

## **Second heat promises to be a thriller**

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The second heat of the 2019 Malaysia 3YO Championship series to be staged in Kuala Lumpur this Sunday may have attracted only 10 entries, but it promises to be a keen contest with some very talented youngsters in the line-up, including four last-start winners.

No doubt, most eyes will be on Lonely Boy (Lethal Force - Havelovewilltravel by Holy Roman Emperor) who has won both his two starts in Malaysia thus far in very impressive manner.

Consider this, he coasted home by 2 3/4 lengths in his debut in Class 4 in March and last month, was hardly out of a canter when he went to the line 3 1/2 lengths ahead of the rest in a Class 3 handicap.

Lonely Boy has also proven himself as a juvenile in England last year when he scored over 1400m at Wolverhampton and was also placed four times in six outings. The only question mark may be the distance. He has recorded all his three wins over 1400m, will the 1200m be just a trifle too short for him?

Lonely Boy will face three other last-start winners, Forsa Eclipse, Kante and Selangor Star who have crossed path in the past.

Kante (Postponed - Strengthened by Woodman) won his debut last December, beating Forsa Eclipse into second place but for some reasons, he has not raced again since.

Forsa Eclipse (Showcasing - Miraflores by Johar) went on to win his next start in February and has also been rested since.

American-bred Selangor Star (Niagara Causeway - Juncture by El Prado) has been improving with each run. After finishing third in his debut, he ran second to Forsa Eclipse and stepped up on that run to win his next outing easily in March.

So just how will the trio measure up against each other this time, given that Kante has not raced for five months and Forsa Eclipse is resuming after a three-month break.

The other entry with a previous win is Team Winner (Husson - Romona Miss by Reset) who was also placed twice in four starts. His success, however, was noteworthy as it was achieved in a weight-for-age Novice race against older horses last October.

The gelding was then given a let-up and ran third on resuming before finishing down the field in the first heat held in Ipoh on 21 April.

King's Order (Niconoise - Miss Bambay by Danewin), who finished third in that race, is in the line-up again this Sunday.

Magic Eclipse (Rip Van Winkle) showed promise by finishing third in Open Maiden company in his debut in March and is sure to improve from the run.

Adding to the mix this Sunday are three horses who will be making their debut: Ichika Bachika, Broke In London and Gloria Maris.

The final heat of the 2019 Malaysia 3YO Championship will be held in Penang on 9 June and the Perak Turf Club will stage this year's Final with RM200,000 in prizemoney on 30 June.

For more information, please visit the respective club's websites:

<http://www.penangturfclub.com>

<http://www.selangorturfclub.com>

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