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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 80TH 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, and the first three finishers of this race are eligible to start in the French G1 Prix Vermeille (2,400m) beginning this year, free of charge to enter and with additional support for transportation.

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. Last year's winner Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) went on to capture the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) that autumn to become the fifth filly to sweep the Triple Crown for fillies, the first since *Gentildonna* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*).

The five top finishers of the Oka Sho (Apr.7) that were automatically eligible for the Oaks were; **Shigeru Pink Dia** (2nd), **Chrono Genesis** (3rd), **Danon Fantasy** (4th) and **Beach Samba** (5th) while the winner Gran Alegria (JPN, F3, by *Deep Impact*) was decided not to step up in distance and opted to aim for a G1 title in the NHK Mile Cup (1,600m) instead. From the Oka Sho, graded winners **Schon Glanz** (9th), **No One** (11th) and **Figlia Pura** (15th) were also among the lineup. Others that came off their efforts in Oaks trials were; **Victoria** and **Shadow Diva** who finished first and second, respectively, in the Flora Stakes (G2, 2,000m; Apr.21), as well as the Sweet Pea Stakes (Listed, 1,800m; Apr.28) winner **Curren Bouquetd'or**. The field also included **Contra Check** and **Loves Only You**, victors of the Flower Cup (G3, 1,800m; Mar.16) and the Wasurenagusa Sho (Listed, 2,000m; Apr.7), respectively.

THE 80TH YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS, G1)

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

Sunday, May 19, 2019 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 238,600,000 (about US\$ 2,075,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	7	13	Loves Only You (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Loves Only Me	M. Demuro Y. Yahagi	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	2:22.8 (34.5)	4.0 (1)
2	5	10	Curren Bouquetd'or (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Solaria	A. Tsumura S. Kunieda	Takashi Suzuki Shadai Farm	Neck (35.1)	94.1 (12)
3	1	2	Chrono Genesis (JPN)	F3	55.0	Bago Chronologist	Y. Kitamura T. Saito	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	2-1/2 (35.4)	4.1 (2)
4	6	12	Victoria (JPN)	F3	55.0	Victoire Pisa Black Emblem	K. Tosaki S. Kojima	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (34.6)	14.3 (6)
5	4	8	Danon Fantasy (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Life For Sale	Y. Kawada M. Nakauchida	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Head (35.5)	6.4 (4)
6	4	7	Shadow Diva (JPN)	F3	55.0	Heart's Cry Diamond Diva	Y. Iwata M. Saito	Shadow Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (35.3)	16.4 (7)
7	2	4	Schon Glanz (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Stacelita	Y. Take K. Fujisawa	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	3/4 (34.8)	32.6 (10)
8	3	6	Aqua Mirabilis (JPN)	F3	55.0	Victoire Pisa Aqua Ring	Y. Fujioka K. Yoshimura	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	2-1/2 (35.0)	119.7 (13)
9	2	3	Contra Check (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Rich Dancer	D. Lane K. Fujisawa	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	3-1/2 (37.0)	5.1 (3)

10	8	18	Figlia Pura (JPN)	F3	55.0	Harbinger Princess Camellia	G. Maruyama T. Kikuzawa	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1-1/2 (36.0)	299.4 (17)
11	3	5	Aile Voix (JPN)	F3	55.0	Victoire Pisa Feeling Tone	K. Matsuyama S. Hashiguchi	Yukari Saeki Oiwake Farm	2 (37.5)	16.8 (8)
12	6	11	Shigeru Pink Dia (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Moonlight Bay	R. Wada K. Watanabe	S. Morinaka Amaba Bokujo	1-1/4 (36.9)	12.4 (5)
13	5	9	Win Zenobia (JPN)	F3	55.0	Screen Hero Gossip Queen	M. Matsuoka T. Aoki	Win Co., Ltd. Muramoto Bokujo	Neck (37.0)	321.0 (18)
14	1	1	Jodie (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Mystique	M. Muto H. Toda	Tadakazu Obama Northern Racing	3-1/2 (38.4)	122.5 (14)
15	8	16	Beach Samba (JPN)	F3	55.0	Kurofune Fusaichi Airedale	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (37.8)	19.0 (9)
16	7	14	Fairy Polka (JPN)	F3	55.0	Rulership Fairy Dance	H. Miyuki M. Nishimura	Takeshi Yamamoto Northern Farm	2 (38.3)	74.8 (11)
17	8	17	Meisho Shobu (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Meisho Suzuran	Ke. Ikezoe Ka. Ikezoe	Yoshio Matsumoto Yoshio Matsumoto	1-3/4 (38.1)	198.8 (16)
18	7	15	No One (JPN)	F3	55.0	Heart's Cry Playgirl	R. Sakai K. Sasada	Yoshinori Fujita Tobino Bokujo	3/4 (38.2)	183.0 (15)

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:

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 17,484,302,600

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 25,727,499,700

ATTENDANCE: 61,596

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.13	¥ 400	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-7	¥ 8,420	QUINELLA	10-13	¥ 25,140
PLACE	No.13	¥ 200	QUINELLA PLACE	10-13	¥ 6,430	EXACTA	13-10	¥ 28,210
	No.10	¥ 1,400		2-13	¥ 470	TRIO	2-10-13	¥ 28,240
	No.2	¥ 170		2-10	¥ 4,960	TRIFECTA	13-10-2	¥ 179,960

1. Loves Only You (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Loves Only Me (Storm Cat)

Owner: DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi Jockey: Mirco Demuro

4 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 135,508,000 Career earnings: ¥ 172,949,000

2. Curren Bouquetd'or (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Solaria (Scat Daddy)

Owner: Takashi Suzuki Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Sakae Kunieda Jockey: Akihide Tsumura

3. Chrono Genesis (JPN), gray, filly, 3-year-old

Bago / Chronologist (Kurofune)

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

Trainer: Takashi Saito Jockey: Yuichi Kitamura

Undefeated Loves Only You Claims Yushun Himba with Record-Breaking Speed

Race favorite **Loves Only You** captured this year's Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) while setting a new race record of 2:22.8, 0.8 seconds faster than previously set by *Gentildonna* in 2012. The unbeaten *Deep Impact* filly has extended her winning streak to four since her debut in November last year. A full sister to 2016 Dubai Turf victor *Real Steel*, **Loves Only You** concluded her two-year-old season with two wins but was unable to start in Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) trials due to a minor leg problem and instead of aiming for the first leg of the fillies'

