

Recently Tan Sri Dato Seri Vincent Tan brought in a couple of horses viz *Windchaser* and *Aragorn* for racing in the Malaysian circuit. Both these horses which have recently won races in Penang, will hopefully bring a touch of glamour to local racing. Malaysian racing at present is in dire need of some much needed attraction, and these two youngsters should spark some renewed interest amongst the horse racing public.

Windchaser has potential having already won 2 races. *Aragorn* which won in his 3rd start over 1200m from a wide alley is by *Manhattan Rain* which sired the 2017 winner, *She Will Reign* of the top sprint for two year olds in Australia, viz the Group 1 GOLDEN SLIPPER STAKES (AUD3,500,000).

Already arrived are two other youngsters, *Kerauno* (won 3 races in Australia costing AUD420,000 as a yearling) and *Angelfire*, both of which are expected to grace the racetracks in the coming months. Another further two more horses may be in the pipeline for Malaysian racing.

It is encouraging and heartening to see a personality like Tan Sri Dato Seri Vincent Tan, bringing in good, new horses to support local racing when the trend today is leaning towards racing ex-Singapore runners.

Hopefully, with the anticipated revised/increased stakes/incentives by Penang Turf Club, beginning 1 July 2017, more such owners will do the same.

This will ultimately lead to more competitive racing and increase public interest. At the end of the day, it's the excitement generated by new champions whether it be horses, jockeys, trainers or owners that can instill fresh enthusiasm, severely lacking in the racing public today.