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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 43RD QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP (G1)



The Queen Elizabeth II 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 and the last leg of the "Triple Crown 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 (FR, by Priolo) and *Ana Marie* (FR, 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. *Shalanaya* (IRE, by Lomitas) finished fourth in 2009 before Edward Dunlop-trained *Snow Fairy* (IRE, by Intikhab) became the first foreign runner to win back-to-back G1 titles in 2010 and 2011.

Last year's champion **Mozu Katchan** was back as defending champion after scoring a third in her latest Sapporo Kinen (G2, 2,000m; Aug.19) start. Also, coming off the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Oct.13) were; four-time G1 runner-up **Lys Gracieux** (2nd), five-time G3 runner-up **Frontier Queen** (3rd), last year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup runner-up **Crocsmia** (5th), 2017 Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m) victor **Admire Lead** (7th) and three-time graded winner **Miss Panthere** (9th). The field also included Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m; Oct.14) third-place finisher **Cantabile**, **Red Genova** who finished second against male contenders in the Kyoto Daishoten (G2, 2,400m; Oct.8) and **Normcore** who won the Shion Stakes (G3, 2,000m; Sep.8) but passed on the Shuka Sho unable to get back into form.

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

THE 43RD QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

3-year-old & up, Fillies & Mares, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 226,800,000 (about US\$ 2,062,000 <US\$1=¥110>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 124 lbs),

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2015

Safety factor: 18 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex	Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	6	12	Lys Gracieux (JPN)	F4		56.0	Heart's Cry Liliside	J. Moreira Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	2:13.1 (33.8)	4.7 (3)
2	5	9	Crocsmia (JPN)	M5		56.0	Stay Gold Develope	Y. Iwata K. Nishiura	Ryoichi Otsuka Hideo Takadaru	Neck (34.7)	41.8 (9)
3	4	7	Mozu Katchan (JPN)	F4		56.0	Harbinger Site Dealer	M. Demuro I. Sameshima	Capital System Co., Ltd. Masaji Kitagawa	3 (34.7)	3.6 (1)
4	3	5	Red Genova (JPN)	F4		56.0	Symboli Kris S Columbus Circle	K. Ikezoe S. Kojima	TokyoHorseRacing Co. Ltd Shadai Farm	Neck (34.5)	5.7 (4)
5	7	13	Normcore (JPN)	F3		54.0	Harbinger Chronologist	C. Lemaire K. Hagiwara	Seiichi Iketani Northern Racing	Neck (34.9)	3.8 (2)
6	4	8	Cantabile (JPN)	F3		54.0	Deep Impact Chanrossa	C. Demuro K. Nakatake	Tatsue Ishikawa Tatsue Ishikawa	Neck (34.7)	7.7 (5)
7	1	2	Frontier Queen (JPN)	M5		56.0	Meisho Samson Blue Box Bow	M. Ebina S. Kunieda	Sankyo Farm Co., Ltd. Koki Hayashi	Nose (34.7)	25.8 (7)
8	8	16	Corcovado (JPN)	M5		56.0	Stay Gold Ancient Hill	S. Hamanaka T. Kimura	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	Neck (34.5)	23.5 (6)
9	6	11	Smart Layer (JPN)	M8		56.0	Deep Impact Snow Style	Y. Take R. Okubo	Toru Okawa Okada Stud	1/2 (34.2)	30.1 (8)
10	5	10 B	Vafuram (JPN)	M6		56.0	Harbinger First Chair	K. Kawamata K. Yoshimura	Ichikawa Yoshimi Holdings Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (34.3)	221.0 (14)
11	7	14	One Breath Away (JPN)	M5		56.0	Stay Gold Stray Cat	A. Tsumura M. Koga	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Neck (34.2)	202.2 (13)

12	8	17	Miss Panthere (JPN)	F4	56.0	Daiwa Major Aile de Courage	N. Yokoyama M. Kon	Chiyono Terada Sanjo Bokujo	Neck (35.3)	61.4 (10)
13	2	3	Reiho Romance (JPN)	M5	56.0	Harbinger Suzuka Laurent	Y. Fukunaga M. Hashida	Keiji Nagai Keiji Nagai	1/2 (34.7)	110.7 (12)
14	3	6	Admire Lead (JPN)	M5	56.0	Stay Gold Belle Allure	K. Fujioka N. Sugai	Riichi Kondo Northern Farm	Head (34.5)	62.1 (11)
15	8	15	Eterna Minoru (JPN)	M5	56.0	Empire Maker Daiwa Gelato	H. Shii M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	1-1/4 (34.8)	306.2 (15)
16	1	1	Happy Yunibansu (JPN)	M6	56.0	Jungle Pocket Admire C'est lavie	F. Matsuwaka O. Hirata	Tetsuya Kamei Northern Racing	3-1/2 (35.0)	352.7 (17)
17	2	4	Primera Azul (JPN)	M6	56.0	Special Week Remain Forest	Y. Fujioka T. Suzuki	Azul Co., Ltd. Eiichi Ishikawa	2 (36.5)	311.6 (16)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / B=Blinker / Wgt=Weight / L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: No foreign contenders

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: 2:13.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 15,513,578,600

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 23,256,494,600

ATTENDANCE: 48,775

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.12	¥470	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-6	¥7,480	QUINELLA	9-12	¥9,800
PLACE	No.12	¥170	QUINELLA PLACE	9-12	¥2,630	EXACTA	12-9	¥12,450
	No.9	¥570		7-12	¥360	TRIO	7-9-12	¥8,660
	No.7	¥150		7-9	¥1,590	TRIFECTA	12-9-7	¥56,370

1. Lys Gracieux (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Heart's Cry / Liliside (American Post)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Joao Moreira

16 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 108,612,000 Career earnings: ¥ 406,153,000

2. Crocosmia (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 5-year-old

Stay Gold / Developpe (Boston Harbor)

Owner: Ryoichi Otsuka

Breeder: Hideo Takadaru

Trainer: Katsuichi Nishiura

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

3. Mozu Katchan (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Harbinger / Site Dealer (King Kamehameha)

Owner: Capital System Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Masaji Kitagawa

Trainer: Ippo Sameshima

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

Lys Gracieux Captures First G1 Victory in Queen Elizabeth II Cup

Third favorite **Lys Gracieux**, under jockey Joao Moreira, landed her first G1 triumph in this year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup. The four-year-old has notched two graded wins so far, the 2016 Artemis Stakes (G3) and this year's Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3) but had been out of reach of G1 titles in spite of four G1 runner-up efforts; the 2016 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, last season's Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and Shuka Sho, and the Victoria Mile this past spring.

Trainer Yoshito Yahagi celebrates his fifth JRA-G1 victory, his most recent title was with Mozu Ascot in the Yasuda Kinen in June. For jockey Joao Moreira, who is racing under a short-term license and had just marked his 100th JRA win earlier in the day, the Queen Elizabeth II Cup is his first memorable JRA-G1 title while his other graded victories in the JRA include the Mainichi Okan (G2) and the Keeneland Cup (G3), both claimed this season.

Breaking from stall 12, **Lys Gracieux** settled right in the middle of the field, angled out at the last corner, hit her best stride at the top of the stretch and while displaying the fastest last three-furlong charge, swooped past the leader in the last half furlong to prevail by a neck.

“Today was her day. We were in a good position, two off the fence, and she had plenty left in the tank after angling out at the last turn. Under pressure, she responded very well and I had every confidence from the 300 meter point that we were going to win. She’s a real champion,” commented winning jockey Joao Moreira after the race.

Hoping to take revenge of her second-place finish in last year’s version, **Crocospia** broke well and swiftly took the lead with **Miss Panthere** and **Primera Azul** stalking the pace. After extending her lead up to three lengths before the final turns, the ninth favorite kicked into gear furiously holding off her pursuers in a tenacious stretch run but was no match against the speed of the fast closing **Lys Gracieux** and finished second once again this year.

Race favorite and defending champion **Mozu Katchan** ran the rails in fourth to fifth, entered the stretch chasing the eventual runner-up and drove well but lacked the final response, unable to cut the gap in late stretch, and was three lengths from **Crocospia** in third.

Other Horses:

4th: (5) **Red Genova**—took economic trip in front of winner, showed effort along rails, finished neck behind **Mozu Katchan**

5th: (13) **Normcore**—positioned in 6th, made headway to 4th after 2nd corner, responded well but weakened in last 200m

6th: (8) **Cantabile**— prominent early in 4th, entered 6th to lane, ran gamely but checked 200m out, lost momentum

7th: (2) **Frontier Queen**—ran in mid-division, blocked 200m out, switched to outside, accelerated

8th: (16) **Corcovado**—sat outside eventual winner, lacked needed kick at stretch

9th: (11) **Smart Layer**—settled 2nd from rear, angled wide, showed belated charge

10th: (10) **Vafuram**—raced in mid-pack, quickened in last 200m, belatedly

11th: (14) **One Breath Away**—traveled near rear, circled wide, passed tired rivals

12th: (17) **Miss Panthere**—advanced to 2nd from widest draw, dropped back after 200m pole

13th: (3) **Reiho Romance**—hugged rails in mid-division, failed to respond at stretch

14th: (6) **Admire Lead**—saved ground towards rear, showed brief effort at straight

15th: (15) **Eterna Minoru**—broke poorly, sat 3-wide towards rear, even paced after final corner

16th: (1) **Happy Yunibansu**—was off slow, trailed in rear, no factor

17th: (4) **Primera Azul**—chased leaders in 3rd, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 11.2 - 12.9 - 12.7 - 12.3 - 12.5 - 12.5 - 12.0 - 11.6 - 11.4 - 11.7
Last 4 furlongs: 46.7 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

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

NOTE 1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

NOTE 2: 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.