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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 20TH CHAMPIONS CUP (G1)



Formerly run under the name Japan Cup Dirt until 2013, the Champions Cup takes place at Chukyo Racecourse which is situated in Chubu region between Tokyo and Osaka. The Japan Cup Dirt, which began as the dirt version of the Japan Cup in 2000 at Tokyo Racecourse held over the 2,100-meter left-handed course until 2007, was temporarily shifted to Nakayama Racecourse over the 1,800-meter right-handed course in 2002, then held at Hanshin Racecourse, also a right-handed track and over 1,800 meters, between 2008 and 2013. Fourteen of the past 19 winners of the Champions Cup, which is one of JRA's two dirt G1 races along with the February Stakes (G1, dirt, 1,600m), have won the season's JRA Award for Best Dirt Horse.

Lord Sterling (USA, by Black Tie Affair), who finished third in the inaugural year, was one of the first foreign contenders, while Fleetstreet Dancer (USA, by Smart Strike) became the first foreign winner in 2003. In the past, 29 runners from not only North America but also from France, Germany, Great Britain and Hong Kong have participated in the race including 2018 Stephen Foster Handicap (G1, dirt, 1,800m) winner Pavel (USA, by Creative Cause) from the U.S. who finished 15th last year.

This year's lineup included **Chrysoberyl**, unbeaten winner of this year's Japan Dirt Derby (dirt, 2,000m), who came off his fifth straight victory in the Nippon TV Hai (dirt, 1,800m). Coming off the Mile Championship Nambu Hai (dirt, 1,600m; Oct.14) were 2017 Best Dirt Horse **Gold Dream** (3rd), two-time Korea Cup (dirt, 1,800m) winner **London Town** (5th) and this year's Kawasaki Kinen (dirt, 2,100m) victor **Mitsuba** (6th). **Vengeance** came off his first graded win in the Miyako Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,800m; Nov.3) followed by **King's Guard** and last year's Champions Cup runner-up **Westerlund** in second and third, respectively, while February Stakes champion **Inti** was a disappointing 15th. From the JBC Classic (dirt, 2,000m; Nov.4) were winner **Chuwa Wizard** and 2018 Tokyo Daishoten (G1, dirt, 2,000m) victor **Omega Perfume** who was a nose second. The field also included the top two finishers of the Musashino Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,600m; Nov.9)—winner **Wonder Lider** and runner-up, 2017 Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) winner **Time Flyer**—and the March Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,800m) victor **Satono Titan** who came off a win in the Brazil Cup (dirt, 2,100m; Oct.20).

THE 20TH CHAMPIONS CUP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

3-year-olds & up, 1,800 meters (about 9 furlongs), dirt, left-handed

Sunday, December 1, 2019 Chukyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:30

Total prize money: ¥216,000,000 (about US\$ 1,878,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57 kg (about 126 lbs)

2 kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Safety factor: 16 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	3	5	Chrysoberyl (JPN)	C3	55.0	Gold Allure Chrysoprase	Y. Kawada H. Otonashi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1:48.5 (35.4)	4.4 (2)
2	6	11	Gold Dream (JPN)	H6	57.0	Gold Allure Mon Vert	C. Lemaire O. Hirata	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm	Neck (35.4)	3.5 (1)
3	2	4	Inti (JPN)	H5	57.0	Came Home Kitty	Y. Take K. Nonaka	Shigeo Takeda Shigeo Takeda	1-1/4 (35.9)	4.7 (3)
4	2	3	Chuwa Wizard (JPN)	C4	57.0	King Kamehameha Chuwa Blossom	Y. Fukunaga R. Okubo	Shinobu Nakanishi Northern Racing	1/2 (35.5)	6.7 (5)
5	6	12	King's Guard (JPN)	H8	57.0	Sinister Minister Kings Berry	S. Akiyama R. Terashima	Nisshin B. Nisshin Farm	1-3/4 (35.0)	181.9 (13)
6	3	6	Omega Perfume (JPN)	C4	57.0	Swept Overboard Omega Fragrance	L. Dettori S. Yasuda	Reiko Hara Shadai Farm	3/4 (35.9)	6.1 (4)
7	8	16	Vengeance (JPN)	H6	57.0	Casino Drive Special Queen	H. Miyuki H. Oneda	Junzo Miyakawa Junzo Miyakawa	Head (35.6)	47.8 (10)
8	1	1	Time Flyer (JPN)	C4	57.0	Heart's Cry Time Traveling	O. Murphy K. Matsuda	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	Head (35.6)	30.0 (8)
9	4	8	Westerlund (JPN)	G7	57.0	Neo Universe Uanme	C. Soumillon S. Sasaki	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Nose (35.9)	20.4 (6)

10	8	15	London Town (JPN)	H6	57.0	Kane Hekili Fairy Banyan	Y. Iwata K. Makita	Toru Makiura Yasushi Tsumura	1/2 (36.4)	275.0 (14)
11	4	7	Wonder Lider (JPN)	H6	57.0	Statue of Liberty Astrea Peace	N. Yokoyama S. Yasuda	Yoshinari Yamamoto Oshima Bokujo	Neck (35.5)	59.4 (11)
12	1	2	Mozu Attraction (JPN)	H5	57.0	Jungle Pocket A Shin la Courier	K. Fujioka T. Matsushita	Capital System Co., Ltd. KK Eishindo	3 (35.4)	102.7 (12)
13	5	10	Mitsuba (JPN)	H7	57.0	Kane Hekili Saint Christmas	R. Wada T. Kayo	K. Kyoei Tabata Farm	2-1/2 (36.4)	332.9 (15)
14	7	13	Wide Pharaoh (JPN)	C3	55.0	Henny Hughes Wide Sapphire	M. Demuro K. Sumii	Masanobu Habata Masanobu Habata	Neck (37.2)	45.9 (9)
15	5	9	Satono Titan (JPN)	H6	57.0	Symboli Kris S Machikanechikoyore	R. Moore N. Hori	Haruki Satomi Northern Racing	1-1/2 (37.3)	20.5 (7)
16	7	14 B	T O Energy (JPN)	C4	57.0	Kane Hekili Silky Craft	H. Kawasu T. Miya	Tomoya Ozasa Yoshitake Abe	8 (38.9)	375.8 (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: 1:48.5

GOING: Standard

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 15,510,468,800

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 20,899,988,100

ATTENDANCE: 32,064

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥ 440	BRACKET QUINELLA	3-6	¥ 490	QUINELLA	5-11	¥ 960
PLACE	No.5	¥ 170	QUINELLA PLACE	5-11	¥ 380	EXACTA	5-11	¥ 1,820
	No.11	¥ 130		4-5	¥ 670	TRIO	4-5-11	¥ 1,900
	No.4	¥ 190		4-11	¥ 410	TRIFECTA	5-11-4	¥ 8,980

1. **Chrysoberyl (JPN)**, bay, colt, 3-year-olds

Gold Allure / Chrysoprase (El Condor Pasa)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Hidetaka Otonashi Jockey: Yuga Kawada

6 Starts, 6 Wins

Added money: ¥ 103,402,000 Career earnings: ¥ 224,602,000

2. **Gold Dream (JPN)**, bay, horse, 6-year-olds

Gold Allure / Mon Vert (French Deputy)

Owner: Katsumi Yoshida Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Osamu Hirata Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

3. **Inti (JPN)**, chestnut, horse, 5-year-olds

Came Home / Kitty (Northern Afleet)

Owner: Shigeo Takeda Breeder: Shigeo Takeda

Trainer: Kenji Nonaka Jockey: Yutaka Take

Unbeaten Three-Year-Old Chrysoberyl Claims This Year's Champions Cup with Record Time

Second pick **Chrysoberyl** beat strong G1 dirt winners with race record time of 1:48.5 and claimed this year's Champions Cup with an unbeaten six-race winning streak. He is the fifth three-year-old to claim the title following Le Vent Se Leve last year. Half brother to two-time G1 winner Marialite, **Chrysoberyl** broke his maiden in his debut start in September last year and was sidelined for six months due to a leg problem. The Gold Allure colt won his comeback start in March this year then claimed three major NAR races including the Hyogo Championship (dirt, 1,870m) in May, the Japan Dirt Derby (dirt, 2000m) in July and the Nippon TV Hai (dirt, 1,800m) in September, before making his first JRA G1 challenge. This win gave trainer Hidetaka Otonashi his 12th JRA-G1 victory following his Mile Championship title with Indy Champ last month and jockey Yuga Kawada's 13th

JRA-G1 win following last year's Sprinters Stakes victory with Fine Needle.

Chrysoberyl broke sharply from stall five and took an economic trip behind frontrunner **Inti** in third. The Gold Allure colt, still hugging the rails at the heal of **Inti** entering the lane, waited patiently and steered slightly to the outside for a clear path around the 200-meter pole where he met the strong challenge of race favorite **Gold Dream**. As the two sons of Gold Allure dueled fiercely along the lane, **Chrysoberyl** was the first to nail the frontrunner 100 meters out and accelerated further to cross the wire a neck in front for his title.

"We were able to settle in good position behind Inti and the colt was able to race with good rhythm. Though it was difficult to advance, having to race between Inti and Gold Dream at the stretch, we were able to pull away and win the rally at the end. He is still unbeaten and I'm confident that he will continue to develop and become even stronger," commented jockey Yuga Kawada.

Gold Dream traveled two wide behind **Chrysoberyl** in fifth and angled out as the field stretched wide entering the homestretch. The 2017 Champions Cup winner produced a powerful burst of speed in the lane, dueled strongly with the eventual winner in the last 200 meters but was a neck short in second.

Third pick **Inti** took the front as usual and, though turning over the lead in the last 100 meters, held on well until the wire to secure third place.

Other Horses:

4th: (3) **Chuwa Wizard**—hugged rails behind winner, met traffic and switched to outside 200m out, showed effort but failed to threaten top finishers

5th: (12) **King's Guard**—raced 2nd from rear, accelerated between horses, timed fastest over last 3 furlongs

6th: (6) **Omega Perfume**—traveled around 8th, found little room at early stretch, switched to outside then quickened

7th: (16) **Vengeance**—settled 3rd from rear, turned wide, passed tired rivals

8th: (1) **Time Flyer**—saved ground around 10th, checked 300m out, accelerated thereafter

9th: (8) **Westerlund**—positioned around 10th early, gradually advanced, showed brief effort

10th: (15) **London Town**—sat forwardly from wide stall, ran gamely until 200m out, weakened

11th: (7) **Wonder Lider**—settled around 13th, angled out, showed effort but never a threat

12th: (2) **Moza Attraction**—trailed in rear, circled wide, showed belated charge

13th: (10) **Mitsuba**—took economic trip around 12th, even paced at stretch

14th: (13) **Wide Pharaoh**—raced 4-wide around 9th, checked 200m out, lost momentum

15th: (9) **Satono Titan**—traveled 3-wide around 7th, outrun in last 400m

16th: (14) **T O Energy**—tracked leader in 2nd, faded after turning final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 11.3 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 12.0 - 12.0 - 11.6 - 12.1
Last 4 furlongs: 47.7 Last 3 furlongs: 35.7

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