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QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP



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RACE HISTORY

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup started out as the Queen's Silver Jubilee Challenge Cup, a 2230m handicap staged at Happy Valley in 1977 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. The distance and class of the race changed many times throughout the first 20 years until in 1997 it became a mile contest. In 2000, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup ("Challenge" was dropped from the race title in 1989) was upgraded to HKG3 level; two years later the contest achieved HKG2 status and in 2006 it was further upgraded to HKG1 level. The race distance was shortened to the current distance of 1400m in 2005. The race was upgraded to Group 1 status in 2014/15.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup is now the second leg of the Hong Kong Speed Series, falling between the G1 Centenary Sprint Cup (first leg - 1200m) and G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize (final leg - 1200m). Able Friend produced a sensational win in this race in 2015 that placed the brilliant chestnut at the top of the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings. Beauty Generation, Hong Kong's Horse of the Year in 2017/18 & 2018/19, completed an unprecedented hat-trick three years in a row (2018, 2019 and 2020). Other past winners of the race include standout champions Ambitious Dragon, Lucky Nine, Good Ba Ba, Electronic Unicorn, Wellington, Lucky Sweynesse, California Spangle and the great Silent Witness, who notched his record 17th consecutive career win in this race in 2005. The race's prize money has been increased to the current level of HK\$13 million in 2024.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup was ranked equal 79th in the list of World's Top 100 G1 races in 2024.



PAST WINNERS

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2024	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE(IRE)	6/126/g	Brenton Avdulla	Tony Cruz	The Executors of the Estate of the late Howard Liang Yum Shing	1	3/10	11	G	1:22.18
2023	LUCKY SWEYNESSE (NZ)	4/126/g	James McDonald	Manfred Man	Cheng Ming Leung, Cheng Yu Tung, Cheng Mei Mei & Cheng Yu Wai	1-1/4	4/5	2.6	G	1:21.12
2022	WELLINGTON (AUS)	5/126/g	Alexis Badel	Richard Gibson	Mr & Mrs Michael Cheng and Jeffrey Cheng	3/4	1/8	6.6	GY	1:23.53
2021	WAIKUKU (IRE)	6/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting	1-1/4	6/9	2.1F	G	1:20.78
2020	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	John Moore	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen	1/2	3/7	1.6F	G	1:21.64
2019	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	John Moore	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen	1-3/4	8/10	1.2F	G	1:21.03
2018	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	5/126/g	Zac Purton	John Moore	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen	HD	7/11	4.9	G	1:20.86
2017	HELENE PARAGON (FR)	5/126/h	Tommy Berry	John Moore	Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson Woo, et al.	3/4	8/8	6	G	1:21.31
2016	CONTENTMENT (AUS)	5/126/g	Brett Prebble	John Size	Benson Lo Tak Wing	1-3/4	7/9	3.8	G	1:21.24
2015	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Moore	Dr & Mrs Cornel Li Fook Kwan	2-1/4	5/11	1.3F	G	1:21.10
2014	GOLD-FUN (IRE)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Richard Gibson	Pan Sutong	1/2	9/11	2.6F	G	1:21.85
2013	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	Tony Millard	Johnsom Lam & Anderson Lam	2-1/2	8/9	3.1	GF	1:20.63
2012	LUCKY NINE (IRE)	5/126/g	Brett Prebble	Caspar Fownes	Dr Chang Fuk To & Maria Chang	HD	1/11	2.2F	G	1:21.30
2011	BEAUTY FLASH (NZ)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	Tony Cruz	Kwok Siu Ming	1/2	10/10	4.2	G	1:21.74
2010	HAPPY ZERO (AUS)	5/126/g	Darren Beadman	John Moore	David Philip Boehm	SH	7/8	1.8F	G	1:21.83
2009	EGYPTIAN RA (NZ)	7/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Tony Cruz	Cheng Keung Fai	3/4	6/13	18	G	1:21.01
2008	GOOD BA BA (USA)	6/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	Andreas Schutz	John Yuen Se Kit	1/2	11/12	3.8	G	1:21.30
2007	JOYFUL WINNER (AUS)	6/126/g	Gerald Mosse	John Moore	Kong Kin Kuen	1-1/4	1/10	2.4F	GF	1:20.90
2006	JOYFUL WINNER (AUS)	5/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	John Moore	Kong Kin Kuen	1/2	8/8	1.7F	GF	1:21.60
2005	SILENT WITNESS (AUS)	5/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Tony Cruz	Arthur Antonio da Silva & Betty de Silva	1-3/4	1/11	1.0F	GF	1:21.80
2004	ELECTRONIC UNICORN (USA)	8/126/g	Robbie Fradd	John Size	Lo Ying Bin	1/2	2/10	1.7F	G	1:36.70
2003	HO CHOI (GB)	4/126/g	Weichong Marwing	Ivan Allan	Ma Ching Fat	1-1/4	3/14	7.9	G	1:36.30
2002	GOGGLES (IRE)	4/126/g	Anton Marcus	John Moore	Matthew Wong Leung Pak	3/4	5/11	4.8	H	1:39.50
2001	MAN OF HONOUR (IRE)	6/126/g	Howard Cheng	Ivan Allan	Jerry Sung & Dora Sung	5	7/14	18	GY	1:36.30
2000	MAN OF HONOUR (IRE)	5/126/g	Eric Legrix	Ivan Allan	Jerry Sung & Dora Sung	NK	13/13	31	GF	1:34.10
1999	HUNTING LAD (USA)	5/126/g	Robbie Fradd	David Hayes	Friendship Syndicate	2-1/4	9/11	7.3	GF	1:34.90
1998	BILLION WIN (AUS)	3/123/g	Douglas Whyte	Ivan Allan	C K Hui	3/4	4/12	2.0F	GF	1:35.60
1997	BENJI (USA)	5/126/g	Eric Legrix	Patrick Biancone	Howard Liang Yum Shing	2	4/13	2.0F	GY	1:36.00

Raced as a 1600m Terms race in 1997, as an Open race in 1998 & 1999, a HKG3 from 2000, a HKG2 from 2002, a HKG1 from 2006 and a G1 since 2015

* Race distance changed to 1400m in 2005



BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 2005)

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



2024 QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP

The Tony Cruz-trained California Spangle claimed the 2024 HK\$13 million G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) under Brenton Avdulla. Meanwhile, Cruz praised Avdulla's "perfect" ride on the stable flagbearer at Sha Tin on 10 March.

California Spangle reprised his best form under Avdulla, who claimed his first Group 1 in Hong Kong with a brilliant front-running ride to beat a charging Galaxy Patch by a length. Red Lion was third, a nose further away.

Allowed to saunter through the first 600m in 36.26s, California Spangle gradually upped the tempo in covering the final 800m in 45.92s to have his main rivals, including Beauty Eternal (fourth) and Lucky Sweynesse (fifth), chasing from the home turn.

Challenged late by Galaxy Patch, who had to change course under Karis Teetan to gain a clear run before accelerating powerfully, California Spangle was never under serious threat, while Lucky Sweynesse was taken to the tail of the field by James McDonald before fanning four-wide on straightening to finish one and a half lengths behind the winner.

Cruz, who previously won the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup with Silent Witness (2005), Egyptian Ra (2009) and Beauty Flash (2011), jubilated in California Spangle's redemptive triumph – his first at the elite level since the 2022 G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m).

"He (California Spangle) had the perfect race today. I think Brenton rode a perfect race. He did exactly what I expected him to do. I'm so happy about that," Cruz said.

"I was able to get a controlled gallop. Probably on the ground everyone was a fraction reserved, but he just enjoyed it," Avdulla said, referring to the steady rain which fell during the meeting.

"He galloped along at a nice tempo and he gave a good kick for me."

Purse:	HK\$13,000,000	Distance:	1400m	Status:	Group 1			
Going:	Good	Winning time:	1m 22.18s					
	Hores	Age	Weight	Jockey	Trainer	Draw	Margin (LBW)	Odds
1st	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE	6	126	B Avdulla	A S Cruz	3	-	11
2nd	GALAXY PATCH	4	126	K Teetan	P C Ng	9	1	11
3rd	RED LION	5	126	A Hamelin	J Size	2	1	18
4th	BEAUTY ETERNAL	5	126	Z Purton	J Size	6	1	2.9
5th	LUCKY SWEYNESSE	5	126	J McDonald	K L Man	8	1-1/2	2.2
6th	HEALTHY HAPPY	7	126	A Badel	F C Lor	7	2	110
7th	BEAUTY JOY	7	126	K C Leung	A S Cruz	10	3	43
8th	TAJ DRAGON	5	126	H Bowman	P C Ng	1	3	10
9th	LUCKY WITH YOU	6	126	A Atzeni	F C Lor	5	4-1/2	25
10th	SON PAK FU	5	126	C L Chau	T P Yung	4	6	59

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

2024

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)	STARSPANGLEDBANNER (AUS)
2nd	GALAXY PATCH (AUS)	WANDJINA (AUS)
3rd	RED LION (IRE)	BELARDO (IRE)
4th	BEAUTY ETERNAL (AUS)	STARSPANGLEDBANNER (AUS)

2023

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	LUCKY SWEYNESSE (NZ)	SWEYNESSE (AUS)
2nd	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)	STARSPANGLEDBANNER (AUS)
3rd	WELLINGTON (AUS)	ALL TOO HARD (AUS)
4th	COURIER WONDER (NZ)	SACRED FALLS (NZ)

2022

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WELLINGTON (AUS)	ALL TOO HARD (AUS)
2nd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
3rd	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
4th	SKY FIELD (AUS)	DEEP FIELD (AUS)

2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
2nd	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)
3rd	MIGHTY GIANT (NZ)	POWER (GB)
4th	MORE THAN THIS (GB)	DUTCH ART (GB)

2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
2nd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
3rd	HOT KING PRAWN (AUS)	DENMAN (AUS)
4th	THANKS FOREVER (AUS)	DUPORTH (AUS)

2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
2nd	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	HINCHINBROOK (AUS)
3rd	CONTE (AUS)	STARCRAFT (NZ)
4th	RATTAN (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)

2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
2nd	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	HINCHINBROOK (AUS)
3rd	FIFTY FIFTY (NZ)	THORN PARK (AUS)
4th	GIANT TREASURE (USA)	MIZZEN MAST (USA)

2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HELENE PARAGON (FR)	POLAN (FR)
2nd	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	JOYFUL TRINITY (IRE)	ZANZIBARI (USA)
4th	BLIZZARD (AUS)	STARCRAFT (NZ)

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE (CONT'T)

(Since 2013)

2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	CONTENTMENT (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
2nd	BEAUTY FLAME (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
3rd	BEAUTY ONLY (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)
4th	GOLD-FUN (IRE)	LE VIE DEI COLORI (GB)

2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	BEAUTY FLAME (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
3rd	GOLD-FUN (IRE)	LE VIE DEI COLORI (GB)
4th	DUNDONNELL (USA)	FIRST DEFENCE (USA)

2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GOLD-FUN (IRE)	LE VIE DEI COLORI (GB)
2nd	DAN EXCEL (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CHARLES THE GREAT (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)
4th	FREDERICK ENGELS (GB)	ICEMAN (GB)

2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	PINS (AUS)
2nd	TIME AFTER TIME (AUS)	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)
3rd	GLORIOUS DAYS (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
4th	LUCKY NINE (IRE)	DUBAWI (IRE)



LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 2005)

YEAR	200	600	1000	1400
2024	13.43	36.26	59.55	1:22.18
2023	13.92	36.69	59.30	1:21.12
2022	13.95	36.70	1:00.11	1:23.53
2021	13.68	35.68	58.58	1:20.78
2020	13.40	35.58	58.93	1:21.64
2019	13.67	35.82	58.75	1:21.03
2018	13.35	34.72	57.71	1:20.86
2017	13.63	35.95	58.87	1:21.31
2016	13.57	35.88	59.33	1:21.24
2015	13.23	35.20	58.58	1:21.10
2014	13.20	35.59	59.37	1:21.85
2013	13.80	35.89	58.36	1:20.63
2012	13.16	34.39	57.50	1:21.30
2011	13.72	35.52	58.83	1:21.74
2010	13.83	35.80	59.03	1:21.83
2009	13.69	35.31	58.08	1:21.01
2008	13.20	34.30	58.30	1:21.30
2007	13.30	34.50	57.50	1:20.90
2006	13.70	36.00	58.90	1:21.60
2005	13.20	34.40	57.50	1:21.80