

Fast Facts

- 1 Following the success of Japanese raider Eishin Preston (2002 & 2003) and Hong Kong racing legend Viva Pataca (2007 & 2010), Romantic Warrior (2022 & 2023) became the third horse to win two QEII Cups since the race earned Group 1 status in 2001.
- 2 2022 and 2023's victor Romantic Warrior became the second Hong Kong International Sale graduate to have won the FWD QEII Cup, following Pakistan Star in 2018.
- 3 Following the success of Vengeance Of Rain and Designs On Rome, Romantic Warrior became the third galloper to complete a sweep of Hong Kong's 2000m Group 1 races – the Hong Kong Cup, Hong Kong Gold Cup and QEII Cup, since the turn of the century.
- 4 Three horses – Romantic Warrior (2022), Designs On Rome (2014) and Vengeance Of Rain (2005) - have completed the Hong Kong Derby, QEII Cup and Hong Kong Cup treble in the same year.
- 5 Loves Only You crowned a stunning domination of the race by Japan in 2021 with Glory Vase, Daring Tact and Kiseki filling the first four placings over the line.
- 6 Loves Only You (2021) and Win Bright (2019) were the only overseas horses who had completed the QEII Cup and Hong Kong Cup double in the same year.
- 7 Loves Only You (2021) is the second filly or mare to have won the FWD QEII Cup, following South African raider Irridescence's success in 2006.
- 8 The FWD QEII Cup's total prize money increased to HK\$28 million in 2024 and is currently the third-richest race in Hong Kong. The HK\$36 million Hong Kong Cup is the richest while the HK\$32 million Hong Kong Mile is the second richest.
- 9 Zac Purton claimed his first FWD QEII Cup win atop Exultant in 2020 and became the first jockey in history to have won each of the 12 G1 contests on the Hong Kong racing calendar.
- 10 Tony Cruz is currently the most successful active trainer in the QEII Cup, with three wins (2020 Exultant, 2018 Pakistan Star and 2015 Blazing Speed), while John Moore is the most successful of all time (five wins).
- 11 Win Bright posted a Sha Tin's 2000m record time of 1m 58.81s in the 2019 QEII Cup. Each of the first eight runners behind Win Bright finished the 2000m trip in under two minutes.
- 12 At 47/1, Win Bright is the second longest-priced winner of the FWD QEII Cup since it became an international race in 1995, following 2004 winner River Dancer at 57/1.
- 13 With his 2017 winner Neorealism, Japanese trainer Noriyuki Hori becomes the first overseas trainer to win five G1s in Hong Kong.
- 14 Werther's four and a half length win in 2016 was the largest winning margin since it became a 2000m contest.
- 15 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 FWD QEII Cup history.