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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 42ND 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 **Queens Ring** came off a fourth-place finish in the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Oct.14) and **Vivlos**, winner of the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m) in March, came in second to winner **Crocsmia** who captured her first grade-race title in the race. **Rouge Buck** and **Smart Layer** came off their victories against male opponents in the All Comers (G2, 2,200m; Sep.24) and the Kyoto Daishoten (G2, 2,400m; Oct.9), respectively. 2015 Best Three-Year-Old Filly **Mikki Queen** came off a long spell following her third-place finish in the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m; Jun.25). It was the first time for three-year-old fillies, **Deirdre**, **Lys Gracieux** and **Mozu Katchan** who finished in the top three in the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m; Oct.15) in that order, to face older fillies and mares at the highest level.

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 42ND 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 12, 2017 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 200,480,000 (about US\$ 1,743,304 <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 2014

Safety factor: 18 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	3	5	Mozu Katchan (JPN)	F3	54.0	Harbinger Site Dealer	M. Demuro I. Sameshima	Capital System Co., Ltd. Masaji Kitagawa	2:14.3 (34.1)	7.7 (5)
2	2	4	Crocsmia (JPN)	F4	56.0	Stay Gold Develope	R. Wada K. Nishiura	Ryoichi Otsuka Hideo Takadaru	Neck (34.3)	26.4 (9)
3	5	10	Mikki Queen (JPN)	M5	56.0	Deep Impact Musical Way	S. Hamanaka Y. Ikee	Mizuki Noda Northern Farm	Head (33.7)	7.2 (3)
4	7	15	Maximum de Paris (JPN)	M5	56.0	King Kamehameha Mlle de Paris	Y. Fujioka S. Matsumoto	Green Farm Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (34.4)	119.0 (12)
5	8	16	Vivlos (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Halwa Sweet	C. Lemaire Y. Tomomichi	Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Racing	3/4 (34.3)	2.8 (1)
6	6	12	Smart Layer (JPN)	M7	56.0	Deep Impact Snow Style	Y. Kawada R. Okubo	Toru Okawa Okada Stud	Nose (34.0)	11.2 (6)
7	4	7	Queens Ring (JPN)	M5	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Aqua Ring	C. Demuro K. Yoshimura	Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm	Head (33.9)	15.1 (8)
8	3	6	Lys Gracieux (JPN)	F3	54.0	Heart's Cry Liliside	Y. Fukunaga Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	3/4 (33.7)	15.0 (7)
9	8	17	Rouge Buck (JPN)	M5	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Ginger Punch	R. Moore M. Otake	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	Neck (34.0)	6.2 (2)
10	2	3	Tosen Victory (JPN)	M5	56.0	King Kamehameha To the Victory	A. Atzeni K. Sumii	Takaya Shimakawa Northern Racing	3/4 (34.4)	86.7 (11)
11	8	18	Eterna Minoru (JPN)	F4	56.0	Empire Maker Daiwa Gelato	H. Shii M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	3/4 (34.7)	208.1 (16)
12	6	11	Deirdre (JPN)	F3	54.0	Harbinger Reizend	Y. Iwata M. Hashida	T. Morita Northern Farm	Neck (33.8)	7.4 (4)
13	5	9	Denko Ange (JPN)	F4	56.0	Meisho Samson Denko Lucky	M. Ebina Y. Arakawa	Yasuhiro Tanaka Yasuhiro Tanaka	3/4 (34.7)	165.9 (13)

14	1	1	Queen's Milagro (JPN)	M5	56.0	Manhattan Cafe Just Too Too	K. Fujioka M. Wada	Queen's Ranch Co., Ltd. Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.	1-1/4 (35.5)	187.8 (14)
14	1	2	Happy Yunibansu (JPN)	M5	56.0	Jungle Pocket Admire C'est lavie	K. Ikezoe O. Hirata	Tetsuya Kamei Northern Racing	DH (34.6)	263.1 (17)
16	7	13	Jour Polaire (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Summer Night City	H. Miyuki M. Nishizono	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1-1/4 (35.2)	35.5 (10)
17	4	8 B	Touching Speech (JPN)	M5	56.0	Deep Impact Listen	K. Matsuyama S. Ishizaka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	3/4 (34.6)	195.5 (15)
18	7	14	Ukiyono Kaze (JPN)	M7	56.0	On Fire Admire Dash	N. Yokoyama T. Kikuzawa	Jun Kokubu Jun Kokubu	3 (34.7)	264.2 (18)

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: 2:14.3

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 15,922,991,600

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 23,078,561,500

ATTENDANCE: 51,848

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥770	BRACKET QUINELLA	2-3	¥4,020	QUINELLA	4-5	¥8,030
PLACE	No.5	¥260	QUINELLA PLACE	4-5	¥2,160	EXACTA	5-4	¥15,890
	No.4	¥630		5-10	¥870	TRIO	4-5-10	¥20,760
	No.10	¥240		4-10	¥2,930	TRIFECTA	5-4-10	¥127,540

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

Harbinger / Site Dealer (King Kamehameha)

Owner: Capital System Co., Ltd. Breeder: Masaji Kitagawa

Trainer: Ippo Sameshima Jockey: Mirco Demuro

9 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 96,822,000 Career earnings: ¥ 234,398,000

Principal race performances: '17 Flora Stakes (G2, 2,000m) 1st
'17 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) 2nd
'17 Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) 3rd

2. Crocosmia (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Stay Gold / Developpe (Boston Harbor)

Owner: Ryoichi Otsuka Breeder: Hideo Takadaru

Trainer: Katsuichi Nishiura Jockey: Ryuji Wada

3. Mikki Queen (JPN), bay, mare, 5-year-old

Deep Impact / Musical Way (Gold Away)

Owner: Mizuki Noda Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee Jockey: Suguru Hamanaka

Three-Year-Old Mozu Katchan Claims Queen Elizabeth II Cup

Fifth pick **Mozu Katchan** claimed her well-deserved first G1 victory in this year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup after few misses in her fillies' Triple earlier in the season. Beating her seniors in this event, she becomes the first three-year-old in four years and the eighth overall to win the distaff G1 title. The *Harbinger* filly, with just one start as a two-year-old, broke her maiden in her third career starts and notched three wins in a row including her first grade-race victory in the Flora Stakes. She was 1-3/4-second to Soul Stirring in her following Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) then, coming off a seventh in the Rose Stakes, finished third in the Shuka Sho despite losing a shoe. Trainer Ippo Sameshima celebrated his first G1 victory and 24th grade-race title after opening his yard in 2000. Jockey Mirco Demuro accomplished a repeat victory after winning this race last year with **Queens Ring** while claiming his 23rd JRA-G1 title—his latest being the Kikuka Sho with Kiseki.

Mozu Katchan broke smoothly out of the gate and immediately settled nicely along the rails inside race favorite **Vivlos** in fifth position. Still in hand going downhill towards the fourth corner, jockey Mirco Demuro nudged the three-year-old forward to secure a clear path as the field started to close up from behind, and the filly responded with increasing speed from the 200-meter pole in pursuit of **Crocoshmia** who found another gear after inheriting the lead from **Queen's Milagro** while holding off a fast closing **Mikki Queen**, finally pinning **Crocoshmia** in the last strides for a neck victory and first G1 title against older fillies and mares.

"I'm so happy to have won this title again this year. **Mozu Katchan** is such an honest and talented filly and it was such a shame that she'd lost a shoe last time out in the Shuka Sho, so I'm glad that we were able to prove her ability in this race. We had a good draw and everything went as planned. She was so strong nearing the finish and pinning the leader for the win," commented winning jockey Mirco Demuro

Crocoshmia shot out of the gate and eased to second as **Queen's Milagro** immediately disputed for the lead and made the pace. Stalking the pace in second, about 2-1/2 lengths from the leader and five lengths in front of her next rival **Maximum de Paris**, **Crocoshmia** had plenty in the tank as she inherited the lead and took command at the head of the stretch then maintained a clear lead for most of the stretch before outrun by the winner by a neck in the last strides.

Mikki Queen was unhurried early and rated well behind the pace in the latter half of the field along the backstretch. Making headway along the outside and wide entering the stretch, the *Deep Impact* mare exerted a powerful late run to sweep past her rivals and loomed to contention in the last 100 meters to almost catching all but finishing a neck and a head in third.

Race favorite **Vivlos** broke sharply out of the gate under Christophe Lemaire and rated nicely just behind the pace and outside a rival in fourth position. Entering the stretch a few horses back as the race began in earnest, the *Deep Impact* filly was unable to quicken in the final stages to threaten the leaders while remaining in contention for fifth.

Other Horses:

4th: (15) **Maximum de Paris**—chased leaders in 3rd, sustained bid, outrun by **Mikki Queen** in final strides
6th: (12) **Smart Layer**—sat around 6th, gradually improved position at stretch, accelerated in last 200m
7th: (7) **Queens Ring**—took economic trip in mid-division, quickened at inner stretch, failed to threaten
8th: (6) **Lys Gracieux**—positioned towards rear, showed belated charge, timed tied fastest over last 3 furlongs
9th: (17) **Rouge Buck**—settled wide towards rear, switched to outside at early stretch, accelerated
10th: (3) **Tosen Victory**—traveled behind eventual winner, failed to respond at stretch
11th: (18) **Eterna Minoru**—ran wide in mid-pack, ran willingly until 200m out, weakened thereafter
12th: (11) **Deirdre**—sat 2nd from rear, showed belated late charge, timed third fastest over last 3 furlongs
13th: (9) **Denko Ange**—raced in mid-group, met traffic briefly at early stretch, lacked needed kick
14th: (1) **Queen's Milagro**—set pace and led until final corner, faded thereafter
14th: (2) **Happy Yunibansu**—saved ground 3rd from rear, turned wide, even paced at stretch
16th: (13) **Jour Polaire**—traveled wide in mid-division, showed little at stretch
17th: (8) **Touching Speech**—sat 4th from rear, unable to reach contention
18th: (14) **Ukiyono Kaze**—was off a bit slow, trailed in rear, no factor throughout

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.3 - 12.7 - 12.8 - 12.7 - 12.8 - 12.9 - 12.2 - 11.6 - 11.2 - 11.6
Last 4 furlongs: 46.6 Last 3 furlongs: 34.4

Positions at each corner:

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

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.