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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 161ST TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)



The forerunner of the Tenno Sho was established in 1905 under the name “Emperor’s Cup”, in which the winner received the silver comports bestowed by the Emperor. The race was renamed to “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” the following year. The race became biannual events—held at Hanshin in spring and at Tokyo in autumn—a year after the establishment of the Japan Racing Society (the forerunner of the Japan Racing Association) in 1936, and was officially named the “Tenno Sho” since the autumn of 1947. The Tenno Sho (Spring) became the ultimate competition to determine the champion stayer, having altered its distance to 3,200 meters in 1938 while its counterpart in autumn run over 2,000 meters is one of the biggest middle-distance event contested between the proven older horses with the addition of the three-year-old hopefuls. The venue of the spring version was also moved to Kyoto Racecourse in 1948.

The Tenno Sho (Spring) was designated as an international race in 2005 and welcomed Makybe Diva (GB, by Desert King) of Australia as the first foreign contender the same year. She finished seventh to Suzuka Mambo (JPN, by Sunday Silence) and subsequently went on to make history back home by winning her third consecutive Melbourne Cup (G1, 3,200m). Red Cadeaux (GB, Cadeaux Genereux) was the latest foreign contender of this race in 2014, running for the second time after finishing third in the 2013 edition, but was unable to perform over the firm turf and finished 14th.

This year’s line-up featured defending champion **Fierement** for whom this was his first start of the 2020 season since marking a fourth in the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m). **Miraieno Tsubasa** came off his first graded victory in the Diamond Stakes (G3, 3,400m; Feb.22). 2018 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) third-place finisher **You Can Smile** claimed another graded title in the Hanshin Daishoten (G2, 3,000m; Mar.22) followed by **Tosen Cambina** (2nd) and **Meisho Tengen** (3rd) while 2017 Kikuka Sho victor **Kiseki** was a disappointing seventh due to a poor break. **Mikki Swallow** registered his third grade-race win in the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m; Mar.28) in which **Moju Bello** and 2018 Kikuka Sho runner-up **Etario** were second and sixth, respectively.

THE 161ST TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)

4-year-olds & up, 3,200 meters (about 16 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, May 3, 2020 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 3,010,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

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

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Course Record: 3:12.5 Race Record: 3:12.5 [Kitasan Black (JPN, by Black Tide), 2017]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Firm Weather: Cloudy

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	8	14	Fierement (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	H5 b. 58.0	2.0 (1)	3:16.5 (34.6)	Deep Impact Lune d'Or (Green Tune)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takahisa Tezuka
2	4	6	Stiffelio (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	H6 b. 58.0	64.2 (11)	Nose (35.1)	Stay Gold Serious Attitude (Mtoto)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Hidetaka Otonashi
3	4	5	Mikki Swallow (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	H6 b. 58.0	11.9 (4)	2-1/2 (35.3)	Tosen Homareboshi Madre Bonita (Jungle Pocket)	Mizuki Noda Northern Farm Takanori Kikuzawa
4	5	7	You Can Smile (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	H5 b. 58.0	5.0 (2)	Neck (35.1)	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo (Dance in the Dark)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
5	3	3	Tosen Cambina (JPN) Kota Fujioka	C4 b. 58.0	19.8 (7)	1-3/4 (35.3)	Deep Impact Cambina (Hawk Wing)	Takaya Shimakawa Shadai Farm Katsuhiko Sumii

6	5	8	Kiseki (JPN) Yutaka Take	H6 d.b. 58.0	5.3 (3)	1/2 (36.8)	Rulership Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Katsuhiko Sumii
7	1	1	Mozu Bello (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C4 b. 58.0	15.8 (5)	Neck (35.8)	Deep Brillante Harlan's Ruby (Harlan's Holiday)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Naoyuki Morita
8	7	11	Meisho Tengen (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	C4 g. 58.0	54.0 (10)	1/2 (35.8)	Deep Impact Meisho Beluga (French Deputy)	Yoshio Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo Kaneo Ikezoe
9	3	4	Danburite (JPN) Fuma Matsuwaka	G6 d.b. 58.0	27.1 (8)	3/4 (36.7)	Rulership Tanzanite (Sunday Silence)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Hidetaka Otonashi
10	2	2 B	Etario (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H5 br. 58.0	17.0 (6)	2 (35.5)	Stay Gold Hot Cha Cha (Cactus Ridge)	G Riviere-Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
11	6	10	Melody Lane (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F4 b. 56.0	105.4 (13)	1-3/4 (35.5)	Orfevre Mowen (Motivator)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Naoyuki Morita
12	6	9	Miraieno Tsubasa (JPN) Takuya Kowata	H7 g. 58.0	68.7 (12)	3 (36.3)	Dream Journey Tamuro Bright (Silver Charm)	Nobuhiko Mishima Suwa Bokujo Daishi Ito
13	8	13	Happy Grin (JPN) Ryuji Wada	H5 ch. 58.0	257.5 (14)	DS (42.2)	Lohengrin Lady C'est la Vie (Agnes Tachyon)	Yuichi Aida Shadai Farm Hideyuki Mori
14	7	12	Shirvanshah (JPN) Mirco Demuro	H5 b. 58.0	53.5 (9)	1-1/4 (42.2)	Deep Impact Azeri (Jade Hunter)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasutoshi Ikee

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
DS: Distance

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 16,870,966,000

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,016,703,500

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.14	¥ 200	Bracket Quinella	4-8	¥ 1,110	Quinella	6-14	¥ 5,770
Place	No.14	¥ 130	Quinella Place	6-14	¥ 1,790	Exacta	14-6	¥ 7,410
	No.6	¥ 830		5-14	¥ 510	Trio	5-6-14	¥ 13,500
	No.5	¥ 290		5-6	¥ 5,160	Trifecta	14-6-5	¥ 55,200

Winner= 10 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 153,024,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 573,059,000

Fierement Closes Strongly to Defend Tenno Sho (Spring) Title

Race favorite **Fierement** showcased outstanding stayer talent to win the Tenno Sho (Spring) for the second time and is the first since Kitanasan Black (2016 - 2017) and fifth in JRA history to claim the title consecutively. The 2018 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) winner was heavily beaten to 12th in his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1, 2,400m) challenge last season but bounced back to mark a fourth in the year-end Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m) and this was his first start since. This victory marks trainer Takahisa Tezuka's sixth JRA-G1 title, his latest was last year's Tenno Sho (Spring), while jockey Christophe Lemaire has now 29 under his belt—his latest was the February Stakes with Mozu Ascot. Lemaire has already captured the autumn version of the Tenno Sho with Rey de Oro in 2018 and Almond Eye in 2019 which now makes him the first jockey ever to claim four Tenno Sho titles in a row.

Danburite was sent to the front after a smooth break in the backstretch before **Kiseki** took over the lead the first time in front of the main stands. Under Christophe Lemaire, **Fierement** was unhurried near the rear, improving his position slightly to settle in the middle of the field which formed a long line up to the last turn. Still seventh heading into the lane right behind **Mikki Swallow**, **Fierement** unleashed a spectacular last three-

furlong drive, catching **You Can Smile** in the last 50 meters and digging in well to draw even with **Stiffelio** right at the wire for a dramatic photo-finish.

“The pace was ideal and I was almost sure it would be an easy win for us, but he wasn't focused at times, so as it turned out we had to fight hard to the line. But in spite of the long distance and the wide draw, he was unhurried earlier in the race and had the strength left to charge home the way he did—everything went well. I'm thankful to the fans rooting for us at home. I look forward to seeing them in the stands very soon,” commented Christophe Lemaire.

Sent off 11th favorite, six-year-old **Stiffelio** broke well, sat in second behind **Danburite** earlier in the race and then third after **Kiseki** took over to set the pace, but was relaxed letting the two front runners stretch their leads. Entering the straight in the same order, the Stay Gold bay showed a good burst of speed easily taking over the lead by the furlong pole and held off a stubborn challenge by **You Can Smile** on the rails only to be caught at the wire by the eventual winner.

Mikki Swallow was also unhurried in third to fourth from the rear and on the heels of **Fierement**. After gradually making headway down the backstretch, the fourth favorite was fifth to hit the straight, fought briefly to hold off the eventual winner but gave way 100 meters out but pinned **You Can Smile** right before the wire to notch a 2-1/2-length third.

Other Horses:

4th: (7) **You Can Smile**—hugged rails around 6th, ran gamely and tied 2nd fastest over last 3 furlongs, weakened in final strides

5th: (3) **Tosen Cambina**—broke poorly, trailed in rear, advanced along backstretch, passed tired rivals

6th: (8) **Kiseki**—tracked leaders, took lead before 1st corner, maintained lead until 200m pole, weakened thereafter

7th: (1) **Mozu Bello**—settled in 4th along rails, met traffic briefly at early stretch, showed effort until 100m out

8th: (11) **Meisho Tengen**—was off slow, raced 2nd to 3rd from rear, made headway after 1,200m to go, sustained bid but even paced in last 200m

9th: (4) **Danburite**—set pace early, chased pace after 1st corner, ran out of steam 200m out

10th: (2) **Etario**—took economic trip near winner, lacked needed speed after 3rd corner (2nd lap)

11th: (10) **Melody Lane**—saved ground 2nd from rear, never threatened throughout

12th: (9) **Miraieno Tsubasa**—hugged rails inside winner early, lacked needed kick after 3rd corner (2nd lap)

13th: (13) **Happy Grin**—traveled around 5th, outrun after 3rd corner

14th: (12) **Shirvanshah**—raced around 6th in front of winner, faded after 3rd corner (2nd lap)

Fractional time: 13.2 - 12.4 - 12.4 - 12.5 - 12.5 - 12.0 - 11.6 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 12.2 - 12.7 - 12.5 - 11.9 - 11.9 - 11.9 - 12.2
(sec./furlong) Last 4 furlongs: 47.9 Last 3 furlongs: 36.0

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

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.