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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 78TH TOKYO YUSHUN (Japanese Derby, G1)

With the aim of establishing a systemized program that emulates the Triple Crown race held in Britain, and enhancing the quality of thoroughbreds in Japan, a 2,400-meter race for three-year-old thoroughbreds was established at the Tokyo Racecourse (then situated in Meguro ward) in 1932. While maintaining its status as one of the most popular JRA events with a record sell-out crowd of 196,517 in 1990, the race has evolved during its long history, offering high prize money exceeding 100 million yen for the winner since 1989, and opening its door to runners from regional public racing (NAR) since 1995 and foreign-bred participants since 2001. Last year, the race entered a new phase as JRA reached the final stage of its internationalization project allowing foreign contestants in all its graded events.

Recent winners include Deep Impact (JPN) who won all three of the Triple Crown for three-year-olds during 2005 and concluded his glorious racing career with 12 wins out of 14 starts including seven G1 titles. Vodka (JPN), who became the first filly in 64 years to claim the derby title in 2007 retired early in 2010 with seven G1 wins and two Horse of the Year titles to her name.

Eishin Flash (JPN, by King's Best) who won the derby last year, was low key for most of the remaining 2010 season, but seems to have picked up his form finishing second in the Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m) in May. Rose Kingdom (JPN, by King Kamehameha) who was runner-up last year, subsequently won the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) against top older G1 runners while third place finisher Victoire Pisa (JPN, by Neo Universe) won this year's Dubai World Cup (G1, AW, 2,000m).

This year, in the aftermath of the earthquake, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m), which was originally scheduled at Nakayama Racecourse, was shifted to Tokyo Racecourse. Holding Satsuki Sho at the same racecourse as the Tokyo Yushun, the result of the Satsuki Sho was expected to serve as a direct reference to the outcome of the Japanese Derby.

Satsuki Sho winner **Orfevre** (JPN) made his bid to become the first colt in 5 years—since Meisho Samson (JPN, by Opera House) in 2006—to claim the first two legs of the Triple Crown. **Sadamu Patek** (JPN), despite a disadvantage early in the Satsuki Sho, demonstrated a convincing turn of speed to place him well up on the list of favorites. H.H. Sheikh Mohammed-owned **Debonair** (JPN) also attracted much attention with Frankie Dettori in the saddle.

Win Variation (JPN) came off a grade-race victory in the derby trial, the Aoba Sho (G2, 2,400m) while Deep Impact colt **Tosen Reve** (JPN), out of the same dam as Buena Vista, also earned his ticket to take part in the classic G1 in his victory in the Principal Stakes.

The race record was set by King Kamehameha (JPN, by Kingmambo) in 2004 after covering the 2,400 meters in 2:23.3.

THE 78TH TOKYO YUSHUN (Japanese Derby, G1)

3-year-old colts and fillies, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 29, 2011 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 313,000,000 (about US\$3,682,000 < US\$1 = ¥85 >)

3-y-o: 57 kg (about 126 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Fillies

3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2008

Safety Factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	3	5	Orfevre (JPN)	C3	57.0	Stay Gold Oriental Art	K. Ikezoe Y. Ikee	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	2:30.5 (34.8)	3.0 (1)
2	1	1	Win Variation (JPN)	C3	57.0	Heart's Cry Super Ballerina	K. Ando M. Matsunaga	Win Co. Ltd. Northern Racing	1-3/4 (34.7)	24.4 (10)
3	4	7	Belshazzar (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Maruka Candy	H. Goto K. Matsuda	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	7 (36.7)	18.5 (8)
4	5	10	Nakayama Knight (JPN)	C3	57.0	Stay Gold Fiji Girl	Y. Shibata Y. Ninomiya	S.Izumi Okita Bokujo	Neck (36.4)	8.8 (4)
5	3	6	Cresco Grand (JPN)	C3	57.0	Tanino Gimlet Manhattan Fizz	S. Hamanaka S. Ishizaka	Saburo Horikawa Shadai Farm	Head (36.7)	21.2 (9)
6	7	14	Shonan Parfait (JPN)	C3	57.0	Agnes Tachyon Xianlang	K. Miura Y. Ninomiya	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Kuwata Bokujo	3-1/2 (37.7)	45.6 (14)
7	1	2	Sadamu Patek (JPN)	C3	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Summer Night City	Y. Iwata M. Nishizono	Sadamu Onishi Shadai Corporation Inc.	1-1/4 (37.4)	6.0 (2)
8	2	3	All as One	C3	57.0	Neo Universe	S. Fujita	Junzo Miyakawa	Neck	81.9

			(JPN)			Toho Progress	M. Ryoke	Junzo Miyakawa	(38.9)	(15)
9	8	16	Tosen Reve (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Biwa Heidi	C. Williams Y. Ikee	Takaya Shimakawa Northern Racing	1/2 (37.7)	13.5 (5)
10	8	17	Universal Bank (JPN)	C3	57.0	Neo Universe Victory Bank	Y. Fukunaga H. Matsuda	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	Nose (37.9)	25.7 (11)
11	7	15	Tosen Ra (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Princess Olivia	M. Ebina H. Fujiwara	Takaya Shimakawa Shadai Farm	Head (38.1)	15.8 (7)
12	6	11	Debonair (JPN)	C3	57.0	Agnes Tachyon Velvet Queen	L. Dettori K. Nakatake	HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Darley Japan K.K	3/4 (37.6)	7.8 (3)
13	4	8	Fateful War (JPN)	C3	57.0	Stay Gold Fete du Vin	K. Tanaka S. Ito	Shadai Race H. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Neck (37.5)	32.9 (13)
14	5	9	Cotillion (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Gemmy Dress	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Shadai Farm	Nose (36.8)	13.6 (6)
15	7	13	Rocaverano (JPN)	C3	57.0	Manhattan Cafe Rumba Loca	Y. Take H. Nakamura	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm	3/4 (37.0)	28.3 (12)
16	6	12	A Shin Jackal (JPN)	C3	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Eishin Ryonsan	Y. Kawada T. Takano	Eishindo Co. Ltd. Eishin Bokujo	2 (38.4)	171.3 (18)
17	8	18	Northern River (JPN)	C3	57.0	Agnes Tachyon Soninke	N. Pinna H. Asami	Masamichi Hayashi Northern Farm	9 (40.2)	101.1 (16)
/	2	4	Libertas (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Carling	H. Shii K. Sumii	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Shadai Farm	FF	116.2 (17)

FP=Final Position **BK**=Bracket Number **PP**=Post Position **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m) **FF**=Fail to Finish

NOTE1: No Foreign Contenders.

NOTE2: Figures quoted under **Odds** are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and **Fav** indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 2:30.5

GOING: Soft

WEATHER: Rain

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 19,884,503,300

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 28,976,361,000

ATTENDANCE: 82,240

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥300	PLACE	No.5	¥150
BRACKET QUINELLA	1-3	¥580		No.1	¥660
QUINELLA	1-5	¥3,380		No.7	¥450
EXACTA	5-1	¥4,540	QUINELLA PLACE	1-5	¥1,290
TRIO	1-5-7	¥22,950		5-7	¥990
TRIFECTA	5-1-7	¥100,300		1-7	¥5,390

1. Orfevre (JPN), chestnut, colt, 3-year-old

Stay Gold / Oriental Art (Mejiro McQueen)

Breeder: Shadai Corporation Inc. Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee Jockey: Kenichi Ikezoe

8 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 186,260,000 Career earnings: ¥ 411,209,000

Principal Race Performances: '11 Satsuki Sho (G1) 1st

'11 Spring Stakes (G2) 1st

2. Win Variation (JPN), bay, colt, 3-year-old

Heart's Cry / Super Ballerina (Storm Bird)

Breeder: Northern Racing Owner: Win Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Masahiro Matsunaga Jockey: Katsumi Ando

3. Belshazzar (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 3-year-old

King Kamehameha / Maruka Candy (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Shadai Farm Owner: Shadai Race H.

Trainer: Kunihide Matsuda Jockey: Hiroki Goto

Satsuki Sho winner **Orfevre** replayed his powerful performance in the 78th Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) to become the 22nd colt—and the first colt in five years—to claim the first two legs of the Triple Crown races, and gave his trainer and jockey their first Derby title. Yasutoshi Ikee became the youngest Derby-winning trainer in JRA history.

A length and three-fourth lengths behind in second was **Win Variation**, the son of Heart's Cry who was also a runner-up in the 2004 Japanese Derby.

Breaking smoothly in front of the cheering crowds that gathered at the Tokyo Racecourse despite the pouring rain, Kenichi Ikezoe eased **Orfevre** towards the rear, fifth from last, where the Stay Gold colt preserved his stamina for his late charge. Tenth pick **Win Variation** stalked the race favorite 3-4 lengths behind. Eighth choice **Belshazzar** settled in mid-division, well off the pacemaker **All as One** who rallied for the lead and took the front before the first corner.

The field that spread into a long line with **All as One** leading the pack by 4-5 lengths through the backstretch, crowded in through the last turn and spread wide crosswise behind the leader at the top of the homestretch. **Orfevre**, steering to the outside and threading through the narrow opening, burst out powerfully around the 200-meter pole and easily held off the strong challenge by **Win Variation**—who also exploded from further out—in the last furlong to claim the title. Seven lengths behind the first two finishers, **Belshazzar**, dueling with forth pick **Nakayama Knight** for third place, managed to cross the wire a neck in front of the Stay Gold colt. **Cresco Grand**, who exerted a tenacious run in the homestretch, finished a close fifth, a head behind the fourth-place finisher.

Other Horses:

6th:(14) **Shonan Parfait**– hugged rail in 3rd, showed little in stretch.

7th:(2) **Sadamu Patek**– ran in midfield, turned wide, mild rally at stretch

8th:(3) **All as One**– set pace, 5-length gap at one point, used up in last 200m

9th:(16) **Tosen Reve**– mid-division, unable to slip out at top of homestretch

10th:(17) **Universal Bank**– traveled wide 4-5th from front, unable to sustain bid

11th:(15) **Tosen Ra**- advanced forward, turned last corner in 3rd, ran out of stream

12th:(11) **Debonair**- settled in front of race favorite, one paced in homestretch

13th:(8) **Fateful War**- traveled in mid-division, lacked response in straight

14th:(9) **Cotillion**- ran 2nd from last, lacked needed kick in stretch

15th:(13) **Rocaverano**- slow break, remained in rear, no factor

16th:(12) **A Shin Jackal**– unable to reach contention after traveling in mid-division

17th:(18) **Northern River**- settled 2nd after angling in from outside draw, tired from early effort

FF:(4) **Libertas**- trailed in rear after bad break, stopped before 4th corner

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 11.3 - 12.8 - 13.1 - 12.5 - 13.0 - 13.2 - 12.8 - 12.6 - 12.3 - 12.2 - 12.0
Last 4 furlongs: 49.1 Last 3 furlongs: 36.5

Positions at each corner:	1st corner	3,18(14,16,17)(7,15)2,10(8,12)(6,11) <u>5</u> ,1,9,13,4
	2nd corner	3-18(14,17)(7,16)15(8,2)(12,10)11,6, <u>5</u> -1,9(13,4)
	3rd corner	3=18,14,17(15,7)16(12,8,2)(6,11)10, <u>5</u> -1,13-9=4
	4th corner	3=(15,18,14)(7,17)(12,6,16)2,11(8, <u>5</u> ,10)-1(9,13)

Note1: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.