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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 40TH QUEEN ELIZABETH II CUP (G1)



The Queen Elizabeth II Cup, formally known as the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup until 2012, 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. However, the race has been contested without the participation from abroad since 2012.

Last year's winner **Lachesis** came off a fourth-place finish in the Kyoto Daishoten (G2, 2,400m) on October 12 while **Nuovo Record**, who won the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and was runner-up in the 2014 edition of this race, was second in her previous start in the All Comers (G2, 2,200m). **Nobori Diana** came off her first grade-race victory in the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m) in which 2013 Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) runner-up **Smart Layer** came in second. 2013 Best Three-Year-Old Filly **Meisho Mambo** also ran in the Fuchu Himba, finishing a disappointing 14th.

The three-year-old newcomers challenging their seniors in this G1 race included **Queens Ring** who missed by a neck margin in the last leg of the Fillies' Triple Crown, the Shuka Sho, **Touching Speech** who was second pick in the same race but finished sixth, and **Rouge Buck** who made her first start since finishing second in the Yushun Himba. Mikki Queen (JPN, by Deep Impact), winner of both the Yushun Himba and the Shuka Sho, did not run in the QE II Cup but chose to challenge the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) held in two weeks' time.

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 40TH 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 15, 2015 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 188,200,000 (about US\$ 1,568,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs),

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2012

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 | Marialite (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | Deep Impact Chrysoprase | M. Ebina T. Kubota | U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm | 2:14.9 (34.7) | 15.2 (6) |
| 2 | 8 | 18 | Nuovo Record (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | Heart's Cry Omega Spirit | Y. Iwata M. Saito | Reiko Hara Reiko Hara | Neck (34.3) | 3.0 (1) |
| 3 | 4 | 8 | Touching Speech (JPN) | F3 | 54.0 | Deep Impact Listen | C. Lemaire S. Ishizaka | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm | Nose (34.3) | 6.5 (4) |
| 4 | 7 | 15 | Rouge Buck (JPN) | F3 | 54.0 | Manhattan Cafe Ginger Punch | K. Tosaki M. Otake | U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm | 1/2 (34.2) | 6.1 (3) |
| 5 | 8 | 16 | Smart Layer (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | Deep Impact Snow Style | S. Hamanaka R. Okubo | Toru Okawa Okada Stud | Neck (34.0) | 33.2 (8) |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | Hula Bride (JPN) | M6 | 56.0 | Gold Allure Hikaru Carina | M. Sakai K. Kihara | Kazuko Yoshida Seiran Bokujo | Head (35.1) | 21.9 (7) |
| 7 | 8 | 17 | Sundarbans (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | Heart's Cry Nature Guide | A. Atzeni E. Yano | Shimokobe B. Shimokobe Farm | 1/2 (34.8) | 43.2 (11) |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | Queens Ring (JPN) | F3 | 54.0 | Manhattan Cafe Aqua Ring | A. Starke K. Yoshimura | Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm | Neck (34.7) | 13.2 (5) |
| 9 | 2 | 4 | Lilavati (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | Zenno Rob Roy Singhalese | S. Akiyama S. Ishizaka | U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing | 1/2 (35.9) | 192.1 (18) |
| 10 | 4 | 7 | Chateau Blanche (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | King Halo Blancherie | K. Fujioka Y. Takahashi | Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm | Neck (35.2) | 74.3 (14) |
| 11 | 5 | 10 | Lachesis (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | Deep Impact Magic Storm | R. Moore K. Sumii | Masaya Oshima Northern Farm | Head (35.0) | 4.2 (2) |

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|----|---|----|------------------------|----|------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 12 | 7 | 14 | Nobori Diana (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | French Deputy Starry Romance | Y. Take M. Matsunaga | Yutaka Harada Shadai Farm | 3/4 (35.0) | 37.0 (9) |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | Power Spot (JPN) | M7 | 56.0 | Suzuka Mambo Sexy Shoes | H. Shii T. Kikuzawa | Grand Bokujo Co., Ltd. Grand Stud | 3/4 (34.8) | 164.6 (17) |
| 14 | 5 | 9 | Felice Regalo (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | Manhattan Cafe Chatter Lips | R. Wada Y. Tomomichi | Yu Hirai Shadai Farm | 1/2 (35.7) | 79.4 (15) |
| 15 | 3 | 5 | Tagano Etoile (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | King Kamehameha Seaside Breeze | Y. Kawada H. Matsuda | Ryoji Yagi Shadai Corporation Inc. | 1/2 (36.0) | 41.4 (10) |
| 16 | 6 | 11 | Win Liberty (JPN) | F4 | 56.0 | Dance in the Dark Free Vacation | K. Matsuyama Y. Iida | Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm | 3/4 (37.3) | 63.8 (13) |
| 17 | 7 | 13 | Meisho Mambo (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | Suzuka Mambo Meisho Momoka | K. Take Y. Iida | Yoshio Matsumoto Yoshio Matsumoto | Neck (35.0) | 55.2 (12) |
| 18 | 3 | 6 | Remain Silent (JPN) | M5 | 56.0 | White Muzzle Silent Ask | F. Komaki N. Tanaka | Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm | 1-1/4 (36.0) | 159.0 (16) |

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: 2:14.9

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 14,081,510,500

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 21,147,966,600

ATTENDANCE: 41,257

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

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| WIN | No.12 | ¥1,520 | BRACKET QUINELLA | 6-8 | ¥1,470 | QUINELLA | 12-18 | ¥1,860 |
| PLACE | No.12 | ¥320 | QUINELLA PLACE | 12-18 | ¥680 | EXACTA | 12-18 | ¥4,730 |
| | No.18 | ¥130 | | 8-12 | ¥1,340 | TRIO | 8-12-18 | ¥3,770 |
| | No.8 | ¥210 | | 8-18 | ¥440 | TRIFECTA | 12-18-8 | ¥23,590 |

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

Deep Impact / Chrysoprase (El Condor Pasa)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Takashi Kubota

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

13 Starts, 5 Wins

Added money: ¥ 93,822,000

Career earnings: ¥ 175,190,000

Principal Race Performances: '15 Mermaid Stakes (G3, 2,000m) 2nd

2. Nuovo Record (JPN), chestnut, filly, 4-year-old

Heart's Cry / Omega Spirit (Spinning World)

Owner: Reiko Hara

Breeder: Reiko Hara

Trainer: Makoto Saito

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

3. Touching Speech (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Listen (Sadler's Wells)

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Sei Ishizaka

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

Marialite Tops G1 Mares and Fillies in Queen Elizabeth II Cup

Having just joined grade-race company two starts ago in the Mermaid Stakes and coming off a fifth-place in the All Comers, **Marialite** turned in a terrific performance against the top middle-distance mares and fillies for her first G1 victory in her first G1 challenge. It was also a memorable first G1 victory for trainer Takashi Kubota who opened his yard in 2003 and his first grade-race title in six years and sixth career grade-race title overall. Masayoshi Ebina landed his 24th career JRA-G1 title—his last being in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes with Danon Platina—and his first victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

Marialite was positioned between horses in mid-division early, around ninth, and well behind **Win Liberty** who set the pace and opened the gap to about five lengths from **Lilavati**, the lone second who ran another five lengths in front of the rest of the field that traveled at a slow pace over the soft turf rated good with the weather having just

cleared after two days of rain. Under Masayoshi Ebina, the Deep Impact filly advanced along the outside as the field spread wide into the stretch and closed in on the leaders with every stride, taking command soon after the furlong pole. Challenged by a fast closing **Nuovo Record** who had beaten her in their previous start in the All Comers and progressing three-year-old filly **Touching Speech**, **Marialite** held on willingly and prevailed for a neck victory.

“The track condition worked to her advantage. She’s easy to ride and was in great shape today. She’s been allowed to mature without much pressure up to now for which I’m grateful and now that she’s won today, I’m looking forward to much more improvement which she is capable of,” commented Ebina. “I’m so delighted with her achievement because I’ve been training her towards this goal all along and she’s built up into a great filly. I left all the tactics to Ebina and she ran such a smooth race, I was really excited watching her charging down the homestretch. She held on so well!” said Kubota after the race.

Sent to post race favorite again this year after finishing second in the 2014 edition of the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, **Nuovo Record** was wide throughout most of the 2,200-meter trip after breaking from stall 18. In hand and positioned in mid-field before being held back a little further back, the 2014 Oaks winner made headway along the outside approaching the final turn and demonstrated her impressive turn of speed while still wide along the homestretch to miss by a neck.

Touching Speech settled well off the pace in mid-pack about two lengths behind the eventual winner. Shuffled back a little as the field crowded in turning for home; the Deep Impact three-year-old regained her momentum in the last 200 meters and came with great force from between horses to grab her share.

Lachesis saved ground and edged forward along the rails but was bumped when angling out at the final turn and ran into a wall of horses in the straight, finishing a dull 11th.

Other Horses:

4th: (15) **Rouge Buck**—ran wide in rear division, bumped circling wide in final corner, showed belated charge

5th: (16) **Smart Layer**—raced near rear, angled wide, quickened and timed fastest over last 3 furlongs

6th: (3) **Hula Bride**—chased distant leaders in 3rd, advanced to 2nd passing 200m marker, weakened 100m out

7th: (17) **Sundarbans**—traveled wide in mid-group, showed effort at straight, weakened in final strides

8th: (2) **Queens Ring**—sat inside winner, bumped at final corner, then accelerated

9th: (4) **Lilavati**—chasing leader in 2nd, held well until 100m out, then outrun

10th: (7) **Chateau Blanche**—hugged rail in mid-division, accelerated until 100m out

12th: (14) **Nobori Diana**—ran outside winner, lacked needed kick at stretch

13th: (1) **Power Spot**—hugged rail in rear pack, unable to reach contention

14th: (9) **Felice Regalo**—raced in 5th, failed to respond at stretch

15th: (5) **Tagano Etoile**—saved ground in 6th, ran gamely until 300m out, ran out of steam

16th: (11) **Win Liberty**—set pace, led until 200m marker, fell back thereafter

17th: (13) **Meisho Mambo**—trailed in rear, no factor

18th: (6) **Remain Silent**—positioned in 4th, faded after entering straight

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 11.0 - 12.4 - 12.4 - 12.2 - 12.8 - 12.7 - 12.4 - 12.0 - 12.6 - 11.7

Last 4 furlongs: 48.7 Last 3 furlongs: 36.3

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

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

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

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

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.