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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 22ND SHUKA SHO (G1)**



The Shuka Sho, established in 1996, is run over 2,000 meters at Kyoto Racecourse and the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown reserved for the season's three-year-old fillies following the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m). The Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) was formally regarded as the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown until the race was opened to older fillies and mares; hence the Shuka Sho was established to take its place. Acquiring international G1 status in 2009, the Shuka Sho is open to a maximum of nine foreign runners. *Gentildonna* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) became only the fourth filly in JRA history to claim the fillies' Triple Crown title after *Mejiro Ramonu* (JPN, by *Mogami*; 1986), *Still in Love* (JPN, by *Sunday Silence*; 2003) and *Apapane* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*; 2010), and proceeded to achieve greater accomplishment within her three-year-old season by winning the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) against a powerful field which contributed to earning the season's highest honor of JRA's Horse of the Year award in 2012. Last year's champion, *Vivlos* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) subsequently proved her ability in the international competition, winning the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m) in March this year.

This year's field lacked the Yushun Himba victor *Soul Stirring* (JPN, by *Frankel*) who will head towards the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m) against a mixed field of senior rivals two weeks from now. One of the trials towards this race, the Rose Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Sep.17) was won by **Rabbit Run** in her first graded start. **Kawakita Enka** and **Lys Gracieux**, who were second and third, respectively, also earned their tickets to the Shuka Sho. Meanwhile, improving filly and race favorite **Mirissa**, the Flower Cup (G3, 1,800m) winner **Fan Di Na**, the Yushun Himba runner-up **Mozu Katchan** and the Oka Sho winner **Reine Minoru** finished fourth, sixth, seventh and ninth, respectively. The Shion Stakes (G3, 2,000m; Sep.9), another Shuka Sho trial was won by **Deirdre**, a fourth-place finisher in the Yushun Himba, who landed her first grade-race title in the race while **Caribbean Gold** and **Port Vendres** also qualified for the Shuka Sho finishing second and third, respectively. The field also included a G1 winner **Aerolithe** who claimed the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) against male opponents in May and had come off a victory against older mares in the Queen Cup (G3, 1,800m) in July.

The race record was renewed by *Mikki Queen* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) who claimed her second three-year-old fillies' G1 title in the 2015 edition of this race following the Yushun Himba while covering the 2,000-meter distance in 1:56.9.

**THE 22ND SHUKA SHO (G1)**

3-year-old Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 15, 2017 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 199,120,000 (about US\$ 1,731,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2014

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	Deirdre (JPN)	F3	55.0	Harbinger Reizend	C. Lemaire M. Hashida	T. Morita Northern Farm	2:00.2 (35.7)	6.3 (3)
2	4	7	Lys Gracieux (JPN)	F3	55.0	Heart's Cry Liliside	Y. Take Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1-1/4 (36.2)	7.0 (4)
3	2	4	Mozu Katchan (JPN)	F3	55.0	Harbinger Site Dealer	M. Demuro I. Sameshima	Capital System Co., Ltd. Masaji Kitagawa	Nose (36.6)	8.6 (5)
4	1	2	Rabbit Run (USA)	F3	55.0	Tapit Amelia	R. Wada K. Sumii	Kazuko Yoshida Alexander Groves Matz LLC	3 (36.9)	9.3 (6)
5	4	8	Kawakita Enka (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Kawakita Love Pop	Y. Kitamura T. Hamada	Yoshio Kawashima Yoshio Kawashima	Neck (37.7)	19.4 (8)
6	2	3	Black Onyx (JPN)	F3	55.0	Black Tide Larimar	T. Ono K. Kato	Makio Okada Hirotomi Bokujo	3 (36.6)	170.2 (15)
7	1	1	Aerolithe (JPN)	F3	55.0	Kurofune Asterix	N. Yokoyama T. Kikuzawa	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	Neck (37.9)	3.6 (1)
8	6	11	Mirissa (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Singhalese	Y. Fukunaga S. Ishizaka	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1-1/4 (37.1)	17.4 (7)

9	8	17	Port Vendres (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Lady Deauville	K. Miura H. Uehara	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/4 (37.3)	32.1 (11)
10	7	13	Lycabettos (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Brillante Ancient Hill	S. Hamanaka T. Okumura	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	Neck (36.9)	28.0 (9)
11	7	15	Vous Etes Jolie (JPN)	F3	55.0	Lohengrin French Bikini	Y. Hishida M. Nakauchida	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1 (37.0)	230.5 (18)
12	3	5	Black's Beach (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Visual Shock	Y. Kawada K. Sumii	Hidetoshi Yamamoto Hidetoshi Yamamoto	1-3/4 (38.7)	106.8 (14)
13	8	16	Fan Dii Na (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Impact Dream of Genie	Y. Iwata T. Takano	Turf Sport Tanikawa Stud	1/2 (38.9)	5.6 (2)
14	6	12	Reine Minoru (JPN)	F3	55.0	Daiwa Major Daiwa Angel	K. Ikezoe M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	1-3/4 (38.8)	30.6 (10)
15	5	9	Hello Unicorn (JPN)	F3	55.0	Heart's Cry Santa Rose	H. Tanabe I. Sameshima	CHEVAL ATTACHE Co., Ltd. Akihiro Murashita	Neck (37.8)	174.9 (16)
16	3	6	Meisho Owara (JPN)	F3	55.0	Deep Brillante Meisho Yawara	F. Matsuwaka I. Okada	Yoshio Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo	1/2 (38.9)	41.6 (12)
17	5	10	Tagano Verona (JPN)	F3	55.0	Kurofune Tagano Reventon	H. Miyuki H. Nakamura	Ryoji Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd	3-1/2 (39.2)	199.3 (17)
18	8	18	Caribbean Gold (JPN)	F3	55.0	Stay Gold Sabana Perdida	K. Tanaka F. Kojima	HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Darley Japan K.K	Neck (38.9)	71.4 (13)

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: 2:00.2

GOING: Yielding

WEATHER: Rainy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 13,676,505,800

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 20,650,577,800

ATTENDANCE: 32,484

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.14	¥630	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-7	¥1,100	QUINELLA	7-14	¥1,510
PLACE	No.14	¥220	QUINELLA PLACE	7-14	¥570	EXACTA	14-7	¥2,900
	No.7	¥190		4-14	¥790	TRIO	4-7-14	¥3,180
	No.4	¥270		4-7	¥750	TRIFECTA	14-7-4	¥14,760

**1. Deirdre (JPN)**, bay, filly, 3-year-old

Harbinger / Reizend (Special Week)

Owner: T. Morita

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Mitsuru Hashida

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

14 Starts, 5 Wins

Added money: ¥ 95,822,000

Career earnings: ¥ 203,614,000

**2. Lys Gracieux (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, filly, 3-year-old

Heart's Cry / Liliside (American Post)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Yutaka Take

**3. Mozu Katchan (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, filly, 3-year-old

Harbinger / Site Dealer (King Kamehameha)

Owner: Capital System Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Masaji Kitagawa

Trainer: Ippo Sameshima

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

**Deirdre Claims Last Jewel of Three-Year-Old Fillies' Triple**

The last leg of the three-year-old fillies' Triple Crown began with the top six fillies sent to post with single digit odds (decimal odds) and the lineup short of the Oaks winner. The close competition resulted in third favorite **Deirdre** claiming her first G1 title and landing her third consecutive wins since August. Her first G1 victory also was the first JRA-G1 victory for sire, *Harbinger*. Debuting last year as a two-year-old, the bay filly broke her

maiden in her third career start and qualified for the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) after a runner-up effort in her second start this year in the Anemone Stakes. She finished sixth in her G1 debut and came off another win in the Yaguruma Sho (allowance race) for the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) in which she finished fourth. Following a break, she won against a mixed field of older runners in the HTB Sho (allowance) and landed her first grade-race victory in the Shion Stakes. Her trainer Mitsuru Hashida captured his first G1 win in 10 years—the last being the 2007 Takamatsunomiya Kinen with *Suzuka Phoenix*—and 11th JRA-G1 overall. Christophe Lemaire won his 14th G1 title following the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) with Rey de Oro.

**Deirdre** was off slow and raced well behind the pace around five horses from the rear, gradually made headway after halfway and saved some ground along the rails between the third and fourth corner. As the field began to scatter turning into the stretch, Christophe Lemaire smartly shifted **Deirdre** off the rails, tracked **Lys Gracieux** who closed in quickly to pass tired rivals and gained on the leader up to the last 100 meters then overtook both **Lys Gracieux** and **Mozu Katchan** in a flash, crossing the finish line by a 1-1/4-length margin.

“I think the filly was in top condition today—she was on her toes in the post parade which just shows how keen she was to go out there and run—and I was quite confident going into this race. Her break wasn’t good and we had to race further back than we had hoped but the pace was fast which worked for us and she gave a terrific run in the stretch,” commented Christophe Lemaire.

**Lys Gracieux** broke awkwardly then immediately advanced to mid-division, made headway passing the third corner and swung wide for home, losing some ground again but came with a terrific late charge, gaining on the leader with every stride. While pinned by **Deirdre** in the closing stages, the *Heart’s Cry* filly still managed to outrun **Mozu Katchan** by a nose for second.

**Mozu Katchan** broke nicely out of the gate and secured a good position while saving ground along the rails, made an early move before the last corner, shifting out and advancing to third before the fourth corner and assuming command soon after entering the homestretch. She held on gamely to hold off fast closing **Lys Gracieux** and **Deirdre** up to the very last strides while outrun in the end to third but crossed the wire three lengths in front of the next finisher.

**Aerolithe** broke smoothly and positioned along the rails in third, was second as **Fan Dii Na** dropped back nearing the third corner and was still prominent entering the stretch but unable to respond as the late chargers came rushing to contention thereafter.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (2) **Rabbit Run**—took an economic trip in mid-pack, showed late kick but 3 lengths behind **Mozu Katchan**

5th: (8) **Kawakita Enka**—set fast pace, led until 300m out, caught by late chargers in last 100m

6th: (3) **Black Onyx**—saved ground towards rear, responded well at stretch but unable to reach contention

8th: (11) **Mirissa**—raced in mid-group, angled wide, showed some effort, never threatened

9th: (17) **Port Vendres**—traveled rear of mid-division, accelerated until 100m out, weakened

10th: (13) **Lycabettos**—hugged rails in 3rd from rear, turned wide to straight, showed belated effort

11th: (15) **Vous Etes Jolie**—ran 2nd from rear, improved position at stretch, never a threat

12th: (5) **Black’s Beach**—prominent early in 4th, lacked needed kick, gradually fell back

13th: (16) **Fan Dii Na**—advanced to 2nd or 3rd from wide draw, outrun turning final corner

14th: (12) **Reine Minoru**—settled 3-wide in 6th, nothing left after turning into straight

15th: (9) **Hello Unicorn**—trailed in far rear, made headway at backstretch, passed tired rivals

16th: (6) **Meisho Owara**—sat in mid-pack, faded before final corner

17th: (10) **Tagano Verona**—raced in mid-group, ran willingly until 100m out, weakened thereafter

18th: (18) **Caribbean Gold**—traveled 3-wide in mid-division, failed to sustain bid before final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 11.0 - 12.4 - 11.9 - 11.6 - 12.0 - 12.1 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 12.4

Last 4 furlongs: 49.1 Last 3 furlongs: 37.0

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

**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.