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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 32ND MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)



The Mile Championship is one of the most prestigious autumn grade-one events for milers together with the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) in spring. Horse racing in Japan had been focusing on long distance racing for a long time, regarding stamina and strength as the most important quality of horses. However, with modern racing having increased its attention to speed horses suited to a mile or shorter distance races, the Mile Championship was established in 1984 in conjunction with Japanese races adopting the grading system. The current racing program now provides races for short, middle and long distance racehorses.

The race welcomed several foreign contestants; *Special Kaldoun* (IRE, by Alzao; 9th), *Tout Seul* (IRE, by Ali-Royal; 16th) in 2003—first since being designated an international race in 1998—, *Rakti* (GB, by Polish Precedent; 14th) in 2004, *Court Masterpiece* (GB, by Polish Precedent; 7th) in 2006, *Becrux* (ITY, by Glen Jordan; 8th) in 2007, *Rahy's Attorney* (CAN, by Crown Attorney; 9th) in 2008, *Eva's Request* (IRE, by Soviet Star; 10th) in 2009, *Immortal Verse* (IRE, by Pivotal; 7th) in 2011 and *Sahpresa* (USA, by Sahm) in 2009 (3rd), 2010 (4th) and 2011 (3rd). However, the race has been contested without any participation from abroad since 2012.

This year's race was contested by a strong field that included: defending champion **Danon Shark** who had claimed his first G1 title in last year's race with a race record of 1.31.5 seconds and was coming off a fourth in the Mainichi Okan (G2, 1,800m) held on October 11; last year's runner-up **Fiero** who was runner-up in the Swan Stakes (G2, 1,400m) on October 31; Swan Stakes victor **Albiano**; **Satono Aladdin** who came off a neck second in the Fuji Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on Oct. 24; 2013 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) winner **Logotype**, 2012 NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) champion **Curren Black Hill** and this year's NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) victor **Clarity Sky** who were third, eighth and 15th, respectively, in the Fuji Stakes; **Maurice** who came off his first G1 title in this year's Yasuda Kinen in June; Yasuda Kinen runner-up **Vincennes** who was 18th in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m) on November 1; last year's Satsuki Sho champion **Isla Bonita** who was third in the Tenno Sho (Autumn); **Red Arion** and **Smart Orion** who shared this year's Summer Mile Series victory; and this year's Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) winner **Let's Go Donki** who finished 17th in the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) on October 18.

THE 32ND MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

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

Sunday, November 22, 2015 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

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

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg 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	8	16	Maurice (JPN)	C4	57.0	Screen Hero Mejiro Frances	R. Moore N. Hori	Kazumi Yoshida Togawa Bokujo	1:32.8 (33.1)	5.7 (4)
2	5	10	Fiero (JPN)	H6	57.0	Deep Impact Ruby	M. Demuro H. Fujiwara	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (33.3)	5.1 (2)
3	3	5	Isla Bonita (JPN)	C4	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Isla Cozzene	M. Ebina H. Kurita	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Neck (33.0)	3.2 (1)
4	4	8	Satono Aladdin (JPN)	C4	57.0	Deep Impact Magic Storm	C. Lemaire Y. Ikee	Hajime Satomi Northern Farm	Nose (33.2)	5.6 (3)
5	4	7	Albiano (USA)	F3	54.0	Harlan's Holiday Antics	Y. Shibayama T. Kimura	Kazumi Yoshida Helen Alexander & Helen Groves Rev Trust	Neck (33.7)	12.9 (5)
6	2	3	Let's Go Donki (JPN)	F3	54.0	King Kamehameha Marutoku	K. Tosaki T. Umeda	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Shimizu Bokujo	1-1/4 (34.3)	28.6 (10)
7	7	14	Tosen Stardom (JPN)	C4	57.0	Deep Impact Admire Kirameki	K. Take Y. Ikee	Takaya Shimakawa Northern Racing	Head (34.1)	27.9 (9)
8	7	13	Real Impact (JPN)	H7	57.0	Deep Impact Tokio Reality	H. Bowman N. Hori	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	Head (33.2)	95.9 (17)

9	8	17	Logotype (JPN)	H5	57.0	Lohengrin Stereotype	S. Hamanaka T. Tanaka	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm	3/4 (34.0)	24.0 (8)
10	7	15	Danon Shark (JPN)	H7	57.0	Deep Impact Carla Power	Y. Iwata R. Okubo	Danox Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm	3/4 (33.1)	17.1 (7)
11	3	6	Arma Waioli (JPN)	C3	56.0	Matsurida Gogh Inazuma Laurel	M. Katsuura K. Nishiura	Koutomic Racing Koizumi Bokujo	Neck (33.3)	195.4 (18)
12	8	18	Clarity Sky (JPN)	C3	56.0	Kurofune Taiki Clarity	N. Yokoyama Y. Tomomichi	Tadakuni Sugiyama Taiki Clarity Partnership	1/2 (34.5)	83.5 (14)
13	6	11	Curren Black Hill (JPN)	H6	57.0	Daiwa Major Charleston Harbor	S. Akiyama O. Hirata	Takashi Suzuki Northern Racing	1/2 (33.8)	79.5 (13)
14	1	1	Vincennes (JPN)	H6	57.0	Deep Impact Flower Park	Y. Kawada M. Matsunaga	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1/2 (33.3)	16.5 (6)
15	6	12	Red Reveur (JPN)	F4	55.0	Stay Gold Desaucered	A. Atzeni N. Sugai	TokyoHorseRacingCo., Ltd Shadai Farm	Neck (33.9)	89.4 (15)
16	1	2 B	Keiai Elegant (JPN)	M6	55.0	King Kamehameha Post Parade	Y. Yoshida M. Ogata	Kazuhiro Kameda Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.	Neck (34.5)	76.7 (12)
17	2	4	Daiwa Maggiore (JPN)	H6	57.0	Daiwa Major Fanjica	Y. Take Y. Yahagi	Keizo Oshiro Shadai Farm	Neck (34.4)	65.7 (11)
18	5	9	Red Arion (JPN)	H5	57.0	Agnes Tachyon Erimo Pixy	H. Kawasu K. Hashiguchi	TokyoHorseRacingCo., Ltd Excel Management	1-1/2 (33.6)	90.4 (16)

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: 1:32.8

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Cloudy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 14,808,885,800

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 22,762,900,400

ATTENDANCE: 47,375

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.16	¥570	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-8	¥1,270	QUINELLA	10-16	¥1,780
PLACE	No.16	¥210	QUINELLA PLACE	10-16	¥690	EXACTA	16-10	¥3,400
	No.10	¥150		5-16	¥590	TRIO	5-10-16	¥2,000
	No.5	¥130		5-10	¥300	TRIFECTA	16-10-5	¥12,000

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

Screen Hero / Mejiro Frances (Carnegie)

Owner: Kazumi Yoshida

Breeder: Togawa Bokujo

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Ryan Moore

12 Starts, 7 Wins

Added money: ¥ 103,822,000

Career earnings: ¥ 313,008,000

Principal Race Performances:

'15 Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m)

1st

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

2. Fiero (JPN), dark bay or brown, horse, 6-year-old

Deep Impact / Ruby (Danehill)

Owner: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Hideaki Fujiwara

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

3. Isla Bonita (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old

Fuji Kiseki / Isla Cozzene (Cozzene)

Owner: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Shadai Corporation Inc.

Trainer: Hironori Kurita

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

Maurice Claims This Year's Mile Championship to Capture Consecutive G1 Mile Titles

Fourth pick **Maurice**, coming off his first G1 victory in the Yasuda Kinen in early June, won this year's Mile

Championship to achieve two consecutive G1 victories and a five-race winning streak. The son of *Screen Hero* became the 10th horse to win both the Yasuda Kinen and the Mile Championship, the sixth to do so in the same year following *Daiwa Major* in 2007. Trainer Noriyuki Hori claimed his ninth JRA-G1 victory following the colt's Yasuda Kinen title and Ryan Moore, who is racing in Japan under a short-term license, marked his fifth JRA-G1 win following the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes title he achieved with *Asia Express* in 2013.

Four-year-old **Maurice** broke smoothly from stall 16 and was eased back to mid-division while traveling wide behind second-pick **Fiero** on the outside. Turning wide around the corners and entering the stretch still in mid-division, the bay colt accelerated from around 300 meters out and passed tiring rivals to take command with 100 meters to go and draw away for his second G1 victory.

"I knew that he was probably going to be the best miler in the race and it was just a question of getting a clean trip and hopefully if we kept things straight forward, he would be able to show that he's the best horse, and he did. He showed a really good turn of foot in the last 400 meters. I rode him when he was a two-year-old but he's developed into a fast strong horse," commented Ryan Moore.

Last year's runner-up **Fiero**, rated around eighth from frontrunner **Let's Go Donki**, slipped out from between horses around the 200-meter pole and chased **Maurice** to the wire but finished again in second, 1-1/4 lengths behind the winner.

Odds-on-favorite **Isla Bonita**, being forced to race from behind after missing his break, edged forward along the rails in the backstretch and threaded through horses in the homestretch to deliver a powerful late kick, running the fastest in the last three furlongs, but was 1-1/4 lengths and a neck short to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (8) **Satono Aladdin**—hugged rail inside winner, switched to outer route for clear path, accelerated

5th: (7) **Albiano**—traveled in 5th, quickened along rail at stretch, led briefly 100m out but outrun

6th: (3) **Let's Go Donki**—set moderate pace, sustained bid and led until 100m out, weakened

7th: (14) **Tosen Stardom**—prominent in 3rd to 4th early, ran gamely until 100m out, outrun thereafter

8th: (13) **Real Impact**—sat in mid-group, showed good effort but was too late

9th: (17) **Logotype**—raced in front of winner, checked 200m out, lacked needed kick

10th: (15) **Danon Shark**—ran in rear pack, angled wide, showed belated charge at straight

11th: (6) **Arma Waioli**—traveled back in mid-division, even paced at stretch

12th: (18) **Clarity Sky**—pressed pace in 2nd from widest draw, ran out of steam in last 200m

13th: (11) **Curren Black Hill**—raced behind winner, unable to reach contention

14th: (1) **Vincennes**—sat 2nd from last, turned wide, passed tired rivals

15th: (12) **Red Reveur**—positioned wide toward rear, failed to respond at straight

16th: (2) **Keiai Elegant**—chased leaders in 3rd to 4th, showed little after final turn

17th: (4) **Daiwa Maggiore**—saved ground in 6th, met traffic 300m out, lost momentum

18th: (9) **Red Arion**—trailed in rear, no factor

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.6 - 10.9 - 11.1 - 12.5 - 11.9 - 11.1 - 11.5 - 11.2

Last 4 furlongs: 45.7 Last 3 furlongs: 33.8

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

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

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.