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STANDARD CHARTERED  
CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP

MAY 28 SHA TIN



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# RACE HISTORY

The Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup has a history that dates back to 1870. That original incarnation was titled the Champion Stakes and preceded the inauguration of England's Champion Stakes at Newmarket by seven years.

Sir Catchick Paul Chater, founding member and Club Chairman for 34 years from 1892, won the race five times. Upon his death in 1926 the Champion Stakes became the Chater Cup and was further retitled the Champions & Chater Cup in 1955.

The post-war years saw the contest staged over 2012m until the distance was lengthened to 2230m in 1973. In 1978 it became an 1800m event and retained that distance when the race moved to Sha Tin the following year.

When the Hong Kong Triple Crown series was introduced in the 1991/92 season, the Champions & Chater Cup was installed as the third and final leg. It was granted HKG1 status and upped to 2200m with purse money of HK\$2 million. The distance was increased to its current 2400m in 1995, the year that the John Moore-trained pair Makarpura Star and Survey King dead-heated for victory.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club entered into a strategic partnership with Standard Chartered (Hong Kong) Limited in the 2009/10 season and in 2015 the race attained international G1 status. The prize money was further increased by HK\$2 million to HK\$12 million in 2021.

Since 1975, multiple winners of the Champions & Chater Cup include four-time champion River Verdon (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) and three-time winners Super Win (1975, 1976, 1977), Silver Lining (1978, 1979, 1981) and Viva Pataca (2006, 2007, 2009), two-time winners Co-Tack (1983, 1984), Gay Eighties (1985, 1986), Indigenous (1997, 1998), Oriental Express (1999, 2001), Blazing Speed (2014, 2016) and Exultant (2019, 2020).



# PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2022	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	5/126/g	Blake Shinn	Douglas Whyte	Mike Cheung Shun Ching	1-3/4	9/10	3.1F	G	2.26.67
2021	PANFIELD (CHI)	4/126/c	Karis Teetan	Tony Millard	Yue Yun Hing	1/2	4/8	18	GF	2.25.25
2020	EXULTANT (IRE)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	Tony Cruz	Eddie Wong & Wong Leung Sau Hing	1	7/7	1.5F	G	2.26.01
2019	EXULTANT (IRE)	5/126/g	Zac Purton	Tony Cruz	Eddie Wong & Wong Leung Sau Hing	1-1/4	8/9	1.5F	GY	2.26.00
2018	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	5/126/g	Tommy Berry	Tony Cruz	Kerm Din	1-3/4	2/5	1.7F	GF	2.27.42
2017	WERTHER (NZ)	5/126/g	Hugh Bowman	John Moore	Johnson Chen	3	1/7	3	GF	2.29.26
2016	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	7/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	SH	7/8	9.3	GF	2.26.18
2015	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Cruz	Wilson Woo, Dawson Woo & Jackson Woo	SH	1/8	7.6	GF	2.27.52
2014	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	5/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	2-1/2	5/8	25	GF	2.28.11
2013	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	7/126/g	Matthew Chadwick	Tony Cruz	Howard Liang Yum Shing	1-1/4	4/10	3.5	GF	2.26.46
2012	LIBERATOR (AUS)	4/126/g	Weichong Marwing	David Ferraris	06/07 David Ferraris Trainer Syndicate	1-1/2	1/6	12	GF	2.30.84
2011	MIGHTY HIGH (FR)	5/126/g	Darren Beadman	John Moore	Albert Hung Chao Hong	SH	3/8	1.9F	GF	2.28.34
2010	MR MEDICI (IRE)	5/126/h	Gerald Mosse	Peter Ho	Mr & Mrs Allen Shi	1-1/4	7/7	8.9	S	2.38.49
2009	VIVA PATACA (GB)	7/126/g	Weichong Marwing	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	NK	1/8	2.7	GF	2.27.34
2008	PACKING WINNER (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Peter Ho	Lee Wan Keung	1/2	2/10	12	GF	2.27.30
2007	VIVA PATACA (GB)	5/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3-1/4	7/7	2.5	GF	2.24.60
2006	VIVA PATACA (GB)	4/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3/4	6/9	3.4	YS	2.29.70
2005	VENGEANCE OF RAIN (NZ)	4/126/g	Anthony Delpech	David Ferraris	Raymond Gianco Chow, et al.	1/2	4/9	1.4F	GF	2.29.90
2004	SUPER KID (NZ)	4/126/c	Shane Dye	John Size	Wong Yuk Kwan	1/2	11/13	9	GF	2.28.10
2003	PRECISION (FR)	5/126/g	Brett Prebble	David Oughton	Wu Sai Wing	1/2	10/13	20	GF	2.30.40
2002	CHEERS HONG KONG (FR)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Ivan Allan	Tuesday Club Syndicate	2-1/4	11/11	4.1	S	2.35.00
2001	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	8/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1/2	4/8	13	GF	2.28.10
2000	HOUSEMASTER (IRE)	4/126/g	Robbie Fradd	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	3/4	2/11	4.1	GF	2.27.40
1999	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	6/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	HD	6/6	4.8	GF	2.28.30
1998	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	1/2	7/7	1.2F	GF	2.31.40
1997	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	4/126/g	Alan Munro	L S Li	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	2-3/4	3/6	10	GY	2.28.20
1996	PRIVILEGE (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Peggy Kwoh So Chi	1	1/7	1.7F	F	2.26.10
1995	MAKARPURA STAR (NZ) SURVEY KING (NZ)	4/126/g 5/126/g	Tony Cruz Greg Childs	John Moore John Moore	Frank Wong Wing Pak Mak Kang Hoi	DH	1/10 4/10	1.4F 8.3	GY	2.30.60
1994	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	7/126/g	John Marshall	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4-1/4	1/8	1.0F	G	2.16.00
1993	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	6/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	1-3/4	5/6	1.3F	GF	2.15.80
1992	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	3	11/11	1.2F	S	2.16.20
1991	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	4/126/g	John Matthias	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4	10/12	1.6F	GF	1.48.50

# PAST WINNERS (CON'T)

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
1990	QUICKEN AWAY (IRE)	4/126/g	Nigel Tiley	Peter Ho	Lo Sing Pui	1	1/14	1.8F	S	1.51.30
1989	SAN DOMENICO (GB)	4/126/c	Paul Robinson	David Oughton	J L C Pearce	3	5/12	4.3	Y	1.55.70
1988	TOP GRADE (NZ)	6/126/h	P H Chan	Eddie Lo	Cheng Yu Tung	HD	8/13	8.1	GY	1.49.40
1987	FLYING DANCER (NZ)	4/126/g	Bartie Leisher	Brian Kan	Lim Por Yen	2	1/11	7.4	G	1.49.10
1986	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	7/126/g	Edward Hide	Eddie Lo	Dr Douglas Liang	SH	5/13	24	Y	1.51.20
1985	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	6/126/g	Gary Moore	Derek Cheng	Dr Douglas Liang	1-3/4	8/8	4.8	S	1.51.40

\* Previously an Open race, it was promoted to HKG1 in 1992, and to G1 in 2015.

# Race distance was 1800m from 1985 until it was changed to about 1900m in 1989, 1800m in 1990 & 1991, 2200m in 1992, and 2400m in 1995.



# BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 1995)

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

# Two dead-heat winners in 1995;  
No runner has started from Gate 14 since 1995



# 2022 STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP

Russian Emperor confirmed his status as the kingpin of Hong Kong's staying division with a domineering last-to-first win on Sunday, 22 May HK\$12 million G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) at Sha Tin.

Without blinkers for the first time that season, the Galileo gelding was dropped out to settle clear last at the jump, like in the past, while Nordic Sky charged forward to lead.

Jockey Blake Shinn made his move in the home turn, peeling out to pop the question and the five-year-old responded with a withering burst, hitting the front with 200m left to lead Ka Ying Star by a length and three quarters, while Senor Toba closed for third.

"I suggested considering taking the blinkers off. Douglas stewed over it, he thinks about it very carefully and he said it was the right call and honestly the horse switched off the whole race and his turn of foot is electric when he switches off," Shinn said.

Trainer Douglas Whyte said that it's the longest 2400 (metres) of his life. "When you're a jockey, things unfold and you can see them unfolding in front of you but when you're standing on the side and watching it, it gets quite daunting."

"He's a much more rounded horse, you can see in his racing patterns and mannerisms that he can go to sleep and any horse that can do that over this kind of trip and has a good turn of foot, they'll stay even further. It's the first 600 to 700 metres that's critical and he literally went to sleep. If he can do that, he'll be very competitive in the big races next season," Whyte continued.

The winning time of the race was 2m 26.67s (winner's sectional time – 26.44, 25, 24.65, 24.02, 23.38, 23.18).

**Purse:** HK\$12,000,000      **Distance:** 2400m      **Status:** Group 1  
**Going:** Good      **Winning Time:** 2m 26.67s

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1st	Russian Emperor	5	126	Douglas Whyte	Blake Shinn	9	-	3.1f
2nd	Ka Ying Star	7	126	Tony Cruz	Luke Ferraris	8	1-3/4	17
3rd	Senor Toba	5	126	Caspar Fownes	Joao Moreira	2	2-1/4	4.7
4th	Tourbillon Diamond	5	126	Danny Shum	Alexis Badel	4	5-1/2	11
5th	Panfield	6	126	Tony Millard	Karis Teetan	7	6-3/4	4.7
6th	Zebrowski	6	126	Caspar Fownes	Vincent Ho	5	7-1/2	7.4
7th	Butterfield	6	126	Danny Shum	Zac Purton	10	7-3/4	11
8th	Columbus County	5	126	Caspar Fownes	Matthew Chadwick	6	7-3/4	14
9th	Reliable Team	4	126	Frankie Lor	Derek Leung	1	17-1/4	48
10th	Nordic Sky	4	126	Tony Millard	Antoine Hamelin	3	38-3/4	68

# FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

## 2022

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)
2nd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
3rd	SENROR TOBA (AUS)	TORONADO (IRE)
4th	TOURBILLON DIAMOND (AUS)	OLYMPIC GLORY (IRE)

## 2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PANFIELD (CHI)	LOOKIN AT LUCKY (USA)
2nd	COLUMBUS COUNTY (NZ)	REDWOOD (GB)
3rd	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
4th	BUTTERFIELD (BRZ)	SETEMBRO CHOVE (BRZ)

## 2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
2nd	CHEFANO (SAF)	SILVANO (GER)
3rd	FURORE (NZ)	PIERRO (AUS)
4th	SAVVY NINE (FR)	ANODIN (IRE)

## 2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
2nd	RISH HIGH (FR)	MYBOYCHARLIE (IRE)
3rd	DARK DREAM (AUS)	ALL AMERICAN (AUS)
4th	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)

## 2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
3rd	GOLD MOUNT (GB)	EXCELLENT ART (GB)
4th	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)

## 2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
2nd	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
3rd	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)
4th	HELENE CHARISMA (FR)	AIR CHIEF MARSHAL (IRE)

## 2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	VICTORY MAGIC (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)
3rd	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
4th	DESIGNS ON ROME (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

## 2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	WAR FRONT (USA)
2nd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
3rd	HELENE HAPPY STAR (IRE)	ZAMINDAR (USA)
4th	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)

## 2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	DIBAYANI (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
4th	BUBBLE CHIC (FR)	CHICHICASTENANGO (FR)

## 2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
2nd	WILLIE CAZALS (IRE)	AUSSIE RULES (USA)
3rd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
4th	IRIAN (GER)	TERTULLIAN (USA)



# LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 1995)

YEAR	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2400
2022	25.28	50.12	1.14.89	1.39.03	2.03.05	2.26.67
2021	25.57	49.28	1.14.54	1.39.05	2.02.61	2.25.25
2020	24.65	47.94	1.13.71	1.37.77	2.01.37	2.26.01
2019	25.34	49.44	1.14.24	1.38.55	2.02.11	2.26.00
2018	26.77	51.72	1.17.49	1.42.93	2.05.68	2.27.42
2017	26.77	52.67	1.18.21	1.43.40	2.06.89	2.29.26
2016	25.32	49.69	1.14.71	1.39.08	2.02.31	2.26.18
2015	25.28	49.68	1.15.08	1.40.44	2.04.24	2.27.52
2014	25.59	50.21	1.16.16	1.41.83	2.05.49	2.28.11
2013	25.12	48.93	1.14.85	1.39.58	2.02.86	2.26.46
2012	25.94	51.75	1.18.63	1.45.32	2.07.77	2.30.84
2011	25.05	48.46	1.14.35	1.39.54	2.04.12	2.28.34
2010	26.03	51.48	1.18.89	1.47.81	2.14.31	2.38.49
2009	24.84	48.95	1.14.28	1.39.06	2.03.76	2.27.34
2008	25.00	48.60	1.14.80	1.40.30	2.04.00	2.27.30
2007	25.40	48.60	1.13.20	1.37.70	2.01.70	2.24.60
2006	25.00	48.80	1.14.50	1.39.90	2.04.40	2.29.70
2005	25.50	50.50	1.16.60	1.42.00	2.05.70	2.29.90
2004	25.80	49.90	1.14.90	1.40.50	2.05.20	2.28.10
2003	26.80	52.30	1.18.10	1.43.00	2.07.00	2.30.40
2002	26.40	52.60	1.18.80	1.45.00	2.10.40	2.35.00
2001	25.60	48.90	1.13.80	1.39.30	2.04.90	2.28.10
2000	24.70	48.10	1.13.00	1.38.30	2.03.30	2.27.40
1999	26.10	49.90	1.14.80	1.39.80	2.05.00	2.28.30
1998	28.30	55.20	1.20.60	1.45.00	2.08.40	2.31.40
1997	24.90	48.00	1.12.80	1.38.50	2.03.70	2.28.20
1996	24.90	49.40	1.13.70	1.38.40	2.02.80	2.26.10
1995	25.80	50.10	1.16.30	1.42.60	2.06.60	2.30.60

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