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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 48TH 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. The race was temporarily held at Hanshin Racecourse between 2020 and 2022 due to the renovation of Kyoto Racecourse.

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 the race in 2010 and then defended the title again in 2011. Last year's race welcomed Magical Lagoon (IRE, by Galileo), the first overseas contender in 11 years, but the Irish Oaks victor faded to last after running in second position on yielding going.

Geraldina, victor of the 2022 edition, came off a sixth against male opponents in the All Comers (G2, 2,200m, Sep.24), with **Maria Elena** in fourth. **Divina** claimed her first graded title in the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Oct.14), followed by **Rouge Eveil** in second and **Lilac** in third. Other key four-year-old and up runners among the field were: **Saliera**, third-place finisher in the Meguro Kinen (G2, 2,500m) in May; two-time graded winner **Art House**; and **Big Ribbon**, victor of the Mermaid Stakes (G3, 2,000m) in June. The field also included notable three-year-old fillies: **Harper**, who finished third in the last leg of the Triple Tiara, the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m, Oct.15); and **Brede Weg**, runner-up in the Rose Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Sep.17).

THE 48TH 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 12, 2023 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 281,800,000 (about US\$ 2,152,000 <US\$1=¥131>)

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

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020

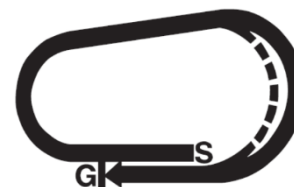
Course Record: 2:09.7

Race Record: 2:11.2 [To the Victory (JPN, by Sunday Silence), 2001]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	1	1	Brede Weg (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 b. 54.0	2.4 (1)	2:12.6 (34.4)	Lord Kanaloa Inner Urge (Deep Impact)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Keisuke Miyata
2	2	2	Rouge Eveil (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F4 b. 56.0	13.3 (5)	3/4 (34.3)	Just a Way Nothing But Dreams (Frankel)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yoichi Kuroiwa
3	2	3	Harper (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F3 b. 54.0	6.7 (3)	Neck (34.8)	Heart's Cry Seresta (Jump Start)	M's Racing Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
4	6	11	Lilac (JPN) Keita Tosaki	F4 b. 56.0	10.2 (4)	1/2 (34.2)	Orfevre Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
5	4	7	Geraldina (JPN) Ryan Moore	M5 b. 56.0	4.6 (2)	Neck (34.7)	Maurice Gentildonna (Deep Impact)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
6	7	13	Saliera (JPN) Tom Marquand	F4 b. 56.0	15.7 (6)	Neck (34.2)	Deep Impact Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Sakae Kunieda
7	4	6	Divina (JPN)	M5	18.7	3/4	Maurice	Kazuhiro Sasaki

			Mirco Demuro	b. 56.0	(8)	(34.5)	Vexina (Deep Impact)	Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
8	3	5	Izu Jo no Kiseki (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	M6 b. 56.0	103.8 (13)	Neck (34.4)	Epiphaneia King Dancer (King Kamehameha)	Ichiro Izumi Mitsuhiro Sugahara Naoya Nakamura
9	5	8	Shinryokuka (JPN) Hatsuya Kowata	F3 b. 54.0	72.6 (12)	Neck (34.7)	Satono Diamond Lei Carla (King Kamehameha)	Kentaro Yui Shimokobe Farm Masahiro Takeuchi
10	6	10	Kukuna (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	M5 d.b. 56.0	152.4 (14)	Neck (34.7)	King Kamehameha Culminar (Deep Impact)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Toru Kurita
11	8	15	Big Ribbon (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	M5 b. 56.0	42.7 (11)	Neck (34.3)	Rulership Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
12	3	4 B	Roselite (JPN) Ryuji Wada	M5 b. 56.0	216.8 (15)	1/2 (35.7)	Kizuna Embrace (Afleet)	Tadahiko Nakamura Doi Bokujo Hisashi Shimizu
13	5	9	Art House (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F4 ch. 56.0	22.2 (9)	Head (35.8)	Screen Hero Pearl Code (Victoire Pisa)	HH Sheikh Fahad bin Abdulla K.H Al-Thani Pearl Thoroughbred Co., Ltd. Mitsumasa Nakauchida
14	7	12	Gold Eclipse (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F4 ch. 56.0	40.2 (10)	DS (37.3)	Duramente Gold Glory (Harbinger)	Hisayo Ishiro Hokusho Farm Ryuji Okubo
15	8	14	Maria Elena (JPN) Kosei Miura	M5 g. 56.0	17.9 (7)	3/4 (37.2)	Kurofune Tenderly Voice (Deep Impact)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Naohiro Yoshida

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
DS: Distance

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 17,004,062,500 Turnover for the Day: ¥ 25,675,138,500 Attendance: 32,908

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.1	¥ 240	Bracket Quinella	1-2	¥ 570	Quinella	1-2	¥ 1,580
Place	No.1	¥ 130	Quinella Place	1-2	¥ 630	Exacta	1-2	¥ 2,210
	No.2	¥ 290		1-3	¥ 380	Trio	1-2-3	¥ 2,910
	No.3	¥ 180		2-3	¥ 1,160	Trifecta	1-2-3	¥ 9,780

Winner= 5 starts: 3 wins & 2 seconds / Added & stakes money: ¥ 133,150,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 170,798,000

Three-Year-Old Brede Weg Claims the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Her First G1 Challenge

Race favorite **Brede Weg** claimed this year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup to capture her first graded title. Finishing second in her debut start (Niigata, 1,800m) as a two-year-old in August last year, the Lord Kanaloa filly broke her maiden in her second career start (Tokyo, 1,800m) in February this year and marked another win in the following one-win class race (Tokyo, 2,000m) in June. While marking a runner-up effort in her first graded attempt, the Rose Stakes (G2, 1,800m), on September 17, her connection avoided the Shuka Sho, the last leg of the Triple Tiara, and instead prepared her for this race, considering her two fractures in the past. She is the first three-year-old filly to win the Queen Elizabeth II Cup since Mozu Katchan in 2017 and also became the Queen Elizabeth II Cup victor with the fewest career starts of five. With this win, trainer Keisuke Miyata claimed his first JRA-G1 title (third JRA graded title), while jockey Christophe Lemaire marked his 48th JRA-G1 win following the Tenno Sho (Autumn) with Equinox and his third Queen Elizabeth II Cup title following his wins with Little Amapola

in 2008 and Lucky Lilac in 2020.

Breaking from the innermost stall, **Brede Weg** hugged the rails in fifth, a little toward the front than usual, and continued to take the inner route rounding the final corners. The three-year-old bay broke loose from the pack passing the 200-meter pole to close in on the front two runners, overtook the front 100 meters out and easily pulled away with her strong late kick for a 3/4-length victory.

“I was a bit worried about the soft ground but it was no problem for her. We couldn’t break well but were able to travel in good position behind Harper. She was calm, responded well throughout the race and pulled away strongly with her explosive kick,” commented Christophe Lemaire.

Fifth pick **Rouge Eveil** broke smoothly from stall two and eased back to around sixth-seventh by the rails, eyeing **Brede Weg** in front. The Just a Way filly continued to run persistently on the heels of the winner until the wire for second place.

Third choice **Harper** traveled 3-4 lengths behind the front two pacesetters in third by the rails. Though overtaken by the top two finishers 200-meters out, the three-year-old filly by Heart’s Cry closed in on the runner-up in the last strides to cross the wire a neck behind in third.

Other Horses:

4th: (11) **Lilac**—ran wide around 10th, launched tied fastest late charge, missed 3rd place by 1/2 length

5th: (7) **Geraldina**—advanced to 7th after poor break, showed effort but failed to keep up with top two finishers’ speed

6th: (13) **Saliera**—unhurried in 13th, showed tied fastest late kick but had too much ground to make up

7th: (6) **Divina**—sat wide around 10th, showed response until 100m out

8th: (5) **Izu Jo no Kiseki**—positioned on rails near rear, lacked needed kick

9th: (8) **Shinryokuka**—settled wide around 9th, showed brief effort, never threatened

10th: (10) **Kukuna**—hugged rails around 10th, gradually switched to outside, even paced

11th: (15) **Big Ribbon**—trailed in rear, passed tired rivals at stretch

12th: (4) **Roselite**—stalked leader in second, faded after 200m pole

13th: (9) **Art House**—set pace, showed tenacity and maintained lead until 100m out

14th: (12) **Gold Eclipse**—chased leaders around 3rd, outrun at stretch

15th: (14) **Maria Elena**—traveled in 6th behind winner, dropped back after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.4 - 12.6 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 11.9 - 12.7 - 11.8 - 11.6 - 11.5 - 12.0
Last 4 furlongs: 46.9 Last 3 furlongs: 35.1

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