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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 41ST 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 **Marialite** had come off a fifth-place finish in the All Comers (G2, 2,200m) on September 25 after claiming second G1 title in the 2016 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) against male runners in June. 2015 Best Three-Year-Old Filly **Mikki Queen** made her first Queen Elizabeth II Cup challenge, coming off a runner-up effort in the Victoria Mile while **Touching Speech**, who finished third in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup last year, had come off a long break following her last start, the Takarazuka Kinen, in which she finished 12th.

Coming off their starts in the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m) on October 15 were **Queens Ring**, who landed her third grade-race victory in the race, as well as **Asuka Biren**, **Sundarbans**, **Sing with Joy**, **Chaleur** and **Meisho Mambo** who finished fourth, fifth, seventh, 10th and 13th, respectively.

The three-year-old newcomers challenging their seniors in this G1 race, coming off their last leg of the fillies' Triple Crown, the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m), were runner-up **Pearl Code** and ninth-place finisher **Denko Ange**

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 41ST 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 13, 2016 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 200,480,000 (about US\$ 1,671,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

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

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2013

Safety factor: 18 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	2	3	Queens Ring (JPN)	F4	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Aqua Ring	M. Demuro K. Yoshimura	Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm	2:12.9 (33.2)	6.1 (3)
2	5	9	Sing with Joy (JPN)	F4	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Sing Like Bird	C. Lemaire Y. Tomomichi	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	Neck (33.7)	61.6 (12)
3	1	1	Mikki Queen (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Musical Way	S. Hamanaka Y. Ikee	Mizuki Noda Northern Farm	1-1/4 (33.6)	3.6 (2)
4	8	15	Pearl Code (JPN)	F3	54.0	Victoire Pisa Magic Code	Y. Kawada M. Nakauchida	HH Sheikh Fahad bin Abdulla K.H Al-Thani Shadai Farm	3/4 (34.0)	8.4 (5)
5	7	13	Primera Azul (JPN)	F4	56.0	Special Week Remain Forest	H. Miyuki T. Suzuki	Azul Co., Ltd. Eiichi Ishikawa	1-1/4 (34.6)	102.9 (14)
6	2	2	Marialite (JPN)	M5	56.0	Deep Impact Chrysoprase	M. Ebina T. Kubota	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1/2 (33.9)	3.1 (1)
6	6	10	Sundarbans (JPN)	M5	56.0	Heart's Cry Nature Guide	Y. Yoshida E. Yano	Shimokobe B. Shimokobe Farm	DH (33.5)	18.9 (6)
8	5	8	Touching Speech (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Listen	R. Moore S. Ishizaka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/4 (33.7)	6.2 (4)
9	4	7	Maximum de Paris (JPN)	F4	56.0	King Kamehameha Mlle de Paris	Y. Take S. Matsumoto	Green Farm Shadai Farm	Neck (34.2)	28.8 (7)
10	7	12	Asuka Biren (JPN)	F4	56.0	Black Tide Swept Regina	D. Matsuda H. Nakao	Koji Kanda Tomio Kanda	Nose (33.5)	54.2 (10)

11	6	11	Denko Ange (JPN)	F3	54.0	Meisho Samson Denko Lucky	K. Matsuyama Y. Arakawa	Yasuhiro Tanaka Yasuhiro Tanaka	1-1/4 (33.7)	51.6 (9)
12	3	5	Meisho Mambo (JPN)	M6	56.0	Suzuka Mambo Meisho Momoka	K. Ikezoe Y. Iida	Yoshio Matsumoto Yoshio Matsumoto	3/4 (35.0)	74.6 (13)
13	3	4	Hiruno Matera (JPN)	M5	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Concern Nacca	H. Shii M. Kon	Hiruno Co., Ltd. Tsuji Bokujo Samani Kyoei Bokujo et al.	1/2 (34.3)	31.0 (8)
14	4	6 B	Proletariat (JPN)	M5	56.0	Heart's Cry Agartha	M. Sugihara S. Kojima	Kunio Tahara Northern Racing	2 (34.6)	105.6 (15)
15	8	14	Chaleur (JPN)	F4	56.0	Zenno Rob Roy Great Fever	Y. Fukunaga M. Matsunaga	U. Carrot Farm Shadai Corporation Inc.	1 (35.2)	55.2 (11)

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

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: 2:12.9

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 14,252,932,500

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 21,408,515,200

ATTENDANCE: 48,271

#### PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.3	¥610	BRACKET QUINELLA	2-5	¥720	QUINELLA	3-9	¥13,710
PLACE	No.3	¥230	QUINELLA PLACE	3-9	¥3,670	EXACTA	3-9	¥22,570
	No.9	¥1,200		1-3	¥520	TRIO	1-3-9	¥20,680
	No.1	¥150		1-9	¥4,640	TRIFECTA	3-9-1	¥158,930

#### 1. Queens Ring (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Manhattan Cafe / Aqua Ring (Anabaa)

Owner: Chizu Yoshida

Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Keiji Yoshimura

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

13 Starts, 6 Wins

Added money: ¥ 96,192,000

Career earnings: ¥ 321,766,000

Principal Race Performances:

'16 Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m) 1st  
'16 Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, 1,400m) 1st  
'15 Fillies' Revue (G2, 1,400m) 1st  
'15 Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) 2nd

#### 2. Sing with Joy (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Manhattan Cafe / Sing Like Bird (Symboli Kris S)

Owner: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Yasuo Tomomichi

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

#### 3. Mikki Queen (JPN), bay, filly, 4-year-old

Deep Impact / Musical Way (Gold Away)

Owner: Mizuki Noda

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee

Jockey: Suguru Hamanaka

#### Queens Ring Storms to Victory in Queen Elizabeth II Cup

Third pick **Queens Ring** stamped her claim as the champion distaffer on turf in this year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup, her first G1 victory which followed grade-race wins won in the Kyoto Himba Stakes earlier this season and the Fuchu Himba Stakes, her last start before coming into this race. While winning three in a row since her debut in December of her two-year-old season and quick to claim her first grade-race title in the G2 Fillies' Revue in her third career start, she was fourth, ninth, and second in her three-year-old fillies' Triple and eighth in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup last year. Trainer, Keiji Yoshimura, came into this race with three grade-race titles—all won with Queen Ring—since he opened his year in 2012 which makes this victory his first JRA-G1 title. Meanwhile, jockey

Mirco Demuro, whose latest G1 victory was with Red Falx in the Sprinters Stakes last month, claimed his 18th JRA-G1 title with the win.

**Queens Ring** broke in air and was keen early while Mirco Demuro kept her covered inside rivals and behind **Mikki Queen** in mid-pack. Angling slightly rounding the last turn and asked to go, the Manhattan filly unleashed a bursting turn of speed to surge out between horses and pinned down Sing with Joy just before the wire for a neck win.

“I’m really happy to have won a G1 at Kyoto for the first time. She missed her break and I would have liked her to race a little more in front but since the distance was over 2,200 meters, I knew we had time to make up the loss. I wanted to take her out a little more for the stretch run but there was a horse outside of us so I had her go inside, she’s has a terrific turn of speed and quickened really well,” commented Mirco Demuro.

**Sing with Joy** was quick out of the gate to secure a forward position in fourth along the rails early. Closing up on the leaders rounding the last corner, the Yasuo Tomomichi-trained filly launched her bid impressively, hitting the front before the furlong pole, and pulled away and almost made it to the wire but was unable to withstand the winner’s bid in the last strides.

**Mikki Queen** broke smoothly from the innermost stall and saved ground in mid-field inside race favorite **Marialite**, was asked for the run as Queens Ring swept past her inside but was a little late in switching to gear but closed up impressively for the share.

Defending champion **Marialite** broke smoothly to chase the leader in around fourth position but was bumped, almost unseating the rider, and shuffled back rounding the first corner. Having to make up ground again, moving up to around eighth along the backstretch, she was unable to gain much more ground while giving much of what was left to finish sixth.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (15) **Pearl Code**—advanced to 3rd from widest draw, ran gamely but pinned by Mikki Queen before wire

5th: (13) **Primera Azul**—set moderate pace, led until 200m pole, showed tenacity for 3rd, weakened in final strides

6th: (10) **Sundarbans**—sat 3rd from rear, switched to outside at early stretch, quickened up to 100m marker

8th: (8) **Touching Speech**—traveled behind winner, showed brief effort, even paced in last 200m

9th: (7) **Maximum de Paris**—ran in mid-division, even paced throughout

10th: (12) **Asuka Biren**—settled near rear, lacked needed kick at stretch

11th: (11) **Denko Ange**—trailed in rear, angled wide, passed tired rivals

12th: (5) **Meisho Mambo**—stalked leader in 2nd, sustained bid up to 300m then faded

13th: (4) **Hiruno Matera**—raced outside winner, lacked needed kick at stretch

14th: (6) **Proletariat**—traveled outside winner, turned wide, unable to reach contention

15th: (14) **Chaleur**—sat in 5th, faded after entering stretch

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.2 - 12.8 - 12.7 - 12.6 - 12.6 - 12.5 - 11.9 - 11.5 - 11.2 - 11.4

Last 4 furlongs: 46.0      Last 3 furlongs: 34.1

Positions at each corner:

1st corner 13(5,15)(9,14)7,1,2(3,4,6)(8,10,12)11

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

3rd corner 13,5(9,15)14(1,7)2(3,4,6)(8,10)-(12,11)

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

**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.