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THE BOSTONIAN WINS G1 KINGSFORD SMITH CUP



(The) Bostonian (middle) completes the Kingsford Smith-Doomben 10,000 double (Grant Peters)

New Zealand trainer Tony Pike's last-minute decision to run **(The) Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) in the Group One Kingsford Smith Cup proved a \$420,000 bonus when the gelding scored an impressive win.

(The) Bostonian (\$10) completed the Cup-Doomben 10,000 double when he beat Princess Posh (Canford Cliffs) by three quarters of a length with a short neck to Trekking (Street Cry) in third.

He becomes fifth horse to complete

to Kingsford Smith Cup-Doomben 10,000 double although the first to do it in reverse order.

After (The) Bostonian won the Group One Doomben 10,000 two weeks ago, Pike had originally planned

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to not start the gelding again until the Group One Stradbroke Handicap on June 8.

Pike stayed in Australia after last week's Doomben Cup meeting to watch (The) Bostonian work on Tuesday morning.

"His work was so good we decided to run him in the Kingsford Smith. After all it is a Group One race with \$700,000 up for grabs and we have got the lion's share at \$420,000 first prize," Pike said.

He said (The) Bostonian would now head to the Stradbroke and he hoped he would not get too big a penalty for Saturday's win.

"I hope they are kind to us and we only get a extra kilo or so," Pike said.

It is expected (The) Bostonian will get somewhere around 58kg.

The win continued the outstanding form of (The) Bostonian in Queensland as he has now won all five of his starts

in the state.

"(The) Bostonian really seems to blossom up. David (owner Archer) and I have always intended to come back here this winter. A win in the Stradbroke would be the cream," Pike said.

Winning jockey Michael Cahill also continued his wonderful winter because he has ridden more than 20 winners in the past month.

(The) Bostonian's win was his third for the day after he won the Grand Prix on Fun Fact and the Premier's Cup on The Candy Man.

Cahill went to New Zealand earlier this year to ride (The) Bostonian to cement his relationship with Pike.

"That was a gun ride from Michael. In fact all his rides on (The) Bostonian were outstanding," Pike added.

Cahill said he had a lovely run on the fence behind the pace coming to the turn.

"It was just a matter of getting a run in the straight and it came quickly," he said.

The beaten jockeys had few excuses but Larry Cassidy, who rode Princess Posh, said coming to the home turn he felt she would be hard to beat but just failed.

Kerrin McEvoy who rode Trekking said he hadn't been able to get on the fence and be third in the run.

"The winner ended up getting a better run than me," he said.

-AAP

Race	BRC Kingsford-Smith Cup Gr.1 1300m
Winner	(The) Bostonian (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mr D Archer
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments Ltd

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ORDER AGAIN MAKES LATE BID FOR STRADBROKE

Trainer Brian Smith faces an anxious couple of weeks hoping Lord Mayor's Cup winner **Order Again (NZ)** (Iffraaj) can gain a Stradbroke Handicap start.

Order Again won the Group Three Lord Mayor's Cup (1600m) by three quarters of a length to notch his fourth success at Eagle Farm, cementing his

Race	BRC Lord Mayor's Cup Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Order Again (NZ) 2013
Owners	C E J & C J W Stewart
Trainer	Brian Smith (Eagle Farm)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Glass Half Full by Van Nistelrooy (USA)
Breeder	C E J & C J W Stewart

reputation as a track specialist.

Perennial placegetter Tom Melbourne (Dylan Thomas), the \$2.80 favourite, made a brave bid for an all-the-way win with Le Juge (Dan Sili) a length away third.

Smith is hoping Order Again's win will improve his handicap rating enough for him to gain a start in the Group One \$1.5 million Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) at Eagle Farm on June 8.

"My old boss trained Yahabeebee when she ran second to a two-year-old filly called Wiggle in the Stradbroke and it's a race I've always wanted to win," Smith said.

"I was hoping this race would make him exempt for the Stradbroke but unfortunately it's not so I'm just hoping he can sneak into it.

"He reminds me a lot of that grey horse Linton (Galileo) who flashed home along the fence to win the Stradbroke a few years ago."

As a three-year-old Order Again won the Grand Prix on a heavy track at Eagle Farm when the surface attracted a barrage of criticism which forced its closure to undergo another renovation.

"A lot of horses had trouble on the track that day and he staggered when he came in after the race but he's come

back and redeemed himself at Eagle Farm," he said.

Order Again was rated a \$101 chance in the Stradbroke but his priced has been trimmed to \$51 by TAB Fixed Odds.

-AAP



Order Again races past Tom Melbourne (Grant Peters)





RHAEGAR UPSETS IN ELLERSLIE TWO-YEAR-OLD FEATURE



Rhaegar defeats stablemate Long Jack at Ellerslie (Trish Dunell)

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable were expected to play a prominent role in Saturday's Listed Piazza D'Oro Auckland Futurity Stakes (1400m) at Ellerslie, with five runners down to contest the two-year-old feature.

Whilst the pair ultimately provided the quinella in the event it was the little-fancied **Rhaegar** (Pluck) who upset the appiecart when he downed well-favoured stablemate Long Jack (So You Think) at odds of better than \$30 on the tote.

Having finished well back in his first two raceday starts, Rhaegar had indicated the penny may have dropped with a stylish win over 850m at the Waipa trials on Monday. Taking

confidence from the run, the Pluck gelding travelled easily in midfield for rider Michael McNab as pacemakers King Midas (NZ) (Burgundy) and All The Rage (NZ) (Duelled) set a solid tempo up front.

McNab angled the rangy customer into a challenging position approaching the home corner before making his bid with 300m to run. Rhaegar quickly put paid to third favourite Jennifer Eccles (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) before holding out the stern challenge of Long Jack in the closing stages to win by a neck at the post.

Baker admitted the winner had left he and his co-trainer

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Andrew Forsman scratching their heads at times with him.

“Rhaegar always shown plenty but he’s been the most difficult and disappointing horse on raceday,” he said.

“We put blinkers on him and took him to the trials last Monday where he won from the back.

“We had to get him to run genuinely as he was very disappointing and we were scratching our heads as he had shown plenty on the track.

“It was a very good win today.

“The second horse (Long Jack) is a seriously good horse, he got home well and is a good three-year-old in the making.

“I think they both should have good futures.”

McNab was confident of a good run once he saw the trial win by his mount.

“Just shows how good Murray (Baker) is eh,” he said.

“He trialled really good on Monday and Murray said it had just been the heavy track (at his last start) and when he trialled good with the blinkers on, I just had to steer him around.

“He did everything spot on and he did it easy as he was coasting the last bit.

“He was strong and hard to pull up so going forward to his three-year-old (season) he has a bit of upside.”

Rhaegar is out of the Australian bred mare Grand Lady, who is a half-sister to Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) winner Rena’s Lady and was a \$60,000 purchase by Forsman from the Lansdowne Park draft during the Book 2 session at the 2018 National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

Like star former stablemate Jon Snow, Rhaegar is named after a character in the hit series Game Of Thrones, and is raced by the Rhaegar Syndicate that includes Jon Snow’s owners, the Zame family, along with Forsman and his parents.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC ARC Auckland Futurity S. L 1400m
Winner	Rhaegar (AUS) 2016
Owners	The Rhaegar Syndicate
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pluck (USA) out of Grand Lady (AUS) by Grandera (IRE)
Breeder	Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd
Sales	2018 National Yearling Sale – Book 2 V: Lansdowne Park \$60,000 P: AC Forsman



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QUEENSLAND DERBY FAVOURITE ON TRACK FOR GROUP 1

Nobu (NZ) (Reliable Man) confirmed his status as the horse to beat in the Queensland Derby next month and showed his fighting qualities to make it back-to-back wins at Randwick on Saturday.

Chris Waller's progressive stayer knuckled down late to edge out Derby rival Carif (So You Think) by a nose in the Mizuno Benchmark 74 Handicap (2000m), with Think It Over (So You Think) 2-3/4 lengths back in third.

"He's really turned into a professional," Waller's racing manager Charlie Duckworth said.

"He had to dig deep to attack the horse that was all but home. He is obviously a very fit horse heading into a Derby.

"Hopefully he can win a Group I for some really famous owners."

Nobu firmed from \$6 to \$4.50 favourite in the TAB's Derby market after the win.

Jockey Jason Collett earned his cheque after getting the best out of Waller's son of Reliable Man in a desperate run to the line.

Carif laid out twice in the straight, but Nobu balanced up in time to get up in his final strides.

"I think if we had to go to the stewards we may have got up anyway but it was a good determined effort," Collett said.

"He copped two decent pieces of interference late but he kept coming."

Nobu has finished no worse than



Nobu remains the horse to beat in the Gr.1 Queensland Derby next month (Bradley Photography)

second in three runs since making a failed New Zealand Derby bid earlier this year.

Duckworth was happy to put a line through his Derby run on the other side of the Tasman, but had no doubt Nobu had benefited from the overseas experience.

"He came back from New Zealand a different horse," Duckworth said.

"I don't know if it's because he had a visitors passage in the Derby but I think it made a bit of a man of him.

"He used to half suck back out of runs and not be that game, but now he is in for a dog fight and he loves it."

Josh Parr admitted Carif was his own worst enemy in the straight.

"He threw it away," he said.

"He hit the front and didn't know how to go on with it but he's a nice horse in the making."

Carif, trained by Peter and Paul Snowden, is an \$8 second favourite for the Derby, which will be held at Eagle Farm on June 8. -racenet

Race	ATC Mizuno H. 2000m
Winner	Nobu (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mr MJ Wyborn, Mrs C Wyborn, M RR Peel-Walker
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Reliable Man (GB) out of Royal Prize by Prized (USA)
Breeder	The Whitby Bloodstock Trust
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$250000 P: Mulcaster B/stock



Sweynesse is a chip off the old block

Darren Beadman

Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.



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WENTWOOD GRANGE-BREDS FIRE AT RANDWICK

The Hawkins family's Wentwood Grange in Cambridge enjoyed a winning double at Randwick on Saturday as a vendor and a breeder.

Early in the day the Matthew Dunn-trained **Lifesaver (NZ)** (Helmet) held on to win the TAB Highway Handicap (1000m) to take his career wins to four from fourteen.

Lifesaver hadn't been seen at the races since December and the win impressed jockey Joshua Parr.

"He's a little beauty, a good fresh horse."

The five-year-old was bred under the Wentwood Grange breeding banner of the Llanhennock Trust.

Later in the day Kolding (NZ) (Ocean Park) impressed

winning the Candana Bathroom Ware Handicap (1500m).

Trained by ex-pat Kiwi, Chris Waller, Kolding enjoyed the run of the race before being asked to sprint by jockey Jason Collett.

"He's a nice horse going forward and the mile won't be a problem," Collett said.

The win was the three-year-old's third in a row and was in track record time of 1.27.77.

Kolding was bred by Wentwood in partnership with Warren Pegg and sold at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling sale where he took the eye of astute

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Kolding races away to win in track record time at Randwick (Bradley Photography)





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bloodstock agent Guy Mulcaster who secured him for \$170,000.

The victory of Kolding continued the exceptional form of his Waikato Stud sire Ocean Park, who was also the sire of Wentwood Grange-bred midweek Sydney winner Savigne (NZ).

In addition to Kolding, Ocean Park was represented by Flemington winner Fabric (NZ) on Saturday, while Star of the Seas (NZ), Owen Patrick (NZ), Whale Song (NZ), Navarro Lad (NZ), Loved One (NZ) and Okotoks (NZ) and the aforementioned Savigne (NZ) are all winners in the past eight days.

Race	TAB Highway H. 1000m.
Winner	Lifesaver (NZ) 2013 by Helmet
Owners	Ms KL Dunn, Mr GJ Frazer, Mrs MA Frazer, Mr NV Schmidt, Mrs HJ Schmidt, Mrs JM Sheahan, Miss CE Sheahan, Mr TRR Sheahan, Mr PL Mills, Mr BJ Gibson, Mr L Polglase, Mr DA Quinn, Mr CA Singleton, Dr RK Sheahan, Mr RL Deeb, Mr GW Greedy, The Silverays
Trainer	Matthew Dunn (Murwillumbah)
Breeding	by Helmet (AUS) out of Storm Fronts (AUS) by Hurricane Sky (AUS)
Breeder	Llanhenock Trust

Race	ATC Candana Bathroom Ware H. 1500m
Winner	Kolding (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mr N Morgan
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Ocean Park out of Magic Star (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)
Breeder	W Pegg
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier V: Wentwood Grange \$170000 P: Mulcaster B/stock





COMEBACK MAKES IT FIVE IN A ROW

The winning roll for impressive four-year-old **Comeback (NZ)** (Makfi) continued at Trentham on Saturday when he made it five wins in a row with a gritty performance to take out the Roaring Lion North Island Challenge Stakes (1400m).

Prepared at Tuhikaramea by Graeme, Debbie and Bailey Rogerson, the Makfi gelding won his first race back in May 2018 and has now saluted the judge on a further seven occasions in his 22-start career.

Raced by Westbury Stud boss Gerry Harvey, under his NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd banner, Comeback really hit his straps when successful at Trentham back in March and has remained unbeaten in his four runs since then.

Saturday's open 1400m contest on a Heavy 10 surface was his biggest test to date under the steadier of 59.5kgs and he passed with flying colours after sitting outside the pace throughout before surging to the front early in the run home.

Rider Johnathan Parkes asked Comeback for a serious effort at the 150m and he responded under hard riding to keep the challenges of top racemares Art Deco (NZ) (Road to Rock) and Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Sense) at bay by half a length at the winning post.

Parkes admitted he was feeling confident as he paraded with his mount behind the starting gates before the race.

"He was pretty bouncy around behind the start so he's done very well since I last rode him at New Plymouth," Parkes said.

"I thought he was on his game and he began a little bit better today, so the idea was always to ride him forward with the 59.5kgs and keep him rolling.

"He always seemed to be travelling well and when I gave him a dig, he kept on grabbing the bridle underneath me, which was an indication he was going pretty well.

"He probably got there a little but soon but with the 59.5kgs he was pretty gutsy.

"He's got a real will to win and it is

a good effort to rack up five wins in a row."

Race favourite Art Deco put in her usual honest performance at just her second run in her current campaign while 2017 Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1400m) winner Sensible Princess caught the eye with a powerful closing run in her first start since November last year.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Roaring Lion North Island H. 1400m
Winner	Comeback (NZ) 2014
Owners	NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Team Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Intelligentsia (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey



Comeback and Johnathan Parkes are at full stretch to hold out Art Deco at Trentham (Race Images – Grant Matthew)





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DEERFIELD TOO SLICK FROM IN FRONT AT TRENTHAM

Underrated galloper **Deerfield (NZ)** (Falkirk) provided Chrissy Bambrly with the biggest victory of her fledgling training career with a slick all-the-way victory in the Hanley Formula Autumn Sprint Championship Final (1200m) at Trentham.

Bambrly, who only commenced training in her own right this season after spending time in partnership with her father Tony, took over the preparation of Deerfield after the five-year-old spent his early years in the care of Alex Oliveira at Cambridge.

The Falkirk gelding opened his account for Bambrly at just his second start before adding a second victory to his career stats at his next run. Two mediocre performances followed before a last-start second at Woodville earlier this month indicated he was back to his best for Saturday's assignment.

Sent to the front by rider Robbie Hannam, Deerfield cruised along nicely on the testing Trentham surface before angling towards the outside fence as the field made their way into the home straight. Challenged hotly by race favourite London Express (NZ) (Shamxpress) and northern visitor Malambo (NZ) (Duelled), Deerfield found a good kick to keep his challengers at bay before extending his winning margin to just under two lengths at the line.

Bambrly's father Tony was quick to sing his daughter's praises as he waited



Robbie Hannam is a study in concentration as he guides Deerfield to victory at Trentham (Race Images – Grant Matthew)

for Hannam to bring Deerfield back to the Trentham winner's enclosure.

"Chrissy has done a great job with this horse as he came to us with a lot of problems," he said.

"She's put a lot of work into him and he's really responded to all the massage and the hours she has spent with him.

"Robbie (Hannam) suits him as he was just a bit underdone when he rode him last time at Woodville.

"He got picked up late then but not today as we got a bit of extra work into him."

Deerfield is the seventh foal of the Dennis Brothers outstanding broodmare The Dazzler (NZ) (Centaine) and is the younger sibling of multiple

stakes winner, The Solitaire (NZ) (O'Reilly) who finished third in the 2014 Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m). He is also from the extended family of Group One winners, The Jewel (NZ) (O'Reilly) and La Bella Diosa (NZ) (So You Think).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Hanley Formula Championship H. 1200m
Winner	Deerfield (NZ) 2013
Owners	TM Racing
Trainer	Chrissy Bambrly (Foxton)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of The Dazzler by Centaine (AUS)
Breeder	A G; K J; M C & P R Dennis
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale V: Phoenix Park \$80,000 P: Tartan Meadow Bloodstock





CENTURION BATTLES HIS WAY TO THIRD WIN

Consistent galloper **Centurion (NZ)** (Zed) overcame a wide trip to poke his head in front where it mattered the most in the \$50,000 Stepitup 2015 Stakes, a Class 4 Division 1 race over 1600m on Saturday.

Well ridden by two-time Singapore champion apprentice jockey Wong Chin Chuen, Centurion looked to be travelling within his own steam despite being trapped four deep for most of the way.

His backers probably thought his task would be even more arduous when race-leader Lim's Passion seemed to have given them the slip at the 600m.

Centurion launched but was not pulling off much ground until Don De La Vega came rattling home on the outside. Almost in tandem, they homed in on Lim's Passion, sailing past close home to finish locked together on the line, with the photo print giving the nod to Centurion on the inside by a head.

Lim's Passion ran third another half-a-length away. The winning time was 1min 35.4secs for the 1600m on the Short Course.

Tan said he was not too concerned when Wong had his ward out on a limb punching the breeze, but the doubts did set in a little when he saw Lim's Passion so far ahead.

"Lim's Passion was too far in front. He had to make a move," said the Penang-born handler.

"The problem with him is when he gets to the front, he idles. Luckily, Don De La Vega attacked the line at the same time, that got him going all the way.

"He's on an upward curve. He is looking for further, up to 1 ¼ miles."

Wong said the awareness of his mount's stamina coupled with his short burst kept his confidence at a fairly high level throughout the race.

"Today he was quick out of the gates. He was three wide but he was all right as I know he can stay," said Wong.

"He's a horse who doesn't have a big turn of foot. I just had to keep him close enough to the speed.

"He's a horse who will stay, he can go further than a mile."

With that third win from 14 starts, the four-year-old son of Zed has now taken his stakes earnings over the \$100,000 mark for the Derby Stable.

-STC

Race	Singapore TC Stepitup S. 1600m
Winner	Centurion (NZ) 2014
Owners	Derby Stable
Trainer	Tah Kah Soon (Kranji)
Breeding	by Zed out of Taupaki Flight by British Banker (CAN)
Breeder	G P Boland



Centurion (shadow roll) gets up from Don De La Vega and Lim's Passion (obscured) in Race 4. (Singapore Turf Club)





BIRAZ JUST LOVES THE KRANJI MILE NIGHT

Biraz (NZ) (Per Incanto) is one horse who seems to know when to rise to the occasion.

Last year, shortly after a stable transfer, he scored his first win for trainer Daniel Maegher on Kranji Mile day in a Class 3 race over 1200m.

The Per Incanto six-year-old has mixed his form a little since, but he did show a form revival at his last couple, landing a Kranji Stakes C race over 1200m two starts back on March 24.

But the Al-Arabiya Stable-owned sprinter was probably waiting for that auspicious May meeting to come up roses again.

Ridden by up-and-coming apprentice jockey Riduan Abu Bakar, Biraz settled into the box-seat in the \$70,000 Korea Racing Authority Trophy, by coincidence also a Class 3 race over 1200m.

The moment the bunny Justice Light wobbled out of the race at the top of the straight, a wide-open passage presented itself to Biraz who needed no second invitation.

Biraz immediately put a space of two lengths on the chasing pack. By the 100m, he looked well clear, but Star Emperor and Heliosphere were making it interesting with their late challenges.

It proved too little too late, though, with Biraz saluting for the second time on the undercard of Kranji Mile evening, with half-a-length to spare from Star Emperor with Heliosphere third another head away.

The winning time was 1min 9.66secs for the 1200m on the Short



Biraz off to a smart win in the Korean Racing Authority Trophy (Singapore Turf Club)

Course.

"He won this time last year, he's a good genuine horse," said Maegher.

"I didn't tell the kid how to ride him, I don't like to tie my riders down with instructions, just ride him where he is happy, ride him where he finds him.

"It's good to win for Mansoor (Gandhi, Al-Arabiya Stable's owner). He's been a good supporter of mine.

"It's also a good team effort as I was away for 12 days for dad's Australian Hall of Fame induction.

"It's a matter of putting him in the right race. He won good today and I think he may win a Class 2 with no weight."

Riduan, who was returning from a careless riding ban, was delighted with the winning comeback.

"The horse (Biraz) was flying. He

changed through his gears good," said the four-kilo claiming New Zealand-trained Kelantan-born rider.

"I was behind the leader and coming into the straight, I woke him up and he was too good."

Biraz has now established a handy record of three wins, four seconds and one win from 20 starts for prizemoney close to the \$260,000 mark for the Al-Arabiya Stable.

-STC

Race	Singapore TC Korea Racing Authority Trophy 1200m
Winner	Freddy Lad - Biraz (Sing.) (NZ) 2012
Owners	Al-Arabiya Stable
Trainer	Daniel Maegher (Kranji)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Tap 'n' Gap by Spectatorial (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs S Oomen

