



MALCOM JOHNSTON

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The brash, swaggering apprentice, won the junior title in 1974-75, took the senior title in the following season and another apprentices title in 1976-77.



His true brilliance shone through with the black gelding, Kingston Town, to-gether they barnstormed the racing scene - Johnston rode Kingston Town to twenty-five victories.

"MIRACLE" MALCOM JOHNSTON

This certificate authenticates my signature which appears on the photo. Kingston Town had his last ride in Perth 1982 won the Western Mail Classic. The end of an era!

Malcom Johnston, a naturally gifted rider, and highly competitive, was born in 1956, and grew up near Orange in Western NSW. He began his career with Theo Green, first at Rosehill and then at Randwick. He became one of the stars of Sydney racing while still an apprentice. He had his first big race at the age of 20 on Colin Hayes-trained Desirable in the 1976 VRC Lightning Handicap.

In the mid 1970's Johnston rode as stable jockey for Tommy Smith at Randwick and it was then that he began his highly successful association with Kingstown Town. In an amazing career Kingstown Town won 30 of his 41 starts with Johnston in the saddle for 25. Suspensions cost Johnston dearly, causing him to miss the winning ride in the 1981 MVRC Cox Plate to Ron Quinton and then the winning ride in the race to Peter Cook in 1982. Despite missing these events, Johnston had tremendous success on Kingstown Town. The team won six Group One races when the horse was a three-year-old: The AJC Spring Champion Stakes, The STC Rosehill Guineas, the STC Tanvred Stakes, the AJC Derby, the AJC Sydney Cup and the QTC Derby. Johnston went on to win another five Group One races aboard Kingstown Town but experienced one of his saddest moments when Gurners Lane in 1982 VRC Melbourne Cup. Johnston admitted that he had started the finishing run a little too early and that the black gelding really could have won the Cup. Apart from his wins on Kingstown Town, Johnston had also chalked up an enviable list of if big-race wins including the 1979 VATC Caulfield Cup in which, ironically, Kingstown Town, ridden by Wayne Trelaor, finished fourth. He has had great success in the AJC Epsom, too winning on three occasions— in 1979, 1989, and 1985.

Johnston won his third Sydney Jockeys' premiership in th 1986-87 season.

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