



RACE BOOK

INDEPENDENCE RACE DAY

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017



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Mr. Helmut Hendrichs, Mr. Sudarshana Deshapriya Judges

Mr. Nikhil Punna Starter / Event Coordinator & Stipendiary Steward

How to Read the Race Book

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F**

1. (7)  **ABSOLUTE RED** (IND) ch.g.7
(Rebuttal(USA) - Cahermee Queen(USA) — **G** **60.5Kgs**

- A** Number carried by the Horse.
- B** Draw Number of the horse at the Starting Gates.
- C** Silk Colour Worn by the Jockey of the Horse.
- D** Name of the Horse.
- E** Colour, Age and Sex of the Horse.
- F** Weight Carried by the Horse including Jockey.
- G** Sire / Mare.

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MESSAGE FROM HON. MINISTER OF SPORTS

I am happy to Extend my warmest wishes, to ROYAL TURF CLUB and to the horse racing community and sports lovers in Sri Lanka for the first race meet for 2017, 'The Independence Day Race Meet' being held on 25th February 2017.

As Minister of Sports my objective is to develop all segments of Sports in Sri Lanka including the Sport of Horse Racing. In this connection, I stand ready to provide all the support and guidance required to develop this sport further, in the years to come. Royal Turf Club's immeasurable assistance in developing the Sport of Horse Racing in Sri Lanka is very much appreciated.

As we approach the end of the 14th Month of ROYAL TURF CLUB's Operations, it is clear that the ROYAL TURF CLUB has achieved a remarkable success in all forms of the game, due to their true commitment and professionalism. I also take this opportunity to wish the New President of Royal Turf Club Mr Panduka Keerthinanda very best of luck.

I am very thankful to RTC for developing and transforming the Nuwara Eliya racecourse to an international level sports venue and look forward to the realization of their planned developments in 2017 and 2018.

I wish you all a Happy Independence Race Day!

Dayasiri Jayasekara (M.P.)
Minister of Sports



MESSAGE FROM HON MINISTER OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES

As Minister of Plantation Industries, MP for Nuwara Eliya and Chief Organizer for the District of Nuwara Eliya, I send my warm wishes to The Royal Turf Club, its Committee, Officials and all Equine Sport Lovers of Sri Lanka on the occasion of The commencement of yet another Horse racing season.

As we draw to the end of 14 months of Operation of the Royal Turf Club which has seen 9 race meets, during this short time, I am Happy to note that Royal Turf Club is starting the Horse Racing Season for 2017, with the Independence Day Race Meet on 25th February 2017. Royal Turf Club has advised me that they have created 89 direct new Jobs within this period, and room occupancy in Nuwara Eliya has gone up by 4018 room nights. As MP for Nuwara Eliya I am delighted to hear of this significant contribution to the Economy of Nuwara Eliya.

I also understand that Mr. Sinclair Marshall, Clerk of the course, Stipendiary Steward and Jockey Trainer, has taken the initiative to start a Jockey Training School, where 20 Nuwara Eliya Youth are currently training to become future Jockeys. This is very important for the continuation of the Sport, and as such, extend a special thanks to Mr. Marshall for this initiative. I am also delighted to hear of the first Equine Hospital in Sri Lanka, which intends to train Local Veterinary students in Equine Medicine, free of charge, under Consultant Specialist in Equine Medicine Dr Balaji. I have no doubt that this would result in the General improvement of the health of the Horse and Pony Population in Nuwara Eliya as well as Sri Lanka as a whole.

I wish all the very best to the New President of Royal Turf Club Mr Panduka Keerthinanda, The Committee of Royal Turf Club, CEO Wayne Wood, Clerk of the course Mr Sinclair Marshall and all the other officials for their immense contribution to making Royal Turf Club a body that's contributing significantly to Sports Tourism and the Economy of Nuwara Eliya.

Hon Navin Dissanayaka MP,
Minister of Plantation Industries



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF GUEST

As the Chief Guest for the Independence day Race day on 25th February 2017, which signifies the commencement of the Racing Season for 2017 it is with Pleasure that I extend my warm Wishes to the New President of Royal Turf Club Mr. Panduka Keerthinanda, The Committee of Royal Turf Club and the officials of Royal Turf Club for their immense contribution to the Sport of Horse Racing and the Economy of Nuwara Eliya.

In my Role as the minister of Hill country, New villages, infrastructure and Community Development, I am delighted to see that a Community has developed in around the Race Course based on the Sport of Horse Racing and its economic benefits. A significant number of Former Youth who were unemployed have now been employed by Royal Turf Club, which has now benefited around 100 families around the Race Course in Nuwara Eliya.

I am very happy to see that Royal Turf Club has further development plans for the years 2017/2018 and plans to bring at least a further 100 job opportunities to the Market in time to come. This will be of immense help to the People of Nuwara Eliya.

I hereby give my fullest support and co-operation for Royal Turf Club and wish all success for their future endeavors.

U. Palani Digambaram

M.P. Nuwara Eliya District

Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development.



MESSAGE FROM RTC PRESIDENT

As the New President of RTC, it is with great Pleasure that I send this Message to Horse Owner, Jockeys, Trainers RTC Officials, On Course Viewers, Live TV Viewers and all Equine Sport Lovers in Sri Lanka,

RTC is poised to kick off the Spring 2017 Horse Racing Season on 25th February 2017 (Independence day Race Meet), to be followed by races on 2nd April, 16th April and 29th April, weather permitting. As usual the RTC has made arrangements to present you with an exciting day of racing, with the usual fun and frolic that only RTC is capable of creating. I would like to encourage you to join us for what is guaranteed to be a memorable day and experience the good fortune of being a part of this wonderful sport- "The Sport of Kings".

This April season will see Two One Million Rupee Stakes Races instead of the usual single One Million Rupee stake race 'The RTC Magic million'; The First One Million Rupee Stake Race will be held on 2nd April, 'The Selvaratnam Cup' and the Second One Million Rupee Stake Race will be held on 16th April 'The RTC Magic Million'.

While, encouraging new Sponsorships and better stakes I also place great importance in the welfare and the health of the animals and also the welfare and the safety of the participants during my tenure. Several Major steps have been taken in that Direction by our former President, such as Starting and equipping the first Equine Hospital in Sri Lanka, Importation of a Horse ambulance, padded safe starting gates and Dope testing at every race meet. I intend to introduce several new rules into the RTC rule book to improve animal welfare and safety issues.

I also intend to upgrade RTC further in order to qualify being accepted into the Prestigious Asian Racing Federation which I believe is a key to take the sport to the next level which will help make Sri Lanka a sports tourism hub in the region. We also plan to complete the "All-weather Track" in 2017 so that races could be conducted regardless of the weather. I am sure this will significantly increase the participation of Local and International horse competitors, in 2017/2018.

Once again let me thank each and every one of you for the wonderful support rendered for this sport during the last two years and request you to be part of this great sport as we look to lock horns with some of the top clubs in the world.

I am looking forward to welcoming you at the Nuwara Eliya race course.

Best of Luck and best wishes

Panduka Keerthinanda
RTC President



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF STIPENDIARY STEWARDS

Welcome to the February race meeting held by the Royal Turf Club. Seven events will be run during the course of the day. It is pleasing to see so many runners with a big field of nine in the Class 5 handicap.

The weather during the week has sunny and the track is in good order. The surrounding gardens are coming along and the buds will be blooming for the April Racing Festival commencing on the 2nd, then 16th for the Magic Millions event with the Governors Cup and Queens Cup on the 29th.

The Royal Turf Club would love to see all of you and your friends at the races in Nuwara Eliya for the 2017 April Racing Festival.

Enjoy the day with Horse Racing at the Highest Level

Mr. Wayne Wood

Chief Executive Officer / Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards

RACE 01

10:30 A.M



The Blackpool Hotel Cup

1400M Class 3 Handicap of SLRs 255,000 plus trophy
1st 140,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 70,000, 3rd 30,000, 4th 15,000
For horses rated 41-60. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

1. (1)



ARRABIAN GOLD (IND) ch.g.9

60.0Kgs

(Tejano (IRE) – Sabre Dance)
Owner: **Mr. & Mrs. Edwards**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **M. Mohanraj**

2. (2)



GLITTERING (IND) b.m.6

54.5Kgs

(Ace - Raziya)
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **S. D. Mahesh**

3. (3)



CAPTAIN HADDOCK (IND) b.g.5

53.0Kgs

(Admiralofthefleet (USA) - Beladee (IRE))
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **K.Sanjeevan**



RACE 02

11:05 A.M

Daily **FT**
Be Empowered

DAILY FT CUP



1070M Class 4 Handicap of SLRs 187,500 plus trophy
1st 100,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 50,000, 3rd 25,000, 4th 12,500
For horses rated 21-40. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

1. (1)



ABSOLUTE RED (IND) ch.g.7
(Rebuttal(USA) - Cahermee Queen(USA))
Owner: **Royal Turf Club**
Trainer: **W. Jayantha**
Jockey: **S. D. Mahesh**

60.5Kgs

2. (2)



COLORATO (IND) b.g.5
(Serious Spender (USA) - Colourful Lady)
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody & Mrs. Charini Suriyage**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **K. Sanjeevan**

60.5Kgs

3. (3)



SUPREME (IND) ch.m.8
(Burden of Proof (IRE) – Supervite)
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **L. Dayalan**

59.5Kgs

4. (4)



SUPREMACY (IND) b.m.10
(Burden of Proof (IRE) – Supervite)
Owner: **Mr. Anura Delgoda**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **S. Suganthan**

59.5Kgs

5. (5)



DON HASA dkb.h.8
(Strength to Succeed – Fleet Footed)
Owner: **Mr. Gamini & Mrs. Chamari Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stables**
Trainer: **S. Sridher**
Jockey: **Saddam Hussain**

55.0Kgs

6. (6)



TORPEDO (IND) ch.h.6
(Hurricane State (USA) - Miss Pinky)
Owner: **Mr. Anura Delgoda**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **A. Vishwanath**

52.5Kgs

RACE 03

11:40 A.M

RANAVIRU CHALLENGE CUP

1400M Class 2 Handicap of SLRs 335,000 plus trophy
1st 175,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 100,000, 3rd 40,000, 4th 20,000
For horses rated 61-80. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

1. (1)



SPEARHEAD (IND) ch.g.11
(Burden of Proof (IRE) – Imposing)
Owner: **Mr. & Mrs. Edwards**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **L. Dayalan**

61.0Kgs

2. (2)



WHATS UP (IND) b.m.7
(Mathematician (IRE) - Lyricist)
Owner: **Mr. Anura Delgoda**
Trainer: **S. V. Madilagan**
Jockey: **Ashok Kumar**

55.5Kgs

3. (4)



CELESTIAL FIRE (IND) dkb.m.5
(Arabian Gulf (GB) – Dannenberg)
Owner: **Mr. Anura Delgoda**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **A. Vishwanath**

54.5Kgs

4. (3)



ICELANDIC (IND) b.g.8
(Oratorio – Concept (GB))
Owner: **Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stud & Agriculture Farms**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **S. Suganthan**

52.5Kgs



RACE 04 12:15 P.M



INDEPENDENCE RACE DAY CUP

1400M Class 1 Handicap of SLRs 490,000 plus trophy
1st 250,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 125,000, 3rd 75,000, 4th 40,000
For horses rated 81 & Above. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

1. (4)



ALCAZABA (IND) ch.m.7
(Burden of Proof (IRE) – Alhambrah)
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **L. Dayalan**

60.0Kgs

2. (2)



SANTOS (IND) ch.h.6
(Burden of Proof - Flamingo Fan)
Owner: **Mr. & Mrs. Edwards**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **S. D. Mahesh**

56.5Kgs

3. (3)



WIND STREAM (IND) b.g.8
(Steinbeck (USA) – Artwork)
Owner: **Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stud & Agriculture Farms**
Trainer: **Manishraj Sethi**
Jockey: **Saddam Hussain**

53.5Kgs

4. (5)



ATLANTUS (IND) b.g.12
(Juniper (USA) – Admiration)
Owner: **Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stud & Agriculture Farms**
Trainer: **Manishraj Sethi**
Jockey: **S. Suganthan**

52.5Kgs

5. (6)



CHUL BUL PANDY (IND) b.h.9
(Ajaad (USA) – Taxido)
Owner: **Mr. Anura Delgoda**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **Ashok Kumar**

52.5Kgs

6. (1)



SILVER STREAK (IND) gr.g.7
(Verglas - Optimal)
Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **K. Sanjeevan**

52.5Kgs

7. (7)



CHARLEMAGNE (IND) b.g.7
(Burden of Proof - Corsican Girl)
Owner: **Mr. James Mathew**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **A. Vishwanath**

52.0Kgs










RACE 05 12:50 P.M

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**SUNDAY
TIMES**

THE SUNDAY TIMES CUP

1070M Class 5 Handicap of SLRs 145,000 plus trophy
1st 75,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 40,000, 3rd 20,000, 4th 10,000
For horses rated 00-20. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs



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| 1. (9) |  | CRIMSON QUEST (IND) b,m,5
(C P West (USA) – Precious Pearl)
Owner: Mr. Gamiini & Mrs. Chamari Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stables
Trainer: S. V. Madialagan
Jockey: S. Suganthan | 61.0 Kgs |
| 2. (3) |  | ZULU FANTASY (IND) b,g,6
(Mathematician - Sayonara)
Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Edwards
Trainer: S. P. A. Raju
Jockey: L. Dayalan | 60.0 Kgs |
| 3. (5) |  | SNOW QUEEN (IND) ch,m,5
(Sedgefield (USA) - Masara)
Owner: Mr. Anura Delgoda
Trainer: S. V. Madialagan
Jockey: Ashok Kumar | 59.5 Kgs |
| 4. (1) |  | ARIANA (IND) b,m,10
(Brave Act (GB) - Auberge)
Owner: Fearless stables and Stud Farm
Trainer: W. Jayantha
Jockey: M. Ishan | 58.5 Kgs |
| 5. (2) |  | ROYAL OAK b,h,6
(Strength to Succeed – Lady of the Lake)
Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stud and Agriculture Farms
Trainer: S. Sridher
Jockey: S. Dasadaran | 57.5 Kgs |
| 6. (7) |  | HONOURIOUS (IND) dk,b,g,6
(Ace (IRE) - Sea Honour)
Owner: Fearless stables and Stud Farm
Trainer: W. Jayantha
Jockey: S. Pradeep | 56.5 Kgs |
| 7. (4) |  | STORMY PETREL (IND) b,m,6
(Burden of Proof (IRE) - Stormy Affair)
Owner: Anjali Stables
Trainer: S. V. Madialagan
Jockey: A. Vishwantah | 55.5 Kgs |
| 8. (6) |  | COSMOPOLITAN dk,b,m,5
(Strength to Succeed – Salanga)
Owner: Mr. Anuka Soza
Trainer: S. V. Madialagan
Jockey: K. Sanjeevan | 53.5 Kgs |
| 9. (8) |  | SALSA DANCER (IND) b,f,4
(Charmo (FR) - Salsera)
Owner: Mr. Sudhagar
Trainer: W. Jayantha
Jockey: M. Mohanraj | 52.5 Kgs |

RACE 06 01:15 P.M

FREEDOM CUP

1000M 1/2 bred Handicap of SLRs 97,500
1st 45,000, 2nd 25,000 3rd 15,000 4th 7,500 and 5th 5,000
Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs
Riders are not permitted to carry a whip



1. (5)



FANCY FACE

Owner: **Mr. Navin Madawa Bandara**
Trainer: **W. Jayantha**
Jockey: **M.Ishan**

57.0Kgs

2. (1)



ACTION LADY

Owner: **Mr. M. Sudagar**
Trainer: **W. Jayantha**
Jockey: **S.Pradeep**

57.0Kgs

3. (4)



POWER GIRL

Owner: **Mr. S. Loganathan**
Trainer: **S. D. Lalith**
Jockey: **K.Sanjeevan**

57.0Kgs

4. (2)



RED RUM

Owner: **Mr. Haseeb Mohamed**
Trainer: **W. Jayantha**
Jockey: **Ashok Kumar**

54.0Kgs

5. (3)



MISTY QUEEN

Owner: **Mr. S. V. Madialagan**
Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**
Jockey: **M.Mohanraj**

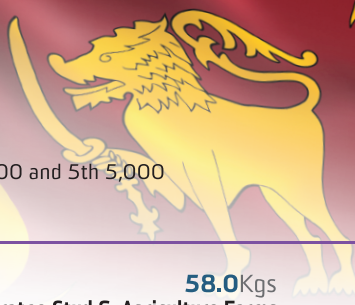
52.0Kgs



RACE 07 01:50 P.M

BRITISH CEYLON CUP

1000M 3/4 bred Handicap of SLRs 97,500
1st 45,000, 2nd 25,000 3rd 15,000 4th 7,500 and 5th 5,000
Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs
Riders are not permitted to carry a whip



1. (2)



AIRORNE II

Owner: **Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne Rep. Jayaratne Stud & Agriculture Farms**
Trainer: **S. Sridher**
Jockey: **S. Dasadaran**

58.0Kgs

2. (3)



CABRESSE

Owner: **Miss Deepthika Jayakody**
Trainer: **S. P. A. Raju**
Jockey: **K. Sanjeevan**

56.5Kgs

3. (1)



QUEEN OF THE HILL

Owner: **Mr. R. M. C. K. Rajapakshe**
Trainer: **W. Jayantha**
Jockey: **M.Ishan**

53.5Kgs

2016 RTC Christmas Gold Cup winner ALCAZABA
Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody Trainer: S. P. A. Raju Jockey: Aneel



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS INCIDENT REPORT

ROYAL TURF CLUB RACE MEETING ON SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER, 2016 AT NUWARA ELIYA RACECOURSE

Stipendiary Stewards: Cyrus Madan(Chief), S.A.Marshall, Nikhil M.Punna
Judge: Helmut Hendrics / Sudarshanna Deshapriya
Starter: Nikhil Punna
Veterinarians: Dr Jeyentrabalaji Thangaraj
Sampling: Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency
Weather: Clear
Track: Firm

Race No. 1 , RTC CHRISTMAS CHARITY CUP 1400M

Trainer S.P.A. Raju was given permission to have his charge KRABI led to the Starting Gates without the rider. SALSA DANCER (S.D./Mahesh) drawn 3 was slowly out and lost about 5 lengths. Trainer S.P.A. Raju was asked to give the filly Gate Practice.

RACE No. 2, THE GERMAN EMBASSY ADVENT CUP 1400M

Jockey M. Rupa the rider of HUNHAR was unseated passing the 800 meter marker. She reported that her mount HUNHAR shied away from the gap at the 800 meter marker and tried to jump across the same. This unbalanced the gelding completely as he stumbled and resulted in Jockey Rupa being thrown off. Jockey Rupa was examined by the Medical Officer who pronounced her fit to fulfil her riding engagements and she herself when interviewed by the Stipendiary Stewards stated that she was perfectly all right and was fit and happy to continue. CRIMSON QUEST Jockey R.Selvaraj 57.5 Kgs. Carried an overweight of 1.5Kgs. Weight declared 59Kgs.

RACE No. 3, SPORTS MINISTRY CHALLENGE CUP 1600M

ARABIAN GOLD (N.Rupa) drawn 1 was slow into stride and lost about 6 lengths. Trainer S.P.A. Raju was asked to take remedial measures. ICELANDIC (S.Suganthan) drawn 2 veered in sharply after the jump out and as a result lost a lot of ground. Trainer S. Madialagan was asked to give the horse Gate Practice. Trainer S. Madialagan and jockey A. Vishwanath were questioned as regards the running and riding of CELESTIAL FIRE who was observed to be positioned well off the pace in the early stages. After hearing the explanations tendered by both they were informed that the same had been noted. Trainer S.Madialagan was asked to be more specific in his instructions to his rider in future. Jockey Vishwanath was asked to position his mount in a more advantageous position in future. ICELANDIC Jockey S.Suganthan 53 Kgs. Carried an overweight of 3Kgs. Weight declared 56Kgs.

RACE No. 4, THE RTC CHRISTMAS GOLD CUP 1800M

The start of the race was delayed by over ten minutes as CHARLEMAGNE (A. Vishwanath) and SILVER STREAK (N. Rupa) were extremely troublesome and fractious to be stalled. Their respective trainers S. Madialagan and S.P.A. Raju were told to take corrective measures. Charlemagne (A. Vishwanath) returned lame on his left hind after the race. Trainer S. Madialagan was told to get him passed fit by the Veterinary Officer before accepting with him again.

RACE No. 5, NUWARA ELIYA PLANTATION TROPHY

The start of the race was delayed by about 20 minutes. ABSOLUTE RED (N. Rupa) was very fractious before ultimately being stalled. Trainer Jayantha Wijesinghe has been told to take remedial measures. CHARMING GREY (L. Dayalan) drawn 2 was slowly off and lost a distance at the start. In the course of the race showed a marked tendency to veer out. Trainer S.P.A Raju has been told to rectify the same. GLITTERING Jockey ANEEL 53.5 Kgs. Carried an overweight of 1.5Kgs. Weight declared 55Kgs.

RACE No. 6, NUWARA ELIYA WINTER CUP (No Whips)

The start of the Race was delayed by 20 minutes. AIRBORNE II was late coming into the Paddock where he was extremely fractious. He was taken into the Saddling Enclosure and the jockey had to mount him inside. Prior to the Start and before coming under Starters Orders AIRBORNE II dropped the rider and bolted. He was subsequently withdrawn. Trainer S. Sreedharan was severely reprimanded and told that he had to look into the matter and improve the behavior of AIRBORNE II before accepting with him again.

RACE No. 7, THE PONY WELFARE CUP(No Whips)

The start of the Race was delayed by 10 minutes.

S. Marshall
Acting CEO/Stipendiary Steward

For,
CYRUS MADAN
Chief Stipendiary Steward

NEXT RACE DATES

APRIL 2ND, 16TH, 29TH

AT NUWARA ELIYA RACECOURSE FROM 10AM - 2PM



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