

CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP

2024/2025 HONG KONG RACING

MEDIA GUIDE

2024 WINNER
REBEL'S ROMANCE



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RACE HISTORY

The Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup has a history that dates back to 1870. That original incarnation was titled the Champion Stakes and preceded the inauguration of England's Champion Stakes at Newmarket by seven years.

Sir Catchick Paul Chater, founding member and Club Chairman for 34 years from 1892, won the race five times. Upon his death in 1926 the Champion Stakes became the Chater Cup and was further retitled the Champions & Chater Cup in 1955.

The post-war years saw the contest staged over 2012m until the distance was lengthened to 2230m in 1973. In 1978 it became an 1800m event and retained that distance when the race moved to Sha Tin the following year.

When the Triple Crown Series was introduced in the 1991/92 season, the Champions & Chater Cup was installed as the third and final leg. It was granted HKG1 status and upped to 2200m with purse money of HK\$2 million. The distance was increased to its current 2400m in 1995, the year that the John Moore-trained pair Makarpura Star and Survey King dead-heated for victory.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club entered into a strategic partnership with Standard Chartered (Hong Kong) Limited in the 2009/10 season and in 2015 the race attained international G1 status. Prize money further increased to HK\$13 million in 2024.

Since 1975, multiple winners of the Champions & Chater Cup include four-time champion River Verdon (1991, 1992, 1993 & 1994) and three-time winners Super Win (1975, 1976 & 1977), Silver Lining (1978, 1979 & 1981) and Viva Pataca (2006, 2007 & 2009), two-time winners Co-Tack (1983 & 1984), Gay Eighties (1985 & 1986), Indigenous (1997 & 1998), Oriental Express (1999 & 2001), Blazing Speed (2014 & 2016), Exultant (2019 & 2020) and Russian Emperor (2022 & 2023).

Globe-trotting stayer Rebel's Romance, ridden by jockey William Buick, provided Charlie Appleby's first win in Hong Kong and became the first internationally trained horse to win this feature when the horse landed the 2024 edition.



PAST WINNERS

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
2024	REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE)	6/126/g	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	2	8/8	1.4	G	2:25.62
2023	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	6/126/g	Hugh Bowman	Douglas Whyte	Mike Cheung Shun Ching	NK	5/9	9.3	G	2:26.87
2022	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	5/126/g	Blake Shinn	Douglas Whyte	Mike Cheung Shun Ching	1-3/4	9/10	3.1F	G	2:26.67
2021	PANFIELD (CHI)	4/126/c	Karis Teetan	Tony Millard	Yue Yun Hing	1/2	4/8	18	GF	2:25.25
2020	EXULTANT (IRE)	6/126/g	Zac Purton	Tony Cruz	Eddie Wong & Wong Leung Sau Hing	1	7/7	1.5F	G	2:26.01
2019	EXULTANT (IRE)	5/126/g	Zac Purton	Tony Cruz	Eddie Wong & Wong Leung Sau Hing	1-1/4	8/9	1.5F	GY	2:26.00
2018	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	5/126/g	Tommy Berry	Tony Cruz	Kerm Din	1-3/4	2/5	1.7F	GF	2:27.42
2017	WERTHER (NZ)	5/126/g	Hugh Bowman	John Moore	Johnson Chen	3	1/7	3	GF	2:29.26
2016	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	7/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	SH	7/8	9.3	GF	2:26.18
2015	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Tony Cruz	Wilson Woo, Dawson Woo & Jackson Woo	SH	1/8	7.6	GF	2:27.52
2014	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	5/126/g	Neil Callan	Tony Cruz	Fentons Racing Syndicate	2-1/2	5/8	25	GF	2:28.11
2013	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	7/126/g	Matthew Chadwick	Tony Cruz	Howard Liang Yum Shing	1-1/4	4/10	3.5	GF	2:26.46
2012	LIBERATOR (AUS)	4/126/g	Weichong Marwing	David Ferraris	06/07 David Ferraris Trainer Syndicate	1-1/2	1/6	12	GF	2:30.84
2011	MIGHTY HIGH (FR)	5/126/g	Darren Beadman	John Moore	Albert Hung Chao Hong	SH	3/8	1.9F	GF	2:28.34
2010	MR MEDICI (IRE)	5/126/h	Gerald Mosse	Peter Ho	Mr & Mrs Allen Shi	1-1/4	7/7	8.9	S	2:38.49
2009	VIVA PATACA (GB)	7/126/g	Weichong Marwing	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	NK	1/8	2.7	GF	2:27.34
2008	PACKING WINNER (NZ)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Peter Ho	Lee Wan Keung	1/2	2/10	12	GF	2:27.30
2007	VIVA PATACA (GB)	5/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3-1/4	7/7	2.5	GF	2:24.60
2006	VIVA PATACA (GB)	4/126/g	Mick Kinane	John Moore	Stanley Ho Hung Sun	3/4	6/9	3.4	YS	2:29.70
2005	VENGEANCE OF RAIN (NZ)	4/126/g	Anthony Delpech	David Ferraris	Raymond Gianco Chow, et al.	1/2	4/9	1.4F	GF	2:29.90
2004	SUPER KID (NZ)	4/126/c	Shane Dye	John Size	Wong Yuk Kwan	1/2	11/13	9	GF	2:28.10
2003	PRECISION (FR)	5/126/g	Brett Prebble	David Oughton	Wu Sai Wing	1/2	10/13	20	GF	2:30.40
2002	CHEERS HONG KONG (FR)	5/126/g	Douglas Whyte	Ivan Allan	Tuesday Club Syndicate	2-1/4	11/11	4.1	S	2:35.00
2001	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	8/126/g	Felix Coetzee	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	1/2	4/8	13	GF	2:28.10
2000	HOUSEMASTER (IRE)	4/126/g	Robbie Fradd	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	3/4	2/11	4.1	GF	2:27.40
1999	ORIENTAL EXPRESS (IRE)	6/126/g	Eric Saint-Martin	Ivan Allan	Larry C K Yung	HD	6/6	4.8	GF	2:28.30
1998	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	1/2	7/7	1.2F	GF	2:31.40
1997	INDIGENOUS (IRE)	4/126/g	Alan Munro	L S Li	Mr & Mrs Pang Yuen Hing	2-3/4	3/6	10	GY	2:28.20
1996	PRIVILEGE (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	Ivan Allan	Peggy Kwoh So Chi	1	1/7	1.7F	F	2:26.10
1995	MAKARPURA STAR (NZ) SURVEY KING (NZ)	4/126/g 5/126/g	Tony Cruz Greg Childs	John Moore John Moore	Frank Wong Wing Pak Mak Kang Hoi	DH	1/10 4/10	1.4F 8.3	GY	2:30.60
1994	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	7/126/g	John Marshall	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4-1/4	1/8	1.0F	G	2:16.00
1993	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	6/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	1-3/4	5/6	1.3F	GF	2:15.80
1992	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	5/126/g	Basil Marcus	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	3	11/11	1.2F	S	2:16.20
1991	RIVER VERDON (IRE)	4/126/g	John Matthias	David Hill	Sir Oswald Cheung & Ronald Arculli	4	10/12	1.6F	GF	1:48.50

PAST WINNERS (CON'T)

(Since 1985)

YEAR	HORSE (COUNTRY BRED)	A/W/S	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER	MARGIN	DRAW	ODDS	GOING	TIME
1990	QUICKEN AWAY (IRE)	4/126/g	Nigel Tiley	Peter Ho	Lo Sing Pui	1	1/14	1.8F	S	1.51.30
1989	SAN DOMENICO (GB)	4/126/c	Paul Robinson	David Oughton	J L C Pearce	3	5/12	4.3	Y	1.55.70
1988	TOP GRADE (NZ)	6/126/h	P H Chan	Eddie Lo	Cheng Yu Tung	HD	8/13	8.1	GY	1.49.40
1987	FLYING DANCER (NZ)	4/126/g	Bartie Leisher	Brian Kan	Lim Por Yen	2	1/11	7.4	G	1.49.10
1986	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	7/126/g	Edward Hide	Eddie Lo	Dr Douglas Liang	SH	5/13	24	Y	1.51.20
1985	GAY EIGHTIES (GB)	6/126/g	Gary Moore	Derek Cheng	Dr Douglas Liang	1-3/4	8/8	4.8	S	1.51.40

* Previously an Open race, it was promoted to HKG1 in 1992, and to G1 in 2015.
Race distance was 1800m from 1985 until it was changed to about 1900m in 1989, 1800m in 1990 & 1991, 2200m in 1992, and 2400m in 1995.



BARRIER DRAW DATA

(Since 1995)

DRAW	1ST	2ND	3RD
1	6	2	1
2	3	1	7
3	2	2	3
4	5	4	2
5	2	6	7
6	2	7	2
7	5	3	5
8	2	4	0
9	1	0	2
10	1	0	1
11	2	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	-	-	-

Two dead-heat winners in 1995;
no runner has started from Gate 14 since 1995.



2024 STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP

William Buick declared Rebel's Romance a "real international superstar" after the globe-trotting stayer added the 2024 G1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) to a bulging collection of victories at Sha Tin.

Pitted against seven stayers, Rebel's Romance surged to a two-length win over Tony Cruz-trained pair Five G Patch and La City Blanche under Buick to provide trainer Charlie Appleby's first win in Hong Kong and become the first internationally trained horse to win the feature in 2m 25.62s.

Owned by Godolphin, Rebel's Romance's prowess for travelling and winning was on full display as he clinched a fifth Group 1, having also won at the highest level in Germany, the United States of America and Dubai.

"He's done it really well. You always respect the local horses here in Hong Kong and obviously he (Rebel's Romance) had to travel over here and everything else. The team have done a great job with him, I thought he looked magnificent beforehand, as he always does," Buick said. The race kind of went the way I hoped it would and it suited him. He's become a very uncomplicated horse and he's a real international superstar."

Buick, 35, settled Rebel's Romance in second place, a horse off the fence, behind leader Moments In Time, and allowed the Dubawi gelding to find his rhythm. When the pressure was applied and the field compacted approaching the 800m, Rebel's Romance took time to respond.

"He's a horse who likes to get into his stride, he relaxes beautifully and gets into a nice rhythm. He probably came under pressure sooner than I expected but he was just getting himself organised really," Buick said. Hong Kong is a special place. I've been coming here for many years now and it's tough to win at any level. It's great to come here with a horse like Rebel's Romance and even better to win."

"I'm delighted for Sheikh Mohammed and Team Godolphin to have this horse travel the way he has. He's been to America, he's been to Qatar, Dubai, Germany and now Hong Kong, which has always been on our bucket list to try and win a race here and we're delighted to have the right horse," Appleby said.

"Having the right horse in Rebel's Romance, we felt he was a horse we could be competitive with and hopefully in the near future, for sure, we'll be looking forward to finding horses to coming over here. He's a gelded son of Dubawi, he loves his travels. He's a professional now and he's done plenty of travelling now. He prefers to be on a plane than actually in his stable.

"The whole concept of Godolphin was built on being an international stable and hopefully dining at the top table as fortunately as we are today. Hong Kong racing is one of the pinnacles of racing and to come here, you have to have the right horse."

Purse: **HK\$13,000,000**

Going: **Good**

Distance: **2400m**

Winning Time: **2m 25.62s**

Status: **Group 1**

RANK	HORSE	AGE	WEIGHT	JOCKEY	TRAINER	DRAW	MARGIN (LBW)	ODDS
1st	REBEL'S ROMANCE	6	126	W Buick	C Appleby	8	-	1.4
2nd	FIVE G PATCH	6	126	B Avdulla	A S Cruz	5	2	7.5
3rd	LA CITY BLANCHE	5	126	M Chadwick	A S Cruz	7	3-1/4	16
4th	MOMENTS IN TIME	4	126	L Hewitson	C S Shum	6	3-1/4	19
5th	SEÑOR TOBA	6	126	A Atzeni	C Fownes	3	3-3/4	89
6th	MASSIVE SOVEREIGN	4	126	Z Purton	C H Yip	4	5-1/4	6.5
7th	RUSSIAN EMPEROR	7	126	H Bowman	D J Whyte	1	6-3/4	19
8th	STRAIGHT ARRON	5	126	C Y Ho	C Fownes	2	14-1/4	13

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

2024

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE)	DUBAWI (IRE)
2nd	FIVE G PATCH (IRE)	CAMELOT (GB)
3rd	LA CITY BLANCHE (ARG)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
4th	MOMENTS IN TIME (CHI)	LOOKIN AT LUCKY (USA)

2023

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)
2nd	ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)	ACCLAMATION (GB)
3rd	FIVE G PATCH (IRE)	CAMELOT (GB)
4th	STRAIGHT ARRON (AUS)	FASTNET ROCK (AUS)

2022

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)
2nd	KA YING STAR (GB)	CITYSCAPE (GB)
3rd	SENOR TOBA (AUS)	TORONADO (IRE)
4th	TOURBILLON DIAMOND (AUS)	OLYMPIC GLORY (IRE)

2021

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PANFIELD (CHI)	LOOKIN AT LUCKY (USA)
2nd	COLUMBUS COUNTY (NZ)	REDWOOD (GB)
3rd	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
4th	BUTTERFIELD (BRZ)	SETEMBRO CHOVE (BRZ)

2020

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
2nd	CHEFANO (SAF)	SILVANO (GER)
3rd	FURORE (NZ)	PIERRO (AUS)
4th	SAVVY NINE (FR)	ANODIN (IRE)

2019

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
2nd	RISE HIGH (FR)	MYBOYCHARLIE (IRE)
3rd	DARK DREAM (AUS)	ALL AMERICAN (AUS)
4th	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)

2018

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	PAKISTAN STAR (GER)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
2nd	EXULTANT (IRE)	TEOFILO (IRE)
3rd	GOLD MOUNT (GB)	EXCELLENT ART (GB)
4th	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)

2017

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
2nd	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
3rd	EAGLE WAY (AUS)	MORE THAN READY (USA)
4th	HELENE CHARISMA (FR)	AIR CHIEF MARSHAL (IRE)

2016

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	VICTORY MAGIC (NZ)	SAVABEEL (AUS)
3rd	WERTHER (NZ)	TAVISTOCK (NZ)
4th	DESIGNS ON ROME (IRE)	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)

2015

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	HELENE SUPER STAR (USA)	WAR FRONT (USA)
2nd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
3rd	HELENE HAPPY STAR (IRE)	ZAMINDAR (USA)
4th	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)

FIRST FOUR WITH SIRE

(Since 2013)

2014

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	BLAZING SPEED (GB)	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)
2nd	DIBAYANI (IRE)	SHAMARDAL (USA)
3rd	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
4th	BUBBLE CHIC (FR)	CHICHICASTENANGO (FR)

2013

FINISH	HORSE (BRED)	SIRE
1st	CALIFORNIA MEMORY (USA)	HIGHEST HONOR (FR)
2nd	WILLIE CAZALS (IRE)	AUSSIE RULES (USA)
3rd	DOMINANT (IRE)	CACIQUE (IRE)
4th	IRIAN (GER)	TERTULLIAN (USA)

LEAD SECTIONAL TIME

(Since 1995)

YEAR	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2400
2024	25.80	49.96	1:15.46	1:39.84	2:02.51	2:25.62
2023	25.69	50.22	1:15.51	1:39.46	2:02.64	2:26.87
2022	25.28	50.12	1:14.89	1:39.03	2:03.05	2:26.67
2021	25.57	49.28	1:14.54	1:39.05	2:02.61	2:25.25
2020	24.65	47.94	1:13.71	1:37.77	2:01.37	2:26.01
2019	25.34	49.44	1:14.24	1:38.55	2:02.11	2:26.00
2018	26.77	51.72	1:17.49	1:42.93	2:05.68	2:27.42
2017	26.77	52.67	1:18.21	1:43.40	2:06.89	2:29.26
2016	25.32	49.69	1:14.71	1:39.08	2:02.31	2:26.18
2015	25.28	49.68	1:15.08	1:40.44	2:04.24	2:27.52
2014	25.59	50.21	1:16.16	1:41.83	2:05.49	2:28.11
2013	25.12	48.93	1:14.85	1:39.58	2:02.86	2:26.46
2012	25.94	51.75	1:18.63	1:45.32	2:07.77	2:30.84
2011	25.05	48.46	1:14.35	1:39.54	2:04.12	2:28.34
2010	26.03	51.48	1:18.89	1:47.81	2:14.31	2:38.49
2009	24.84	48.95	1:14.28	1:39.06	2:03.76	2:27.34
2008	25.00	48.60	1:14.80	1:40.30	2:04.00	2:27.30
2007	25.40	48.60	1:13.20	1:37.70	2:01.70	2:24.60
2006	25.00	48.80	1:14.50	1:39.90	2:04.40	2:29.70
2005	25.50	50.50	1:16.60	1:42.00	2:05.70	2:29.90
2004	25.80	49.90	1:14.90	1:40.50	2:05.20	2:28.10
2003	26.80	52.30	1:18.10	1:43.00	2:07.00	2:30.40
2002	26.40	52.60	1:18.80	1:45.00	2:10.40	2:35.00
2001	25.60	48.90	1:13.80	1:39.30	2:04.90	2:28.10
2000	24.70	48.10	1:13.00	1:38.30	2:03.30	2:27.40
1999	26.10	49.90	1:14.80	1:39.80	2:05.00	2:28.30
1998	28.30	55.20	1:20.60	1:45.00	2:08.40	2:31.40
1997	24.90	48.00	1:12.80	1:38.50	2:03.70	2:28.20
1996	24.90	49.40	1:13.70	1:38.40	2:02.80	2:26.10
1995	25.80	50.10	1:16.30	1:42.60	2:06.60	2:30.60