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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 158TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)



“The Emperor’s Cup” was first held in 1905 to encourage the horse racing sport through annual events that gave the winner the highest honor of being awarded the Imperial prize. Then the Tenno Sho (Autumn) was established in 1937 together with its counterpart, Tenno Sho (Spring), under the name “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” and held biannually in both the Eastern and Western part of Japan. The race was officially renamed the “Tenno Sho” in 1947. Both the spring and autumn races, which secured its status as the most prestigious events for older horses, were run over 3,200 meters in the early years. Later, the autumn version was shortened to 2,000 meters in 1984 so that the spring version could determine the best stayer, while the Tenno Sho (Autumn) would be the main target for middle-distance champions. This also gives the three-year-olds, who find the third leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), to be beyond their suitability, an alternative G1 as the ultimate goal for their autumn campaign. The Tenno Sho (Autumn) entered a new chapter in its long history when opening its doors to foreign contenders as an international race in 2005.

Last year, *Kitasan Black* (JPN, by *Black Tide*) became the fifth horse in JRA history to capture both the spring and autumn Tenno Sho in the same year, and the second to score three Tenno Sho titles overall.

Among the thirteen runners in this year’s version were **Sungrazer** and 2016 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) winner **Makahiki**, coming off their first and second place finishes, respectively, in the Sapporo Kinen (G2, 2,000m; Aug.19). 2017 Derby winner **Rey de Oro** had claimed the All Comers (G2, 2,200m; Sep.23) in which 2017 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) winner **Al Ain** finished a neck behind in second.

While this was the autumn kick off for Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m; Apr.1) winner **Suave Richard**, Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m; Jun.24) victor **Mikki Rocket** and 2017 Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m) champion **Vivlos**, it was the second fall start for 2017 Kikuka Sho victor **Kiseki** who scored a third in the Mainichi Okan (G2, 1,800m) three weeks earlier.

The race record 1:56.1 was set by *Tosen Jordan* (JPN, by *Jungle Pocket*) in 2011.

THE 158TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)

3-year-old & up, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, October 28, 2018 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 2,955,000 <US\$1=¥110>)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2015

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	4	4	Rey de Oro (JPN)	C4	58.0	King Kamehameha La Dorada	C. Lemaire K. Fujisawa	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1:56.8 (33.6)	3.1 (2)
2	6	9	Sungrazer (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Mantis Hunt	J. Moreira H. Asami	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	1-1/4 (33.4)	9.6 (4)
3	7	10	Kiseki (JPN)	C4	58.0	Rulership Blitz Finale	Y. Kawada K. Nakatake	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm	Nose (34.7)	12.8 (6)
4	5	7	Al Ain (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Dubai Majesty	Y. Kitamura Y. Ikee	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1 (34.5)	12.7 (5)
5	7	11	Mikki Rocket (JPN)	H5	58.0	King Kamehameha Moneycantbuymelove	R. Wada H. Otonashi	Mizuki Noda Northern Racing	Nose (34.0)	22.0 (8)
6	8	12	Sakura Empereur (JPN)	H7	58.0	King Kamehameha Sakura Mega	H. Tanabe T. Kanari	Sakura Commerce Sakura Commerce Co., Ltd.	2-1/2 (33.8)	135.2 (10)
7	5	6	Makahiki (JPN)	H5	58.0	Deep Impact Wikiwiki	Y. Take Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	3/4 (33.7)	7.0 (3)
8	3	3	Vivlos (JPN)	M5	56.0	Deep Impact Halwa Sweet	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Racing	Nose (34.7)	17.4 (7)
9	1	1	Staphanos (JPN)	H7	58.0	Deep Impact Kokoshnik	C. O’Donoghue H. Fujiwara	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	2-1/2 (35.2)	71.0 (9)

10	4	5	Suave Richard (JPN)	C4	58.0	Heart's Cry Pirramimma	M. Demuro Y. Shono	NICKS Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1-1/2 (34.1)	2.5 (1)
11	8	13	Action Star (JPN)	H8	58.0	Agnes Tachyon Lady of Venice	T. Ono Y. Wada	Akira Fukui Shadai Corporation Inc.	8 (35.3)	352.1 (12)
12	2	2	Black Moon (JPN)	H6	58.0	Admire Moon Royal Attack	N. Yokoyama K. Nishiura	Him Rock Racing Holdings Co., Ltd. Tabata Farm	2-1/2 (36.1)	181.3 (11)
/	6	8	Danburite (JPN)	C4	58.0	Rulership Tanzanite	K. Tosaki H. Otonashi	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	ER	

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / Wgt=Weight / L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

ER=Excluded from running (by stewards)

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: 1:56.8

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 18,341,111,700

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 28,006,233,200

ATTENDANCE: 96,691

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.4	¥310	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-6	¥720	QUINELLA	4-9	¥1,520
PLACE	No.4	¥150	QUINELLA PLACE	4-9	¥640	EXACTA	4-9	¥2,370
	No.9	¥310		4-10	¥690	TRIO	4-9-10	¥6,420
	No.10	¥300		9-10	¥1,630	TRIFECTA	4-9-10	¥24,230

1. **Rey de Oro (JPN)**, bay, colt, 4-year-old

King Kamehameha / La Dorada (Symboli Kris S)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm Breeder: Northern Racing

Trainer: Kazuo Fujisawa Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

11 Starts, 7 Wins

Added money: ¥ 152,814,000 Career earnings: ¥ 769,360,700

2. **Sungrazer (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old

Deep Impact / Mantis Hunt (Deputy Minister)

Owner: G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Oiwake Farm

Trainer: Hidekazu Asami Jockey: Joao Moreira

3. **Kiseki (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old

Rulership / Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)

Owner: Tatsue Ishikawa Breeder: Shimokobe Farm

Trainer: Kazuya Nakatake Jockey: Yuga Kawada

Rey de Oro Tops Stellar Field in This Year's Tenno Sho (Autumn)

2017 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1) winner and second favorite **Rey de Oro** dominated this year's Tenno Sho (Autumn) scoring his second G1 win in a tough competition which included six other G1 winners. After claiming all three of his two-year-old starts including the Hopeful Stakes (G2), the *King Kamehameha* colt commenced his three-year-old campaign with a fifth in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1) then claimed the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1). He landed another graded win in the Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2) and capped off the season with a runner-up effort in the Japan Cup (G1). This year, following a third in the Kyoto Kinen (G2) and a fourth in his overseas challenge, the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1), the colt was refreshed after given a six-month break and claimed the All Comers (G2) in September.

Trainer Kazuo Fujisawa's most recent G1 win was with the colt in last year's Tokyo Yushun and he now celebrates 27 JRA-G1 career wins. This is his sixth Tenno Sho (Autumn) triumph while the others were with; *Bubble Gum Fellow* (1996), *Symboli Kris S* (2002 and 2003), *Zenno Rob Roy* (2004) and *Spielberg* (2014). For Jockey

Christophe Lemaire, this was his 20th JRA- G1 victory and third consecutive weekend to score a G1 win following the Shuka Sho with Almond Eye and the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) with Fierement. This was his second three-week G1 winning streak, a feat he also accomplished last year (Victoria Mile, Yushun Himba [Japanese Oaks], Tokyo Yushun) while the only other jockey to do so was Olivier Peslier in 2001 (Mile Championship, Japan Cup, Hanshin juvenile Fillies).

The race got underway with sixth favorite **Kiseki** leading the field, **Al Ain** and **Vivlos** chasing the pace and **Rey de Oro** reserved in sixth. Shifting to an outer route after the last turn in fifth, **Rey de Oro** unleashed a strong turn of foot, picked off all runners in front of him but one by the furlong marker and finally took over the lead from the stubborn pace setter 100 meters out to clear the wire a 1-1/4-length winner.

“I knew I had a good chance to win the Tenno Sho title for the first time. The colt’s condition and the race development were perfect. The pace was just right and the colt was relaxed so everything went smoothly. He showed good long-lasting speed. I’m grateful to be given great rides and am happy to be doing this well (tied with the most annual G1 wins (six)),” commented Christophe Lemaire.

Fourth favorite **Sungrazer** cruised two lengths behind **Rey de Oro** in mid-field, furiously chased the eventual winner down the straight while displaying the fastest last three-furlong drive, dug in gamely and poked his nose in front of **Kiseki** at the wire, stealing the runner-up seat.

Race favorite **Suave Richard** had to travel near the rear from being bumped heavily after the break and never reached contention, finishing 10th.

Other Horses:

4th: (7) **Al Ain**—chased leader in 2nd, overtaken by winner 200m out and runner-up 100m out

5th: (11) **Mikki Rocket**—ran in 5th, even paced at stretch

6th: (12) **Sakura Empereur**—sat in 9th, angled out, passed tired rivals at stretch

7th: (6) **Makahiki**—raced in 10th, lacked needed kick at stretch

8th: (3) **Vivlos**—settled in 3rd, showed effort until 200m marker, dropped back

9th: (1) **Staphanos**—traveled in 4th, faded after 400m marker

11th: (13) **Action Star**—trailed in rear, no factor throughout

12th: (2) **Black Moon**—hugged rails in 8th, gradually fell back at stretch

ER: (8) **Danburite**—broke loose after entering the track

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.9 - 11.5 - 11.8 - 11.5 - 11.7 - 11.6 - 11.3 - 10.9 - 11.6 - 12.0

Last 4 furlongs: 45.8 Last 3 furlongs: 34.5

Positions at each corner: 2nd corner 10(3,7)1,11,**4**-9,2,12-6(5,13)

 3rd corner 10,7-(3,1)-(11,**4**)-9-(2,12)(5,6)-13

 4th corner 10-7(3,1)(11,**4**)-9,12(2,6)5,13

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.