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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 65TH YASUDA KINEN (G1)**



The Yasuda Kinen, a race to determine the best miler of the spring season, has welcomed just over 50 foreign-trained horses since its designation as an international race in 1993, including 1995 champion *Heart Lake* (GB, by *Nureyev*) from the UAE, 2000 winner *Fairy King Prawn* (AUS, by *Danehill*) from Hong Kong and the winner of the 2006 Champions Mile-Yasuda Kinen double, *Bullish Luck* (USA, by *Royal Academy*). The race, however, was contested without any participation from abroad this year for the first time in 12 years.

Past Yasuda Kinen winners that have subsequently become the season's Horse of the Year include *Oguri Cap* (JPN, by *Dancing Cap*; '90), *Taiki Shuttle* (USA, by *Devil's Bag*; '98), *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*; '08&'09) and *Lord Kanaloa* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*; '13).

Last year, *Just a Way* (JPN, by *Heart's Cry*), who had come off an overwhelming victory in the Dubai Duty Free (G1, 1,800m) and was subsequently named the World's Best Racehorse, claimed the race by a nose on soft going.

This year's contenders included: **Danon Shark**, winner of last year's Mile Championship (G1, 1,600m), who finished fifth in the Hankyu Hai (G3, 1,400m) held on March 1 and avoided the Milers Cup (G2, 1,600m) on April 26 due to a stone bruise; **Red Arion** who registered his first grade-race victory in the Milers Cup; **Fiero**, runner-up of the Mile Championship and third-place finisher of the Milers Cup; **Sakura Gospel**, who captured his third grade-race title in the Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, 1,400m) on May 16; **Vincennes**, runner-up of the same race and winner of the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m) in February; 2011 Yasuda Kinen champion **Real Impact**, who claimed the George Ryder Stakes (G1, 1,500m) in Australia in March and was runner-up in the Doncaster Mile (G1, 1,600m) in April; **Real Impact's** stablemate **Maurice** who registered three consecutive victories when winning the Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, 1,600m) on April 5; 2014 NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) winner **Mikki Isle** who came off a third-place finish in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) on March 29; and 2012 NHK Mile Cup victor **Curren Black Hill** coming off an eighth in the Sankei Osaka Hai (G2, 2,000m) on April 5.

The race record 1:31.3 was set by *Strong Return* (JPN, by *Symboli Kris S*) in 2012.

### THE 65TH YASUDA KINEN (G1)

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

Sunday, June 7, 2015 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 208,000,000 (about US\$ 1,733,300 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2011,

2kg 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	3	6	Maurice (JPN)	C4	58.0	Screen Hero Mejiro Frances	Y. Kawada N. Hori	Kazumi Yoshida Togawa Bokujo	1:32.0 (34.5)	3.7 (1)
2	7	13	Vincennes (JPN)	H6	58.0	Deep Impact Flower Park	Y. Fukunaga M. Matsunaga	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Neck (33.7)	6.6 (3)
3	6	12	Clarente (JPN)	H6	58.0	Dance in the Dark Erimo Pixy	H. Tanabe K. Hashiguchi	Shinji Maeda North Hills Management	1-1/4 (34.5)	42.7 (12)
4	5	10	Fiero (JPN)	H6	58.0	Deep Impact Ruby	K. Tosaki H. Fujiwara	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1-1/2 (34.6)	4.3 (2)
5	8	15 B	Keiai Elegant (JPN)	M6	56.0	King Kamehameha Post Parade	Y. Yoshida M. Ogata	Kazuhiro Kameda Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.	3/4 (35.2)	41.7 (11)
6	6	11	Blaze a Trail (JPN)	H6	58.0	Daiwa Major La Fouine Trail	C. Lemaire K. Fujioka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Head (34.5)	104.8 (17)
7	8	16	Curren Black Hill (JPN)	H6	58.0	Daiwa Major Charleston Harbor	Y. Take O. Hirata	Takashi Suzuki Northern Racing	Nose (34.2)	25.6 (9)
8	4	8	Red Arion (JPN)	H5	58.0	Agnes Tachyon Erimo Pixy	H. Kawasu K. Hashiguchi	TokyoHorseRacingCo.,Ltd Excel Management	3/4 (35.1)	22.2 (7)
9	8	17	Extra End (JPN)	H6	58.0	Deep Impact Carling	M. Ebina K. Sumii	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	Neck (34.1)	80.8 (16)
10	1	2	Danon Shark (JPN)	H7	58.0	Deep Impact Carla Power	Y. Iwata R. Okubo	Danox Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm	Nose (34.2)	8.2 (5)

11	1	1	Sunrise Major (JPN)	H6	58.0	Daiwa Major Tiffany Touch	K. Ikezoe T. Hamada	Takao Matsuoka Shimokobe Farm	Neck (34.6)	31.4 (10)
12	5	9	Real Impact (JPN)	H7	58.0	Deep Impact Tokio Reality	H. Uchida N. Hori	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1/2 (35.6)	13.1 (6)
13	7	14	Satono Gallant (JPN)	H6	58.0	Symboli Kris S Stinger	Y. Shibayama K. Fujisawa	Hajime Satomi Shadai Farm	Neck (33.8)	50.8 (14)
14	2	4	Meisho Mambo (JPN)	M5	56.0	Suzuka Mambo Meisho Momoka	K. Take Y. Iida	Yoshio Matsumoto Yoshio Matsumoto	Neck (35.0)	59.9 (15)
15	3	5	Mikki Isle (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Star Isle	S. Hamanaka H. Otonashi	Mizuki Noda Northern Racing	Neck (35.1)	8.1 (4)
16	2	3	Daiwa Maggiore (JPN)	H6	58.0	Daiwa Major Fanjica	M. Demuro Y. Yahagi	Keizo Oshiro Shadai Farm	Nose (34.4)	23.3 (8)
17	4	7	Sakura Gospel (JPN)	H7	58.0	Sakura President Sakura Blues	N. Yokoyama T. Ozeki	Sakura Commers Sakura Commerce Co., Ltd.	1/2 (34.2)	46.6 (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: 1:32.0

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 16,034,269,200

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 25,165,946,500

ATTENDANCE: 55,457

#### PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.6	¥370	BRACKET QUINELLA	3-7	¥990	QUINELLA	6-13	¥1,740
PLACE	No.6	¥210	QUINELLA PLACE	6-13	¥910	EXACTA	6-13	¥2,680
	No.13	¥240		6-12	¥4,590	TRIO	6-12-13	¥40,690
	No.12	¥740		12-13	¥4,030	TRIFECTA	6-13-12	¥127,190

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

Screen Hero / Mejiro Frances (Carnegie)

Breeder: Togawa Bokujo

Owner: Kazumi Yoshida

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Yuga Kawada

11 Starts, 6 Wins

Added money: ¥ 103,654,000

Career earnings: ¥ 209,186,000

Principal Race Performances:

'15 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, 1,600m) 1st

#### 2. Vincennes (JPN), bay, horse, 6-year-old

Deep Impact / Flower Park (Nihon Pillow Winner)

Breeder: Shadai Corporation Inc.

Owner: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Mikio Matsunaga

Jockey: Yuichi Fukunaga

#### 3. Clarente (JPN), chestnut, horse, 6-year-old

Dance in the Dark / Erimo Pixy (Dancing Brave)

Breeder: North Hills Management

Owner: Shinji Maeda

Trainer: Kojiro Hashiguchi

Jockey: Hironobu Tanabe

#### Race Favorite Maurice Captures This Year's Yasuda Kinen in His First G1 Attempt

Odds-on-favorite **Maurice** registered four consecutive victories and his first G1 title by winning this year's Yasuda Kinen to become the Best Miler of the spring season. Debuting as a two-year-old in 2013, he marked two wins out of three starts but was unable to enter the Classics as he finished fifth, fourth, seventh and third in his four starts during his three-year-old season. After moving to the present stable and taking a break of over six months, the son of *Screen Hero* regained his form as he landed three consecutive wins since coming back in January, including his first grade-race victory in the Lord Derby Challenge Trophy.

Trainer Noriyuki Hori registered his eighth JRA-G1 win following last week's victory in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) with **Duramente**, and third Yasuda Kinen title—he has won the race with **Real Impact** in 2011 and *Strong Return* in 2012. Jockey Yuga Kawada captured his sixth G1 title following last year's Queen Elizabeth

II Cup with Lachesis. The winner's sire, *Screen Hero* (JPN, by *Grass Wonder*) is the winner of the Japan Cup in 2008, and **Maurice** is the first of his offspring to capture a G1 title.

As the 2011 Yasuda Kinen winner **Real Impact** rushed out to set the pace with Victoria Mile runner-up **Keiai Elegant** pressing the pace in second, race favorite **Maurice** settled fifth from the front and gradually advanced forward by turning wide through the third corner. Entering the fourth corner third from the front, the son of *Screen Hero* passed the tiring **Real Impact** through the uphill climb, then, responding to Kawada's urgings, pinned **Keiai Elegant** before the 200-meter pole and galloped powerfully before the cheering crowd while fending off the strong charge from behind by **Vincennes** before the wire.

"Though he was a little off-balance in the gate, we were able to break smoothly. He was a bit eager to go but I was able to keep him under control. He ran a really smooth race and we were able to slip out of the pack in good timing after entering the straight. I thought that we would be able to win easily but when **Vincennes** closed in behind us, I urged him to go, hoping that the colt will manage to fend him off. He has matured a lot since I last rode him over a year ago and so I was able to ride him with confidence," commented Yuga Kawada.

Third pick **Vincennes** traveled toward the rear of the mid-pack, and although being hemmed in at the top of the stretch, the six-year-old son of *Deep Impact* managed to thread through the horses and, once finding an opening to his outside, unleashed a ferocious late charge—the fastest of the field in the last three furlongs—for a neck second.

Twelfth favorite **Clarente** stalked behind **Maurice** in seventh and surged out behind the race favorite in the straight, but the *Dance in the Dark* chestnut was overtaken by **Vincennes** in the last 100 meters and finished 1-1/4 lengths behind in third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (10) **Fiero**—raced behind winner, met traffic at early stretch, lacked needed kick

5th: (15) **Keiai Elegant**—chased leader in 2nd, inherited lead at 400m out, passed by winner around 200m out but showed tenacity

6th: (11) **Blaze a Trail**—settled in mid-division, boxed in at top of stretch, showed effort after 400m pole

7th: (16) **Curren Black Hill**—traveled wide in mid-pack, passed tired rivals

8th: (8) **Red Arion**—stalked leaders in 3rd, maintained bid until 200m out, then weakened

9th: (17) **Extra End**—sat 3rd-4th from last, showed effort until 200m pole, then even paced

10th: (2) **Danon Shark**—hugged rail in mid-group, switched to right after final turn, checked 200m out

11th: (1) **Sunrise Major**—saved ground in mid-pack, found little room at early stretch, even paced

12th: (9) **Real Impact**—set moderate pace, surrendered lead at 400m marker, outrun by rivals in last 200m

13th: (14) **Satono Gallant**—trailed in rear, showed belated charge, timed 2nd fastest over last 3 furlongs

14th: (4) **Meisho Mambo**—sat in mid-division, lost momentum at furlong pole

15th: (5) **Mikki Isle**—raced near pace, met traffic 300m out, unable to reach contention

16th: (3) **Daiwa Maggiore**—was off slow, positioned toward rear, never fired

17th: (7) **Sakura Gospel**—ran 2nd from last, no factor

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 10.8 - 11.1 - 11.6 - 11.4 - 11.2 - 11.3 - 12.2

Last 4 furlongs: 46.1 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

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

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

**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.