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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 50TH 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 2,400meter 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.

With last year's champion Stunning Rose (JPN, by King Kamehameha) retired, this year's edition focused on two-time G1 winner Regaleira who came off a win in the All Comers (G2, 2,200m; Sep.21). Another four-year-old G1 victor **Stellenbosch** aimed to bounce back from a disappointing 15th in the Sapporo Kinen (G2, 2,000m; Aug.17) where Coconuts Brown was second against opposite gender. Notable contenders who came off the Ireland Trophy (G2, 1,800m; Oct.12) were Kana Tape (3rd), Lilac (4th), Bond Girl (9th) and Sekitoba East (10th). The field also included Aurora X, winner of the Cassiopeia Stakes (Listed, 1,800m; Oct.25) as well as Lynx Tip, third-place finisher of the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) and Erika Express and Paradis Reine who came off a second and a third, respectively, in the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m; Oct.19), the last jewel of the fillies' Triple Crown.

THE 50TH 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 16, 2025 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 283,100,000 (about US\$ 1,804,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

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

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

Course Record: 2:09.7 Race Record: 2:11.0 [Regaleira (JPN, by Suave Richard), 2025]





8	4	8	Vermicelles (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	M5 ch. 56.0	48.5 (13)	1/2 (34.7)	Gold Ship Maroon Drop (Conduit)	Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co., Ltd. Okada Stud Keiji Yoshimura		
9	6	11	Verehrung (JPN) Yuji Tannai	M5 g. 56.0	50.4 (14)	1-1/2 (35.2)	Gold Ship Meine Pauline (Special Week)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Shoichiro Wada		
10	1	2	Stellenbosch (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F4 b. 56.0	13.2 (6)	Neck (35.4)	Epiphaneia Bloukrans (Rulership)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda		
11	5	9	Bond Girl (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	F4 b. 56.0	44.1 (12)	Neck (35.1)	Daiwa Major Coasted (Tizway)	Susumu Fujita Northern Farm Takahisa Tezuka		
12	3	6	Erika Express (JPN) Yutaka Take	F3 d.b. 54.0	12.2 (5)	Nose (36.0)	Epiphaneia Enticed (Galileo)	Masahiro Miki Mishima Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama		
13	2	3	Shinryokuka (JPN) Hatsuya Kowata	M5 b. 56.0	36.6 (11)	1 (36.0)	Satono Diamond Lei Carla (King Kamehameha)	Kentaro Yui Shimokobe Farm Masahiro Takeuchi		
14	7	14	Kelly Fled Ask (JPN) Yasunari lwata	F3 br. 54.0	145.6 (16)	3/4 (35.9)	Duramente Deep in Ask (Deep Impact)	Toshihiro Hirosaki Toshihiro Hirosaki Hideaki Fujiwara		
15	2	4	Kana Tape (JPN) Damian Lane	M6 b. 56.0	26.5 (7)	1-1/4 (36.1)	Lord Kanaloa Ticker Tape (Royal Applause)	Charles Fipke Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori		
16	8	15	Aurora X (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F4 b. 56.0	26.7 (8)	2-1/2 (35.9)	Satono Diamond Galileo's Song (Galileo)	Tsunefumi Kusama Shimokobe Farm Haruki Sugiyama		

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) Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white NOTE: 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: ¥ 20,072,266,900 Turnover for the Day: ¥ 29,197,398,200 Attendance: 39,842

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.7	¥ 230	Bracket Quinella	1-4	¥ 690	Quinella	1-7	¥ 1,280
	No.7	¥ 130		1-7	¥ 610	Exacta	7-1	¥ 1,720
Place	No.1	¥ 280	Quinella Place	7-12	¥ 950	Trio	1-7-12	¥ 8,920
	No.12	¥ 460		1-12	¥ 3,430	Trifecta	7-1-12	¥ 24,680

Winner= 11 starts: 5 wins & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 133,486,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 835,637,000

Regaleira Captures Third G1 Title in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup with Record Time

Race favorite **Regaleira** claimed her third G1 victory in this year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup, shaving 0.1 second off the record time to set a new record of 2:11.0, to avenge her fifth-place finish in this race last year. The Suave Richard filly registered her first G1 title in the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) as a two-year-old and added another G1 victory in the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m) as a three-year-old but then sustained a chip fracture in her right foreleg. The four-year-old bay returned to racing in this year's Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) in June where she was well defeated to 11th, but regained her form to win her latest start, the All Comers (G2, 2,200m) on September 21. Trainer Tetsuya Kimura won his 14th JRA-G1 title following his Tenno Sho (Spring) title with Redentor this year and jockey Keita Tosaki also registered his 14th JRA-G1 victory, his first since last year's Arima Kinen win with this filly.

Breaking smoothly from stall seven, **Regaleira** traveled wide in mid-division, around 10-11th from the front. The Suave Richard filly navigated the final turns wide before unleashing a powerful charge in the final stretch with the tied fastest closing speed, nailing the front 50 meters out and easily pulling away for a 1-3/4-length victory with record time.

"I'm truly delighted to have won with Regaleira again. I'm both happy and relieved that we were able to live up to everyone's expectations as the race favorite. The stable staff told me how good her condition was, and I could feel it too when I rode her. She was calm during the post parade and jumped out of the gate on her own. The condition of the inner track wasn't very good, so I made sure that we didn't get stuck there. She responded well at the stretch. I'm confident that she'll do even better from here," commented Keita Tosaki.

Fourth choice **Paradis Reine**, breaking alertly from the innermost stall, hugged the rails in 6-7th, steered to the outside for a clear path entering the lane and overtook the frontrunner 200 meters out to assume command but was unable to hold off the fast-closing **Regaleira** and finish second.

Unhurried second from the rear, ninth choice **Lilac**, runner-up of the 2022 edition of this race, angled out for the stretch run to launch the tied-fastest late drive and, while failing to threaten the top two finishers, pinned **Lynx Tip** just before the wire to secure third place by a head.

Other Horses:

4th: (16) **Lynx Tip**—ran in 6th early, gradually advanced to enter lane in good striking position, launched bid but was no match for winner and denied third place by Lilac just before wire

5th: (13) Coconuts Brown—was off slow, raced wide around 12th, showed effort on outer stretch

6th: (10) Sekitoba East—tracked leaders around 3rd, rallied for lead at one point, weakened in last 100m

7th: (5) Safira—settled around 10th, closed in on leaders until 100m out

8th: (8) Vermicelles—sat around 13th, switched to outside to pass tired rivals at stretch

9th: (11) Verehrung—ran around 4th early, gradually dropped position, showed effort until 100m out

10th: (2) **Stellenbosch**—saved ground around 9th, lost balance a bit before final corner, lacked needed kick

11th: (9) **Bond Girl**—positioned around 13th, failed to respond

12th: (6) Erika Express—set pace, faded after 200m pole

13th: (3) Shinryokuka—chased pace in second, sustained bid until final corner

14th: (14) Kelly Fled Ask—raced around 4th, dropped back after final corner

15th: (4) Kana Tape—traveled around 8th, gradually shifted out, showed little at stretch

16th: (15) Aurora X—trailed in rear, circled wide, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 10.7 - 11.9 - 12.3 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 12.3 - 11.8 - 11.6 - 11.6 - 11.7

Last 4 furlongs: 46.7 Last 3 furlongs: 34.9

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

2nd corner 6-3,14(10,16)(1,11)4,2(5, $\underline{7}$)13(9,8)12-15 3rd corner 6,3,10(14,16)1(11,2,4)(5, $\underline{7}$)(9,13)(8,15)12 4th corner 6,3(10,16)(1,14,4)(11,2, $\underline{7}$)5(8,13)(9,15)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.