



Raunichy Roeder  
wins on the  
Kensington track at  
Royal Randwick  
yesterday. Picture:  
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## New Kenso surface rated a cut above

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HUGH Bowman said "it's up there with the best surfaces I've ever ridden on".

Nash Rawiller labelled the new Kensington surface "world class". And Jimmy Cassidy likened it to a plush golf course.

The new \$1.7 million Kensington surface certainly got a giant tick of approval from the jockeys yesterday

as Sydney's newest surface was unveiled. Bagging racetrack managers has become a bit of a past-time in this city — but it was impossible to fault 'Kenso'.

Randwick track boss Nevesh Ramdhani was arguably the happiest man on track as he watched horses come from all over to win throughout the afternoon.

"I think we're off to a great start," Ramdhani said. "It's held together well, and with the grass being as

thick as it is, the kickback you're seeing is actually grass, not soil. As we get into the summer months the grass will get thicker and more amazing."

Kensington hadn't raced since last November, with \$1.6 million spent on the new deck, and another \$100,000 on the railing.

Christian Reith became the first jockey to win on the new all-weather surface when he led all the way on well-backed favourite Leebaz.