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Brown full of smiles after Corragio's win

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Trainer Cliff Brown breathed a big sigh of relief following the win of Corragio in the \$125,000 New Zealand Racing Board Kranji Stakes A over 1600m on Sunday.

After a winless April, Brown broke the duck when Dishdasha was successful on May 8, breaking a run of eights second placings in between victories.

But Brown thought the frustrating runs of second placings was set to continue after another two earlier on Sunday's programme.

However Corragio was given a gun ride by Brazilian jockey Joao Moreira to score by three-and-a-quarter lengths over Gust (Ric McMahon) with Quiero Bailar (Barend Vorster) three-quarters-of-a-length away third.

Corragio lowered the 1600m record on the short course when he stopped the clock at 1:33.6, bettering the mark of 1:34.3 set by Trigger Legacy just last month.

Brown said he decided to freshen Corragio after his sixth placing in the Group 2 Queen Elizabeth Cup II over 2000m on April 19.

"I just don't think he got the 2000m last time but I think he will in time," said Brown.

"It was a really good win and it was especially satisfying after another couple of seconds.

"We've had something like 15 or 16 second placings for the year and roughly the same number of third placings as well.

"The horses are running well and I think we were unlucky not to be celebrating a double."

Brown said he has no specific plans with Corragio but said he would keep him to 1600m races for the time being.

"I'll just have a look the programme and try and find a suitable race. He's in form and was good winning tonight."

Corragio was having his fifth start in Singapore having previously finished second on two occasions and a third before his sixth placing over 2000m in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup.