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RACE HISTORY

Billed as the "Battle of the Big Three", Golden Sixty denied both Romantic Warrior and California Spangle in the 2023 G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m), his second win in the race.

Last year's race was the ninth Stewards' Cup to have been staged at international Group 1 level, having been designated a 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 HKG1. The Hong Kong 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 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 seven 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 purse increased to HK\$13 million in 2024.



PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2023	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	7/126/g	Vincent Ho	Francis Lui	Stanley Chan Ka Leung	1	2/7	2.5	G	1.33.99
2022	WAIKUKU (IRE)	7/126/g	Zac Purton	John Size	Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting	3/4	4/7	15	G	1.34.82
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



PAST WINNERS (CON'T)

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
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
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	5	3
2	3	5	3
3	1	0	4
4	3	2	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

2023 STEWARDS' CUP

Underlining enduring greatness with a towering performance, Golden Sixty claimed victory in a blockbuster 2023 G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) at Sha Tin.

As Hong Kong's benchmark performer, Golden Sixty unleashed a trademark terminal sprint to eclipse two younger pretenders to his throne – Romantic Warrior and California Spangle.

Beaten in the 2022 Stewards' Cup by Waikuku when attempting to equal Silent Witness' streak of 17 consecutive wins, Golden Sixty's redemption materialised in facile fashion as Ho patiently stalked Zac Purton on California Spangle, who was flanked by Karis Teetan and Romantic Warrior.

Sitting behind California Spangle, Ho angled Golden Sixty into clear running inside the final 200m and accelerated sharply as his two adversaries weakened, coming away to score by a length as the remarkable Golden Sixty swept over the final 800m in a slick 44.63s for an overall time of 1m 33.99s.

Ho, who has repeatedly acknowledged the quality of Romantic Warrior and California Spangle, was elated at securing Golden Sixty's second Stewards' Cup triumph after a contest which lived up to pre-race hype.

"I'm just very happy for Golden Sixty. The team did great work after the last race and to come back to his optimum fitness was great," Ho said, referring to the gelding's runner-up performance behind California Spangle in the 2022 G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m).

"I still believe that he (Golden Sixty) is one of the best horses at a mile – you still have to respect our opponents – but I have to trust my horse," Ho said.

Purse: HK\$12 million

Status: Group 1

Distance: 1600m

Going: Good

Race time: 1m 33.99s

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	JOCKEY	TRAINER	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1 st	GOLDEN SIXTY	7	126	C Y Ho	K W Lui	2	-	2.5
2 nd	ROMANTIC WARRIOR	5	126	K Teetan	C S Shum	4	1	2
3 rd	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE	5	126	Z Purton	A S Cruz	3	1-1/4	3.9
4 th	WAIKUKU	8	126	R Moore	J Size	5	4-3/4	44
5 th	BEAUTY JOY	6	126	H Bowman	A S Cruz	1	4-3/4	43
6 th	RUSSIAN EMPEROR	6	126	H Bentley	D J Whyte	7	6-3/4	90
7 th	PANFIELD	6	126	A Hamelin	A T Millard	6	6-3/4	91

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

2023

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO (USA)
2nd	ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)	ACCLAMATION (GB)
3rd	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE (IRE)	STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS)
4th	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)

2022

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WAIKUKU (IRE)	HARBOUR WATCH (IRE)
2nd	GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)	MEDAGLIA D'ORO (USA)
3rd	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)
4th	MORE THAN THIS (GB)	DUTCH ART (GB)

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)

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE (CONT'T)

(Since 2013)

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)

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
2023	25.54	49.12	1.11.38	1.33.99
2022	25.77	49.47	1.12.41	1.34.82
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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