

Trivia

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Neorealism's win in 2017 gave Japan a fourth APQEII Cup, making that country the overseas jurisdiction with the most wins, followed by South Africa with three.

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Hong Kong Champion Jockey Joao Moreira scored his first APQEII Cup win atop Neorealism last year, his fourth ride in the race.

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When Japanese trainer Noriyuki Hori saddled Neorealism to win the APQEII Cup in 2017 he became the first overseas trainer to win five G1s in Hong Kong.

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Four horses - Werther (2016), Designs On Rome (2014), Ambitious Dragon (2011) and Vengeance Of Rain (2005) - have completed the Hong Kong Derby and APQEII Cup double in the same year.

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With five wins, John Moore is the most successful APQEII Cup trainer in the past 30 years (2016 Werther, 2014 Designs On Rome, 2013 Military Attack, 2007 & 2010 Viva Pataca).

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With three wins apiece, Douglas Whyte (1997 London News, 1998 Oriental Express, 2011 Ambitious Dragon) and Mick Kinane (1994 Deerfield, 1995 Red Bishop, 2007 Viva Pataca) are the most successful jockeys in APQEII Cup history.

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Australian rider Tommy Berry became the first Club Jockey to win a G1 on the first day of his contract when he partnered Military Attack to win this race in 2013.

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Only three favourites have won the APQEII Cup since it became a 2000m race in 1997, the last being Designs On Rome in 2014.

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Werther's winning margin of four and a half lengths in 2016 was the second largest in the race's history. Quicken Away scored a sensational seven-length triumph in 1990.

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Hong Kong's Viva Pataca (2007 & 2010) and Japanese raider Eishin Preston (2002 & 2003) are the only two horses to have won the APQEII Cup twice.

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South African raider Irridescence, successful in 2006, is the only filly or mare to have won the APQEII Cup.

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French runner Jim And Tonic won the 1999 renewal with a race time of 2m 00.1s, which stood as the 2000m track record at Sha Tin racecourse until Time Warp dipped below two minutes in the 2018 Hong Kong Gold Cup.

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In 2015 the APQEII Cup was ranked ninth in the World's Top 100 G1 Races, becoming the first Hong Kong race to break into the Top 10 and the highest-ranked race among the 10 Hong Kong Group 1s to make the list that year. It was ranked equal 48th in the same list in 2017.

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The 2018 AP QEII Cup carries a total purse of HK\$24 million, an increase of HK\$4 million from 2017, making it the second-richest race in Hong Kong.