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## STEWARDS' CUP



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# RACE HISTORY

Last year's race was the tenth Stewards' Cup to have been staged at international Group 1 level, having been designated a HKG1 since 1991 when the Pattern race system was introduced to Hong Kong.

The race itself dates back to 1954 when, on 22 May, the first running of the Stewards' Cup took place at Happy Valley Racecourse. That inaugural race was staged over 1200m and the distance stayed relatively consistent at around six furlongs until 1973 when Jungfrau won the first edition at around a mile – 1650m, to be precise. The distance was upped to 1800m the following year and, after four subsequent renewals at 1235m, the race was extended to 1400m upon its relocation to Sha Tin in 1979. It remained as a 1400m contest until 1991, with the exception of the 1983 race, which took place on Sha Tin's sand track over 1650m.

The 1991 race saw the Stewards' Cup gain a new identity as HKG1. The Hong Kong Jockey Club moved it from a March slot to November and established it as the first leg of the newly-created Hong Kong Triple Crown. That year's race went to Patrick Biancone-trained Mastermind, ridden by Gerald Mosse. Two years later, the David Hill-trained River Verdon took the spoils under Basil Marcus before adding the Hong Kong Gold Cup and Champions & Chater Cup to become Hong Kong's only Triple Crown winner.

Since the turn of the century, the Stewards' Cup has emerged as a world-class contest. Its roll-call of winners features superstars such as Golden Sixty, Beauty Generation, Able Friend, Good Ba Ba, Ambitious Dragon, Bullish Luck, Fairy King Prawn and Electronic Unicorn. John Size is the most successful trainer in the race's history with seven wins, while the contest's most successful jockey is Basil Marcus, also with five, one of which was achieved before the race was raised to its elite status.

The race's purse increased to HK\$13 million since 2024.



# PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2024	VOYAGE BUBBLE (AUS)	5/126/g	James McDonald	Ricky Yiu	Sunshine And Moonlight Syndicate	1-1/4	3/8	1.9F	G	1.33.97
2023	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	7/126/g	Vincent Ho	Francis Lui	Stanley Chan Ka Leung	1	2/7	2.5	G	1.33.99
2022	WAIKUKU (IRE)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	John Size	Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting	3/4	4/7	15	G	1.34.82
2021	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	5/126/g	Vincent Ho	Francis Lui	Stanley Chan Ka Leung	HD	6/8	1.2F	G	1.33.35
2020	WAIKUKU (IRE)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting	NK	7/7	1.5F	G	1.33.04
2019	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	John Moore	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen	3	5/6	1.1F	GF	1.33.51
2018	SEASONS BLOOM (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	Danny Shum	Paul Lo Chung Wai & Kathy Lo Ho Hsiu Lan	1/2	1/13	4.1	G	1.34.74
2017	HELENE PARAGON (FR)	5/126/h	Tommy Berry	John Moore	Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson Woo, et al.	3/4	3/12	3.1F	G	1.34.38
2016	GIANT TREASURE (USA)	5/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Richard Gibson	Pan Sutong	SH	6/11	3.8	G	1.34.16
2015	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Moore	Dr & Mrs Cornel Li Fook Kwan	1-1/2	8/9	1.2F	GF	1.33.50
2014	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	5/126/g	Mirco Demuro	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	SH	2/11	10	G	1.33.91
2013	GLORIOUS DAYS (AUS)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	John Size	Tom Brown's Syndicate	3/4	1/14	3	G	1.33.75
2012	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Millard	Johnson Lam & Anderson Lam	1-1/4	7/14	2.4F	G	1.34.93
2011	BEAUTY FLASH (NZ)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	Tony Cruz	Kwok Siu Ming	NK	8/12	3.3	G	1.34.92
2010	FELLOWSHIP (NZ)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	Paul O'Sullivan	David Sin Wai Kin	HD	9/12	10	G	1.33.96
2009	GOOD BA BA (USA)	7/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Andreas Schutz	John Yuen Se Kit	1-3/4	9/12	1.5F	G	1.33.29
2008	GOOD BA BA (USA)	6/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	Andreas Schutz	John Yuen Se Kit	1-1/4	4/8	3.3	G	1.34.30
2007	ARMADA (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	John Size	Wong Yuk Lun	1-1/4	4/13	2.1F	GF	1.34.10
2006	RUSSIAN PEARL (NZ)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	Tony Cruz	Mr & Mrs Kam Shing Kan	SH	10/14	8.5	GF	1.35.10
2005	BULLISH LUCK (USA)	6/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Tony Cruz	Wong Wing Keung	1-3/4	12/12	6.8	GF	1.35.50
2004	SUPER KID (NZ)	4/126/c	Shane Dye	John Size	Wong Yuk Kwan	1-1/4	2/11	11	GY	1.37.30
2003	ELECTRONIC UNICORN (USA)	7/126/g	Robbie Fradd	John Size	Lo Ying Bin	3-3/4	12/14	1.9F	GF	1.34.90
2002	ELECTRONIC UNICORN (USA)	6/126/g	Robbie Fradd	John Size	Lo Ying Bin	1-1/4	6/14	1.5F	G	1.35.20





# PAST WINNERS (CON'T)

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2001	FAIRY KING PRAWN (AUS)	5/126/g	Robbie Fradd	Ivan Allan	Mr & Mrs Lau Sak Hong	1-1/2	11/13	1.4F	GF	1.35.10
2000	RESFA (ARG)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hayes	James Lau & Alice Woo	1-3/4	11/12	4.4	Y	1.35.40
1999					Not Run					
1998	BILLION WIN (AUS)	4/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Ivan Allan	C K Hui	SH	5/11	16	F	1.33.90
1997	SMASHING PUMPKIN (AUS)	4/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hayes	Fame & Fortune Syndicate	1-1/4	8/12	3.5F	GF	1.34.10
1996	MICHAEL'S CHOICE (USA)	4/126/g	Eric Legrix	Patrick Biancone	Michael Ying	3/4	5/10	1.6F	GF	1.35.10
1995	MR VITALITY (AUS)	4/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1-1/4	7/14	1.6F	GF	1.33.50
1994	RIGHT WAY (IRE)	5/126/g	Willie Ryan	Brian Kan	Samuel Wong Ping Wai	1-1/4	11/12	6.7	G	1.35.20
1993	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	6/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	SH	6/10	1.8F	GF	1.35.30
1992	SOUND PRINT (IRE)	4/126/g	Mick Kinane	Brian Kan	Edmund Tam Wing Fun	HD	9/11	4	G	1.35.60
1991	MASTERMIND (FR)*	4/126/c	Gerald Mosse	Patrick Biancone	Dr Peter Lam How Mun	3/4	11/14	19	G	1.35.20
1991	STEEL SUPREMO (IRE)*	7/125/g	Basil Marcus	Hung-Fie Lam	Henry Lai Tai Hing	SH	9/10	16	G	1.24.20
1990	RIVER JORDAN (AUS)	5/126/g	Tony Ives	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	1	2/14	6.3	S	1.26.50
1989	HANDCLAP (GB)	7/140/g	Bartie Leisher	Brian Kan	Lam Fung	NK	6/13	2.8F	GF	1.22.50
1988	SEVEN JOY (AUS)	6/118/g	Johnny K S Ho	Po-ming Chu	Ho Man Fat	3/4	6/14	14	GY	1.24.60
1987	DISTINCTION (AUS)	5/140/g	Terry Duckett	John Moore	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	3/4	10/13	11	Y	1.25.30
1986	ALWAYS PLENTIFUL (GB)	5/116/h	Danny Lee	Jerry Ng	Yau Shui Tong	3/4	4/13	23	GF	1.22.00
1985	ALWAYS PLENTIFUL (GB)	4/118/c	Tony Cruz	Jerry Ng	Yau Shui Tong	1	14/14	11	F	1.22.40

\* Two races in 1991, first as a Class 1 handicap (1400m) in March 1991, second as a HKG1 (1600m) on 10 November 1991

# Run as a limited handicap (1400m) since 1985; as HKG1 (1600m) since Nov 1991, and as G1 since 2015



# BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 1991)

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

# 2024 STEWARDS' CUP

Voyage Bubble sealed his ascent into Hong Kong's elite class following an emphatic victory in the 2024 HK\$13 million G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) as James McDonald anointed Ricky Yiu's flagbearer as an emerging star.

Providing Yiu with his first Group 1 triumph since 2014, Voyage Bubble propelled McDonald to another Group 1 spoil after stalking California Spangle and Beauty Eternal from third place before asserting his superiority with terminal acceleration from the 350m mark.

"I was in a nice, controlling position where I felt like if the pace slackened – which it did – that I was in a free-rolling position and I had enough room around so that I could go when I wanted to go and it worked out perfectly," McDonald said after Voyage Bubble downed Beauty Eternal by a length and a quarter with Beauty Joy another length away in third in 1m 33.97s.

"I'm very proud of this horse. He put in a fantastic run in the International Mile (2023 G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile, 1600m, when second to Golden Sixty) and backed it up today. There's no heir apparent to Golden Sixty but we're happy to be the next man jogging on the spot, so to speak, and we're probably lucky the champ wasn't there."

"He's going to be a force to be reckoned with here and a flagbearer for the horses here and I'm just looking forward to seeing where he fits in, obviously being such a young, progressive horse," the New Zealander said.

"I'm really happy and really happy with the horse. He's full of talent and he keeps improving. I've been waiting for some years (for a horse like this)," Yiu said.

**Purse: HK\$13 million**

**Status: Group 1**

**Distance: 1600m**

**Going: Good**

**Race time: 1m 33.97s**

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	JOCKEY	TRAINER	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1 <sup>st</sup>	VOYAGE BUBBLE	5	126	J McDonald	P F Yiu	3	-	1.9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BEAUTY ETERNAL	5	126	Z Purton	J Size	8	1-1/4	3.3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	BEAUTY JOY	7	126	K C Leung	A S Cruz	5	2-1/4	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE	6	126	H Bowman	A S Cruz	2	3-1/2	5.8
5 <sup>th</sup>	FANTASTIC TREASURE	6	126	K Teetan	D A Hayes	4	4-1/4	81
6 <sup>th</sup>	STRAIGHT ARRON	5	126	C Y Ho	C Fownes	1	4-1/2	11
7 <sup>th</sup>	RUSSIAN EMPEROR	7	126	A Atzeni	D J Whyte	6	5	70
8 <sup>th</sup>	HEALTHY HAPPY	7	126	A Badel	F C Lor	7	23-3/4	49

# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

## 2024

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	VOYAGE BUBBLE (AUS)	DEEP FIELD (AUS)
2nd	BEAUTY ETERNAL (AUS)	STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS)
3rd	BEAUTY JOY (AUS)	SEBRING (AUS)
4th	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)	STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS)

## 2023

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO (USA)
2nd	ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)	ACCLAMATION (GB)
3rd	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)	STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS)
4th	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)

## 2022

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
2nd	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO (USA)
3rd	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)
4th	MORE THAN THIS (GB)	DUTCH ART (GB)

## 2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO (USA)
2nd	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)
3rd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
4th	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)

## 2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
2nd	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
3rd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
4th	RATTAN (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)

## 2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
2nd	CONTE (AUS)	STARCRAFT (NZ)
3rd	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)
4th	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)

## 2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	SEASONS BLOOM (AUS)	CAPTAIN SONADOR (AUS)
2nd	FIFTY FIFTY (NZ)	THORN PARK (AUS)
3rd	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
4th	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)

## 2017

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



# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE (CONT'T)

(Since 2013)

## 2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GIANT TREASURE (USA)	MIZZEN MAST (USA)
2nd	LUGER (AUS)	CHOISIR (AUS)
3rd	CONTENTMENT (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
4th	BEAUTY ONLY (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

## 2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	BEAUTY FLAME (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
3rd	REWARDING HERO (GB)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
4th	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)

## 2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	DAN EXCEL (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	HELENE SPIRIT (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
4th	MILITARY ATTACK (IRE)	ORATORIO (IRE)

## 2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GLORIOUS DAYS (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
2nd	DAN EXCEL (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
4th	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	PINS (AUS)

# LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 1991)

YEAR	400	800	1200	1600
2024	24.88	47.95	1.11.38	1.33.97
2023	25.54	49.12	1.11.38	1.33.99
2022	25.77	49.47	1.12.41	1.34.82
2021	25.40	48.61	1.11.15	1.33.35
2020	24.49	47.14	1.10.26	1.33.04
2019	24.73	47.90	1.10.82	1.33.51
2018	24.70	47.90	1.11.38	1.34.74
2017	24.48	47.82	1.11.27	1.34.38
2016	24.59	48.16	1.11.47	1.34.16
2015	24.86	47.88	1.11.15	1.33.50
2014	24.95	47.56	1.11.00	1.33.91
2013	24.84	47.17	1.10.76	1.33.75
2012	25.05	48.93	1.12.45	1.34.93
2011	24.97	48.36	1.12.00	1.34.92
2010	24.69	46.81	1.10.86	1.33.96
2009	24.41	46.29	1.09.68	1.33.29
2008	24.70	48.20	1.11.70	1.34.30
2007	24.50	47.10	1.11.00	1.34.10
2006	24.70	47.90	1.12.10	1.35.10
2005	25.10	48.90	1.13.10	1.35.50
2004	24.50	47.20	1.11.70	1.37.30
2003	25.50	49.30	1.13.20	1.34.90
2002	24.70	47.80	1.12.20	1.35.20
2001	25.30	48.10	1.12.40	1.35.10
2000	24.90	47.50	1.11.90	1.35.40
1999		Not Run		
1998	24.60	46.90	1.10.40	1.33.90
1997	24.90	47.50	1.10.90	1.34.10
1996	24.30	47.30	1.11.30	1.35.10
1995	24.10	46.60	1.09.80	1.33.50
1994	25.60	48.80	1.11.50	1.35.20
1993	25.30	48.00	1.11.50	1.35.30
1992	24.90	46.90	1.10.70	1.35.60
1991	24.50	47.30	1.10.80	1.35.20