

RACE BOOK

RTC SPRING & SUMMER CUP RACE DAY

Saturday, 19th March, 2022

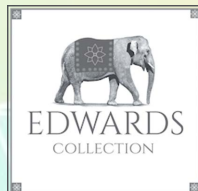



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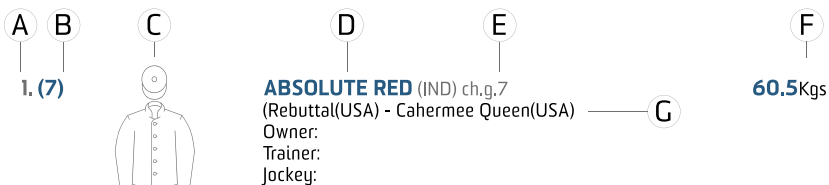
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How to Read the Race Book



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.

NOTICE

No person shall be admitted in the vicinity of the Weighing Room/Saddling Enclosure except Owners, Trainers, Jockeys or other persons having the care of a horse engaged in the particular Race.

PADDOCK

The paddock is reserved only for Stewards, Committee Members and Officials. Owners, Trainers, Jockeys and attendants of horses actually running in the race will also be permitted to enter the Paddock.



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Message from the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

As the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, I take this occasion of the first Horse Racing Season 2022 event for 19th of March, to congratulate Royal Turf Club for ensuring this beautiful equestrian sport is active and running in Sri Lanka.

I am highly impressed and pleased that Royal Turf Club has made arrangements to conduct a Horse Racing Season during the coming weeks towards end of April, which will undoubtedly add the much looked-forward-to glitz, glamour and elegance to the April Holiday Season.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is highly pleased that Royal Turf Club has been able to move forward, active and professional with the impression they have made during the recent years.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will eagerly offer Royal Turf Club



our assistance in maintaining the Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya to the highest standards, which in return could benefit the country through sports tourism and sports entertainment.

I wish Royal Turf Club the very best of luck to the rest of the events of the Horse Racing Festival and in their upcoming endeavours in making horse racing one of the key sports in Sri Lanka that could bring recognition internationally.

Namal Rajapaksa
(M.P.)

*Minister of Youth Affairs
and Sports*

Message from High Commission of India

It is wonderful to know that the Royal Turf Club in Nuwara Eliya is all set to open the Racing Season for 2022.

Sri Lanka could once boast of producing some truly top class thoroughbreds and professionals who went on to make a name for themselves on the Turf in India and abroad. I'm sure that the pioneering efforts that RTC has put in will revive Horse Racing in Sri Lanka and I wish them every success in their endeavour.

Horse racing in India is an industry. It is heartening to learn that India has lent a helping hand to the Royal Turf Club in taking this epic revival of the Sport of Kings on the Emerald Isle forward. It just shows how strong the bond between the two countries has always been and will always be.

This bond has been further strengthened with your gracious and magnanimous gesture in dedicating a race on the opening day to the memory of India's greatest Trainer, the Late Rashid Byramji who



passed away recently. It is indeed a fitting tribute to man who created history and his name will forever be remembered in the annals of Indian racing.

I wish Royal Turf Club all the success for the Horse Racing Season 2022.

**High Commission of India
in Sri Lanka**



Message from President of RTC

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that we have made all necessary arrangements to conduct the Horse Racing Season 2022 adhering to the highest standards of horse racing.

The Horse Racing Season 2022 will flag off with the RTC Spring & Summer Cup Raceday on 19th of March at the iconic Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya.

This, not only will be an important event for Royal Turf Club in the aspect of kicking off the planned racedays up to end of April, but also a fitting way to pay tribute to Dr. Rashid R. Byramji, one of the greatest horse trainers who has earned accolades even from Her Majesty, the Queen.

Dr. Byramji has supported immensely during the initiative of Royal Turf Club in 2015 and remained as a true friend to us until his last



breath. As the President of Royal Turf Club, I'm proud of my colleagues and other contributors who worked tirelessly in making sure this event will be a success.

After 19th of March, Royal Turf Club has made plans to conduct three important racedays during the month of April, where horse lovers and holiday makers will be treated with exciting races, pageantry fashion and elegance.

The RTC Magic Million Cup Raceday has been planned for 3rd of April, before the all-important RTC Governor's Cup Raceday on 15th of

April, a significant event with global recognition. The final raceday of the season will be the RTC Army Commander's Cup, an initiative Royal Turf Club has made in collaboration with Sri Lanka Army with the intention of an annual part of our race calendar.

On behalf of RTC I take this opportunity to thank Sri Lanka Army commander, General Shavindra Silva and Sri Lanka Army for providing all the support to make this season a memorable one.

Finally I wish to congratulate all competitors, horse owners, trainers, the organising committee and sponsors for their instinctive contribution in making the Horse Racing Season 2022 a success.

Panduka Keerthinanda

*President
Royal Turf Club
Nuwara Eliya*

Message from State Minister

As a person who witnessed horse racing events at Nuwara Eliya last season, I am highly excited for Royal Turf Club's inaugural raceday, the RTC Spring & Summer Cup, which falls on 19th of March.

As a politician, a public servant and a keen sports lover, I am extremely happy that Royal Turf Club is keenly making all necessary arrangements to continue the legacy of horse racing in Sri Lanka.

I assure and guarantee Royal Turf Club that you will receive my fullest support and blessing to maintain the standards of horse racing and helping Nuwara Eliya become the center-stage of the nation and one of the main attractions of the April Holiday Season held annually.

I wish Royal Turf Club all the success for the coming races during the month of April.



Thenuka Vidanagamage (M.P.)

State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement

Message from RTC Secretary

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have been able to successfully conduct the RTC Horse Racing Festival 2021 with four eventful racedays last season.

RTC is certain that we have added value and class to our sponsors, and we thank them for supporting us to conduct a successful Horse Racing Festival last year.

We anticipate their valued support for the upcoming RTC Horse Racing Festival 2022 too.

I must highlight the very reason why we have taken a keen interest to flag off the Horse Racing Festival 2022



with the Class 1 race
dedicated to the evergreen
and legendary trainer the late

Dr. Rashid R. Byramji, who has supported RTC in numerous ways. RTC believe this will be a fitting tribute to the legend.

Enjoy the day and make sure to reserve 3rd of April, 15th of April and 23rd of April to witness some thrilling horseracing events and glamorous entertainment segments at the Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya.

Ryota Hakariya
Secretary
Royal Turf Club

Message from Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards



The Royal Turf Club Nuwara Eliya has led by example and It is thanks to their pioneering effort that Horse Racing in Sri Lanka has come back to life.

The Pandemic has taken it's toll, but the commitment of the Royal Turf Club has stood fast and on Saturday 19th of March, 2022 the

picturesque racecourse at Nuwara Eliya will once again come alive.

It gives me great satisfaction and a sense of pride to be a part of this revival of Horse Racing in Sri Lanka.

Cyrus J. Madan

*Chairman of Stipendiary
Stewards
Royal Turf Club*

Message from Senior Stipendiary Steward

Royal Turf Club four day racing season in March and April is their center piece of racing calendar with a mix of both traditional and annual racing. The Race course with its background of mountains, the Gregory lake, tudor style bungalows and the ever changing climate is justifiably regarded as Sri Lanka's most scenic track.

RTC plays host to one of the most iconic race meetings during this period, the famous RTC spring/summer meeting is like a Racing Carnival where the festival traditionally draws hundreds of people from all over the island and worldwide.

I am very much relishing to be a member of the team RTC and look forward to discharge my responsibility and committed to ensure



that the discipline and integrity of the sport are maintained to its highest level.

One on the first day a quality meeting kicks off with a competitive of 5 races. The featuring race of the day is the Dr Rashid R Byramji Memorial Trophy. Dr. R. R. Byramji was one of the most well respected Trainer & legend in Indian racing industry who has been honored posthumously with a race at this prestigious meeting, where the race contest designed as a stepping stone to the seasons group contests over staying trip. The morning races are surrounded with a handful of the competitive handicaps promises a day of thrilling action and unprecedented sense of style to match this prestige from the track.

The horses with their beauty and their courage take people away from the sorrowful, humdrum and the frightening. But it is more than that there are always the great human stories and at RTC this year, perhaps the story of Dr. R. R. Byramji's great achievements and his legacy.

There is something so pure about racing thoroughbreds. They are very special breed with a high intelligence, powerful athletic with stamina and speed and fast they possess but they also inspire with their courage, their honesty, their willingness. I often think that racing horses have many of the qualities.

Wishing everyone a successful 2022 Racing Carnival.

R. Manjunath

*Senior Stipendiary Steward/
Clerk of the Course*



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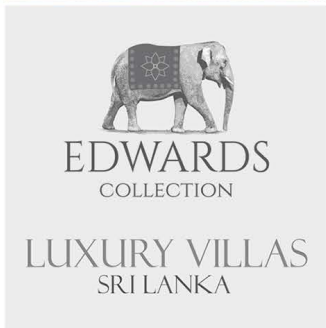


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1. (2)



GO GREEN *b.m.15*

(25) **62.5Kgs**

Owner: Mr. W.A.M. Ramsis Peter Fernando

Trainer: L.M. Prasanna Niroshan

Jockey: S. Vijayanthan

2. (3)



TORPEDO *ch.h11*

(24) **62Kgs**

Owner: A.G. Padma Kumara Ranasinghe, A.G. Priyantha Kumara Ranasinghe

Trainer: L.M. Prasanna Niroshan

Jockey: S. Vijayanthan

3. (4)



WAITING FOR GLORY *b.m.11*

(9) **54.5Kgs**

Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne

Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam

Jockey: Dinesh Raj

4. (1)



KRABI *b.m.10*

(7) **53.5Kgs**

Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: K. Aneel

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1. (1)



GLITTERING *b.m.11*

(50) **62Kgs**

Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: L. Dayalan

2. (5)



STAR SCHOLAR *ch.g.9*

(43) **58.5Kgs**

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Gamini Jayaratne

Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam

Jockey: V. Yogaraj

3. (3)



GODSWORD *g.m.7*

(38) **56Kgs**

Owner: Ms. Suranji Jayakody

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: Nazerul Alam

4. (4)



COSMIC FEELING *b.m.6*

33) **53.5Kgs**

Owner: Edwards Stables

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: K. Aneel

5. (2)



HONORIOUS *db.g.11*

(31) **52.5Kgs**

Owner: MCMR Credit & Investment (Pvt) Ltd

Trainer: S.V. Mathialagan

Jockey: K. Sanjeevan

RACE
03
12.30 P.M

The Dr. Rashid R. Byramji Memorial Trophy



Term race without penalties (for horses rated above 75) distance of 1600 metres
Winner the trophy plus SLR 75,000 | 2nd SLR 45,000 | 3rd SLR 30,000

1. (6)



MEHERAN *db.g.11* (78)57.5Kgs
 Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne
 Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam
 Jockey: V. Yogaraj

2. (2)



ROYAL CRYSTAL *b.h.6* (84)57.5Kgs
 Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody
 Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah
 Jockey: K. Anceel

3. (3)



SANTOS *ch.h.11* (80)57.5Kgs
 Owner: Edwards Stables
 Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah
 Jockey: L. Dayalan

4. (1)



WESTERN WIND *b.h.10* (76)57.5Kgs
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Gamini Jayaratne
 Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam
 Jockey: Dinesh Raj

5. (7)



ALCAZABA *ch.m.12* (98)56Kgs
 Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody
 Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah
 Jockey: P. Dinesh

6. (5)



ANOTHER ACE *b.m.10* (82)56Kgs
 Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne
 Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam
 Jockey: Vivek

7. (4)



SPIRITED TOUCH *ch.m.10*

Owner: MCMR Credit & Investments (Pvt) Ltd

Trainer: S.V. Mathialagan

Jockey: K. Sanjeevan

(88)56Kgs

‘WE ARE POORER WITHOUT A LEGEND’

Late Rashid Byramji was an Indian legend in the world of training thoroughbreds.

There was no one to hold a candle as a trainer in India.

A very honest and

good human being. He would advise any professional that



needed help and if a professional had a horse in competition he would advise without hesitation. This indicated his great quality.

Rashid started his

illustrious career with his first string of horses from my late

father Soli . A. Poonawalla, particularly starting with a favourite English filly called Ling Mala. Rashid never looked back and today we are poorer without a great legend of the Indian turf.

Zavaray. S. Poonawalla
Poonawalla Stud Farms
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TRIBUTE TO A LEGENDARY TRAINER

Rashid Byramji was rightly considered the greatest Classic trainer his country has ever seen. He saddled a record 3,170 winners, including 230 Classics, across the country.

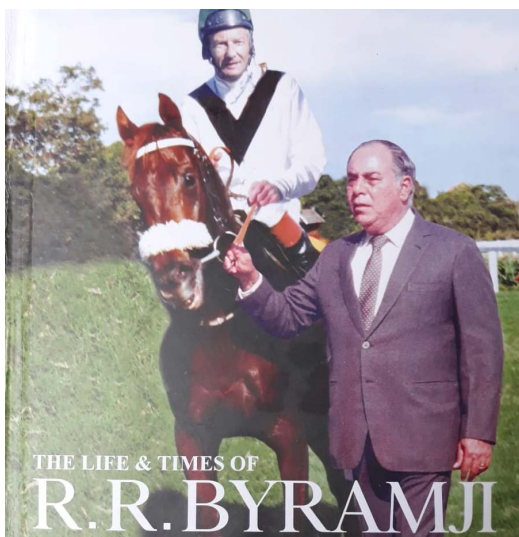
Byramji is the only professional to have achieved the rare feat of winning 10 Indian Derbies and 12 Indian Turf Invitation Cups.

He also holds the rare record of scoring hat-tricks twice in the Indian Derby and thrice in the Indian Turf Invitation Cup.

Elusive Pimpernel was Byramji's favourite horse, as he himself has said on several occasions.

Elusive Pimpernel raced and won at six different centres, winning 22 of his 23 starts.

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In commemoration for his unyielding contribution towards the success of Royal Turf Club and horse racing in Sri Lanka, RTC fittingly honours the legend.

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ADMIRAL NELSON *ch.h.8*

(48)62Kgs

Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne and Mrs. Paba Jayaratne

Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam

Jockey: Vivek

2. (5)



CRACK OF DAWN *b.m.6*

(46)61Kgs

Owner: Ms. Suranji Jayakody

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: P. Dinesh

3. (3)



LEGENDARY PRINCESS *b.m.6*

(32)54Kgs

Owner: Edwards Stables

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: Nazerul Alam

4. (4)



STARMONT *b.g.10*

(31)53.5Kgs

Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody

Trainer: Raju Virupakshaiah

Jockey: K. Aneel

5. (1)



TUSCANO *db.g.11*

(26)51Kgs

Owner: MCMR Credit & Investments (Pvt) Ltd

Trainer: S.D. Mahesh

Jockey: K. Sanjeevann



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PEARL NECKLACE *db.m.8*

(73) **61Kgs**

Owner: Ms. Nishara Jayaratne

Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam

Jockey: Vivek

2. (2)



CARLTON *b.m.11*

(71) **60Kgs**

Owner: Mrs. Anita Dorai

Trainer: Sridher Selvaratnam

Jockey: V. Yogaraj

3. (3)



VIGOROUS *b.m.12*

(52) **50.5Kgs**

Owner: Mr. D. Ajantha de Soyza

Trainer: Jayantha Wijesinghe

Jockey: T. Pavithran



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