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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 31ST JAPAN CUP (G1)



The Japan Cup continues to attract some of the top turf horses from around the world and a number of runners have made Japan Cup their starting point towards further international success in following years.

Last year's Japan Cup included eight foreign contestants—Cirrus des Aigles, Marinous, Mores Wells and Timos from France; Dandino and Joshua Tree from the United Kingdom; Fifty Proof from Canada; and Voila Ici from Italy—with Cirrus des Aigles finishing the highest at ninth place. The race was won by forth pick Rose Kingdom who became the winner after a 24-minute inquiry, while overwhelming favorite Buena Vista was demoted to second place for interfering with Rose Kingdom before crossing the wire first.

This year, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) champion filly **Daindream** came to compete in the race in a bid to become the first German winner since Lando in 1995. Other foreign contestants included **Shareta**, runner-up to Danedream in the Arc and Canadian International (G1) champion **Sarah Linx**, both from France, and 7-year-old veteran **Mission Approved** from the United States who won the Manhattan Handicap (G1) in June.

The four foreign raiders contested against a strong field of Japanese horses that included seven G1 winners such as defending champion **Rose Kingdom**, runner-up and 2010 Horse of the Year **Buena Vista**, last year's third-place finisher **Victoire Pisa** who went on to win the 2010 Arima Kinen (G1) and this year's Dubai World Cup (G1), as well as **Tosen Jordan** who claimed the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1) with record time just last month.

Cumani-trained *Alkaased* (USA), who won the race in 2005, is the record holder of this race at 2:22.1.

THE 31ST JAPAN CUP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

3-year-old & up, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, November 27, 2011 Tokyo Racecourse 10th Race Post Time: 15:20

Total prize money: ¥ 521,000,000 (about US\$ 6,512,000 <US\$1=¥80>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57 kg (about 126 lbs)

2 kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses 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	1	2	Buena Vista (JPN)	M5	55.0	Special Week Biwa Heidi	Y. Iwata H. Matsuda	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Racing	2:24.2 (33.9)	3.4 (2)
2	8	16	Tosen Jordan (JPN)	H5	57.0	Jungle Pocket Every Whisper	C. Williams Y. Ikee	Takaya Shimakawa Northern Farm	Neck (34.3)	14.1 (6)
3	1	1B	Jaguar Mail (JPN)	H7	57.0	Jungle Pocket Haya Beni Komachi	H. Shii N. Hori	Kazumi Yoshida Aioi Farm	1-3/4 (34.0)	106.5 (14)
4	3	5	Trailblazer (JPN)	C4	57.0	Zenno Rob Roy Lirio	Y. Take Y. Ikee	Koji Maeda North Hills Management	1/2 (34.6)	44.0 (11)
5	6	12	Win Variation (JPN)	C3	55.0	Heart's Cry Super Ballerina	K. Ando M. Matsunaga	Win Co. Ltd. Northern Racing	3/4 (35.0)	14.7 (7)
6	7	13	Danedream* (GER)	F3	53.0	Lomitas Danedrop	A. Starke P. Schiergen	Gestut Burg Eberstein & Teruya Yoshida Gestut Brummerhof	Neck (34.0)	3.3 (1)
7	7	14	Shareta* (IRE)	F3	53.0	Sinndar Shawara	C. Lemaire A. de Royer Dupre	H.H.Aga Khan His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.	1-1/4 (34.4)	36.4 (10)
8	8	15	Eishin Flash (JPN)	C4	57.0	King's Best Moonlady	K. Ikezoe H. Fujiwara	Toyomitsu Hirai Shadai Farm	Neck (34.4)	11.3 (5)
9	2	3	Rose Kingdom (JPN)	C4	57.0	King Kamehameha Rosebud	I. Mendizabal K. Hashiguchi	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	3/4 (34.7)	22.0 (9)
10	2	4	Oken Bruce Lee (JPN)	H6	57.0	Jungle Pocket Silver Joy	M. Ebina H. Otonashi	Akira Fukui Northern Farm	Head (34.1)	46.0 (12)
11	3	6	To the Glory (JPN)	C4	57.0	King Kamehameha To the Victory	Y. Fukunaga Y. Ikee	U.Carrot Farm Northern Racing	Nose (34.9)	16.3 (8)
12	5	9B	Sarah Linx* (IRE)	F4	55.0	Montjeu Steel Princess	C. Soumillon J. Hammond	Mme Robert G.Ehrnrooth Grangecon Stud	Neck (34.3)	94.7 (13)
13	4	8	Victoire Pisa (JPN)	C4	57.0	Neo Universe Whitewater Affair	M. Demuro K. Sumii	Yoshimi Ichikawa Shadai Farm	4 (35.0)	10.9 (4)

14	6	11	Mission Approved* (USA)	H7	57.0	With Approval Fortunate Find	J. Espinoza N. Chatterpaul	Terikchand Chatterpaul Dr. William F. Coyro Jr.	3/4 (36.2)	168.5 (15)
15	5	10	King Top Gun (JPN)	H8	57.0	Mayano Top Gun Glittering Flower	K. Tosaki I. Sameshima	Toyoji Ikeda Hokusei Murata Bokujo	3-1/2 (36.2)	240.0 (16)
16	4	7	Pelusa (JPN)	C4	57.0	Zenno Rob Roy Argentine Star	N. Yokoyama K. Fujisawa	Hidetoshi Yamamoto Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (36.2)	7.5 (3)

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

NOTE 1: *=Foreign Horses

NOTE 2: 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: 2:24.2

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 18,345,891,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 26,730,362,300

ATTENDANCE: 103,816

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.2	¥340	PLACE	No.2	¥140
BRACKET QUINELLA	1-8	¥970		No.16	¥430
QUINELLA	2-16	¥2,300		No.1	¥1,660
EXACTA	2-16	¥4,180	QUINELLA PLACE	2-16	¥980
TRIO	1-2-16	¥80,880		1-2	¥3,800
TRIFECTA	2-16-1	¥324,680		1-16	¥15,860

1. Buena Vista (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 5-year-old

Special Week / Biwa Heidi (Caerleon)

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

22 Starts, 9 Wins

Added money: ¥ 253,444,000

Career earnings: ¥ 1,478,869,700

Principal Races Performances:

'10 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1) 1st

'10 Victoria Mile (G1) 1st

'09 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) 1st

'09 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) 1st

'08 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies 1st

2. Tosen Jordan (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old

Jungle Pocket / Every Whisper (Northern Taste)

Breeder: Northern Farm

Owner: Takaya Shimakawa

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee

Jockey: Craig Williams

3. Jaguar Mail (JPN), bay, horse, 7-year-old

Jungle Pocket / Haya Beni Komachi (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Aioi Farm

Owner: Kazumi Yoshida

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Hirofumi Shii

Buena Vista Avenges Last Year's Controversial Defeat

Japanese super mare **Buena Vista** partnered with Yasunari Iwata recaptured the spotlight by winning the 31st running of the Japan Cup, in revenge of her controversial demotion to second place last year. Posted second favorite for the first time—she had been race favorite in all her previous starts in Japan—**Buena Vista** marked her first win in over a year since her victory in the 2010 Tenno Sho (Autumn), and claimed her sixth G1 title overall. The 2010 Horse of the Year repeated the feat which her sire, Special Week, accomplished in his Japan Cup victory in 1999.

The race broke off with U.S. raider **Mission Approved** immediately taking the front to set the pace. Sixth

pick **Tosen Jordan**, followed by **Trailblazer**, chased the pace in second and third, respectively. **Buena Vista** settled in mid-division by the rail around 5-6th from the front, saving up her energy for the straight, while 2010 Tenno Sho (Spring) champion **Jaguar Mail** stalked right behind her, also along the rail. As the field entered the third corner, **Win Variation** was the first to make the move, drawing even with the frontrunner after racing second from the rear over the backstretch.

While **Mission Approved** and **Win Variation** dueled for the lead at the top of the homestretch, **Tosen Jordan** tenaciously closed in and nailed the front around the 200-meter pole, only to be challenged by **Buena Vista** who angled out and accelerated powerfully in the last furlong with her usual late charge. Last year's runner-up managed to conquer the fierce duel with this year's Tenno Sho (Autumn) champion by crossing the wire a neck in front. **Jaguar Mail**, who surged out behind the winner, also exerted an impressive turn of foot in the stretch to come in third, 1-3/4 lengths behind the runner-up.

Arc winner **Danedream** ridden by Andrasch Starke was forced to travel wide around fifth from the rear, and although making a bid from the outside at the top of the homestretch, the race favorite was unable to display her powerful late charge, as she did in the Arc, and finished sixth, about 3-1/2 lengths behind the winner.

Arc runner-up and 10th choice **Shareta** mounted by Christophe Lemaire traveled wide in mid-pack, around 9-10th from the front, and surged out behind **Danedream** in the straight to finish seventh, 1-1/4 lengths behind the Arc winner.

13th choice **Sarah Lynx** boarded by Christophe Soumillon, unable to secure a good position, sat fourth from last, and although improving position at the stretch, tired out toward the end to finish 12th.

Jose Espinoza immediately took 15th pick **Mission Approved** to the front to set the pace. The son of With Approval held on under pressure from **Win Variation** until coming up empty before the uphill stretch and faded to 14th.

Danedream

“Breaking from a wide stall (13) took a lot out of her. It was difficult for her to find a comfortable position, and on a fast track—it showed in the outcome. This will be the last race for her this season. If there is no change in her form, she'll be put on a training schedule and might even come back to Japan next year.”—Peter Schiergen, trainer

“She was bumped by another horse right after breaking and had to be held back a bit—we couldn't get in a good position. She wasn't the same as when she was in the Arc.” —Andrasch Starke, jockey

Shareta

“She showed a good final drive but her preparation wasn't quite enough since coming to Japan . This will be her last start of the year. She will be raced next season but I can't say at this point whether she'll challenge the Japan Cup again.” —Alain de Royer Dupre, trainer

Mission Approved

“I think he ran a great race considering that the pace was a bit fast and that the distance was a little too far for him. A mile race might suit him better. He has the heart and the ability, but to run a mile and a half at that pace was too fast. He'll go to the farm and we'll race him again next season. I'd love to come back to Japan with one of my horses again.” —Naipaul Chatterpaul, trainer

“The track was very firm and solid, and the horse was bouncing on the surface. As soon as the number 12 horse

numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.