eliya Racecourse, the only surviving horse racing track in the country since 1981as one that has been transformed into a well-development venue for horse racing in Sri Lanka.

I'm happy to note that Royal Turf Club has done a great deal of effort to bring back the glamour and flair of horse racing, since its inception in 2016. This is a great boost and honour for Nuwara Eliya and the region of Central Province.

May Royal Turf Club gain more strength and courage to continue their genuine efforts in making horse racing a more widely recognized sport, not only in Sri Lanka but make Nuwara Eliya and Central Province the main hub for horse racing in this region of the world.

I welcome all horse racing enthusiasts and holiday makers to witness Governor's Cup, the most glamorous of events annually held in Nuwara Eliya and enjoy the holiday spirit with your loved ones.

Lalith Gamage Governor Central Province



# MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL GUEST

It gives me great pleasure to see that horse racing, one of the most exciting and elegant sports in the world, is making its way back to Sri Lanka, especially in the picturesque hills of Nuwera Eliya, due to efforts by the Royal Turf Club.

The sport itself had lost its touch in Sri Lanka in recent years despite it first being introduced here in the 1840s with the inaugural race taking place at the Nuwara Eliya Racecourse in 1875. Nuwera Eliya, in all its charm and glory has been an ideal ground for Horse Racing since the time of colonial rule and it is a pleasure to see the Royal Turf Club, who completes its fifth year this year since inception in 2016, making efforts to revive this grand old sport back which will be an attraction to both the young and old.

Sri Lanka has immense talent in all forms of sport, and this has been proved in the international arena with the victory of the 1996 Cricket World Cup and the Olympic medals won by Duncan White in 1948 as well as Susanthika Jayasinghe in 2000. With the necessary training and facilities Sri Lanka can go a long way in all forms of sport and can also transform into an ideal location to host international sporting events.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to the Royal Turf Club for their planned series of Racedays this month during the Horse Racing Festival 2021 and wish them the best to bring this charming sport back to its glory in Sri Lanka.

Yoshitha Rajapaksa Chief of Staff Prime Minister's Office



## MESSAGE FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF NUWARA ELIYA

As the Mayor of Nuwara Eliya, I hereby send my warmest wishes to the Royal Turf Club for organizing the Horse Racing Festival 2021 during a challenging period where the whole world is facing a common issue in the form of COVID-19.

To have the prestigious Governor's Cup back again after a lapse of one year due to unavoidable and uncontrollable reasons, is indeed a welcome sign of esteem and class to Nuwara Eliya's legacy. I wholeheartedly welcome horse racing events back at the racecourse in Nuwara Eliya, where all visitors and holiday makers are guaranteed with classy and eventful racedays under true professionalism.

On behalf of the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, we commit and stand by Royal Turf Club in providing assistance and guidance required to conduct events successfully.

As the Mayor, I take this opportunity to thank Royal Turf Club for the remarkable contribution for horse racing, which in return is a great asset and attraction to Nuwara Eliya and thousands of its visitors.

The Horse Racing Festival 2021 is an integral part of the Nuwara Eliya Festive Season and I warmly welcome all horse racing lovers to be present at all the events.

His Worship, Chandana Lal Karunaratne Mayor of Nuwara Eliya



## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF STIPENDIARY STEWARD

Thursday, the 15th of April, 2021, will be a Royal Day indeed at the Royal Turf Club in Nuwara Eliya, as we gear up for the running of The Governor's Cup and the Queen's Cup.

The Governor's Cup traces back to the year 1875, while The Queens Cup dates back to 1910. These are the two races that are steeped in history and tradition all of which will come alive on the picturesque racetrack of the Royal Turf Club in Nuwara Eliya. Billed as the biggest Social cum Sporting event of the Year, it will be a day to remember.

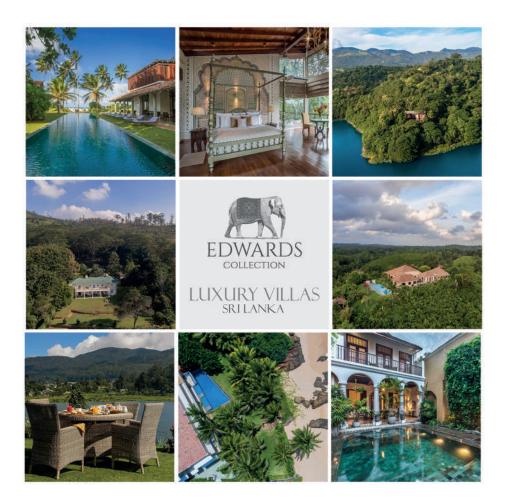
Royal Turf Club wishes to convey their sincere thanks to the Ministry of Sports, the State Minister and all our sponsors. EFL would merit mention for having come forward in difficult times to be there for us. Thank You EFL.

This would not be completed without acknowledging the whole-hearted cooperation and support from all Horse Owners and Professionals who stood by us. And finally Team RTC that had risen to the occasion time and again to ensure that everything went according to plan. We could never have managed without them.

It is also with immense pleasure I announce that horse racing in Sri Lanka has earned the spotlight of foreign investors who are keen to further develop the sport and the facilities at the beautiful Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya. It will, I'm sure, be a great boost for Sri Lanka horse racing to reach global status and recognition.

Stay well, stay safe and enjoy the day but please remember to adhere to all Safety Precautions

Cyrus J. Madan Chief Stipendiary Steward Royal Turf Club



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Class 5 For Horses Rated 00-20 Handicap 1400MTS Winner the Trophy plus SLR 40,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> 20,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> 10,000

1. (4)	WAITING FOR GLORY (IND) b.m 10 Senure (USA) – Warrior Quee Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: R. Vaibhav	60 Kgs
2. (2)	KRABI (IND) b.m 9 <i>Ravel (USA) - Samarinda</i> Owner: Dr. M. Dhanawardene Guruge Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: K. Naidu	59 Kgs
3. (3)	MISS IVORY (IND) b.m 7 Ivory Touch (USA) / Nimble Feet Owner: Mr. Kosala Senaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: K. Sanjeewan	58 Kgs
4. (5)	GOLDIE GIRL (IND) b.m 7 <i>Tampa Bay - Goldielocks</i> Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: J. Chinoy	55 Kgs
5. (6)	COSMOPOLITAN (SL) dk.b.m 9 Strenght to Succeed - Salanga Owner: Mr. Anuka Soza Trainer: Jayantha Wijesinghe Jockey: S. Pradeep	53 Kgs
6. (1)	ARIES (SL) ch.c.m 4 Owner: Mr. Anuka Soza Trainer: Jayantha Wijesinghe Jockey: P. Dinesh	52 Kgs

# Vegibest International Cup

RACE 2 1400M 11.40AM

Class 4 For Horses Rated 21-40 Handicap 1400MTS Winner the Trophy plus SLR 40,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> 20,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> 10,000

1. (2)	i	HONORIOUS (IND) dk.b.g 9 Ace (IRE) – Sea Honour Owner: Fearless Stables & Stud Farm Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: Aneel	62 Kgs
2. (3)		STORMONT (IND) b.g 9 Admiral of the Fleet (USA) – Star Fire Girl Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: K. Naidu	60 Kgs
3. (7)		TUSCANO (IND) dk.b.g 10 <i>Charmo (FR) - Amorous Girl</i> Owner: Mr. David Anthony Trainer: S. Alexander Jockey: S.D. Janaka	59 Kgs
4. (1)		GO GREEN (IND) b.m 12 <i>Ikhtya (IRE) – Essex</i> Owner: Mr. W.R.M. Ramsis Peter Fernando Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: L. Dayalan	58 Kgs
5. (4)		TORPEDO (IND) ch.h 10 Hurricane State (USA) – Miss Pinky Owner: Fearless Stables & Stud Farm Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: K. Sanjeewan	57 Kgs
6. (5)		NIGHT KING (IND) b.g 8 <i>Charmo (Fr) – Fresh Broccoli (USA)</i> Owner: Ms. Nishara Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: Vivek	55 Kgs
7. (6)		ZULU FANTASY (IND) b.g 10 Mathematician - Sayonara Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: J. Chinoy	55 Kgs



# RTC Mayor's Cup Powered by

**Class 3** 41-60 Handicap 1600 MTS LHW 52KG Winner the Trophy plus SLR 60,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> 30,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> 10,000



OLIVE (IND) b.m.12 Don Micheletto(GB) / Super Swift Owner: Fearless Stables and Stud Farm Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: Aneel 60 Kgs





VIGOROUS (IND) b.m. 10 Lucifer Sam (USA) – Taxido Owner: Mr. D. Ajantha De Soyza Trainer: Jayantha Wijesinghe Jockey: S.D. Janaka



GLITTERING (IND) b.m 10 Ace (IRE) - Raziya Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: K. Naidu



ARABIAN GOLD (IND) ch.g 9 Burden of Proof (IRE) – Arabian Race Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: J. Chinoy 55 Kgs

54 Kgs

RACE 4 2000M 1.00 PM	RTC Queen's Cup Powere Class 2 61-80 Terms Race 2000 M Winner the Trophy plus SLR 80,000	ATS (Group 2)
1. (2)	BRILLIANT CUT (IND) ch.h 9 Burden of Proof (USA) – Clear Cut Owner: Mr. D. Ajantha De Soyza Trainer: Jayantha Wijesinghe Jockey: S. Dineshraj	59 Kgs
2. (3)	CAPTAIN HADDOCK (IND) b.g 9 Admiral of the Fleet (USA) – Beladee (IRE) Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: J. Chinoy	59 Kgs
3. (1)	ROSWALD (IND) ch.g 12 <i>Placerville (USA) – Avec Plaisir (Ger)</i> Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: K. Naidu	59 Kgs
4. (4)	STAR SCHOLAR (IND) ch.g 8 Ace (IRE) – Scholastic Giant (USA) Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Gamini Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: R. Vaibhav	$59~{ m Kgs}$
5. (8)	SILVER STREAK (IND) gr.g 11 Verglas – Optimal Owner: Mr. W.R.M. Ramsis Peter Fernando Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: L. Dayalan	59 Kgs
6. (5)	ANOTHER ACE (IND) b.m 9 Ace (IRE) – Lady Moura Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: Vivek	57.5 Kgs
7. (6)	CELESTIAL FIRE (IND) dkb.m 9 Arabian Gulf (GB) – Dannenberg Owner: Fearless Stables and Stud Farm Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: K. Sanjeewan	57.5 Kgs
8. (7)	STAR ACE (IND) b.m 9 Ace (IRE) – Star Spangled Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: V. Yogaraj	57.5 Kgs



RTC Governor's Cup 2019 Winner, SPIRITED TOUCH Owned by Fearless Stables and Stud Farm Trained by S.V. Madialagan | Ridden by Aneel



# RTC Governor's Cup Powered by efl

**Class 1&2** Governor's Cup Terms Race 1800 MTS Winner the Trophy plus SLR 200,000 | 2<sup>nd</sup> 60,000 | 3<sup>rd</sup> 25,000



ARECA WONDER (IND) c.h.g.9 (Lord Admiral(USA) / African Sky Owner: Dynamic Stables Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: K. Sanjeewan





59 Kgs

59 Kgs



KNIGHT OF KEY (IND) ch.g 1159 KgsNoverre (USA) – Sweet Affair (USA)50 KgsOwner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne & Ms. Nishara JayaratneTrainer: Sridher SelvaratnamJockey: R. Vaibhav



MEHERAN (IND) b.g 10 *C.P. West (USA) – Killamey* Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: V. Yogaraj

59 Kgs

5. (2)



SANTOS (IND) ch.h 10 *Tejano (IRE) – Sabre Dance* Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: K. Naidu 59 Kgs



WESTERN WIND (IND) b.h 9 West Virginia (USA) – Miraflores Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Gamini Jayaratne Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam Jockey: Vivek



PARUSHRAM (IND) b.g 10 *Equitable (USA) - Knight Vision* Owner: Mr. David Anthony Trainer: S. Alosious Jockey: S.D. Janaka



ALCAZABA (IND) ch.m 11 Burden of Proof (IRE) – Alhambrah Owner: Edwards Stables Trainer: S.D. Mahesh Jockey: J. Chinoy



SPIRITED TOUCH (IND) ch.m 9 Ace (IRE) – Fair Tactics Owner: Fearless Stables and Stud Farm Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: Aneel 57.5 Kgs

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# Stipendiary Stewards Incident Report

Royal Turf Club race meeting on Tuesday 24th March 2021 at Nuwara Eliya Racecourse

Stipendiary Stewards	Jamil H. Soobratty	
Judges	Mr. Ranjan Paranavitana, Mr. Akram Mohideen	
Starter	Suresh Kumar	
Veterinarians	Dr. K. Nizanantha	Weather : <b>Fine</b>   Track : <b>Good</b>

#### Race 3 (1400M) Edwards Collection Trophy

Class 3 Handicap 1400M of LKR 50,000 For horses rated 41 to 60 LHW 52kgs

01. On inquiry, jockey M.Ishan (Vigorous) pleaded guilty to a contravention under the rules of RTC In that he failed to ride his mount out of the finish when he was in a position to do so costing him the 1st place. He was suspended from riding in races for 03 months and fined Rs 25,000.00 for Failing to ride to the satisfaction of the stewards. He has the rights of appeal against this decision to the stewards of the club within 72 hours stated there in the grounds for lodging such appeal.

02. On inquiry, Jockey M.Ishan (Vigorous) trainer Jayantha Weerasinghe had hedge a complaint that the jockey had not followed his instructions, After having heard jockey M.Ishan and trainer jayantha Weerasinghe and having viewed the video records of the race. The stipendiary stewards were not satisfied with the explanation tendered by jockey M. Ishan he pleaded guilty and he was suspended for 1 months in regard of both cases Jockey M.Ishan has been suspended for a period of 4 months. He has the rights of appeal against this decision within 72 hours stated there in the grounds for lodging such appeal against the decision of the stewards.

03. On inquiry, Jockey V.Yogaraj (Star Scholer) pleaded guilty to a charge under RTC rules for excessive use of whip He was fined the sum of RS 5,000.00. Jockey V.Yogaraj was everely reprimanded by the Stipendiary stewards.

04. On inquiry, trainer S.D.Mahesh (Glittering) and M.R.suresh (starter) in regard to the mare (Glittering) Mr.Suresh confirm to the stipendiary stewards at that time he gave the start all horses had a fair start the mare glittering stood in barrier and did not jump. The mare (Glittering) was not denied from the affair start. trainer SD mahesh agreed with both the stipendiary stewards and the starter that the mare (Glittering) will need to pass 2 barrier trials to satisfaction of the stipendiary stewards and the starter before being allowed to race again.

#### Race 5 (1400M) Sporting times Cup

Class I Handicap 1400M of LKR 67,000 For horses rated 81 and Above H&G 52kgs, F&M 55kgs 05. On inquiry, Trainer Sidher Selvaratnam (Knight of Key) pleaded guilty to the rules of RTC for not using the jockey colour which was printed on the race card. He failed into his responsibility as a license trainer to inform the stipendiary stewards. Trainer Selwaratnam apologies and confirm to stipendiary stewards that this incident will not happen in the future. He was severely reprimanded and fine Rs 5,000.00

Jamil H. Soobratty Stipendiary Steward

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