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## SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 77TH YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS, G1)

The Japanese version of the prestigious British Oaks, the Yushun Himba was established in 1938 and contested among runners limited to home-bred three-year-old fillies. Initially called the "Hanshin Yushun Himba" and held during the fall season at Hanshin Racecourse, the race acquired its current status as the Japanese Oaks upon changing its venue to Tokyo Racecourse in 1946. The race was also shifted to the spring season, being the richest in prize money and longest in distance among the current JRA races limited to fillies/mares. The Yushun Himba opened its door to foreign-bred runners in 2003 and acquired international G1 status in 2010.

While the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) serves in gauging the speed potentials in the future broodmares, the Yushun Himba is a championship race in which to discover the added quality of stamina as well as speed, and winners of this race are highly rated as broodmares upon retirement to stud. Recent winners included fillies/mares that became high profile G1 winners. 2009 Oaks winner, *Buena Vista (JPN, by Special Week)* captured a total of six G1 titles and JRA's Horse of the Year of 2010 before her retirement in the end of 2011, while 2012 winner *Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact)*, who holds the race record of 2:23.6, went on to capture the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) that autumn to become the fourth filly to sweep the Triple Crown for fillies. The star filly later went on to claim four G1 titles and was crowned Horse of the Year twice in 2012 and 2014. Last year's victor Mikki Queen (JPN, by Deep Impact) subsequently won the Shuka Sho and named Best Three-Year-Old Filly of the 2015 season.

Jeweler (JPN, by Victoire Pisa), who claimed a narrow victory in the Oka Sho on April 10, was ruled out of her Oaks bid with a minor fracture in her near-fore pastern, leaving runner-up **Sinhalite** and third-place finisher **At the Seaside** the chance to aim for the second leg of the G1 triple for fillies. 2015 Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m) winner **Denko Ange** and 2015 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1, 1,600m) runner-up **Win Fabulous** also ran in the Yushun Himba, hoping to bounce back from their disappointing 10th and 12th, respectively, in the Oka Sho.

Qualifying to run from their Oaks trial starts were; **Cecchino** and **Awake** who finished first and third in the Flora Stakes (G2, 2,000m) on April 24. **Jealousy** and **From My Heart** also came off their first and second-place finishes, in the Sweet Pea Stakes (1,800m), another Yushun Himba trial, on May 1. Other notable runners included **Angel Face** who won the Flower Cup (G3, 1,800m) on March 21 and **Rottenmeier** who claimed the Wasurenagusa Sho (2,000m) on April 10.

## THE 77TH YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS, G1)

3-year-old Fillies, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
Sunday, May 22, 2016 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40
Total prize money: ¥ 216,000,000 (about US$ 1,800,000 <US$1=¥120>)
3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2013
Safety factor: 18 runners

| FP | BK | PP | Horse | Sex Age | Wgt (kg) | Sire<br>Dam | Jockey<br>Trainer | Owner<br>Breeder | Margin (L3F) | Odds (Fav) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Sinhalite (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Deep Impact<br>Singhalese | K. Ikezoe<br>S. Ishizaka | U. Carrot Farm<br>Northern Racing | 2:25.0<br>(33.5) | 2.0<br>(1) |
| 2 | 7 | 13 | Cecchino (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | King Kamehameha<br>Happy Path | K. Tosaki<br>K. Fujisawa | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.<br>Northern Farm | Neck<br>(33.5) | 4.0<br>(2) |
| 3 | 7 | 14 | Biche (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Deep Impact<br>Barancella | M. Demuro<br>Y. Shikato | Yasushi Kubota<br>Northern Racing | 1/2<br>(34.1) | 16.0<br>(5) |
| 4 | 8 | 16 | Jealousy (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Harbinger<br>Glorious Days | N. Yokoyama<br>T. Kikuzawa | Hideko Kondo<br>Hideko Kondo | 1-1/2<br>(33.6) | 37.1<br>(10) |
| 5 | 3 | 5 | Peptide Supple (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Manhattan Cafe<br>Peptide More | H. Shii<br>K. Kihara | Kazuhiko Numakawa<br>Kazuhiko Numakawa | Nose<br>(34.1) | 29.1<br>(8) |
| 6 | 6 | 12 | Frontier Queen (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Meisho Samson<br>Blue Box Bow | M. Ebina<br>S. Kunieda | Kazuo Nagatsuma<br>Koki Hayashi | Neck<br>(34.1) | 41.8<br>(12) |
| 7 | 7 | 15 | Red Avancer (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Deep Impact<br>Erimo Pixy | H. Tanabe<br>H. Otonashi | TokyoHorseRacingCo.,Ltd<br>Hidetoshi Yamamoto | Nose<br>(34.0) | 38.8<br>(11) |
| 8 | 8 | 18 | Daiwa Dresser (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Neo Universe<br>Liberty Print | K. Miura<br>Y. Shikato | Keizo Oshiro<br>Shadai Farm | Neck<br>(33.7) | 202.7<br>(17) |
| 9 | 4 | 8 | Denko Ange | F3 | 55.0 | Meisho Samson | Y. Kawada | Yasuhiro Tanaka | Nose | 18.1 |

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| | | | (JPN) | | | Denko Lucky | Y. Arakawa | Yasuhiro Tanaka | (34.0) | (6) |
| 10 | 6 | 11 | Angel Face (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | King Kamehameha<br>One for Rose | C. Lemaire<br>H. Fujiwara | Lord Horse Club<br>K. I. Farm | 1<br>(35.0) | 12.2<br>(3) |
| 11 | 2 | 4 | At the Seaside (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | King Kamehameha<br>Luminous Harbor | Y. Fukunaga<br>H. Asami | Teruya Yoshida<br>Shadai Farm | 3/4<br>(34.5) | 14.7<br>(4) |
| 12 | 1 | 2 | Awake (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Deep Impact<br>Allthewaybaby | Y. Yoshida<br>M. Saito | U. Carrot Farm<br>Northern Racing | 1-3/4<br>(34.9) | 64.2<br>(13) |
| 13 | 8 | 17 | Rottenmeier (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Kurofune<br>Adelheid | T. Berry<br>M. Ikezoe | Silk Racing Co., Ltd.<br>Northern Racing | 1-1/2<br>(35.5) | 18.4<br>(7) |
| 14 | 5 | 9 | Win Fabulous (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Stay Gold<br>Summer Eternity | M. Matsuoka<br>Y. Hatakeyama | Win Co., Ltd.<br>Cosmo View Farm | 1-1/2<br>(35.5) | 145.5<br>(16) |
| 15 | 3 | 6 | Admire Lead (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Stay Gold<br>Belle Allure | Y. Iwata<br>N. Sugai | Riichi Kondo<br>Northern Farm | Head<br>(34.9) | 32.5<br>(9) |
| 16 | 1 | 1 | From My Heart (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Heart's Cry<br>Meine Espoir | S. Ishibashi<br>H. Miyamoto | K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian<br>Big Red Farm | 1-1/4<br>(35.6) | 113.9<br>(14) |
| 17 | 4 | 7 | Gekkako (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Roses in May<br>Tuberose | D. Shibata<br>Y. Takahashi | K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian<br>Saito Stud | 4<br>(36.6) | 144.0<br>(15) |
| 18 | 5 | 10 | Dantsu Pendant (JPN) | F3 | 55.0 | Orewa Matteruze<br>North Princess | Y. Furukawa<br>M. Honda | Tetsuji Yamamoto<br>Tanikawa Stud | 4<br>(37.6) | 246.0<br>(18) |

**FP**=Final Position / **BK**=Bracket Number / **PP**=Post Position / **Wgt**=Weight / **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
**NOTE 1**: No Foreign Contenders
**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: 2:25.0 GOING: Firm WEATHER: Fine
TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 15,694,849,600
TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 23,956,665,600 ATTENDANCE: 60,321

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

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| WIN | No.3 | ¥200 | BRACKET QUINELLA | 2-7 | ¥300 | QUINELLA | 3-13 | ¥420 |
| PLACE | No.3 | ¥110 | QUINELLA PLACE | 3-13 | ¥200 | EXACTA | 3-13 | ¥650 |
| | No.13 | ¥130 | | 3-14 | ¥660 | TRIO | 3-13-14 | ¥2,070 |
| | No.14 | ¥320 | | 13-14 | ¥910 | TRIFECTA | 3-13-14 | ¥5,790 |

1. **Sinhalite (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, filly, 3-year-old
   Deep Impact / Singhalese (Singspiel)
   Owner: U. Carrot Farm Breeder: Northern Racing
   Trainer: Sei Ishizaka Jockey: Kenichi Ikezoe
   5 Starts, 4 Wins
   Added money: ¥ 126,796,000 Career earnings: ¥ 233,334,000
   Principal Race Performances: '16 Tulip Sho (G3, 1,600m) 1st
   '16 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) 2nd

2. **Cecchino (JPN)**, chestnut, filly, 3-year-old
   King Kamehameha / Happy Path (Sunday Silence)
   Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Farm
   Trainer: Kazuo Fujisawa Jockey: Keita Tosaki

3. **Biche (JPN)**, bay, filly, 3-year-old
   Deep Impact / Barancella (Acatenango)
   Owner: Yasushi Kubota Breeder: Northern Racing
   Trainer: Yuichi Shikato Jockey: Mirco Demuro

***Race Favorite Sinhalite Powers to Victory in Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)***

Race favorite **Sinhalite** showed her strength in dominating the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), claiming her first G1 title and second grade-race victory. After three wins in a row from her two-year-old debut in October, she was denied the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1) title by a mere 2-centimeter margin but proved herself as an elite

runner of her generation. Tranier Sei Ishizaka won his 14th career JRA-G1 title—the last victory at this level was the 2016 February Stakes with Moanin—and it was his second Yushun Himba title after winning the race with *Gentildonna* in 2012. Jockey Kenichi Ikezoe, whose recent G1 victory was with Shonan Pandora in the 2015 Japan Cup, registered his 22nd career JRA-G1 victory with his second Yushun Himba title after partnering *Tall Poppy* to victory in this race in 2008.

**Sinhalite** was allowed to settle well off the pace near the rails, traveling fifth from last along the far stretch behind a moderate pace set by **Dantsu Pendant.** Slightly shifted out coming into the homestretch, **Sinhalite** had to be patient while being surrounded by horses up to the top of the hill but did not fail to seize the moment to split horses from where she quickly gained on the leaders then overtaking **Biche** for a neck victory.

"We missed a beat coming out of the gate and had to race further back than intended in the early stages, but we were able to recover some ground along the way. I was instructed by the trainer to save as much ground as possible since we had a good chance in the race from a good inside draw, so I didn't attempt to go wide, squeezing our way between horses instead. Once escaping the crowd, she responded really well and switched into gear," commented Kenichi Ikezoe.

Second pick **Cecchino** raced well off the pace in mid-field, swung wide into the straight and came with impressive speed to join **Sinhalite** in their bid for the lead but had more ground to cover along the outside route and was a neck short for second.

Fifth choice **Biche** was positioned outside a rival a few lengths in front of **Cecchino** before making headway approaching the final corner, closed in on the leader down the center lane to take command soon after the furlong pole then ran on gamely while unable to hold off the late charging **Sinhalite** and **Cecchino.**

Other Horses:
4th: (16) **Jealousy**—trailed in rear, swung wide, quickened and timed 3rd fastest over last 3 furlongs
5th: (5) **Peptide Supple**—raced in mid-division, wide into stretch, showed effort
6th: (12) **Frontier Queen**—hugged rails 3rd from rear, accelerated between horses, weakened in final strides
7th: (15) **Red Avancer**—traveled 3-wide in mid-pack, quickened until 100m out, then weakened
8th: (18) **Daiwa Dresser**—settled toward rear, circled wide, showed belated charge at stretch
9th: (8) **Denko Ange**—positioned in mid-group, angled wide, bumped at 200m marker, lost momentum
10th: (11) **Angel Face**—chased leader in 2nd, led at top of stretch, weakened in last 100m
11th: (4) **At the Seaside**—ran along rails in mid-division, met traffic 300m out, even paced thereafter
12th: (2) **Awake**—saved ground around 7th, lacked needed kick at stretch
13th: (17) **Rottenmeier**—traveled near pace in 4th, sustained bid until furlong pole, dropped back
14th: (9) **Win Fabulous**—raced in 6th, ran willingly but met traffic 300m out, lost momentum
15th: (6) **Admire Lead**—sat 2nd from rear, unable to reach contention
16th: (1) **From My Heart**—hugged rails in 5th, failed to respond at stretch
17th: (7) **Gekkako**—chased leaders in 3rd, ran out of steam after final turn
18th: (10) **Dantsu Pendant**—set moderate pace, faded after 400m pole

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.7 - 12.1 - 12.3 - 12.4 - 12.5 - 12.9 - 12.6 -12.7 - 11.4 - 11.5 - 11.6
Last 4 furlongs: 47.2 Last 3 furlongs: 34.5

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

**NOTE 1**: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse.
**NOTE 2**: 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.