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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 13TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)**



In accordance with the restructuring of JRA racing program for fillies/mares executed in the 2006 season, the Victoria Mile was established to give the older fillies/mares a stage to prove their ability among their own sex, in addition to the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, which had been the only G1 reserved for older fillies/mares. While the Queen Elizabeth is run over 2,200 meters and held in mid-November, the Victoria Mile is held in spring and provides female milers a chance to claim a G1 title without having a tough competition in a mixed field.

The race, however, attracts not only fillies/mares suited to the mile distance but also outstanding runners from the middle-long distance group. Past victors include two-time Horse of the Year winner *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*; '09), 2010 Horse of the Year *Buena Vista* (JPN, by *Special Week*; '10) and 2010 fillies' Triple Crown winner *Apapane* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*; '11). Meanwhile, both *Verxina* (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) and *Straight Girl* (JPN, by *Fuji Kiseki*) claimed consecutive Victoria Mile titles in 2013-14 and 2015-16, respectively, and the latter set the race record of 1:31.5 in 2016.

The top three finishers will earn automatic starting positions in the French G1 Prix Jacques le Marois (1,600m) where not only will they be exempted from paying registration fee but will be given a total of €20,000 as a transportation subsidy.

Among the stellar female line-up this year, some had come off their Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m; Apr.7) starts, such as: winner **Miss Panthere** who claimed her third consecutive graded title in the race following the Turquoise Stakes (G3, 1,600m; Dec.16) and the Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, 1,400m; Feb.17); the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m; Feb.4) winner **Lys Gracieux** who was a head-and-neck third; last year's Victoria Mile champion **Admire Lead** and third-place finisher **Jour Polaire** finished fourth and fifth, respectively; 2017 Best Three-Year-Old Filly **Soul Stirring** was defeated to a disappointing 10th. Meanwhile, the contenders from the Fukushima Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m; Apr.21) were: runner-up **Kawakita Enka** who won the Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m; Mar.10) earlier, and third-place finisher **Denko Ange**, last year's Victoria Mile runner-up. The field also included 2017 NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) champion **Aerolithe** who came off a second in the Nakayama Kinen (G2, 1,800m; Feb.25), and two Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) victors **Let's Go Donki** ('15) and **Reine Minoru** ('17) who recently finished second and seventh, respectively, in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m; Mar.25).

**THE 13TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)**

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

Sunday, May 13, 2018 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 226,800,000 (about US\$ 2,062,000 <US\$1=¥110>)

4-y-o & up: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1kg 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	2	4	Jour Polaire (JPN)	M5	55.0	Deep Impact Summer Night City	H. Miyuki M. Nishizono	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1:32.3 (33.3)	19.4 (8)
2	8	16	Lys Gracieux (JPN)	F4	55.0	Heart's Cry Liliside	Y. Take Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	Nose (32.9)	4.3 (1)
3	3	6	Red Avancer (JPN)	M5	55.0	Deep Impact Erimo Pixy	Y. Kitamura H. Otonashi	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd. Hidetoshi Yamamoto	Neck (33.6)	12.1 (7)
4	5	10	Aerolithe (JPN)	F4	55.0	Kurofune Asterix	K. Tosaki T. Kikuzawa	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1/2 (34.0)	5.3 (3)
5	1	2	Miss Panthere (JPN)	F4	55.0	Daiwa Major Aile de Courage	N. Yokoyama M. Kon	Chiyono Terada Sanjo Bokujo	1-1/4 (33.7)	7.9 (4)
6	1	1	Let's Go Donki (JPN)	M6	55.0	King Kamehameha Marutoku	Y. Iwata T. Umeda	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Shimizu Bokujo	1/2 (33.9)	11.7 (6)
7	5	9	Soul Stirring (JPN)	F4	55.0	Frankel Stacelita	C. Lemaire K. Fujisawa	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	Head (33.5)	11.4 (5)
8	6	11	Admire Lead (JPN)	M5	55.0	Stay Gold Belle Allure	M. Demuro N. Sugai	Riichi Kondo Northern Farm	1-3/4 (33.7)	5.0 (2)

9	7	13	One to One (JPN)	M5	55.0	Deep Impact One Carat	Y. Fujioka K. Fujioka	Yoichi Aoyama Shadai Farm	Neck (33.4)	68.4 (14)
10	3	5	Reine Minoru (JPN)	F4	55.0	Daiwa Major Daiwa Angel	R. Wada M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	Neck (34.5)	22.7 (9)
11	8	18	Maids of Honour (JPN)	F4	55.0	Heart's Cry Catherineofaragon	Y. Fukunaga H. Fujiwara	Lord Horse Club K. I. Farm	1-1/4 (33.8)	106.3 (15)
12	8	17	Denko Ange (JPN)	M5	55.0	Meisho Samson Denko Lucky	M. Ebina Y. Arakawa	Yasuhiro Tanaka Yasuhiro Tanaka	Neck (34.0)	33.0 (11)
13	2	3	Rabbit Run (USA)	F4	55.0	Tapit Amelia	Y. Kawada K. Sumii	Kazuko Yoshida Alexander Groves Matz LLC	Nose (34.5)	34.3 (12)
14	4	7	Kawakita Enka (JPN)	F4	55.0	Deep Impact Kawakita Love Pop	T. Ono T. Hamada	Yoshio Kawashima Yoshio Kawashima	1-1/4 (35.2)	29.3 (10)
15	7	14	Rieno Tesoro (USA)	F4	55.0	Speightstown Akilina	H. Yoshida R. Takei	Ryotokuji Kenji Holdings Co., Ltd. Oak Bluff Stables LLC	1/2 (35.2)	180.8 (17)
16	7	15	Dea Regalo (JPN)	F4	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Souvenir Gift	K. Ikezoe M. Otake	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (33.9)	40.9 (13)
17	6	12	Eterna Minoru (JPN)	M5	55.0	Empire Maker Daiwa Gelato	H. Shii M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	1/2 (34.2)	123.9 (16)
18	4	8	Queen's Milagro (JPN)	M6	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Just Too Too	K. Fujioka K. Nonaka	Queen's Ranch Co., Ltd. Keiai Orthopedic Appliance Co., Ltd.	1-1/2 (33.9)	258.2 (18)

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: 1:32.3

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Rainy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 15,313,164,600

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 23,476,328,500

ATTENDANCE: 40,306

#### PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.4	¥1,940	BRACKET QUINELLA	2-8	¥2,780	QUINELLA	4-16	¥4,090
PLACE	No.4	¥400	QUINELLA PLACE	4-16	¥1,320	EXACTA	4-16	¥11,730
	No.16	¥170		4-6	¥1,330	TRIO	4-6-16	¥8,850
	No.6	¥350		6-16	¥870	TRIFECTA	4-16-6	¥63,640

#### 1. Jour Polaire (JPN), bay, mare, 5-year-old

Deep Impact / Summer Night City (Helissio)

Owner: G1 Racing Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Shadai Corporation Inc.

Trainer: Masato Nishizono

Jockey: Hideaki Miyuki

14 Starts, 6 Wins

Added money: ¥ 108,780,000

Career earnings: ¥ 224,401,000

#### 2. Lys Gracieux (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 4-year-old

Heart's Cry / Liliside (American Post)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Yutaka Take

#### 3. Red Avancer (JPN), dark bay or brown, mare, 5-year-old

Deep Impact / Erimo Pixy (Dancing Brave)

Owner: TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd

Breeder: Hidetoshi Yamamoto

Trainer: Hidetaka Otonashi

Jockey: Yuichi Kitamura

#### **Eighth Favorite Jour Polaire Soars to Victory in Victoria Mile**

Unfazed by the pouring rain, five-year-old **Jour Polaire** dominated a heavy contest in this year's Victoria Mile and captured her first graded win after being sent off eighth favorite in a field of 18. Debuting in April as a

three-year-old, she claimed three wins out of seven starts that year and after landing her first four-year-old start last year, went on to face open class competition where she marked a third in both the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m) and the Victoria Mile. After claiming another win in her autumn campaign, she capped off the season turning in a 16th in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m). Her first and only start this year was in the Hanshin Himba Stakes on April 7 where she finished fifth. With this victory, trainer Masato Nishizono has now four JRA-G1 titles under his belt, his latest with *Sadamu Patek* in the 2012 Mile Championship, while jockey Hideaki Miyuki celebrates his first since last year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen with Seiun Kosei, and seventh overall.

After breaking well, **Jour Polaire** slightly dropped back to settle two-wide and in mid-division through the backstretch while **Kawakita Enka** set the early pace. Still seventh to eighth at the top of the straight, the five-year-old bay came down strongly in the middle of the lane, picking off her tired rivals to finally tag **Aerolithe** and **Red Avancer** in the final strides while holding off the fast-closing **Lys Gracieux** right before the wire for the win by a nose.

“I wasn’t worried about the rain and going getting softer because it was perfect for my mare. I was hoping to race a little more near the pace. She showed a great turn of foot but it was so close, I couldn’t make out if we were beaten by Lys Gracieux from the outside at the end or not.” commented Hideaki Miyuki.

Breaking from a wide stall, race favorite **Lys Gracieux** was reserved in lower mid-pack, a few lengths behind **Jour Polaire** in early stretch and, while displaying the fastest late drive, tenaciously chased the eventual winner but had too much ground to make up and finished a nose second, her fourth G1 runner-up effort.

Seventh favorite **Red Avancer** traveled in fourth to fifth, made most of the clear path that opened at top of the stretch to dig in with full force and inherited the lead from **Aerolithe** just before the furlong marker, but was caught by the winner and then the favorite just before the line for a close third.

Other Horses:

4th: (10) **Aerolith**—advanced to 3rd, rallied for lead at 300m out, outrun in last 100m  
5th: (2) **Miss Panther**—traveled in 9th, met traffic at early stretch, quickened in last 200m  
6th: (1) **Let's Go Donki**—took economic trip in 7th, switched outside for clear path 300m out, rallied  
7th: (9) **Soul Stirring**—raced in 10th, turned wide, lacked needed kick  
8th: (11) **Admire Lead**—saved ground in 11th, quickened after 200m marker, was too late  
9th: (13) **One to One**—traveled 3rd from rear, showed belated charge in last 200m  
10th: (5) **Reine Minoru**—hugged rails in 4th, ran gamely until 100m out  
11th: (18) **Maids of Honour**—ran wide around 15th, passed tired rivals in last 200m  
12th: (17) **Denko Ange**—raced wide around 12th, lacked needed kick at stretch  
13th: (3) **Rabbit Run**—settled around 6th, failed to respond at stretch  
14th: (7) **Kawakita Enka**—set pace, sustained bid until 200m out, dropped back  
15th: (14) **Rieno Tesoro**—pressed pace in 2nd or 3rd, weakened after 200m pole  
16th: (15) **Dea Regalo**—sat 2nd from rear, showed brief effort, even paced in last 300m  
17th: (12) **Eterna Minoru**—traveled around 14th, showed little along rails at stretch  
18th: (8) **Queen's Milagro**—broke poorly, trailed in rear, no factor

Fractional time (sec/furlong): 12.4 - 11.3 - 11.5 - 11.6 - 11.5 - 11.1 - 11.2 - 11.7  
Last 4 furlongs: 45.5    Last 3 furlongs: 34.0

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

**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.