

## Trivia

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Pakistan Star in 2018 became the second German-bred horse to win the FWD QEII Cup, following Silvano in 2001.

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Owner Kerm Din's Pakistan Star is the only Hong Kong International Sale graduate to have won the QEII Cup.

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Pakistan Star and Gold Mount completed a stable one-two for trainer Tony Cruz, only the second time that has been achieved since 1995. Designs On Rome and Military Attack quinellaed for trainer John Moore in the 2014 renewal.

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French runner Jim And Tonic holds the race record time, having won the 1999 renewal in 2m 00.1s, which stood as the 2000m track record at Sha Tin for 19 years.

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Japan is the overseas jurisdiction with the most FWD QEII Cup wins. Neorealism brought his nation a fourth win in this race in 2017. South Africa has three successes.

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With Neorealism's QEII Cup victory, Japanese trainer Noriyuki Hori became the first overseas trainer to win five Group 1s 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 QEII Cup and Hong Kong Derby double in the same year.

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With five wins, John Moore is the most successful QEII 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 (2011 Ambitious Dragon, 1998 Oriental Express, 1997 London News) and Mick Kinane (2007 Viva Pataca, 1995 Red Bishop, 1994 Deerfield) are the winning-most jockeys in recent QEII Cup history.

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Only three favourites have won the FWD QEII Cup since it became a 2000m race in 1997 - Designs On Rome in 2014, Ambitious Dragon in 2011 and Eishin Preston in 2003.

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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 QEII Cup twice.

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

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The FWD QEII Cup carries a total purse of HK\$24 million in 2019 and is currently the third-richest race in Hong Kong, after the HK\$28 million Hong Kong Cup and HK\$25 million Hong Kong Mile.