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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 159TH TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)



The forerunner of the Tenno Sho was established in 1905 under the name “Emperor’s Cup”, in which the winner received the silver comports bestowed by the Emperor. The race was renamed to “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” the following year. The race became biannual events—held at Hanshin in spring and at Tokyo in autumn—a year after the establishment of the Japan Racing Society (the forerunner of the Japan Racing Association) in 1936, and was officially named the “Tenno Sho” since the autumn of 1947. The Tenno Sho (Spring) became the ultimate competition to determine the champion stayer, having altered its distance to 3,200 meters in 1938 while its counterpart in autumn run over 2,000 meters is one of the biggest middle-distance event contested between the proven older horses with the addition of the three-year-old hopefuls. The venue of the spring version was also moved to Kyoto Racecourse in 1948.

The Tenno Sho (Spring) was designated as an international race in 2005 and welcomed *Makybe Diva* (GB, by *Desert King*) of Australia as the first foreign contender the same year. She finished seventh to *Suzuka Mambo* (JPN, by *Sunday Silence*) and subsequently went on to make history back home by winning her third consecutive Melbourne Cup (G1, 3,200m). *Red Cadeaux* (GB, *Cadeaux Genereux*) was the latest foreign contender of this race in 2014, running for the second time after finishing third in the 2013 edition, but was unable to perform over the firm turf and finished 14th.

Last year’s Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) champion **Fierement** and runner-up **Etario** both came off a runner-up effort in their respective kick-off starts of their four-year-old season, the American Jockey Club Cup (G2, 2,200m; Jan.20) and the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m; Mar.23). 2018 Kikuka Sho third-place finisher **You Can Smile** registered his first graded title in the Diamond Stakes (G3, 3,400m; Feb.16). Other key four-year-olds were the Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2, 2,400m; Jan.13) winner **Glory Vase** and the Nikkei Sho victor **Meisho Tekkon**. The field also included **Clincher**, third in the Tenno Sho (Spring) last year, **Perform a Promise**, winner of the 2018 Copa Republica Argentina (G2, 2,500m) as well as **Kafuji Prince** and **Lord Vent d’Or** who came off a second and a third in the Hanshin Daishoten (G2, 3,000m; Mar.17), respectively.

The race record of 3:12.5 was set by two-time Horse of the Year *Kitasan Black* (JPN, by *Black Tide*) in 2017, his second consecutive win in this race.

THE 159TH TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)

4-year-old & up, 3,200 meters (about 16 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, April 28, 2019 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 2,826,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg 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	7	10	Fierement (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Lune d’Or	C. Lemaire T. Tezuka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	3:15.0 (34.5)	2.8 (1)
2	5	7	Glory Vase (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Mejiro Tsubone	K. Tosaki T. Ozeki	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Lake Villa Farm	Neck (34.4)	11.3 (6)
3	6	8	Perform a Promise (JPN)	H7	58.0	Stay Gold I’ll Be Bound	Y. Kitamura H. Fujiwara	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	6 (35.2)	30.6 (8)
4	2	2 B	Etario (JPN)	C4	58.0	Stay Gold Hot Cha Cha	M. Demuro Y. Tomomichi	G Riviere Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (35.2)	3.3 (2)
5	6	9	You Can Smile (JPN)	C4	58.0	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo	Y. Iwata Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	3 (35.5)	6.4 (3)
6	1	1	Chestnut Coat (JPN)	H5	58.0	Heart’s Cry White Veil	R. Sakai Y. Yahagi	Yasushi Kubota Shimokobe Farm	1-1/2 (35.8)	54.2 (10)
7	5	6	Kafuji Prince (JPN)	H6	58.0	Heart’s Cry Ginza Floral	Y. Nakatani Y. Yahagi	Mamoru Kato Northern Farm	3 (36.8)	44.5 (9)

8	3	3	Ridge Man (JPN)	H6	58.0	Swept Overboard Admire Monroe	M. Ebina Y. Shono	Tsuji B. Tsuji Bokujo	3/4 (36.4)	60.0 (11)
9	7	11	Kento O (JPN)	H7	58.0	Dance in the Dark Popochan	H. Miyuki T. Nishihashi	Tomiko Tabata Hakutsu Bokujo	1-1/4 (36.2)	158.7 (13)
10	8	12	Clincher (JPN)	H5	58.0	Deep Sky The Fates	K. Miura H. Miyamoto	Koji Maeda Hirayama Bokujo	3/4 (36.5)	9.2 (4)
11	4	5	Meisho Tekkon (JPN)	C4	58.0	Manhattan Cafe A Shin Velocity	Y. Fukunaga Y. Takahashi	Yoshio Matsumoto Shimoyashiki Bokujo	7 (38.4)	9.2 (5)
12	8	13	Lord Vent d'Or (JPN)	H6	58.0	Daiwa Major Jazz Cat	N. Yokoyama M. Kon	Lord Horse Club K. I. Farm	DS (39.9)	30.3 (7)
/	4	4	Vosges (JPN)	H6	58.0	Nakayama Festa Guyenne	R. Wada M. Nishimura	Tadakuni Sugiyama Tadakuni Sugiyama	FF	68.4 (12)

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

DS=Distance / FF=Fail to Finish

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: 3:15.0

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 19,177,281,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 29,554,223,600

ATTENDANCE: 73,662

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.10	¥ 280	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-7	¥ 1,480	QUINELLA	7-10	¥ 1,780
PLACE	No.10	¥ 150	QUINELLA PLACE	7-10	¥ 710	EXACTA	10-7	¥ 2,470
	No.7	¥ 320		8-10	¥ 1,660	TRIO	7-8-10	¥ 16,410
	No.8	¥ 630		7-8	¥ 4,260	TRIFECTA	10-7-8	¥ 49,110

1. Fierement (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old

Deep Impact / Lune d'Or (Green Tune)

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

Trainer: Takahisa Tezuka Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

6 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 152,814,000 Career earnings: ¥ 356,893,000

2. Glory Vase (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old

Deep Impact / Mejiro Tsubone (Swept Overboard)

Owner: Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Lake Villa Farm

Trainer: Tomohito Ozeki Jockey: Keita Tosaki

3. Perform a Promise (JPN), chestnut, horse, 7-year-old

Stay Gold / I'll Be Bound (Tanino Gimlet)

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Hideaki Fujiwara Jockey: Yuichi Kitamura

Fierement Lands Major Tenno Sho (Spring) Title in Sixth Career Start

Fierement successfully captured this year's Tenno Sho (Spring) title as race favorite in only his sixth career start, the shortest in JRA history, to mark his second JRA-G1 victory after his three-year-old classics, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) after which he was given the rest of the season off to prepare for his four-year-old campaign. The *Deep Impact* colt had come off a runner-up effort in the American Jockey Club Cup (G2, 2,200m) in January and stamped his claim as a first class stayer with another G1 victory over long distance at the highest level. Trainer Takahisa Tezuka claimed his fifth JRA-G1 title—the latest being the Kikuka Sho last year with **Fierement**. Jockey Christophe Lemaire won his 25th JRA-G1 title—his last being the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) with Saturnalia just two weeks ago—and became only the third jockey to have claimed all eight of JRA's major G1 titles (Satsuki Sho, Tokyo Yushun [Japanese Derby], Kikuka Sho, Oka Sho [Japanese 1000 Guineas],

Yushun Himba [Japanese Oaks], Arima Kinen, Tenno Sho [Spring], Tenno Sho [Autumn]) after Takayoshi Yasuda and Yutaka Take.

Fierement broke smoothly but was unhurried and rated off the rails among the latter half of the 13-horse field for the early part of the 3,200-meter race behind a brisk pace set by **Vosges**, and moved a little further up to about seventh from the leader in front of the grandstand the first time around while still maintaining a relaxed rhythm. Making an early move approaching the last two corners, the Kikuka Sho victor took command soon after the 600-meter pole with **Glory Vase** breathing down his neck on his outside and the two horses continued their duel along the homestretch as they ran clear from the rest of the field. The son of *Deep Impact*, however, refused to surrender up to the wire, kept his nose stretched forward and finished a neck in front.

“It was a tough race to win but **Fierement** really showed his strength when we were challenged by Keita Tosaki’s mount on the outside. He was able to relax early on which is important in a long-distance race like this. He wanted to go in the last two corners so I let him go and although the ground got slippery under him at the last corner, he was able to regain his balance and increase his speed at the straight. He’s improving with every race and certainly proved he’s of G1 quality with this win,” commented Christophe Lemaire.

Glory Vase saved ground in mid-division about a length in front of **Fierement**. While overtaken by that rival after the first 1,000 meters, the four-year-old son of *Deep Impact* kept within close watch and stalked the eventual winner all the way to the homestretch before engaging in a fierce duel just missing by a neck for second

Perform a Promise was rated further up in mid-pack around fifth or sixth, got a little keen in the backstretch but relaxed as the field started to increase the flow and showed good speed to duel for third with **Etario** who came with great force from racing way back early and outran that rival for the share while no match for the first two finishers.

Other Horses:

4th: (2) **Etario**—trailed in far rear, advanced after 1,000m pole, dueled with **Perform a Promise** at stretch, weakened in last 100m

5th: (9) **You Can Smile**—ran 3rd to 4th from rear, angled out, passed tired rivals

6th: (1) **Chestnut Coat**—saved ground in 5th, failed to respond at stretch

7th: (6) **Kafuji Prince**—raced in 4th, ran gamely until 300m pole, weakened thereafter

8th: (3) **Ridge Man**—traveled 3rd to 4th from rear, lacked needed kick

9th: (11) **Kento O**—sat 2nd from rear, circled wide to lane, unable to reach contention

10th: (12) **Clincher**—hugged rails around 8th, never fired at stretch

11th: (5) **Meisho Tekkon**—chased leaders in 3rd, led briefly before final corner, dropped back at stretch

12th: (13) **Lord Vent d’Or**—tracked leader in 2nd, outran after 3rd corner (2nd lap)

FF: (4) **Vosges**—set pace, faded after 3rd corner (2nd lap), pulled up lame and diagnosed to have sustained a partial rupture in his right fore superficial flexor tendon

Fractional time: 12.9-11.5-11.6-11.6-12.2-12.2-12.5-13.8-13.3-12.4-12.5-12.3-11.7-11.6-11.0-11.9
(sec./furlong) Last 4 furlongs: 46.2 Last 3 furlongs: 34.5

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 4,13,5,6,1,8,**10**,12,7,3,9-11-2
2nd corner 4,13,5,6(1,8,**10**)(12,7)3,9-11-2
3rd corner (2nd lap) (4,*5,6)(13,8,**10**)(1,7)(3,2)(12,9)-11
4th corner (2nd lap) **10**(5,6,7)(8,2)(13,1,3,9)12,11=4

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.