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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 44TH 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 winner and JRA's Best Older Filly or Mare Lys Gracieux (JPN, M5, by Heart's Cry) has thrived both within and outside Japan this season, claiming the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) in June and the Australian prestigious Cox Plate (G1, 2,040m) in October and finishing within the money in her two other starts in Japan and Hong Kong.

Scarlet Color, an improving four-year-old came off her first grade-race victory in the main prep for four-year-old and up fillies/mares, the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Oct.14). **Lucky Lilac**, Best Two-Year-Old Filly in 2017 was third while two-time Queen Elizabeth II Cup runner-up **Crocsmia** finished fifth in the same race.

Gorgeous Lunch and **Pont des Arts** were among the key runners with respective victories against male foes in the Nihonkai Stakes (2,200m; Aug.17) and the Tancho Stakes (2,600m; Sep.1).

Three-Year-Old fillies, who came off the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m; Oct.13), were **Chrono Genesis** (1st) and **Shadow Diva** (4th) while **Loves Only You**, who passed the last leg of the fillies' Triple Crown with a hoof problem, made her first start since her Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) victory in May.

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 44TH QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

3-year-olds & up, Fillies & Mares, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed
Sunday, November 10, 2019 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 226,800,000 (about US\$ 1,972,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

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

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Safety factor: 18 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	1	2	Lucky Lilac (JPN)	F4	56.0	Orfevre Lilacs and Lace	C. Soumillon M. Matsunaga	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	2:14.1 (32.8)	5.4 (3)
2	3	6	Crocsmia (JPN)	M6	56.0	Stay Gold Develophe	Y. Fujioka K. Nishiura	Ryoichi Otsuka Hideo Takadaru	1-1/4 (34.8)	23.1 (7)
3	6	11	Loves Only You (JPN)	F3	54.0	Deep Impact Loves Only Me	M. Demuro Y. Yahagi	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (33.8)	2.5 (1)
4	6	12	Centelleo (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Admire Kirameki	C. Lemaire T. Takano	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	Neck (33.7)	20.8 (5)
5	4	8	Chrono Genesis (JPN)	F3	54.0	Bago Chronologist	Y. Kitamura T. Saito	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (33.3)	3.5 (2)
6	8	17	Salacia (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Salomina	Y. Kawada M. Ikezoe	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (33.5)	57.1 (9)
7	8	16	Scarlet Color (JPN)	F4	56.0	Victoire Pisa Ventus	Y. Iwata R. Takahashi	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd.	1-1/4 (33.6)	7.7 (4)
8	5	9	Armeria Bloom (JPN)	M5	56.0	Dream Journey Allmahlich	Y. Take Y. Takahashi	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	Neck (33.3)	108.8 (13)
9	7	13	Satono Garnet (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Beatrix Kiddo	R. Sakai Y. Yahagi	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	3/4 (33.2)	84.0 (12)
10	5	10	Frontier Queen (JPN)	M6	56.0	Meisho Samson Blue Box Bow	A. Tsumura S. Kunieda	Sankyo Farm Co., Ltd. Koki Hayashi	Neck (34.2)	65.2 (10)

11	2	4	Uranus Charm (JPN)	F4	56.0	Rulership Amethyst Ring	O. Murphy M. Saito	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/4 (33.5)	21.3 (6)
12	7	14	Gorgeous Lunch (JPN)	F4	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Seeking My Love	H. Miyuki Y. Shikato	Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (33.3)	126.7 (14)
13	4	7	Reiho Romance (JPN)	M6	56.0	Harbinger Suzuka Laurent	T. Iwasaki M. Hashida	Keiji Nagai Keiji Nagai	1 (33.6)	393.7 (18)
14	8	18	Red Landini (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Red Medousa	K. Ikezoe S. Ishizaka	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Hidetoshi Yamamoto	Neck (33.9)	199.7 (17)
15	2	3	Shadow Diva (JPN)	F3	54.0	Heart's Cry Diamond Diva	K. Matsuyama M. Saito	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Head (33.8)	72.4 (11)
16	3	5	Pont des Arts (JPN)	F4	56.0	Heart's Cry Jioconda	K. Fujioka N. Hori	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1-3/4 (34.4)	44.3 (8)
17	7	15	Miss Mamma Mia (JPN)	F4	56.0	Tanino Gimlet Sunday Memory	S. Hamanaka R. Terashima	Katsutoshi Yoshida Shinsei Farm	1-1/4 (33.7)	166.3 (16)
18	1	1	Bright Moon (JPN)	M5	56.0	Rulership Lua Cheia	Y. Fukunaga R. Okubo	North Hills Co., Ltd. North Hills Co., Ltd.	1-1/2 (34.1)	137.8 (15)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / 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: 2:14.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 14,990,086,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 22,331,767,500

ATTENDANCE: 50,150

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.2	¥ 540	BRACKET QUINELLA	1-3	¥ 2,600	QUINELLA	2-6	¥ 3,380
PLACE	No.2	¥ 190	QUINELLA PLACE	2-6	¥ 970	EXACTA	2-6	¥ 5,440
	No.6	¥ 330		2-11	¥ 430	TRIO	2-6-11	¥ 4,060
	No.11	¥ 140		6-11	¥ 940	TRIFECTA	2-6-11	¥ 26,480

1. Lucky Lilac (JPN), chestnut, filly, 4-year-olds

Orfevre / Lilacs and Lace (Flower Alley)

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Northern Racing

Trainer: Mikio Matsunaga

Jockey: Christophe Soumillon

12 Starts, 5 Wins

Added money: ¥ 108,822,000

Career earnings: ¥ 400,739,000

2. Crocosmia (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 6-year-olds

Stay Gold / Developpe (Boston Harbor)

Owner: Ryoichi Otsuka

Breeder: Hideo Takadaru

Trainer: Katsuichi Nishiura

Jockey: Yusuke Fujioka

3. Loves Only You (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-olds

Deep Impact / Loves Only Me (Storm Cat)

Owner: DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

Lucky Lilac Returns to Winning Ways with Queen Elizabeth II Cup Victory

Lucky Lilac bounced back from a long struggle since her first G1 victory as a two-year-old in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1, 1,600m), turning in a strong performance in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup. The 2017 Best Two-Year-Old Filly was winless during her three-year-old season, while finishing second in the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m), third in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and then ninth in the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m). She was fourth this year in the Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m) and had come off a third-place finish in the prep Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m). Trainer Mikio Matsunaga, who was winning jockey with Phalaenopsis to victory in the 2000 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, landed his fourth career G1 title including one G1 title

over obstacles and the first since with **Lucky Lilac** in the 2017 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. Jockey Christophe Soumillon, who is riding under a short term license from October 19, landed his first JRA-G1 title in five years since the 2014 Japan Cup with Epiphaneia and third overall—his first was in 2010 in the Tenno Sho (Autumn, Buena Vista).

Lucky Lilac broke sharply from stall No.2 but allowed the early leaders pass and settled along the rails in mid-pack in sixth or seventh position. As the field spread rounding the last corner, Christophe Soumillon kept the filly straight in the inside and skillfully coaxed her to spring forward into the stretch, pinned race favorite **Loves Only You** at the furlong pole and then **Crocsmia** at the 100-meter marker after which she continued to draw away to a 1-1/4-length victory.

“I was very confident when I saw how good she was in training but today she was even better. She was really concentrating and I saw she was reacting very fast. In the race, I would have preferred to have her another position closer, the pace was not very fast so I thought it would be a little bit hard to make up ground, but finally I took the option to stay in the inside and she really quickened well and at the 200-meter marker when I saw the gap was still open I was confident that I had won,” commented winning jockey Christophe Soumillon after the race.

Crocsmia broke smoothly and was allowed to dictate a moderate pace without pressure as she opened the margin to two to three lengths for most of the trip. The Stay Gold mare made most of the early advantage and continued to maintain her lead but was unable to keep up with the increasing speed of the winner while holding off the rest for second place.

Race favorite **Loves Only You** secured a forward position with good speed coming out of gate 11 and tracked the leader in second with the rest of the field keeping close watch of the favorite and trailing another length behind. As the field closed in and entered the stretch, the Deep Impact filly was slow coming into gear as the winner overtook her inside the furlong pole but found her best strides to close in on **Crocsmia** for third.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (12) **Centelleo**—advanced to 3rd in backstretch, ran gamely but failed to threaten top 3 finishers
5th: (8) **Chrono Genesis**—took economic trip 5th in front of eventual winner, lacked needed kick
6th: (17) **Salacia**—advanced to 4th from wide draw, found little room at early stretch, accelerated in last 200m
7th: (16) **Scarlet Color**—ran in 5-6th, willingly until 200m marker, weakened thereafter
8th: (9) **Armeria Bloom**—settled in 11th behind winner, quickened but belatedly inside 200m pole
9th: (13) **Satono Garnet**—traveled in 9th, best strides late while timed 2nd fastest over last 3 furlongs
10th: (10) **Frontier Queen**—sat in 3rd, ran gamely until 200m pole, outrun thereafter
11th: (4) **Uranus Charm**—positioned in 15th early, gradually advanced, showed belated charge
12th: (14) **Gorgeous Lunch**—was off slow, ran 3-wide 2nd from rear, passed tired rivals at stretch
13th: (7) **Reiho Romance**—raced around 14th, unable to reach contention
14th: (18) **Red Landini**—traveled 3-wide in 12th, even paced at stretch
15th: (3) **Shadow Diva**—saved ground in 13th, showed little after turning final corner
16th: (5) **Pont des Arts**—hugged rails around 10th, never fired at stretch
17th: (15) **Miss Mamma Mia**—trailed in rear, no factor throughout
18th: (1) **Bright Moon**—settled 3rd from rear along rails, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 11.6 - 13.3 - 12.7 - 12.5 - 12.8 - 12.3 - 11.6 - 11.5 - 11.4 - 11.7
Last 4 furlongs: 46.2 Last 3 furlongs: 34.6

Positions at each corner:

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

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.