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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 82ND TOKYO YUSHUN (Japanese Derby, G1)



With the aim of establishing a systemized program that emulates the Triple Crown race held in Britain, and enhancing the quality of thoroughbreds in Japan, a 2,400-meter race for three-year-old thoroughbreds was established at the Tokyo Racecourse (then situated in Meguro ward) in 1932. While maintaining its status as one of the most popular JRA events with a record crowd of 196,517 in 1990, the race has evolved during its long history, opening its door to runners from National Association of Racing (NAR; local public racing) since 1995 and foreign-bred participants since 2001. In 2010, the race entered a new phase as JRA reached the final stage of its internationalization project allowing foreign contestants in all its graded events. The winner's prize money, which had already exceeded 100 million yen in 1989, has now reached 200 million, making it the third richest race behind Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) and the Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m).

Recent winners include *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*) who became the first filly in 64 years to claim the derby title in 2007 and *Orfevre* (JPN, by *Stay Gold*) who subsequently became the seventh Triple Crown winner in JRA history and won against older G1 winners in the year-end Arima Kinen to become Horse of the Year title of 2011. Last year's derby winner One and Only (JPN, by Heart's Cry) was third in the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, 2,410m) in March this year but cancelled his intended start in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1, 2,400m) and will head for the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) in June.

Duramente won by a dominating 1-1/2 lengths in the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) on April 19 with **Real Steel** in second and **Kitasan Black** trailing 2-1/2 lengths behind that in third. **Satono Crown**, who was the race favorite, finished sixth.

Other notable runners in this year's Tokyo Yushun included **Reve Mistral** and **Tanta Alegria**, the top two finishers in the Aoba Sho (G2, 2,400m) on May 2 as well as **Satono Rasen** and **Porte d'Auteuil** who also finished first and second, respectively, in the Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2, 2,200m) on May 9.

THE 82ND TOKYO YUSHUN (Japanese Derby, G1)

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

Sunday, May 31, 2015 Tokyo Racecourse 10th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 416,000,000 (about US\$ 3,466,600 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 57 kg (about 126 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2012

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	7	14	Duramente (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Admire Groove	M. Demuro N. Hori	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	2:23.2 (33.9)	1.9 (1)
2	1	1	Satono Rasen (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Toupie	Y. Iwata Y. Ikee	Hajime Satomi Northern Racing	1-3/4 (34.2)	18.7 (5)
3	6	11	Satono Crown (JPN)	C3	57.0	Marju Jioconda	C. Lemaire N. Hori	Hajime Satomi Northern Racing	Nose (33.8)	6.3 (3)
4	7	13	Real Steel (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Loves Only Me	Y. Fukunaga Y. Yahagi	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	2 (34.3)	3.8 (2)
5	2	3	Komet (JPN)	C3	57.0	Black Tide June Bride	T. Kato M. Tsuchida	Ken Racing Kumiai Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	3/4 (35.0)	234.9 (16)
6	7	15	Musee Sultan (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Ask Deputy	Y. Shibata S. Oehara	Jin Takahashi Shadai Farm	Neck (34.0)	54.4 (9)
7	1	2	Tanta Alegria (JPN)	C3	57.0	Zenno Rob Roy Tanta Suerte	M. Ebina S. Kunieda	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	Neck (34.1)	23.4 (7)
8	2	4	Guanciale (JPN)	C3	57.0	Screen Hero Chuo Saya	M. Matsuoka Y. Kitade	Toshihiro Matsumoto Chuo Bokujo	1/2 (34.7)	220.5 (15)
9	4	7	Reve Mistral (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Reve d'Oscar	Y. Kawada H. Matsuda	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	2-1/2 (35.1)	16.2 (4)
10	5	10	Musee Alien (JPN)	C3	57.0	Screen Hero Erstens	N. Yokoyama Y. Kuroiwa	Jin Takahashi Shadai Farm	3/4 (36.0)	70.7 (10)
11	3	5	Danon Major (JPN)	C3	57.0	Daiwa Major Viyadana	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	3/4 (35.1)	160.7 (13)

12	3	6	Porte d'Auteuil (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Portofino	Y. Take T. Takano	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	3 (35.1)	25.5 (8)
13	8	18	Tagano Espresso (JPN)	C3	57.0	Black Tide Tagano Reventon	Y. Hishida T. Igarashi	Ryoji Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd	1 (36.6)	276.4 (17)
14	8	17	Kitasan Black (JPN)	C3	57.0	Black Tide Sugar Heart	H. Kitamura H. Shimizu	Ono Shoji Yanagawa Bokujo	Neck (36.8)	20.7 (6)
15	4	8 B	Bell Lap (JPN)	C3	57.0	Heart's Cry Bell Sleeve	K. Miura N. Sugai	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	4 (37.0)	162.8 (14)
16	5	9	Cosmo Nine Ball (JPN)	C3	57.0	Higher Game Six Pockets	D. Shibata Y. Wada	Big Red Farm Daiten Farm	3-1/2 (37.7)	276.9 (18)
17	6	12	Adam's Bridge (JPN)	C3	57.0	Zenno Rob Roy Singhalese	R. Wada S. Ishizaka	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	Head (37.0)	76.4 (11)
18	8	16	Spirits Minoru (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Sky Basel Clover	M. Sakai M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	1/2 (38.0)	119.9 (12)

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: 2:23.2 (race record) GOING: Firm WEATHER: Fine
 TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 24,026,840,400
 TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 37,764,889,700 ATTENDANCE: 129,579

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.14	¥190	BRACKET QUINELLA	1-7	¥580	QUINELLA	1-14	¥1,980
PLACE	No.14	¥130	QUINELLA PLACE	1-14	¥730	EXACTA	14-1	¥2,220
	No.1	¥310		11-14	¥400	TRIO	1-11-14	¥3,950
	No.11	¥210		1-11	¥1,420	TRIFECTA	14-1-11	¥15,760

1. Duramente (JPN), bay, colt, 3-year-old

King Kamehameha / Admire Groove (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

6 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 232,417,000

Career earnings: ¥ 392,763,000

Principal Race Performances: '15 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) 1st

2. Satono Rasen (JPN), bay, colt, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Toupie (Intikhab)

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Hajime Satomi

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

3. Satono Crown (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 3-year-old

Marju / Jioconda (Rossini)

Breeder: Northern Racing

Owner: Hajime Satomi

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

Duramente Continues To Best Three-Year-Olds in Tokyo Yushun

Duramente gave a solid performance and with much style as he captured his second Triple Crown title in the 82nd running of the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby). Improving with every run since his debut in October last year, the speedy colt, in addition to becoming the 23rd colt to claim the first two legs of the Triple Crown, renewed the race record, previously held by his sire *King Kamehameha* in 2004, by 0.1 seconds. Trainer Nobuyuki Hori claimed his seventh JRA-G1 victory and his first derby title. Mirco Demuro, overwhelmed with emotion and lost for ways to express his joy other than to shower the colt with countless kisses, celebrated his 12th career G1 victory and second derby title since in 2003 aboard *Neo Universe*, with whom he also captured both the Satsuki Sho and the Tokyo

Yushun.

Duramente, positioned much more in front than his previous Satsuki Sho in mid-field around eighth in a field of 18 led by **Musee Alien**, settled well along the backstretch under Mirco Demuro who swiftly urged his colt forward soon after the last turn to avoid a bunch of foes that were moving frantically to the outside for a clear path. **Duramente** responded instantly and made ground powerfully, taking command at the top of the uphill stretch with a little more than 200 meters to go, then pulled away for a 1-3/4-length victory.

“I’m so full of joy and gratitude to have been able to accomplish this with such a powerful and talented colt and especially as an official JRA jockey. There was a lot of pressure after having won the Satsuki Sho and being the race favorite. **Duramente** was rather worked up and keen between the first two corners but he was in a good position throughout the race and was under control after that. In the homestretch there was some knocking about but after changing his lead, he was in gear and really strong to the finish,” responded Demuro in Japanese in an interview following his victory.

Satono Rasen was rated just behind **Duramente** along the rails but had to work his way out from the crowd after entering the stretch before showing much effort under Yasunari Iwata’s left-hand urging to keep in pace with the eventual winner and barely holding off a strong closing **Satono Crown** while unable to reach the winner.

Satono Crown traveled further back, fourth from the rear, turned wide into the homestretch and made ground impressively for third place.

Other Horses:

4th: (13) **Real Steel**—positioned in rear pack, checked at top of stretch, showed effort

5th: (3) **Komet**—chased leader in 3rd, showed tenacity, gave way grudgingly 100m out

6th: (15) **Musee Sultan**—traveled 3rd from last, turned wide, showed belated charge

7th: (2) **Tanta Alegria**—sat 2nd from last, accelerated between horses, weakened in last 100m

8th: (4) **Guanciaie**—ran along rail in mid-division, quickened until last 100m

9th: (7) **Reve Mistral**—settled behind winner, angled wide, lacked needed kick

10th: (10) **Musee Alien**—set solid pace, ran gamely until furlong pole then faded

11th: (5) **Danon Major**—hugged rail toward rear, met traffic at early stretch, even paced

12th: (6) **Porte d’Auteuil**—broke poorly, trailed in rear, switched to right after final turn, passed tired rivals

13th: (18) **Tagano Espresso**—advanced to 5th from widest draw, showed little at stretch

14th: (17) **Kitasan Black**—pressed pace in 2nd, dueled with leader until last 300m, dropped back thereafter

15th: (8) **Bell Lap**—ran inside winner, saved ground but never fired

16th: (9) **Cosmo Nine Ball**—raced in front of winner, met traffic at early stretch, no factor

17th: (12) **Adam’s Bridge**—traveled well off pace, failed to respond at stretch

18th: (16) **Spirits Minoru**—stalked leaders in 3rd or 4th, checked at top of stretch, faded

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 10.9 - 11.8 - 11.7 - 11.7 - 12.5 - 12.5 - 12.4 - 12.4 - 11.9 - 11.0 - 11.7

Last 4 furlongs: 47.0 Last 3 furlongs: 34.6

Positions at each corner:

1st corner 10,17(3,18,16)9,8(1,**14**)7(4,12)13(5,11)15-2,6

2nd corner 10,17(3,16)18-9,8,**14**,1(4,7)(12,13)(5,11)-15,2-6

3rd corner 10,17(3,16)18(8,9)**14**,1,7(4,13)12 (5,11)(2,15)6

4th corner (*10,17)(3,18,16)9(8,1,**14**)(4,13,7)(5,12,11)(2,15)6

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.