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# STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP

MAY 26 SHA TIN



# MEDIA GUIDE

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# BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 1995)

DRAW	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	7	2	1
2	3	1	4
3	2	1	3
4	4	3	2
5	1	4	7
6	2	6	1
7	3	4	3
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

# RACE HISTORY

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 Bank (Hong Kong) Limited in the 2009/10 season and in 2015 the race attained international G1 status, with its prize money increased to HK\$10 million. The race was ranked equal 76th in the World's Top 100 Group 1 Races in 2018.

Notable winners of the Champions & Chater Cup include four-time champion River Verdon (1991-1994) and three-time winners Super Win (1975-1977), Silver Lining (1978, 1979, 1981) and Viva Pataca (2006, 2007, 2009), as well as Co-Tack, Indigenous, Vengeance Of Rain, California Memory, Werther, and last year's winner Pakistan Star.



# PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2018	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	5/126/g	Tommy Berry	Tony Cruz	Kerm Din	1 3/4	2/5	1.7F	GF	2.27.42
2017	WERTHER (NZ)	5/126/g	Hugh Bowman	John Moore	Johnson Chen	3	1/7	3	GF	2.29.26
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 PATACA (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 PATACA (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 PATACA (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) SURVEY KING (NZ)	4/126/g 5/126/g	Tony Cruz Greg Childs	John Moore John Moore	Frank Wong Wing Pak Mak Kang Hoi	DH	1/10 4/10	1.4F 8.3	GY	2.30.60
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 in 1995.

# LAST YEAR'S RACE

After a roof-raising breakthrough Group 1 win in the previous month's G1 QEII Cup (2000m), Pakistan Star aimed to prove that success was no fluke. The Shamardal gelding was upped to a mile and a half for the first time and seemed to relish every step under Tommy Berry, a first-time partner. The Australian jockey had endured a tough season as John Moore's retained rider in a rare lean campaign for the stable, but Pakistan Star provided a late-season sweetener with a brilliant win. Trainer Tony Cruz's charge was sharp from the gate and keen to get on with things through the first half-furlong but Berry soon restrained the Hong Kong International Sale graduate and relaxed him into a tracking second of five behind stablemate Exultant.

Exultant opened a gap on his rivals exiting the back straight but Pakistan Star had that move covered, regaining ground and looming ominously off the turn in the middle of a trio that also featured the wide-challenging Eagle Way. Pakistan Star cruised to the lead as his nearest rivals struggled to match his pace, and, when Berry shook the reins at the 300m point, owner Kerm Din's five-year-old quickened ahead. The dour Exultant chased gamely, keeping tabs at a respectful distance but unable to trouble the victor.

Berry said: "There were no worries today. I was pretty happy 20 metres after the barriers because he's been known, especially in his trials, to jump out and want to get a little bit keen with some good early speed. He dropped the bridle for me and I was able to bring him back and settle him behind Exultant. He switched off well the whole way."

Cruz said. "He's always been a horse – in his training, trials and races – who has needed a target to run at. I was worried when Time Warp (front-runner and stablemate) came out of the race because I thought he might need to end up on the lead, but Exultant had showed last time that he could race forward and so he was able to go out and take it up. Today, everything worked out according to plan."

**Purse:** HK\$10,000,000

**Going:** Good to Firm

**Distance:** 2400m

**Winning Time:** 2m 27.42s

**Status:** Group 1

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1st	Pakistan Star	5	126	Tony Cruz	Tommy Berry	2	-	1.7F
2nd	Exultant	4	126	Tony Cruz	Brett Prebble	1	1.75	3.4
3rd	Gold Mount	5	126	Tony Cruz	Alberto Sanna	5	4.5	6.8
4th	Eagle Way	5	126	John Moore	Joao Moreira	3	5.5	10
5th	Chemical Charge	6	126	Ralph Beckett	Oisin Murphy	4	8.5	12

# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2011)



## 2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
3rd	GOLD MOUNT (GB)	EXCELLENT ART (GB)
4th	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)

## 2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
2nd	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
3rd	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)
4th	HELENE CHARISMA (FR)	AIR CHIEF MARSHAL (IRE)

## 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)

# LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 1995)

YEAR	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2400
2018	26.77	51.72	1.17.49	1.42.93	2.05.68	2.27.42
2017	26.77	52.67	1.18.21	1.43.40	2.06.89	2.29.26
2016	25.32	49.69	1.14.71	1.39.08	2.02.31	2.26.18
2015	25.28	49.68	1.15.08	1.40.44	2.04.24	2.27.52
2014	25.59	50.21	1.16.16	1.41.83	2.05.49	2.28.11
2013	25.12	48.93	1.14.85	1.39.58	2.02.86	2.26.46
2012	25.94	51.75	1.18.63	1.45.32	2.07.77	2.30.84
2011	25.05	48.46	1.14.35	1.39.54	2.04.12	2.28.34
2010	26.03	51.48	1.18.89	1.47.81	2.14.31	2.38.49
2009	24.84	48.95	1.14.28	1.39.06	2.03.76	2.27.34
2008	25.00	48.60	1.14.80	1.40.30	2.04.00	2.27.30
2007	25.40	48.60	1.13.20	1.37.70	2.01.70	2.24.60
2006	25.00	48.80	1.14.50	1.39.90	2.04.40	2.29.70
2005	25.50	50.50	1.16.60	1.42.00	2.05.70	2.29.90
2004	25.80	49.90	1.14.90	1.40.50	2.05.20	2.28.10
2003	26.80	52.30	1.18.10	1.43.00	2.07.00	2.30.40
2002	26.40	52.60	1.18.80	1.45.00	2.10.40	2.35.00
2001	25.60	48.90	1.13.80	1.39.30	2.04.90	2.28.10
2000	24.70	48.10	1.13.00	1.38.30	2.03.30	2.27.40
1999	26.10	49.90	1.14.80	1.39.80	2.05.00	2.28.30
1998	28.30	55.20	1.20.60	1.45.00	2.08.40	2.31.40
1997	24.90	48.00	1.12.80	1.38.50	2.03.70	2.28.20
1996	24.90	49.40	1.13.70	1.38.40	2.02.80	2.26.10
1995	25.80	50.10	1.16.30	1.42.60	2.06.60	2.30.60



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