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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 40TH SPORTS NIPPON SHO STAYERS STAKES (JPN-GII)

Established in 1967 as a long-distance handicap race, the SPORTS NIPPON SHO STAYERS STAKES is raced over 3,600 meters—the longest distance in flat racing run in Japan—and is a test to determine the best stayer possessing both stamina and speed, the two factors considered essential in thoroughbred breeding. Beginning with the Stayers Stakes, the line of long-distance races leads to the Diamond Stakes (GIII, 3,400m) in February, the Hanshin Daishoten (GII, 3,000m) in March, then onto the Tenno Sho Spring (GI, 3,200m) which determines the champion stayer and stud potential in early May. In order to position the race as the main target for the autumn campaign, the race was promoted to from JPN-GIII to JPN-GII in '97 and conditions altered from Handicap to special weights condition race.

The Stayers Stakes entered a new phase as an international race in 2005 but no foreign runners were nominated to run this year and the field was to be contested among an all-Japanese field.

Last year's race winner, Delta Blues (by Dance in the Dark, JPN), captured Melbourne Cup (G1, AUS) title this November. The record time 3:41.6 was set by Air Dublin in 1994.

THE 40TH SPORTS NIPPON SHO STAYERS STAKES (JPN-GII)

3-year-old & up, 3,600 meters (about 18 furlongs), right-handed, turf

Saturday, December 2, 2006

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:25

Total prize money: ¥136,720,000 (about US\$1,188,000; US\$1 = ¥115)

3-y-o 55kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

Penalties: Winners ^{*1} of GI races ... 2kg (1kg^{*2}), GII races ... 1kg (0kg^{*2}) (after Dec. 03, 2005)

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^{*1}= Excluding 2-year-old race results, ^{*2}= Penalties for grade races limited to Fillies/Mares

2kg allowance for southern hemisphere horses born in 2003, Safety Factor: 16 runners (Foreign Trained Horse: 4)

FP	BKT	PP	Horse	S&A	Weight (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (win)
1	5	6	Eye Popper (JPN)	H6	57.0	Soccer Boy Sunday I.	O. Peslier I. Shimizu	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	3:43.4 (35.3)	1.7
2	8	11	Tokai Trick (JPN)	C4	57.0	El Condor Pasa Zoonaqu	C. Lemaire S. Matsumoto	M. Uchimura F. Tsuchida	3 (35.5)	3.8
3	2	2	Chaste Wing (JPN)	H5	57.0	Special Week Chase the Wind	H. Kitamura M. Akiyama	H. Usuda Northern Farm	3-1/2 (36.3)	10.5
4	5	5	Grass Position (JPN)	H7	57.0	Real Shadai Ensoleille	M. Ebina M. Ogata	Hanzawa Y. Hekiun Bokujo	1/2 (36.0)	25.8
5	1	1	Chakra (JPN)	H6	57.0	Mayano Top Gun Carlissa	H. Goto A. Adachi	E. Tadokoro Amaba Bokujo	HEA D (36.1)	30.5
6	7	9B	Mejiro Corsair (JPN)	C4	57.0	Mejiro Ryan Mejiro Beauty	Y. Yoshida Y. Okubo	Mejiro Shoji Mejiro Stud	1-3/4 (37.3)	67.0
7	3	3	Go with Wind (JPN)	H7	57.0	Fraise Aire Tesco	M. Matsuoka S. Kunieda	M. Okada Oto Farm Hiwatari	4 (37.5)	205.1
8	8	12	Fast Tateyama (JPN)	H7	57.0	Dance in the Dark Main Guest	K. Take I. Yasuda	Y. Tsuji Akita Bokujo	3/4 (37.3)	6.1
9	4	4	Robbery Genio (JPN)	G7	57.0	Cacoethes Miss Lupinus	H. Yoshida N. Suzuki	N. Muranaka Y. Adachi	1-1/4 (37.7.)	84.5
10	7	10	Bullet Lane (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sakura Laurel Showa Hanami	H. Uchida T. Kaga	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Showa Bokujo	4 (38.0)	103.2
11	6	7	Shin Haruka Jo (JPN)	F3	53.0	Black Tuxedo Dyna Bonder	T. Ono Y. Matsuyama	S. Nishimura Notsuke Riding Farm	1/2 (38.3)	76.9
12	6	8	Rubens Memory (JPN)	H6	57.0	Genuine Dyna Flanders	Y. Shibata Y. Takahashi	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	2-1/2 (39.3)	42.1

FP=Final Position, BKT=Bracket Number, PP=Post Position, B=Blinkers, L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE1: No Foreign Contenders.

NOTE2: Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen).

WINNING TIME: 3:43.4
 TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:
 TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

GOING: Firm
 ¥ 3,195,261,800
 ¥ 9,075,537,900

WEATHER: Fine
 ATTENDANCE: 29,524

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.6	¥170	PLACE	No.6	¥100
BRACKET QUINELLA	5 - 8	¥190		No.11	¥120
QUINELLA	6 - 11	¥300		No.2	¥180
EXACTA	6 - 11	¥470	QUINELLA PLACE	6 - 11	¥160
TRIO	2 - 6 - 11	¥670		2 - 6	¥240
TRIFECTA	6 - 11 - 2	¥1,670		2 - 11	¥410

1. EYE POPPER (JPN), chestnut, horse, 6-year-old
 Soccer Boy / Sunday I. (Sunday Silence)
 Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.
 Trainer: Izumi Shimizu Jockey: Olivier Peslier
 24 Starts, 7 wins
 Added money: ¥64,868,000 Career earnings: ¥339,025,800
2. TOKAI TRICK (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old
 El Condor Pasa / Zoonacqua (Silver Hawk)
 Breeder: Fumiko Tsuchida Owner: Masanori Uchimura
 Trainer: Shoichi Matsumoto Jockey: Christophe Lemaire
3. CHASTE WING (JPN), dark bay or brown, horse, 5-year-old
 Special Week / Chase the Wind (Tony Bin)
 Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Hiroyoshi Usuda
 Trainer: Masakazu Akiyama Jockey: Hiroshi Kitamura

Top favorite EYE POPPER under Olivier Peslier showed a sound performance in winning this year's Stayers Stakes, marking his much awaited first grade race victory in his sixth year. French jockey Olivier Peslier celebrated his second consecutive Stayers Stakes title since last year's victory with DELTA BLUES.

As the field got underway, the bay colt MEJIRO CORSAIR set the pace with RUEBENS MEMORY and GO WITH WIND traveling close behind, followed by EYE POPPER two wide right behind GO WITH WIND in fourth position for most of the first lap. The race increased its pace in the second lap as the pace setter opened the gap to three to four lengths at the second corner, while EYE POPPER started his acceleration passing GO WITH WIND in the back stretch and RUEBENS MEMORY at the third turn. Turning for home, the chestnut finally overtook the tiring leader and drew away to win by three lengths, easily holding off the late charging TOKAI TRICK.

Second pick and son of '99 Grand Prix de Saint Cloud winner EL CONDOR PASA, TOKAI TRICK saved ground in the first lap and traveled in mid-pack most of the way waiting to make his bid. While the field spread out wide in the final turn, the four year old colt under French jockey Christophe Lemaire, maintained his two wide position and responded well at the furlong pole although never reaching contention to finish second, three lengths behind the winner. It was another three and a half lengths to CHASTE WING, who dueled briefly with TOKAI TRICK before the furlong pole, clearing the wire in third.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong):

12.8 - 11.3 - 12.6 - 12.3 - 12.5 - 12.7 - 12.4 - 12.9 - 12.6 - 12.7 - 12.9 - 12.7 - 12.4 - 12.3 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 11.3 - 12.4
 Last 4 furlongs 48.3 Last 3 furlongs 35.8

Positions at each corner: 1st corner (2nd lap) 9-8-(3,6)-2,4(7,11)5(10,12)1
 2nd corner (2nd lap) 9=8,6,3-2,4(7,11)-(5,12)10,1
 3rd corner (2nd lap) 9,8(3,6)(2,4)(7,11,12)1(5,10)
 4th corner (2nd lap) 9,6,2(11,12,1)(8,4)(3,5)(7,10)

Note: 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.