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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 57TH TAKARAZUKA KINEN (G1)



The Takarazuka Kinen, established in 1960, opened its doors to foreign-trained horses in 1997 and became the first international grade-one race designated by the International Cataloguing Standards Committee (ICSC) held in western Japan in 2001. It is a Grand Prix (all-star) race, along with the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m), in which racing fans select the runners from all distances by votes, and the last G1 race of the spring season to determine the seasonal champion. The race has not had any runners from overseas ever since the Australian-trained *Seto Stayer* (AUS, by *Bellotto*; 9th) took part in the race in 1997 as the first foreign participant.

This year's contenders among the top ten horses with the most votes were as follows: **Kitasan Black** (No. 1 on the ballot) who came off his second G1 title in the Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m) on May 1 following last year's Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m); 2015 Best Older Colt or Horse **Lovely Day** (2nd) who came off a fourth-place finish in the Hong Kong's Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,000m) on April 24; Last year's two classics winner **Duramente** (6th) who was runner-up in the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, 2,410m) on March 26; and 2015 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) victor **Marialite** (7th) who came off a runner-up effort in the Meguro Kinen (G2, 2,500m) on May 29.

Following horses avoided the race although ranked among the top ten: Shonan Pandora (3rd) (JPN, M5, by Deep Impact) was unable to race due to a bone fracture in her left foreleg while Gold Actor (4th) (JPN, H5, by Screen Hero), Mikki Queen (5th) (JPN, F4, by Deep Impact), Maurice (8th) (JPN, H5, by Screen Hero); Real Steel (9th) (JPN, C4, by Deep Impact) and Makahiki (10th) (JPN, C3, by Deep Impact) opted to prepare for the autumn campaign.

Other contenders that were not ranked among the top ten were: 2014 Kikuka Sho winner **Toho Jackal** (13th); **Ambitious** (15th) who won the Sankei Osaka Hai (G2, 2,000m) on April 3; **Curren Mirotic** (16th) and **Cheval Grand** (23rd) who were second and third, respectively, in the Tenno Sho (Spring).

The race record of 2:10.1 was set by *Earnestly* (JPN, by *Grass Wonder*) in 2011.

THE 57TH TAKARAZUKA KINEN (G1)

3-year-old & up, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Hanshin Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 2,708,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 53kg (about 117 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2012,

3kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2013

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	Marialite (JPN)	M5	56.0	Deep Impact Chrysoprase	M. Ebina T. Kubota	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	2:12.8 (36.3)	25.1 (8)
2	5	9	Duramente (JPN)	C4	58.0	King Kamehameha Admire Groove	M. Demuro N. Hori	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (36.1)	1.9 (1)
3	2	3	Kitasan Black (JPN)	C4	58.0	Black Tide Sugar Heart	Y. Take H. Shimizu	Ono Shoji Yanagawa Bokujo	Nose (36.8)	5.0 (2)
4	4	7	Lovely Day (JPN)	H6	58.0	King Kamehameha Popcorn Jazz	C. Lemaire Y. Ikee	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	1-1/4 (36.7)	10.6 (4)
5	4	8	Staphanos (JPN)	H5	58.0	Deep Impact Kokoshnik	K. Tosaki H. Fujiwara	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	2-1/2 (36.9)	18.3 (7)
6	8	15	Satono Crown (JPN)	C4	58.0	Marju Jioconda	Y. Iwata N. Hori	Hajime Satomi Northern Racing	3/4 (36.8)	28.7 (9)
7	3	6	Last Impact (JPN)	H6	58.0	Deep Impact Superior Pearl	Y. Kawada K. Sumii	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1-3/4 (37.4)	57.9 (11)
8	6	12	Satono Noblesse (JPN)	H6	58.0	Deep Impact Cry with Joy	R. Wada Y. Ikee	Hajime Satomi Mejiro Stud	1/2 (37.7)	50.6 (10)
9	3	5	Cheval Grand (JPN)	C4	58.0	Heart's Cry Halwa Sweet	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Racing	1-3/4 (37.6)	15.8 (5)

10	7	14	Hit the Target (JPN)	H8	58.0	King Kamehameha Latir	F. Komaki K. Kato	Shinji Maeda North Hills Management	Neck (37.2)	201.8 (17)
11	5	10	Curren Mirotic (JPN)	G8	58.0	Heart's Cry Star Mie	T. Berry O. Hirata	Takashi Suzuki Northern Racing	Head (37.7)	86.7 (14)
12	7	13	Touching Speech (JPN)	F4	56.0	Deep Impact Listen	S. Hamanaka S. Ishizaka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (37.2)	125.0 (16)
13	8	17	Yamakatsu Ace (JPN)	C4	58.0	King Kamehameha Yamakatsu Marilyn	Ke. Ikezoe Ka. Ikezoe	Kazuo Yamada Okada Bokujo	1/2 (37.6)	104.3 (15)
14	2	4	One and Only (JPN)	H5	58.0	Heart's Cry Virtue	H. Tanabe S. Hashiguchi	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd.	2-1/2 (38.6)	85.4 (13)
15	6	11	Toho Jackal (JPN)	H5	58.0	Special Week Toho Gaia	M. Sakai K. Tani	Toho Bussan Co., Ltd. Toho Bussan Co., Ltd.	Neck (38.5)	17.7 (6)
16	1	2	Ambitious (JPN)	C4	58.0	Deep Impact Carnival Song	N. Yokoyama H. Otonashi	Hideko Kondo Hideko Kondo	Neck (38.6)	9.1 (3)
17	1	1	Fame Game (JPN)	H6	58.0	Heart's Cry Hall of Fame	Y. Shibayama Y. Munakata	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1 (38.2)	64.5 (12)

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: 2:12.8

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 22,499,473,500

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 31,218,186,500

ATTENDANCE: 73,119

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.16	¥2,510	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-8	¥1,050	QUINELLA	9-16	¥2,440
PLACE	No.16	¥350	QUINELLA PLACE	9-16	¥770	EXACTA	16-9	¥8,460
	No.9	¥110		3-16	¥1,150	TRIO	3-9-16	¥2,800
	No.3	¥150		3-9	¥250	TRIFECTA	16-9-3	¥26,250

1. Marialite (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 5-year-old

Deep Impact / Chrysoprase (El Condor Pasa)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Takashi Kubota

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

17 Starts, 6 Wins

Added money: ¥ 153,612,000 Career earnings: ¥ 407,258,000

Principal Race Performances: '15 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) 1st

2. Duramente (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old

King Kamehameha / Admire Groove (Sunday Silence)

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

Trainer: Noriyuki Horii

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

3. Kitanan Black (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old

Black Tide / Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)

Owner: Ono Shoji

Breeder: Yanagawa Bokujo

Trainer: Hisashi Shimizu

Jockey: Yutaka Take

Eighth-Pick Marialite, First Mare in Eleven Years to Capture the Takarazuka Kinen

Five-year-old mare **Marialite** captured her second G1 title in this year's Takarazuka Kinen to become the third mare to claim the spring all-star race following *Sweep Tosho* in 2005. The *Deep Impact* mare captured her first G1 title in last year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) and finished fourth against strong G1 horses in the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m). **Marialite** kicked off this season with a third in the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m) in March and was runner-up in her previous start, the Meguro Kinen (G2, 2,500m) on May 29. This victory gave trainer Takashi Kubota his second JRA-G1 victory following the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, which he won with the

mare. For jockey Masayoshi Ebina, this marked his 26th JRA-G1 title following his Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) victory with Dee Majesty in April.

Breaking sharply from an outside draw, eighth favorite **Marialite** traveled wide in mid-division and edged her way forward while turning the last corners the widest of the field. Once entering the homestretch, the *Deep Impact* mare made bid, surging out behind and overtaking the defending champion **Lovely Day** 100 meters out, and continued to accelerate strongly to capture **Kitasan Black** just before the wire while holding off the powerful late charge by **Duramente** for a neck victory.

“She was in her best form of her spring campaign. Also, the somewhat soft going and the draw all worked well for her. She responded well to my urgings and smoothly advanced forward from the 3rd-4th corner. She ran a perfect race. I think that the patience of the connection to wait for her to mature has led to this success,” commented Masayoshi Ebina.

Heavy favorite **Duramente** broke slowly and settled toward the rear, around fifth from last. Entering the homestretch in mid-division between horses, the *King Kamehameha* colt swung wide to find an open space, then unleashed a fierce late charge to chase the leaders—fastest last three furlongs in the field—managing to pass the wire a nose before **Kitasan Black** but a neck short of the winner in second. The colt, however, slipped after crossing the wire and was diagnosed to have lameness in his left foreleg.

Second pick **Kitasan Black**, breaking from stall three, immediately took command to set the pace as expected and, although overtaken by **Marialite** and **Duramente** in the last few strides, held on well to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (7) **Lovely Day**—raced 3-wide in 8th, showed effort and advanced to 2nd, outrun in last 100m

5th: (8) **Staphanos**—traveled 3-wide in mid-pack, accelerated until 100m out but weakened

6th: (15) **Satono Crown**—sat 3-wide around 4th from rear, showed belated charge at stretch

7th: (6) **Last Impact**—settled in mid-group, showed effort until 200m marker, then weakened

8th: (12) **Satono Noblesse**—ran 3-wide around 5th, ran gamely until furlong pole, outrun thereafter

9th: (5) **Cheval Grand**—saved ground around 7th, found little room at early stretch, even paced

10th: (14) **Hit the Target**—raced 3rd from rear, entered last to stretch, quickened briefly

11th: (10) **Curren Mirotic**—traveled around 6th, lacked needed kick at stretch

12th: (13) **Touching Speech**—trailed in rear, circled wide, passed tired rivals at stretch

13th: (17) **Yamakatsu Ace**—sat near rear, turned wide, unable to reach contention

14th: (4) **One and Only**—pressed pace in 2nd, ran out of steam at top of stretch

15th: (11) **Toho Jackal**—stalked leaders in 3rd, met traffic 300m out, lost momentum

16th: (2) **Ambitious**—chased leaders in 4th, sustained bid until 300m out, gradually dropped back

17th: (1) **Fame Game**—hugged rails in mid-division, failed to respond, faded

Fractional Time (sec/furlong): 12.6 - 11.0 - 11.1 - 12.3 - 12.1 - 12.4 - 12.3 - 12.2 - 11.9 - 12.2 - 12.7
Last 4 furlongs: 49.0 Last 3 furlongs: 36.8

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