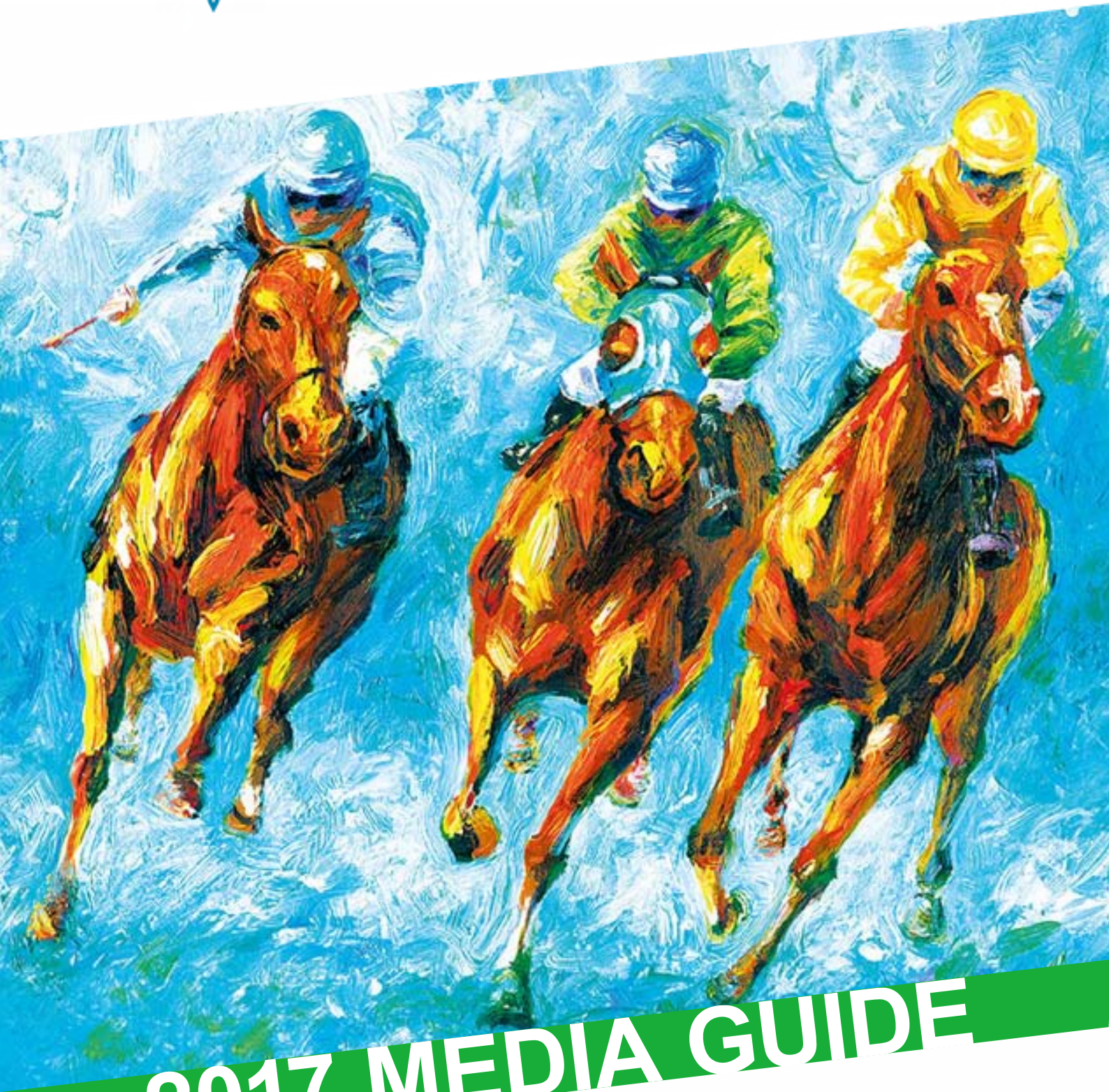




STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP



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Barrier Draw Data (Since 1995)

DRAW	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	6	1	1
2	2	1	4
3	2	1	3
4	4	3	2
5	1	3	6
6	2	6	1
7	3	4	2
8	0	2	0
9	0	0	2
10	1	0	1
11	2	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	-	-	-

Two dead-heat winners in 1995; No runner has started from Gate 14 since 1995





The Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup has a history that dates back to 1870. That original incarnation was titled the Champion Stakes and preceded the inauguration of England's Champion Stakes at Newmarket by seven years.

Sir Catchick Paul Chater, founding member and Club Chairman for 34 years from 1892, won the race five times. Upon his death in 1926 the Champion Stakes became the Chater Cup and was further retitled the Champions & Chater Cup in 1955.

The post-war years saw the contest staged over 2012m until the distance was lengthened to 2230m in 1973. In 1978 it became an 1800m event, retaining that distance when the race moved to Sha Tin the following year.

When the Hong Kong Triple Crown series was introduced in the 1991/92 season, the Champions & Chater Cup was installed as the third and final leg. It was granted HKG1 status and upped to 2200m, the purse money being HK\$2 million. The distance was increased to its current 2400m in 1995, the year that the John Moore-trained pair Makarpura Star and Survey King dead-heated for victory.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club entered into a strategic partnership with Standard Chartered (Hong Kong) Limited in the 2009/10 season and in 2015 the race attained international G1 status. Opened up to global competitors, the HK\$10 million contest ranked equal 85th in the 2015 year-end list of World's Top 100 G1 races before leaping to 30th in 2016, the third highest-ranked Hong Kong race in that list.

Notable winners of the Champions & Chater Cup include four-time champion River Verdon (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) and three-time winners Super Win (1975, 1976, 1977), Silver Lining (1978, 1979, 1981) and Viva Pataca (2006, 2007, 2009), as well as Co-Tack, Indigenous, Vengeance Of Rain, California Memory and Blazing Speed.

Past Winners (Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2016	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	7/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	SH	7/8	9.3	GF	2.26.18
2015	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Cruz	Wilson Woo, Dawson Woo & Jackson Woo	SH	1/8	7.6	GF	2.27.52
2014	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	5/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	2 1/2	5/8	25	GF	2.28.11
2013	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	7/126/g	Matthew Chadwick	Tony Cruz	Howard Liang Yum Shing	1 1/4	4/10	3.5	GF	2.26.46
2012	LIBERATOR (AUS)	4/126/g	Weichong Marwing	David Ferraris	06/07 David Ferraris Trainer Syndicate	1 1/2	1/6	12	GF	2.30.84
2011	MIGHTY HIGH (FR)	5/126/g	Darren Beadman	John Moore	Albert Hung Chao Hong	SH	3/8	1.9F	GF	2.28.34
2010	MR MEDICI (IRE)	5/126/h	Gerald Mosse	Peter Ho	Mr & Mrs Allen Shi	1 1/4	7/7	8.9	S	2.38.49
2009	VIVA PATAKA (GB)	7/126/g	Weichong Marwing	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	NK	1/8	2.7	GF	2.27.34
2008	PACKING WINNER (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Peter Ho	Lee Wan Keung	1/2	2/10	12	GF	2.27.30
2007	VIVA PATAKA (GB)	5/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3 1/4	7/7	2.5	GF	2.24.60
2006	VIVA PATAKA (GB)	4/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3/4	6/9	3.4	YS	2.29.70
2005	VENGEANCE OF RAIN (NZ)	4/126/g	Anthony Delpech	David Ferraris	Raymond Gianco Chow, et al.	1/2	4/9	1.4F	GF	2.29.90
2004	SUPER KID (NZ)	4/126/c	Shane Dye	John Size	Wong Yuk Kwan	1/2	11/13	9	GF	2.28.10
2003	PRECISION (FR)	5/126/g	Brett Prebble	David Oughton	Wu Sai Wing	1/2	10/13	20	GF	2.30.40
2002	CHEERS HONG KONG (FR)	5/126/g	David Whyte	Ivan Allan	Tuesday Club Syndicate	2 1/4	11/11	4.1	S	2.35.00
2001	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	8/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1/2	4/8	13	GF	2.28.10
2000	HOUSEMASTER (IRE)	4/126/g	Robbie Fradd	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	3/4	2/11	4.1	GF	2.27.40
1999	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	6/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	HD	6/6	4.8	GF	2.28.30
1998	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	1/2	7/7	1.2F	GF	2.31.40
1997	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	4/126/g	Alan Munro	L S Li	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	2 3/4	3/6	10	GY	2.28.20
1996	PRIVILEGE (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Peggy Kwoh So Chi	1	1/7	1.7F	F	2.26.10
1995	MAKARPURA STAR (NZ)	4/126/g	Tony Cruz	John Moore	Frank Wong Wing Pak	DH	1/10	1.4F	GY	2.30.60
	SURVEY KING (NZ)	5/126/g	Greg Childs	John Moore	Mak Kang Hoi		4/10	8.3		
1994	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	7/126/g	John Marshall	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4 1/4	1/8	1.0F	G	2.16.00
1993	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	6/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	1 3/4	5/6	1.3F	GF	2.15.80
1992	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	3	11/11	1.2F	S	2.16.20
1991	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	4/126/g	John Matthias	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4	10/12	1.6F	GF	1.48.50
1990	QUICKEN AWAY (IRE)	4/126/g	Nigel Tiley	Peter Ho	Lo Sing Pui	1	1/14	1.8F	S	1.51.30
1989	SAN DOMENICO (GB)	4/126/c	Paul Robinson	David Oughton	J L C Pearce	3	5/12	4.3	Y	1.55.70
1988	TOP GRADE (NZ)	6/126/h	P H Chan	Eddie Lo	Cheng Yu Tung	HD	8/13	8.1	GY	1.49.40
1987	FLYING DANCER (NZ)	4/126/g	Bartie Leisher	Brian Kan	Lim Por Yen	2	1/11	7.4	G	1.49.10
1986	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	7/126/g	Edward Hide	Eddie Lo	Dr Douglas Liang	SH	5/13	24	Y	1.51.20
1985	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	6/126/g	Gary Moore	Derek Cheng	Dr Douglas Liang	1 3/4	8/8	4.8	S	1.51.40

*Previously an Open race, it was promoted to HKG1 in 1992, and to G1 in 2015.

Race distance was 1800m from 1985 until it was changed to about 1900m in 1989, 1800m in 1990 & 1991, 2200m in 1992, and 2400m since 1995.



Tony Cruz's Blazing Speed has long been one of the standard-bearers among Hong Kong's middle distance division, but a second win in the G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) added a flourish to his long and storied career.

It was no small task, either. Facing Blazing Speed were two former Horses of the Year, John Moore-trained Designs On Rome and Caspar Fownes' Military Attack, as well as BMW Hong Kong Derby 1-2-3, Moore's runaway APQE II Cup winner Werther joined by stablemate Victory Magic and Paul O'Sullivan's Giovanni Canaletto. Completing the line-up were the last two winners of the HKG3 Queen Mother Memorial Cup over the same course and distance, Moore-trained Helene Happy Star and Richard Gibson's Ambitious Champion.

A moderate tempo was set by Helene Happy Star under Karis Teetan, with Ambitious Champion stalking in second. Coming to the turn, Helene Happy Star kicked, but he was quickly joined by Blazing Speed and Werther, with Victory Magic making ground down the outside. This set the stage for a thrilling heads-up, heads-down battle to the wire, with Neil Callan timing his bob just right to overcome Victory Magic, with Werther third.

"It was a thrilling finish. So close – I was screaming!" said Cruz, while Callan added: "It was a toss of a coin. I asked Zac (Purton, on Victory Magic) when we went past the line, I said, 'Did I hold on?' and he said 'I don't know'. I was gritting my teeth but I always had in the back of my mind that the horse was going to give me enough to win and he did."

Purse: HK\$10,000,000

Going: Good to firm

Distance: 2400m

Winning Time: 2m 26.18s

Status: Group 1

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1st	BLAZING SPEED	7	126	Tony Cruz	Neil Callan	7		9.3
2nd	VICTORY MAGIC	4	126	John Moore	Zac Purton	4	SH	7.1
3rd	WERTHER	4	126	John Moore	Hugh Bowman	2	SH	1.7F
4th	DESIGNS ON ROME	6	126	John Moore	Joao Moreira	5	1.25	6.5
5th	HELENE HAPPY STAR	5	126	John Moore	Karis Teetan	3	1.5	13
6th	AMBITIOUS CHAMPION	6	126	Richard Gibson	Chad Schofield	6	4	20
7th	MILITARY ATTACK	8	126	Caspar Fownes	Nash Rawiller	8	4	29
8th	GIOVANNI CANALETTO	4	126	Paul O'Sullivan	Opie Bosson	1	6	15

First Four With Sire (Since 2008)

2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	VICTORY MAGIC (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)
3rd	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
4th	DESIGNS ON ROME (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	WAR FRONT (USA)
2nd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
3rd	HELENE HAPPY STAR (IRE)	ZAMINDAR (USA)
4th	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)

2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	DIBAYANI (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
4th	BUBBLE CHIC (FR)	CHICHICASTENANGO (FR)

2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
2nd	WILLIE CAZALS (IRE)	AUSSIE RULES (USA)
3rd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
4th	IRIAN (GER)	TERTULLIAN (USA)

2012

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	LIBERATOR (AUS)	ENCOSTA DE LAGO (AUS)
2nd	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	PINS (AUS)
3rd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
4th	IRIAN (GER)	TERTULLIAN (USA)

2011

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	MIGHTY HIGH (FR)	PEINTRE CELEBRE (USA)
2nd	MR MEDICI (IRE)	MEDICEAN (GB)
3rd	VIVA PATACA (GB)	MARJU (IRE)
4th	LET ME HANDLE IT (NZ)	HIGH CHAPARRAL (IRE)

2010

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	MR MEDICI (IRE)	MEDICEAN (GB)
2nd	SUPER PISTACHIO (IRE)	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)
3rd	VIVA PATACA (GB)	MARJU (IRE)
4th	PACKING WINNER (NZ)	ZABEEL (NZ)

2009

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	VIVA PATACA (GB)	MARJU (IRE)
2nd	THUMBS UP (NZ)	SHINKO KING (IRE)
3rd	COLLECTION (IRE)	PEINTRE CELEBRE (USA)
4th	MR MEDICI (IRE)	MEDICEAN (GB)

2008

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PACKING WINNER (NZ)	ZABEEL (NZ)
2nd	VIVA PATACA (GB)	MARJU (IRE)
3rd	WIN PRACTITIONER (NZ)	O'REILLY (NZ)
4th	VIVA MACAU (FR)	SENDAWAR (IRE)