

Fast Facts

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Southern Legend won the first G1 of his career in the Champions Mile last year and he became the fourth seven-year-old to win the snrace.

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Southern Legend brought his trainer Caspar Fownes a first Champions Mile win.

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Jockey Vincent Ho scored a career first G1 win atop Southern Legend last year, following the footsteps of Alex Lai (2010 Sprinters Stakes), Matthew Chadwick (2011 & 2012 Hong Kong Cup) and Derek Leung (2017 Hong Kong Mile) to become the fourth home-grown jockey to win a G1 in the past decade.

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Southern Legend's winning time of 1m 33.13s was the fastest of this race since its inauguration in 2001.

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Beauty Generation won this race in 2019 to become the first Hong Kong horse to win eight races in a single season, ending the term undefeated.

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That win saw Beauty Generation tally HK\$84,770,000 total prize money, elevating him above Viva Pataca as the all-time highest earning horse in Hong Kong. He went on to become the first horse with career earnings over HK\$100 million, at HK\$106,233,750.

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2019 winner Beauty Generation was the first horse to complete the Hong Kong Mile-Champions Mile double in consecutive seasons (2017/18 & 2018/19). Good Ba Ba (2007/08), Able Friend (2014/15) and Maurice (2015/16) are the only other horses to have completed the double in a single season.

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Beauty Generation joined Xtension (2011 & 2012), Able One (2007 & 2010) and Bullish Luck (2005 & 2006) as the four horses to have won the Champions Mile twice.

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Beauty Generation, sent off at odds of 1.05 in 2019, is the shortest-priced winner in the race's history. He was also the sixth market favourite to have won this race.

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Beauty Generation's trainer John Moore has eight wins and is the most successful trainer in this race.

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Brett Prebble is the race's most successful jockey at three wins, followed by Zac Purton, Joao Moreira, Weichong Marwing and Darren Beadman with two wins each.

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The FWD Champions Mile purse increased to HK\$20 million in 2020, four times more than the HK\$4.6 million on offer in 2001.

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Some 32 overseas horses from eight countries (Australia, France, Britain, Japan, Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa and UAE) have contested the race since it was opened to international runners in 2005.

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2016 winner Maurice is one of only three overseas horses to have won three races in Hong Kong (France's Jim And Tonic and Japan's Eishin Preston are the others). His Champions Mile victory came five months after his success in the 2015 Hong Kong Mile and he completed the trio when taking the Hong Kong Cup later in 2016.

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Maurice (2016) and Variety Club (2014) are the only two overseas winners of the FWD Champions Mile. Variety Club won by four lengths, the largest winning margin in the race's history.

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Casino Prince is the only three-year-old to have contested the race since it became an international event in 2005. This Australian galloper finished last in the 2007 renewal.