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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 10TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)



In accordance with the restructuring of JRA racing program for fillies/mares executed in the 2006 season, the Victoria Mile was established to give the older fillies/mares a stage to prove their ability among their own sex, in addition to the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, which had been the only G1 reserved for older fillies/mares. While the Queen Elizabeth is run over 2,200 meters and held in mid-November, the Victoria Mile is held in spring and provides female milers a chance to claim a G1 title without having a tough competition in a mixed field.

The race, however, attracts not only fillies/mares suited to the mile distance but also outstanding runners from the middle-long distance group. Two-time Horse of the Year winner *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*) claimed the title in 2009 by an overwhelming seven-length margin and the race record (1:31.9) was renewed in 2011 by *Apapane* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*) who, after having claimed all three titles of the fillies' version of the Triple Crown during 2010, held off defending champion and 2010 Horse of the Year *Buena Vista* (JPN, by *Special Week*) for a neck victory. Last year's race was defended by *Verxina* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) who had claimed her first G1 title in the race in 2013.

Last year's Oka Sho victor *Harp Star* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*), who was eighth in the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, 2,410m) in March, was scheduled to participate in this race, but the retirement of the filly was announced at the beginning of this month when she sustained a suspensory desmitis on her right foreleg. Last year's Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) winner **Nuovo Record** came off a win against male horses in the Nakayama Kinen (G2, 1,800m) in March 1 while Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) winner **Shonan Pandora** came off a ninth-place finish in the Sankei Osaka Hai (G2, 2,000m) on April 5. Other contenders included: **Cafe Brilliant** who registered her third back-to-back victory and first grade-race win in the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,400m) on April 11; 2013 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Red Reveur** who was sixth in the same race; last year's Australian G1 All Aged Stakes (1,400m) champion **Hana's Goal** who was 11th; and 2013 Best Three-Year-Old Filly and last year's Victoria Mile runner-up **Meisho Mambo** (13th). **Keiai Elegant**, **Bounce Shasse**, and **Sweet Salsa** came off a win in the Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on January 24, Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m) on March 15, and Fukushima Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m) on April 25, respectively. Last year's third-place finisher **Straight Girl** was 13th in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) held on March 29, and **Dia de la Madre**, with three graded victories under her belt, came off a seventh-place finish in the Milers Cup (G2, 1,600m) held on April 26.

THE 10TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)

4-year-old & up, Fillies & Mares, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 17, 2015 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 188,200,000 (about US\$ 1,568,300 <US\$1=¥120>)

4-y-o & up: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2011

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	3	5	Straight Girl (JPN)	M6	55.0	Fuji Kiseki Never Period	K. Tosaki H. Fujiwara	Toshihiro Hirosaki TH Co., Ltd.	1:31.9 (33.0)	14.1 (5)
2	4	7 B	Keiai Elegant (JPN)	M6	55.0	King Kamehameha Post Parade	Y. Yoshida M. Ogata	Kazuhiro Kameda Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.	Head (34.0)	47.4 (12)
3	8	18	Minaret (JPN)	M5	55.0	Suzuka Mambo Noisette	T. Eda N. Owada	Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Kiyotake Bokujo	1-3/4 (35.3)	291.8 (18)
4	2	4	Red Reveur (JPN)	F4	55.0	Stay Gold Desaucered	C. Lemaire N. Sugai	TokyoHorseRacingCo.,Ltd Shadai Farm	1-1/2 (33.7)	7.8 (3)
5	1	2	Cafe Brilliant (JPN)	M5	55.0	Brian's Time Shimmei Minerva	Y. Fukunaga N. Hori	Koichi Nishikawa Taihei Stud Farm Co., Ltd	Neck (33.3)	10.5 (4)
6	7	15	Nuovo Record (JPN)	F4	55.0	Heart's Cry Omega Spirit	Y. Iwata M. Saito	Reiko Hara Reiko Hara	1/2 (33.5)	2.2 (1)
7	3	6	Dia de la Madre (JPN)	M5	55.0	King Kamehameha Dia de la Novia	K. Fujioka K. Sumii	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	Nose (32.8)	5.5 (2)
8	8	17	Shonan Pandora (JPN)	F4	55.0	Deep Impact Cutie Gold	S. Hamanaka T. Takano	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shadai Corporation Inc.	2 (33.5)	16.2 (7)
9	5	10	Hana's Goal (JPN)	M6	55.0	Orewa Mattered Shanghai Jell	K. Maruta K. Kato	Michael Tabart Fuji Farm	1/2 (33.6)	136.0 (16)
10	6	11	Smart Layer	M5	55.0	Deep Impact	Y. Take	Toru Okawa	1/2	15.9

			(JPN)			Snow Style	R. Okubo	Okada Stud	(32.9)	(6)
11	8	16	Little Gerda (USA)	M6	55.0	Closing Argument Bijoux Miss	M. Demuro I. Sameshima	Yoshiko Kuriyama Dapple Bloodstock	3/4 (34.9)	122.5 (15)
12	2	3	Sweet Salsa (JPN)	M5	55.0	Durandal Sweet Habitat	K. Tanaka M. Kikukawa	Symboli Stud Symboli Stud	3/4 (33.8)	25.9 (9)
13	4	8	Bounce Shasse (JPN)	F4	55.0	Zenno Rob Roy Rich Dancer	H. Kitamura K. Fujisawa	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	Head (33.4)	35.2 (11)
14	5	9	Belle Lumiere (JPN)	F4	55.0	Swept Overboard French Bikini	S. Kawashima R. Takahashi	Masamitsu Sasaki Shadai Farm	1 (34.3)	116.0 (14)
15	6	12	Alma Divin (JPN)	M5	55.0	Mejiro Bailey Game Compiler	M. Katsuura F. Takahashi	Koutomic Racing Maple Farm	Head (33.6)	161.0 (17)
16	1	1	Tagano Etoile (JPN)	F4	55.0	King Kamehameha Seaside Breeze	Y. Kawada H. Matsuda	Ryoji Yagi Shadai Corporation Inc.	1-1/4 (34.3)	31.8 (10)
17	7	13	Meisho Mambo (JPN)	M5	55.0	Suzuka Mambo Meisho Momoka	K. Take Y. Iida	Yoshio Matsumoto Yoshio Matsumoto	1/2 (33.9)	24.5 (8)
18	7	14	Western Merci (JPN)	F4	55.0	Black Hawk Western Barrier	H. Uchida T. Okumura	Ken Nishikawa Western Farm	8 (35.7)	106.8 (13)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / B=Blinker / 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: 1:31.9

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 13,698,128,100

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 21,824,861,900

ATTENDANCE: 49,058

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥1,410	BRACKET QUINELLA	3-4	¥4,510	QUINELLA	5-7	¥36,880
PLACE	No.5	¥490	QUINELLA PLACE	5-7	¥5,410	EXACTA	5-7	¥73,990
	No.7	¥1,020		5-18	¥86,300	TRIO	5-7-18	¥2,860,480
	No.18	¥8,500		7-18	¥86,580	TRIFECTA	5-7-18	¥20,705,810

1. Straight Girl (JPN), bay, mare, 6-year-old

Fuji Kiseki / Never Period (Taiki Shuttle)

Owner: Toshihiro Hirosaki Breeder: TH Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Hideaki Fujiwara Jockey: Keita Tosaki

26 Starts, 9 Wins

Added money: ¥ 93,822,000 Career earnings: ¥ 366,545,900

Principal Race Performances: '14 Silk Road Stakes (G3, 1,200m) 1st
'14 Sprinters Stakes (G1, 1,200m) 2nd
'14 Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m) 3rd
'14 Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m) 3rd
'14 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) 3rd

2. Keiai Elegant (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 6-year-old

King Kamehameha / Post Parade (A. P. Indy)

Owner: Kazuhiro Kameda Breeder: Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Mitsuhiro Ogata Jockey: Yutaka Yoshida

3. Minaret (JPN), bay, mare, 5-year-old

Suzuka Mambo / Noisette (Warning)

Owner: Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Breeder: Kiyotake Bokujo

Trainer: Naru Owada Jockey: Teruo Eda

Straight Girl Captures First G1 Title in Her Second Victoria Mile Challenge

Fifth pick **Straight Girl** demonstrated a magnificent turn of foot in the straight, tying *Apapane*'s record time, to capture her first G1 title. After landing her first graded win in the 2014 Silk Road Stakes (G3) in February, she was third in both the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1) and Victoria Mile last year and continued to perform well in autumn, finishing second in the Sprinters Stakes (G1) and third in the Hong Kong Sprint (G1). Although heavily

beaten to 13th in her first start of this season in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen, she admirably regained her form to land her first G1 win. Trainer Hideaki Fujiwara marked his second Victoria Mile victory, following his title in 2008 with *Asian Winds*, and sixth JRA-G1 win following his Mile Championship title in 2013 with *Tosen Ra*, while jockey Keita Tosaki registered his fourth following his Arima Kinen victory last year with *Gentildonna*.

Last year's third-place finisher **Straight Girl** broke well from stall five and settled fifth from the front, waiting diligently behind **Red Reveur** until turning for home. Just when her rivals started to tire going up the hill, the *Fuji Kiseki* mare found another gear and unleashed a powerful drive in the last 200 meters, passing frontrunner **Minaret** then **Keiai Elegant** just before the wire for her first G1 victory.

"She broke really well today. I thought that the pace would be somewhat fast and that she will stretch well if I can save her energy until the right moment. The frontrunners were holding off well in the straight but the mare showed a magnificent turn of foot. I rode her for the first time today but she was easy to ride and ran a strong race," commented Keita Tosaki.

Twelfth pick **Keiai Elegant** broke sharply and traveled behind **Minaret** in second although lagging 5-6 lengths behind the frontrunner through the corners. The *King Kamehameha* mare steadily closed the gap in the homestretch, but just when she finally nailed the front 100 meters out, **Straight Girl** was already close behind to claim the race by a head margin.

Quick out of the gate from the outermost stall, longshot **Minaret** immediately took command and set a fast pace, leaving a wide gap between the rest of the field. While showing signs of fatigue entering the straight, the 5-year-old *Suzuka Mambo* mare held on well to cross the wire in third. With 12th pick **Keiai Elegant** coming in second and 18th choice **Minaret** coming in third, the race marked the highest trifecta payout among G1 races and second highest among all races in JRA history. Payouts for place, quinella place and trio were also the highest among all graded races.

Top favorite **Nuovo Record** was positioned outside **Straight Girl** around 6th from the front, and Yasunari Iwata, who had partnered with **Straight Girl** until the previous race, urged his mount to go after entering the straight but the *Heart's Cry* mare did not respond and finished sixth, 0.6 seconds behind the winner.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (4) **Red Reveur**—saved ground in 4th, sustained bid but finished 1-1/2 lengths behind **Minaret**
5th: (2) **Cafe Brilliant**—raced behind winner, quickened 300m out but no match for winner
7th: (6) **Dia de la Madre**—broke poorly, angled wide, accelerated and timed fastest over last 3 furlongs
8th: (17) **Shonan Pandora**—sat 4-wide in mid-pack, lacked needed kick at stretch
9th: (10) **Hana's Goal**—ran 3-wide in mid-division, even paced at stretch
10th: (11) **Smart Layer**—trailed in rear, showed belated charge at stretch
11th: (16) **Little Gerda**—rushed to 3rd from wide draw, weakened after 200m marker
12th: (3) **Sweet Salsa**—settled back in mid-group, even paced at stretch
13th: (8) **Bounce Shasse**—traveled in rear pack, switched to right 400m out, lacked needed kick
14th: (9) **Belle Lumiere**—raced inside winner, failed to respond at stretch
15th: (12) **Alma Divin**—ran in rear pack, met traffic at top of stretch, unable to reach contention
16th: (1) **Tagano Etoile**—hugged rail in mid-division, never fired
17th: (13) **Meisho Mambo**—sat 2nd from last, turned wide, never threatened
18th: (14) **Western Merci**—traveled wide toward rear, no factor

Fractional Time (sec/furlong): 12.1 - 11.0 - 11.2 - 11.2 - 11.4 - 11.2 - 11.6 - 12.2
Last 4 furlongs: 46.4 Last 3 furlongs: 35.0

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

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.