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## STEWARDS' CUP



# RACE HISTORY

Golden Sixty is the latest in a distinguished line-up of crack milers to have won the Stewards' Cup. Last year's race was the seventh Stewards' Cup to have been staged at international Group 1 level, having been designated HKG1 since 1991 when the Pattern race system was introduced to Hong Kong.

The race itself dates back to 1954 when, on 22 May, the first running of the Stewards' Cup took place at Happy Valley Racecourse. That inaugural race was staged over 1200m and the distance stayed relatively consistent at around six furlongs until 1973 when Jungfrau won the first edition at around a mile – 1650m, to be precise. The distance was upped to 1800m the following year and, after four subsequent renewals at 1235m, the race was extended to 1400m upon its relocation to Sha Tin in 1979. It remained as a 1400m contest until 1991, with the exception of the 1983 race, which took place on Sha Tin's sand track over 1650m.

The 1991 race saw the Stewards' Cup gain a new identity as an elite mile contest. The Jockey Club moved it from a March slot to November and established it as the first leg of the newly-created Hong Kong Triple Crown. That year's race went to Patrick Biancone-trained Mastermind, ridden by Gerald Mosse. Two years later, the David Hill-trained River Verdon took the spoils under Basil Marcus before adding the Hong Kong Gold Cup and Champions & Chater Cup to become Hong Kong's only Triple Crown winner.

Since the turn of the century, the Stewards' Cup has emerged as a world-class contest. Its roll-call of winners features superstars such as last year's victor Golden Sixty, Beauty Generation, Able Friend, Good Ba Ba, Ambitious Dragon, Bullish Luck, Fairy King Prawn and Electronic Unicorn. John Size is the most successful trainer in the race's history with six wins, while the contest's most successful jockey is Basil Marcus, also with five, one of which was achieved before the race was raised to its elite status. The race's prize money has increased to HK\$12 million since 2021.





# PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2021	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	5/126/g	Vincent Ho	Francis Lui	Stanley Chan Ka Leung	HD	6/8	1.2F	G	1.33.35
2020	WAIKUKU (IRE)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting	NK	7/7	1.5F	G	1.33.04
2019	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	John Moore	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen	3	5/6	1.1F	GF	1.33.51
2018	SEASONS BLOOM (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	Danny Shum	Paul Lo Chung Wai & Kathy Lo Ho Hsiu Lan	1/2	1/13	4.1	G	1.34.74
2017	HELENE PARAGON (FR)	5/126/h	Tommy Berry	John Moore	Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Wilson Woo, et al.	3/4	3/12	3.1F	G	1.34.38
2016	GIANT TREASURE (USA)	5/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Richard Gibson	Pan Sutong	SH	6/11	3.8	G	1.34.16
2015	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Moore	Dr & Mrs Cornel Li Fook Kwan	1-1/2	8/9	1.2F	GF	1.33.50
2014	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	5/126/g	Mirco Demuro	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	SH	2/11	10	G	1.33.91
2013	GLORIOUS DAYS (AUS)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	John Size	Tom Brown's Syndicate	3/4	1/14	3	G	1.33.75
2012	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Millard	Johnson Lam & Anderson Lam	1-1/4	7/14	2.4F	G	1.34.93
2011	BEAUTY FLASH (NZ)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	Tony Cruz	Kwok Siu Ming	NK	8/12	3.3	G	1.34.92
2010	FELLOWSHIP (NZ)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	Paul O'Sullivan	David Sin Wai Kin	HD	9/12	10	G	1.33.96
2009	GOOD BA BA (USA)	7/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Andreas Schutz	John Yuen Se Kit	1-3/4	9/12	1.5F	G	1.33.29
2008	GOOD BA BA (USA)	6/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	Andreas Schutz	John Yuen Se Kit	1-1/4	4/8	3.3	G	1.34.30
2007	ARMADA (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	John Size	Wong Yuk Lun	1-1/4	4/13	2.1F	GF	1.34.10
2006	RUSSIAN PEARL (NZ)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	Tony Cruz	Mr & Mrs Kam Shing Kan	SH	10/14	8.5	GF	1.35.10
2005	BULLISH LUCK (USA)	6/126/g	Christophe Soumillon	Tony Cruz	Wong Wing Keung	1-3/4	12/12	6.8	GF	1.35.50
2004	SUPER KID (NZ)	4/126/c	Shane Dye	John Size	Wong Yuk Kwan	1-1/4	2/11	11	GY	1.37.30
2003	ELECTRONIC UNICORN (USA)	7/126/g	Robbie Fradd	John Size	Lo Ying Bin	3-3/4	12/14	1.9F	GF	1.34.90
2002	ELECTRONIC UNICORN (USA)	6/126/g	Robbie Fradd	John Size	Lo Ying Bin	1-1/4	6/14	1.5F	G	1.35.20
2001	FAIRY KING PRAWN (AUS)	5/126/g	Robbie Fradd	Ivan Allan	Mr & Mrs Lau Sak Hong	1-1/2	11/13	1.4F	GF	1.35.10
2000	RESFA (ARG)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hayes	James Lau & Alice Woo	1-3/4	11/12	4.4	Y	1.35.40

# PAST WINNERS (CON'T)

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
1999										Not Run
1998	BILLION WIN (AUS)	4/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Ivan Allan	C K Hui	SH	5/11	16	F	1.33.90
1997	SMASHING PUMPKIN (AUS)	4/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hayes	Fame & Fortune Syndicate	1-1/4	8/12	3.5F	GF	1.34.10
1996	MICHAEL'S CHOICE (USA)	4/126/g	Eric Legrix	Patrick Biancone	Michael Ying	3/4	5/10	1.6F	GF	1.35.10
1995	MR VITALITY (AUS)	4/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1-1/4	7/14	1.6F	GF	1.33.50
1994	RIGHT WAY (IRE)	5/126/g	Willie Ryan	Brian Kan	Samuel Wong Ping Wai	1-1/4	11/12	6.7	G	1.35.20
1993	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	6/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	SH	6/10	1.8F	GF	1.35.30
1992	SOUND PRINT (IRE)	4/126/g	Mick Kinane	Brian Kan	Edmund Tam Wing Fun	HD	9/11	4	G	1.35.60
1991	MASTERMIND (FR)*	4/126/c	Gerald Mosse	Patrick Biancone	Dr Peter Lam How Mun	3/4	11/14	19	G	1.35.20
1991	STEEL SUPREMO (IRE)*	7/125/g	Basil Marcus	Hung-Fie Lam	Henry Lai Tai Hing	SH	9/10	16	G	1.24.20
1990	RIVER JORDAN (AUS)	5/126/g	Tony Ives	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	1	2/14	6.3	S	1.26.50
1989	HANDCLAP (GB)	7/140/g	Bartie Leisher	Brian Kan	Lam Fung	NK	6/13	2.8F	GF	1.22.50
1988	SEVEN JOY (AUS)	6/118/g	Johnny K S Ho	Po-ming Chu	Ho Man Fat	3/4	6/14	14	GY	1.24.60
1987	DISTINCTION (AUS)	5/140/g	Terry Duckett	John Moore	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	3/4	10/13	11	Y	1.25.30
1986	ALWAYS PLENTIFUL (GB)	5/116/h	Danny Lee	Jerry Ng	Yau Shui Tong	3/4	4/13	23	GF	1.22.00
1985	ALWAYS PLENTIFUL (GB)	4/118/c	Tony Cruz	Jerry Ng	Yau Shui Tong	1	14/14	11	F	1.22.40

\* Two races in 1991, first as a Class 1 handicap (1400m) in March 1991, second as a HKG1 (1600m) on 10 November 1991

# Run as a limited handicap (1400m) since 1985; as HKG1 (1600m) since Nov 1991, and as G1 since 2015

# BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 1991)

DRAW	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	2	4	3
2	2	5	3
3	1	0	2
4	2	1	3
5	3	3	0
6	4	1	3
7	3	5	4
8	3	1	5
9	3	2	0
10	1	3	1
11	4	2	2
12	2	3	2
13	0	0	0
14	0	0	2

# 2021 STEWARDS' CUP

Hong Kong's burgeoning superstar Golden Sixty posted a heart-stopping victory in the 2021 edition of the G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) at Sha Tin for trainer Francis Lui and jockey Vincent Ho. Undeclared since 7 July, 2019, the son of Medaglia d'Oro overcame a muddling tempo with a gritty response to Ho's urgings as the race's 1.2 favourite to win, prevailing in a tight finish over Southern Legend (Karis Teetan) by a head with Ka Ying Star (Zac Purton) a close third.

Ho said after the race: "They went pretty slow all the way, actually, so he was a little keen and he was pulling a little bit and then everyone sprint home."

"I knew I would still get there, but it was quite close."

Golden Sixty clocked 1m 33.35s for the win.

Ho said he was inconvenienced in the straight after his saddle shifted. "The saddle slipped back a little bit at the 300m but it was still ok but it was not as comfortable for me and Golden Sixty, of course," Ho said. "But top athletes, top horses need to overcome all kind of different circumstances. Something you can't predict but you have to be ready for that."

Lui admitted he was concerned as Golden Sixty worked through his gears, clocking 21.80s for the final 400m as Southern Legend shaped to post a huge upset. "I was a bit worried," he said. "The pace was a bit slow."

Lui politely rejected suggestions the best galloper in Hong Kong's winning streak was building pressure.

"Not really, Golden Sixty brings a lot of joy," he said.

<b>Purse: HK\$12 million</b>		<b>Status: Group 1</b>						
<b>Distance: 1600m</b>		<b>Going: Good</b>		<b>Race time: 1m 33.35s</b>				
<b>RANK</b>	<b>HORSE</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>TRAINER</b>	<b>JOCKEY</b>	<b>DRAW</b>	<b>MARGIN (LBW)</b>	<b>ODDS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Golden Sixty	5	126	Francis Lui	Vincent Ho	6	-	1.2F
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Southern Legend	8	126	Caspar Fownes	Karis Teetan	2	HD	11
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ka Ying Star	6	126	Tony Cruz	Zac Purton	1	3/4	15
4 <sup>th</sup>	Waikuku	6	126	John Size	Joao Moreira	8	1-1/2	11
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rise High	7	126	Caspar Fownes	Christophe Soumillon	7	2-1/2	17
6 <sup>th</sup>	More Than This	5	126	Francis Lui	Derek Leung	4	2-3/4	31
7 <sup>th</sup>	Champion's Way	5	126	John Size	Alexis Badel	3	4-3/4	34
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mighty Giant	5	126	Ricky Yiu	Neil Callan	5	6	85



# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

## 2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO(USA)
2nd	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)
3rd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
4th	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)

## 2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
2nd	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
3rd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
4th	RATTAN (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)

## 2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAUTY GENERATION (NZ)	ROAD TO ROCK (AUS)
2nd	CONTE (AUS)	STARCRAFT (NZ)
3rd	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)
4th	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)

## 2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	SEASONS BLOOM (AUS)	CAPTAIN SONADOR (AUS)
2nd	FIFTY FIFTY (NZ)	THORN PARK (AUS)
3rd	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
4th	SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT (AUS)

## 2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HELENE PARAGON (FR)	POLAN (FR)
2nd	JOYFUL TRINITY (IRE)	ZANZIBARI (USA)
3rd	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
4th	CONTENTMENT (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)

## 2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GIANT TREASURE (USA)	MIZZEN MAST (USA)
2nd	LUGER (AUS)	CHOISIR (AUS)
3rd	CONTENTMENT (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
4th	BEAUTY ONLY (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

## 2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	ABLE FRIEND (AUS)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	BEAUTY FLAME (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
3rd	REWARDING HERO (GB)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
4th	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)

## 2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	DAN EXCEL (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	HELENE SPIRIT (IRE)	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (GB)
4th	MILITARY ATTACK (IRE)	ORATORIO (IRE)

# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE (CONT'T)

(Since 2013)

2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GLORIOUS DAYS (AUS)	HUSSONET (USA)
2nd	DAN EXCEL (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
4th	AMBITIOUS DRAGON (NZ)	PINS (AUS)

# LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 1991)

YEAR	400	800	1200	1600
2021	25.40	48.61	1.11.15	1.33.35
2020	24.49	47.14	1.10.26	1.33.04
2019	24.73	47.90	1.10.82	1.33.51
2018	24.70	47.90	1.11.38	1.34.74
2017	24.48	47.82	1.11.27	1.34.38
2016	24.59	48.16	1.11.47	1.34.16
2015	24.86	47.88	1.11.15	1.33.50
2014	24.95	47.56	1.11.00	1.33.91
2013	24.84	47.17	1.10.76	1.33.75
2012	25.05	48.93	1.12.45	1.34.93
2011	24.97	48.36	1.12.00	1.34.92
2010	24.69	46.81	1.10.86	1.33.96
2009	24.41	46.29	1.09.68	1.33.29
2008	24.70	48.20	1.11.70	1.34.30
2007	24.50	47.10	1.11.00	1.34.10
2006	24.70	47.90	1.12.10	1.35.10
2005	25.10	48.90	1.13.10	1.35.50
2004	24.50	47.20	1.11.70	1.37.30
2003	25.50	49.30	1.13.20	1.34.90
2002	24.70	47.80	1.12.20	1.35.20
2001	25.30	48.10	1.12.40	1.35.10
2000	24.90	47.50	1.11.90	1.35.40
1999	Not Run			
1998	24.60	46.90	1.10.40	1.33.90
1997	24.90	47.50	1.10.90	1.34.10
1996	24.30	47.30	1.11.30	1.35.10
1995	24.10	46.60	1.09.80	1.33.50
1994	25.60	48.80	1.11.50	1.35.20
1993	25.30	48.00	1.11.50	1.35.30
1992	24.90	46.90	1.10.70	1.35.60
1991	24.50	47.30	1.10.80	1.35.20



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# Centenary Sprint Cup





# RACE HISTORY

The Centenary Sprint Cup is the newest of 12 Group 1 events in Hong Kong, although the race dates back to November 1984 when it was first run as the Centenary Cup. It was inaugurated to celebrate the centenary of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which was founded in 1884.

Switched between Sha Tin and Happy Valley for the first seven runnings, it was established as a HKG2 in March over the Sha Tin 1200m when the Pattern system was introduced in Hong Kong in the 1991/92 season. In 1994, the race was changed from a handicap to set weights and the distance was reduced to 1000m, where it would remain until 2016.

In 2001, the race – now renamed the Centenary Sprint Cup – was upgraded to HKG1 status, with prize money increased to HK\$4.5 million. The race that year went to Tony Cruz-trained King Of Danes, the only three-year-old to win since the contest gained Group status. In 2006, it was programmed as the first leg of the Hong Kong Speed Series, which also features the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) and the Chairman's Sprint Prize (1200m).

It was run as an international Group 2 for the first time in 2017, before receiving top billing in 2018, when prize money increased to HK\$10 million. The race's prize money is further increased to HK\$12 million in 2021.

The great Silent Witness features prominently among the race's honour roll. Also successful were Hong Kong Sprint winners Absolute Champion and Aerovelocity, with other dual winners including Best Of The Best, Scintillation, Sacred Kingdom, Eagle Regiment, Peniaphobia, and Beat The Clock.

Tony Cruz and John Size are the race's most successful trainers, winning five times each while Cruz also won this race twice as a jockey.



# PAST WINNERS

(Since 1992)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2021	HOT KING PRAWN (AUS)	6/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Lau Sak Hong	1-3/4	2/11	2.1F	G	1.08.01
2020	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	6/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Merrick Chung Wai Lik	HD	3/7	2.5F	G	1.08.57
2019	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	5/126/g	Joao Moreira	John Size	Merrick Chung Wai Lik	NK	4/8	3.1	GF	1.08.42
2018	D B PIN (NZ)	5/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	John Size	Samuel Wong Yin Shun	NK	8/8	6.1	G	1.09.64
2017	PENIAPHOBIA (IRE)	6/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Huang Kai Wen	3/4	8/8	9	G	1.09.15
2016	AEROVELOCITY (NZ)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	Paul O'Sullivan	Daniel Yeung Ngai	1-1/2	4/12	8.5	G	1.08.36
2015	PENIAPHOBIA (IRE)	4/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Cruz	Huang Kai Wen	SH	1/8	1.8F	GF	55.49
2014	AMBER SKY (AUS)	4/126/g	Joao Moreira	Ricky Yiu	Hung Kam Po	2-1/4	6/10	2.3F	GF	55.86
2013	EAGLE REGIMENT (AUS)	5/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	Manfred Man	Cheng Ka Shing	1-1/2	13/14	6.3	G	56.32
2012	EAGLE REGIMENT (AUS)	4/126/g	Olivier Doleuze	Manfred Man	Cheng Ka Shing	NK	4/12	8	G	57.05
2011	SACRED KINGDOM (AUS)	7/126/g	Brett Prebble	Ricky Yiu	Sin Kang Yuk	3/4	6/8	1.6F	G	56.52
2010	SACRED KINGDOM (AUS)	6/126/g	Brett Prebble	Ricky Yiu	Sin Kang Yuk	3/4	9/9	1.4F	G	55.37
2009	INSPIRATION (AUS)	5/126/g	Gerald Mosse	John Moore	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	1/2	11/12	15	G	56.91
2008	ABSOLUTE CHAMPION (AUS)	6/126/g	Brett Prebble	David Hall	Mr & Mrs Eddie Wong Ming Chak	SH	2/8	9	G	56.50
2007	SCINTILLATION (AUS)	6/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Danny Shum	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	3/4	1/10	3.6	GF	56.40
2006	SCINTILLATION (AUS)	5/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Danny Shum	Mr & Mrs Hui Sai Fun	1/2	7/10	4.2	GF	56.30
2005	SILENT WITNESS (AUS)	5/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Tony Cruz	Arthur Antonio da Silva & Betty da Silva	2	10/11	1.0F	GY	56.70
2004	SILENT WITNESS (AUS)	4/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Tony Cruz	Arthur Antonio da Silva & Betty da Silva	2-1/2	5/10	1.1F	GF	56.20
2003	GRAND DELIGHT (AUS)	5/126/g	Shane Dye	John Size	Peter Law Kin Sang	3/4	3/10	2.4F	G	56.70
2002	FIREBOLT (IRE)	4/126/g	Frankie Dettori	Ivan Allan	Tony Yue Kwok Leung	3/4	6/14	6.3	G	57.00
2001	KING OF DANES (AUS)	3/123/c	Felix Coetzee	Tony Cruz	Lucy Lu Kai Yee	3/4	14/14	3.3F	GF	55.80
2000	BEST OF THE BEST (USA)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Wong Tang-ping	Alexander Lee Chun Hung	1-1/2	4/14	4.3	GF	56.70
1999	BEST OF THE BEST (USA)	4/126/g	Eric Legrix	Wong Tang-ping	Alexander Lee Chun Hung	1-1/2	9/13	2.4F	G	56.90
1998	FASTEST STAR (IRE)	5/126/g	Danny Nikolic	Alex S T Wong	Poly Law Sung Fai	NK	8/14	9.7	GF	57.10
1997	QUICK ACTION (IRE)	6/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Ivan Allan	Elite Syndicate	3/4	4/10	17	GF	56.90
1996	MR VITALITY (AUS)	4/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1	6/14	2.1F	G	57.40
1995	STERLING TOWN (NZ)	5/126/g	Eric Legrix	Ivan Allan	Michael Shum Wai Kit & Lim Kiam Leng	SH	6/14	99	G	58.30
1994	SOUND PRINT (IRE)	6/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Brian Kan	Edmund Tam Wing Fan	HD	1/13	18	G	57.70
1993	KADBRIDGE (NZ)	5/126/g	Darren Gauci	Lawrie Fownes	Lincoln Hsu Chi Yuan	HD	3/7	52	G	1.10.20
1992	CARRY ON WINNING (IRE)	5/126/g	Tony Cruz	Wong Tang-ping	Sammy Chow Choi Leng	3/4	5/13	5.8	Y	1.11.20

\*Run as a HKG2 handicap since 1992, the race was promoted to a HKG1 in 2001, a G2 in 2017 and a G1 in 2018

# Race distance was changed from 1200m to 1000m in 1994, before returning to 1200m in 2016

# BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 2016)

DRAW	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	0	0	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	1
4	2	1	0
5	0	1	0
6	0	1	0
7	0	2	1
8	2	0	1
9	0	0	0
10	0	0	0
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	-	-	-
14	-	-	-

# Since the race was run as a 1200m event in 2016

# 2021 CENTENARY SPRINT CUP

Hot King Prawn was rewarded for his remarkable consistency with a maiden G1 crown in last year's edition of the Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) at Sha Tin, justifying 2.1 favouritism to score in a time of 1m 08.01s under Joao Moreira by a length and three quarters.

Having nursed the son of Denman back from colic in 2019, the sight of the steely grey cruising to clear-cut victory brought immense satisfaction to trainer John Size.

"There was some frustration previously that he hasn't won a Group 1 but in fairness he has run into some very smart horses in the last two or three years," Size said, referring to Hot King Prawn's previous six G1 attempts. "He was able to do his best today. You couldn't have written the script any more perfectly and Joao did exactly what was expected and so did the horse and he had an easy win. He always gives his best."

The win provided Size with his fourth consecutive triumph in the race after D B Pin (2018) and Beat The Clock (2019 & 2020).

Regency Legend (Antoine Hamelin) charged from well back in the field to snatch second ahead of Big Party (Karis Teetan).

Moreira was jubilant post-race. "Good horses make a jockey's life much easier and no doubt this bloke made my job easier today," he said. "He's just done everything so professionally and, of course, we had a smooth run through but I've got to highlight that John (Size) has got this horse to be so consistent - only champion trainers can do that.

"Riding for him is a pleasure. It's no surprise he won today. I thought today would be his day because circumstances would be in his favour," the Brazilian added. "This horse is very straight-forward, very sound and I could not ask for a better horse today."

Purse: HK\$12,000,000		Status: Group 1							
Distance: 1200m		Going: Good				Race time: 1m 08.01s			
RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hot King Prawn	6	126	John Size	Joao Moreira	2	-	2.1F	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Regency Legend	5	126	Danny Shum	Antoine Hamelin	3	1-3/4	28	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Big Party	5	126	Frankie Lor	Karis Teetan	7	1-3/4	41	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Voyage Warrior	5	126	Ricky Yiu	Zac Purton	1	2	3.7	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Computer Patch	4	126	Tony Cruz	Matthew Chadwick	9	2-3/4	12	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fat Turtle	6	126	Frankie Lor	Alexis Badel	11	4-1/4	20	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Buddies	5	126	Tony Cruz	Derek Leung	6	4-1/4	17	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wishful Thinker	7	126	Dennis Yip	Christophe Soumillon	5	4-1/4	7.4	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Stronger	4	126	Douglas Whyte	Tony Piccone	10	5-3/4	39	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jolly Banner	9	126	Ricky Yiu	Matthew Poon	8	6-1/4	21	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amazing Star	6	126	Jimmy Ting	Vincent Ho	4	7-3/4	43	



# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HOT KING PRAWN (AUS)	DENMAN (AUS)
2nd	REGENCY LEGEND (NZ)	PINS (AUS)
3rd	BIG PARTY (AUS)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
4th	VOYAGE WARRIOR (AUS)	DECLARATION OF WAR (USA)

2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	HINCHINBROOK (AUS)
2nd	THANKS FOREVER (AUS)	DUPORTH (AUS)
3rd	HOT KING PRAWN (AUS)	DENMAN (AUS)
4th	WISHFUL THINKER (AUS)	I AM INVINCIBLE (AUS)

2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	HINCHINBROOK (AUS)
2nd	MR STUNNING (AUS)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
3rd	WINNER'S WAY (AUS)	STARCRAFT (NZ)
4th	FIFTY FIFTY (NZ)	THORN PARK (AUS)

2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	D B PIN (NZ)	DARCI BRAHMA (NZ)
2nd DH	MR STUNNING (AUS)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
2nd DH	BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)	HINCHINBROOK (AUS)
4th	LUCKY YEAR (AUS)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PENIAPHOBIA (IRE)	DANDY MAN (IRE)
2nd	LUCKY BUBBLES (AUS)	SEBRING (AUS)
3rd	NOT LISTENIN'TOME (AUS)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
4th	AMAZING KIDS (NZ)	FALKIRK (NZ)

2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	AEROVELOCITY (NZ)	PINS (AUS)
2nd	GOLD-FUN (IRE)	LE VIE DEI COLORI (GB)
3rd	PENIAPHOBIA (IRE)	DANDY MAN (IRE)
4th	FREDERICK ENGELS (GB)	ICEMAN (GB)

2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PENIAPHOBIA (IRE)	DANDY MAN (IRE)
2nd	BUNDLE OF JOY (AUS)	MAGIC ALBERT (AUS)
3rd	SMART VOLATILITY (AUS)	DANEWIN (AUS)
4th	FREDERICK ENGELS (GB)	ICEMAN (GB)

2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	AMBER SKY (AUS)	EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS)
2nd	STRAIGHT GOLD (AUS)	STRATUM (AUS)
3rd	CERISE CHERRY (SAF)	GOLDKEEPER (USA)
4th	FREDERICK ENGELS (GB)	ICEMAN (GB)

# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE (CON'T)

(Since 2013)

2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	EAGLE REGIMENT (AUS)	EL MOXIE (USA)
2nd	FREDERICK ENGELS (GB)	ICEMAN (GB)
3rd	BEST ELEVEN (AUS)	CHARGE FORWARD (AUS)
4th	CAPTAIN SWEET (AUS)	FASTNET ROCK (AUS)

# LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 2016)

YEAR	400	800	1200
2021	23.49	45.41	1.08.01
2020	24.31	46.38	1.08.57
2019	23.40	45.85	1.08.42
2018	24.40	47.50	1.09.64
2017	24.29	46.71	1.09.15
2016	23.48	45.77	1.08.36



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