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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 34TH QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP (G1)**

The QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP was established in 1976 to facilitate friendly relations between Japan and England, in commemoration of Her Excellency's visit to Japan in 1975. The race initially started as a 2,400-meter race for three-year-old fillies but became a 2,200-meter race for fillies and mares of three-year-old and up from 1996.

*Tigertail* (FRA, by Priolo) and *Ana Marie* (FRA, by Anabaa) were the first two foreign contestants to run in 2003—four years after its designation as an international event in 1999—and finished third and eighth respectively. *Whortleberry* (FRA, by Starborough) finished 15th in the following year and *Summitville* (GBR, by Grand Lodge) was 16th in 2005. This year, Mikel Delzangles-trained *Shalanaya* (IRE), winner of the 2009 Prix de l'Opera, was the lone foreign contender to face defending champion *Little Amapola* and last year's runner-up and '06 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, 2,400m) winner *Kawakami Princess*. The field also included *Buena Vista*, the winner of the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, 1,600m)-Yushun Himba double who had not missed finishing within the money in all five starts this season, and this year's line-up of high quality three-year-old fillies.

The race record has not been broken since *To The Victory* (by Sunday Silence, JPN) covered the 2,200-meter distance in 2:11.2 in 2001.

**THE 34TH QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP (G1)**

3-year-old & up, Fillies & Mares, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed  
 Sunday, November 15, 2009 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40  
 Total prize money: ¥192,700,000 (about US\$2,141,000 US\$1 = ¥90)  
 3-y-o: 54kg (about 119lbs), 4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 123 - 124lbs),  
 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2006  
 Safety Factor: 18 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 9)



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	4	7	Queen Spumante (JPN)	M5	56.0	Jungle Pocket Sembon Zakura	H. Tanaka S. Kojima	Green Farm Shadai Farm	2:13.6 (36.8)	77.1 (11)
2	6	11	T M Precure (JPN)	M6	56.0	Paradise Creek Feriado	S. Kumazawa T. Igarashi	M. Takezono Taniguchi Bokujo	1-1/2 (36.9)	91.6 (12)
3	8	16	Buena Vista (JPN)	F3	54.0	Special Week Biwa Heidi	K. Ando H. Matsuda	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (32.9)	1.6 (1)
4	5	10	Shalanaya * (IRE)	F3	54.0	Lomitas Shalamantika	C. Lemaire M. Delzangles	H.H.Aga Khan His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S C	3-1/2 (33.4)	10.4 (3)
5	1	2	Meisho Beluga (JPN)	F4	56.0	French Deputy Papago	K. Ikezoe K. Ikezoe	Y. Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo	1/2 (33.3)	19.6 (6)
6	6	12	Broad Street (JPN)	F3	54.0	Agnes Tachyon Phila Street	S. Fujita H. Fujiwara	Y. Shimokobe Shimokobe Farm	1-1/2 (33.2)	7.7 (2)
7	3	5	Little Amapola (JPN)	F4	56.0	Agnes Tachyon Little Harmony	C. Soumillon H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1/2 (34.0)	12.4 (4)
8	1	1	Wedding Fujiko (JPN)	M5	56.0	Fuji Kiseki Wedding Honey	T. Kikuzawa H. Toda	S. Ogihara Shoji Ogihara	2 (33.4)	217.9 (17)
9	4	8	Kawakami Princess (JPN)	M6	56.0	King Halo Takano Secretary	N. Yokoyama K. Nishiura	Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo Co. Ltd Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo	Nose (34.3)	15.1 (5)
10	7	14	Nishino Blue Moon (JPN)	M5	56.0	Tanino Gimlet Capricciosa	H. Kitamura N. Suzuki	S. Nishiyama Nishiyama Stud	Neck (33.9)	66.6 (10)
11	2	3	Celebrita (JPN)	F4	56.0	Black Hawk Acapulco	Y. Iwata Y. Arakawa	Mishima B. Mishima Bokujo	Neck (34.2)	119.8 (13)
12	8	17	Mood Indigo (JPN)	F4	56.0	Dance in the Dark Leap for Joy	K. Tanaka Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Nose (33.6)	23.6 (8)
13	2	4	Germinal (JPN)	F3	54.0	Agnes Tachyon Ombre Legere	Y. Fukunaga H. Fujiwara	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Neck (34.2)	21.7 (7)
14	7	15	Mikrokosmos (JPN)	F3	54.0	Neo Universe Uanme	Y. Take K. Sumii	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Racing	1/2 (33.8)	24.2 (9)
15	7	13	Sanrei Jasper	M7	56.0	Misuzu Chardon	Y. Nanba	K. Nagai	Neck	236.7

			(JPN)			San Lake Queen	S. Takahashi	K. Nagai	(34.0)	(18)
16	5	9	Bravo Daisy (JPN)	F4	56.0	Kurofune Bravo Sunrise	K. Syono H. Otonashi	T. Matsuoka T. Matsuoka	1-1/4 (34.7)	125.9 (14)
17	8	18	Rain Dance (JPN)	M5	56.0	Dance in the Dark Wren	K. Fujioka T. Miya	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	Nose (34.6)	204.9 (16)
18	3	6	Piena Venus (JPN)	M5	56.0	Fuji Kiseki Opening Title	Y. Furukawa K. Minai	Kenzo Mototani Okamoto Bokujo	Neck (34.2)	130.0 (15)

**BK** = Bracket Number **PP**=Post Position **B**=Blinkers **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

**NOTE 1:** \*=Foreign Horse

**NOTE 2:** Figures quoted under **Odds** are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and **Fav** indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 2:13.6

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥16,536,375,300

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥22,509,986,800

ATTENDANCE: 58,944

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.7	¥7,710	PLACE	No.7	¥1,410
BRACKET QUINELLA	4-6	¥4,590		No.11	¥2,150
QUINELLA	7-11	¥102,030		No.16	¥110
EXACTA	7-11	¥250,910	QUINELLA PLACE	7-11	¥23,310
TRIO	7-11-16	¥157,480		7-16	¥2,730
TRIFECTA	7-11-16	¥1,545,760		11-16	¥4,910

- QUEEN SPUMANTE (JPN)**, chestnut, mare, 5-year-old  
Jungle Pocket / Sembon Zakura (Sakura Yutaka O)  
Breeder: Shadai Farm      Owner: Green Farm  
Trainer: Shigeyuki Kojima      Jockey: Hiroyasu Tanaka  
21 Starts, 6 Wins  
Added money: ¥93,906,000      Career earnings: ¥173,400,000
- T M PRECURE (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, mare, 6-year-old  
Paradise Creek / Feriado (Stately Don)  
Breeder: Taniguchi Bokujo      Owner: Masatsugu Takezono  
Trainer: Tadao Igarashi      Jockey: Shigefumi Kumazawa
- BUENA VISTA (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, filly, 3-year-old  
Special Week / Biwa Heidi (Caerleon)  
Breeder: Northern Racing      Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.  
Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda      Jockey: Katsumi Ando

Eleventh favorite **QUEEN SPUMANTE** followed by twelfth choice **T M PRECURE** ran from wire to wire, upsetting race favorite **BUENA VISTA** and other strong contenders in the 34th running of the **QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP**. Sired by Jungle Pocket, multiple grade-race winner and the victor of the 2001 Japan Cup, the five-year-old chestnut claimed her first grade-race title in her 21st career starts and also gave her jockey Hiroyasu Tanaka his first G1 victory.

The full field of 18 broke off with **QUEEN SPUMANTE** mounted by Hiroyasu Tanaka surging out to take the lead. Six-year-old **T M PRECURE** traveled behind in second, with **LITTLE AMAPOLA** ridden by Christophe Soumillon settling in third. The two front-runners accelerated through the backstretch, leaving behind the slow-paced remaining field led by the defending champion by more than ten lengths. With the gap between the front two mares and the rest of the pack too wide to bridge through the last turn and in the homestretch, the five and six-year-old pair managed to fend off the explosive charge by **BUENA VISTA** and crossed the wire in first and second. The race favorite partnered with Katsumi Ando who settled fourth from the rear made headway turning wide through the last curb and unleashed a powerful late charge that clocked 32.9 seconds in the last three furlongs and rapidly closed in on the leaders but the 2008 champion

two-year-old filly was a neck short of the runner-up to finish third.

French raider **SHALANAYA** mounted by Christophe Lemaire, the only foreign contender this year, hugged the rail in good position around seventh from the front and showed impressive speed in the straight but was unable to close the wide gap between the frontrunners and finished 3-1/2 lengths behind **BUENA VISTA** in fourth.

**OTHER HORSES:**

- 5th: (2) **MEISHO BELUGA**- inside mid-division, angled out at 4th corner extended well
- 6th: (12) **BROAD STREET**- reserved behind, accelerated well but too late
- 7th: (5) **LITTLE AMAPOLA**- allowed large gap from leaders while third position unable to post a rally
- 8th: (1) **WEDDING FUJIKO**- raced near the rear most of the way, ran willingly at stretch
- 9th: (8) **KAWAKAMI PRINCESS**- advanced from behind mid-div. to third but outrun by rivals before 4th corner even paced along stretch
- 10th: (14) **NISHINO BLUE MOON**- mid-division mild rally with remaining group at stretch
- 11th: (3) **CELEBRITA**- prominent in early stages inside, outrun soon after stretch
- 12th: (17) **MOOD INDIGO**- rear most of the way
- 13th: (4) **GERMINAL**- failed to threaten from behind
- 14th: (15) **MIKROKOSMOS**- failed to threaten
- 15th: (13) **SANREI JASPER**- never a contender
- 16th: (9) **BRAVO DAISY**- kept abreast Little Amapola to head of stretch then faded
- 17th: (18) **RAIN DANCE**- traveled wide all the way, attempted to follow Buena Vista at corner but used up early at the stretch.
- 18th: (6) **PIENA VENUS**- outrun early

**SHALANAYA's** trainer, Mikel Delzangles's comments:

“She ran a good race but it was also a tricky race—the two horses ran very far (in front). She extended very well but it was too late. She handled the track well although she is not use to run on a track with such a short length, which might have been a little problem for her, but not too bad. Christophe Lemaire said that he was very happy by the way she finished the race but he said that they went a bit too slow for her—too slow for the pack—it's a pity that she didn't follow the two horses”

Fractional Time (sec/furlong): 12.5 - 11.3 - 12.2 - 12.3 - 12.2 - 12.2 - 12.3 - 11.8 - 11.7 - 12.2 - 12.9  
Last 4 furlongs: 48.6                      Last 3 furlongs: 36.8

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 7,11-5,3,9,4,10(6,14)(2,12,13,18)-8(1,16)(15,17)  
2nd corner 7,11=5,3,9,4,10(2,6,14,18)(12,13)-8(1,16)17,15  
3rd corner 7,11=(5,9,8)(3,4,18)(10,16)(2,14)(6,13)(15,12,17)1  
4th corner (\*7,11)=(5,9,8,18,16)(3,4,10)14(2,13)(15,6,12)(1,17)

Note1: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.