

SPORT

RACE WIDE OPEN AFTER ALIBI'S DRAW

Colt to start Derby at No. 11, trainer bullish on record-chaser's chances of a sweep

Nicholas De Silva

Alibi's chance of becoming the first horse to sweep all three legs of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge was dealt a blow after yesterday's post-position draw for the \$1.15 million Singapore Derby 2017 at Chinatown Point.

Trainer Michael Clements drew barrier No. 11, which means that Alibi will start the 2,000m Group 1 race out wide in a 15-horse field.

The New Zealand-bred colt was in fine form over the first two legs, winning both the \$300,000 Stewards' Cup (1,400m) in May and \$500,000 Patron's Bowl (1,600m) the following month.

Sunday's Derby marks the final leg of the challenge, where a victory would seal Alibi's spot in the record books.

Clements acknowledged that the draw was not what he had hoped for, but played down its impact on the horse's chances.

"It is what it is. Over 2,000m, the barrier doesn't play that big a part that it might do in a shorter-distance race. The horse is doing extremely well so we'll be counting on his ability and good condition to carry him through an outside barrier," said the 51-year-old.

While this may be Alibi's first attempt over 10 furlongs, jockey Glen Boss remained confident that the distance would not cause a problem



Trainer Michael Clements drawing barrier No. 11 for Alibi at the Singapore Derby 2017 post-position draw. The colt will be seeking to pull off an unprecedented feat by becoming the first horse to win all three legs of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge. ST PHOTO: FELINE LIM

SINGAPORE DERBY 2017 POST POSITION DRAW

1. Alibi (Barrier: 11) Jockey: Glen Boss Trainer: Michael Clements
2. Infantry (6) J: Manoel Nunes T: Alwin Tan
3. Lim's Cruiser (9) J: Danny Beasley T: Stephen Gray
4. Nova Strike (12) Jockey Derreck David Trainer Alwin Tan
5. Elite Excalibur (14) J: Michael Rodd T: Clifford Brown
6. Absolute Miracle (13) J: Alan Munro T: Alwin Tan
7. Guru-Guru (2) J: Azhar Ismail T: Desmond Koh
8. Song To The Moon (15) J: Barend Vorster T: Ricardo Le Grange
9. Lim's Samurai (7) J: William Pike T: Laurie Laxon
10. Magstock (4) J: Vlad Duric T: Clifford Brown
11. Predator (1) J: John Powell T: Shane Baertschiger
12. Excellency (10) J: Nooresh Juglall T: Ricardo Le Grange
13. Mr Scorsese (3) J: Matthew Kellady T: Laurie Laxon
14. Sun Hoplites (8) J: Wong Chin Chuen T: Desmond Koh
15. Justice Fair (5) J: Oscar Chavez T: Mohd Yusof Othman

for the seven-race winner.

The Australian said: "He's an up-and-coming horse in a pretty commanding position right now. He's got such a will to win. The distance is a query, but there are a lot of the other horses who are in the same boat."

Clements agreed: "He is in the

best form of his life. If he doesn't come through, we are still proud of what he's done."

Alibi's current track record draws a parallel with War Affair in 2015.

Under local trainer Alwin Tan, War Affair breezed through the first two legs but fell just short in the Derby, finishing second.

Tan returns to the Derby this year with three horses and is banking on Infantry, who drew barrier No. 6, to deliver his first title.

"Infantry was the luckiest of the three. He won't have to do too much to jump across and hopefully, he can tuck in somewhere with cover in third or fourth position,"


said the Singapore Turf Club's reigning champion trainer.

Buoyed by the return of jockey Manoel Nunes from injury, Tan was optimistic: "Manoel knows how to ride this horse and it's good to have him back."

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Obituaries

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CHENG SWEE GAM
(CHENG SWEE HENG)
Age: 87
passed away peacefully on 5 July 2017.
Dearly missed & fondly remembered by loved ones.

Wife: Tan Ah Kam

Sons:
Albert Cheng
Peter Cheng
Tony Cheng

Daughters-in-law:
Elsie Chua
Suphaluk
Nancy Gan

Daughters:
Ann Cheng
Jenny Cheng


Sons-in-law:
John Lim
Alan Chin

Grandsons:
Augustine Lim
Nicholas Cheng
Mayor Cheng
Benedict Chin
Recardo Cheng

Granddaughters:
Janice Cheng
Natasha Cheng
Benessa Chin
Noella Cheng
Felicia Cheng
Bernadette Chin

Wake is held at
Block 146 Tampines Ave 5, S521146.
Tel: 96250262.
Cortege will leave on 9 July 2017 (Sunday)
for Mandai Crematorium for cremation.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7



CHONG POH HENG
1930 - 2017

Was gently carried Home by Jesus to be with Him
On Wednesday, 5th July 2017. He will be dearly missed
and fondly remembered by loved ones. He leaves behind:

Wife : Goh Siew Cheng
Daughter : Daisy Chong

Wake on: Thursday, 6th July 2017 at 8.00 pm
at 1, Jalan Jarak, Singapore 809169.

Cortege will leave on Friday, 7th July 2017 at 9.00 am
for service at St. Peter's Church, 1 Tavistock Avenue,
Singapore 555104 at 11.00 am and thereafter to
Mandai Crematorium, Hall 4 for Cremation at 12.30 pm.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want ...
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23



Lim Ah Soe @ Lim Kuei Lang
Age: 84

was called home to be with the Lord on 5 July 2017,
dearly missed and fondly remembered by loved ones.

Son : Lim Tow Leong, Albert
Daughter-in-law : Poo Lay Hoon, Michele

Grandchildren :
Elijah Lim Esther Lim

Wake at Blk 208, Serangoon Central S 550208
Night service will be held on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 8pm.

Funeral service on Friday 7 July 2017 at 3.15pm and
thereafter cortege leaves for
Mandai Crematorium Hall 1 for cremation at 4.15pm.

"The Lord is my Sheperd, there is nothing I shall want.
Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow
me all the days in my life and I shall dwell
in the house of the Lord my whole life long."
Palsm 23 : 1 & 6



MAGNESS MARIE THERESA
(Auntie Tess)
Age: 84

was called to the house of the Lord on 4 July 2017.
Dearly missed by all her loved ones
and forever remembered by

Husband, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters,
brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces,
relatives and all friends.

Wake is held at St. Stephen's Church,
30 Sallim Road, prayer room 1.
Prayers nightly at 8pm.


Cortege leaves on 7 July 2017 (Friday) for
funeral Mass at 3.30pm at Church of Our Lady
Star of The Sea, No. 10 Yishun Street 22
Singapore 768579 and thereafter, cortege leaves
for Mandai Crematorium Hall 3 for
cremation at 5.15pm.



Chan Sing Chun, 85
Maths Teacher
Outram Sec Sch (1961-1987)

Wake at St Stephen's Church, 30 Sallim Road,
Singapore 387639.
Cortege leaves on Thursday 6 July 2017 at 4.00pm for
Mandai Crematorium Hall 2 for cremation at 5.15pm.

"My Presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest." Ex 33:14




Joseph Agnes
Mrs Dominic
Age: 69

Was called home to be with
the Lord on 4 July 2017.
Dearly missed and fondly
remembered by loved ones.
Husband: Dominic Dorairaj
Daughter: Veronica Dominic
Son: Rev. Fr. Alphonsus Dominic
All relatives and friends.

Wake is held at
Casa Maria Nativity Church,
1259 Upper Serangoon Road,
Singapore 534795.

Nightly prayers will be held at
8pm, 9pm and 10pm.
Cortege leaves on Friday
7 July 2017 at 3pm for Mass at
Church of the Nativity of the B.V.M.
at 3.15pm, thereafter to Mandai
Crematorium Hall 2 for cremation
at 5.15pm.

In Loving Memory Of



TAN YEW SIM
Departed 6 July 2004

KOH KIM WOON
Departed 15 April 1992

Our Beloved Father and Mother

Your wonderful presence
will always remain in
our hearts and minds.
You are our light
and our strength.
As a son, a husband, a
father and grandfather
you showed us how to
have courage and live
without fear. You gave so
much and asked so little.
Thank you for being our
father. Forever grateful
and proud of you will
we always be.

Always yours now and forever
With our love always
From your loved ones



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