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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 25TH NHK MILE CUP (G1)



While races in Japan for three-year-olds had been programmed mainly to facilitate those aiming towards the middle-long distance three-year-old Classics as typified by the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m), the interest in speed races is growing both within and outside Japan, and earning much respect as the traditional Classics. In 1996, JRA reorganized its races in order to accommodate and promote the three-year-olds suited to short distances, and established the NHK Mile Cup which was named after its sponsor Nippon Hoso Kyokai (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)—Japan's only public broadcaster. The race was designated as an international race in 2009.

Past NHK Mile Cup winners include subsequent derby winners King Kamehameha (JPN, by Kingmambo; '04) and Deep Sky (JPN, by Agnes Tachyon; '08) while El Condor Pasa (USA, by Kingmambo; '98) and Kurofune (USA, by French Deputy; '01) won the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) and the Japan Cup Dirt (G1, dirt, 2,100m), respectively. Last year's champion Admire Mars (JPN, by Daiwa Major) went on to claim his third G1 title in the Hong Kong Mile (G1, 1,600m) against strong older foes.

Key contenders coming off the two official NHK Mile Cup trials included **Luftstrom** and **Win Greatest** who were first and third, respectively, in the New Zealand Trophy (G2, 1,600m; Apr.11) while **Taisei Vision**, runner-up last year in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m), **Gilded Mirror** and **Prince Return** finished in the top three in that order in the Arlington Cup (G3, 1,600m; Apr.18).

JRA's Best Two-Year-Old Filly of 2019 **Resistencia** came off a runner-up effort in the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m; Apr.12) and opted to run against the boys in the mile G1 instead of stepping up in distance for the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m). **Rhinebeck** also chose to aim for his first G1 title at a mile instead of the Tokyo Yushun after finishing 15th in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m; Apr.19). Other key runners in the field included **Shine Garnet** and **Lauda Sion**, the top two finishers in the Falcon Stakes (G3, 1,400m; Mar.14); **Succession**, third-place finisher in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.22); and **Satono Impresa**, winner of the Mainichi Hai (G3, 1,800m; Mar.28).

THE 25TH NHK MILE CUP (G1)

3-year-olds, Colts & Fillies, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 10, 2020 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 226,800,000 (about US\$ 2,100,000 <US\$1=¥107>)

3-y-o: 57 kg (about 126 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Fillies, 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Course Record: 1:30.5 Race Record: 1:31.4 [Danon Chantilly (JPN, by Fuji Kiseki), 2010]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Firm Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	6	11	Lauda Sion (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 b. 57.0	29.6 (9)	1:32.5 (34.4)	Real Impact Antiphona (Songandaprayer)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Takashi Saito
2	2	3	Resistencia (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 b. 55.0	3.0 (1)	1-1/2 (34.7)	Daiwa Major Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Takeshi Matsushita
3	3	6	Gilded Mirror (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	F3 b. 55.0	19.0 (6)	3/4 (34.2)	Orfevre Titan Queen (Tiznow)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mikio Matsunaga
4	1	2	Taisei Vision (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	C3 ch. 57.0	4.9 (2)	Nose (34.5)	Turtle Bowl Somnia (Special Week)	Seiho Tanaka Northern Farm Masayuki Nishimura
5	7	14	Luftstrom (JPN) Damian Lane	C3 b. 57.0	5.9 (4)	1-1/4 (34.0)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Hawaiian Wind (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Noriyuki Hori
6	3	5	Shine Garnet (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	F3 ch. 55.0	20.6 (7)	Head (34.5)	Orfevre Velvet Robe (Gone West)	Koichiro Yamaguchi Northern Farm Toru Kurita

7	8	18	Win Greatest (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 ch. 57.0	27.0 (8)	Nose (33.7)	Screen Hero Great Catty (Sakura Yutaka O)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Takafumi Aoki
8	5	9	Rhinebeck (JPN) Tomoharu Bushizawa	C3 d.b. 57.0	54.0 (11)	Nose (34.6)	Deep Impact Apapane (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
9	6	12	Bon Om Touk (JPN) Katsuharu Tanaka	F3 g. 55.0	63.9 (12)	1-3/4 (34.9)	Kurofune Gala Affair (Daiwa Major)	Yoshiro Kubota Northern Racing Ryo Takahashi
10	7	15	Soul Train (JPN) Kanichiro Fujii	C3 g. 57.0	177.6 (15)	1/2 (34.5)	Red Spada Chirari (Chichicastenango)	Koji Yasuhara Koji Yasuhara Masayuki Nishimura
11	4	7	Meisho Titan (JPN) Yutaka Yoshida	C3 d.b. 57.0	338.1 (18)	Head (34.7)	Lord Kanaloa L'Artista (Meiner Love)	Yoshio Matsumoto Matsuda Bokujo Masaru Honda
12	8	16	Stone Ridge (JPN) Daisaku Matsuda	C3 b. 57.0	107.7 (13)	Head (35.2)	Deep Impact Crow Canyon (French Deputy)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Hideaki Fujiwara
13	8	17	Satono Impresa (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 d.b. 57.0	5.1 (3)	1-1/4 (34.7)	Deep Impact Sahpresa (Sahm)	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yoshito Yahagi
14	4	8	Succession (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C3 g. 57.0	12.0 (5)	1/2 (35.1)	King Kamehameha Addicted (Diktat)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda
15	2	4	Prince Return (JPN) Kazuma Harada	C3 d.b. 57.0	32.0 (10)	1/2 (35.4)	Strong Return Princess Pride (Manhattan Cafe)	Cosmo View Farm Co., Ltd. Nakadate Bokujo Tadashi Kayo
16	1	1	Shachi (JPN) Ikuya Kowata	C3 b. 57.0	262.3 (16)	1-1/4 (35.2)	Real Impact Sotatsu (Brian's Time)	Katsuhiko Nakamura Katsuhiko Nakamura Satoru Kobiyama
17	5	10	Harmony Magellan (JPN) Takuya Ono	C3 b. 57.0	130.8 (14)	1-1/4 (35.5)	Daiwa Major Stars Aligned (Sea The Stars)	Katsunori Kusakabe Kasamatsu Bokujo Koji Maki
18	7	13	Nishino Storm (JPN) Teruo Eda	C3 b. 57.0	305.0 (17)	2-1/2 (35.4)	Reach the Crown Nishino Steady (Grandera)	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Nishiyama Stud Hiroaki Sugiura

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

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: ¥ 14,001,917,000

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 23,007,262,700

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.11	¥ 2,960	Bracket Quinella	2-6	¥ 3,020	Quinella	3-11	¥ 4,200
Place	No.11	¥ 810	Quinella Place	3-11	¥ 1,570	Exacta	11-3	¥ 11,900
	No.3	¥ 180		6-11	¥ 6,240	Trio	3-6-11	¥ 19,620
	No.6	¥ 440		3-6	¥ 1,230	Trifecta	11-3-6	¥ 152,750

Winner= 7 starts, 4 wins, 1 second, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 108,864,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 175,405,000

Lauda Sion Becomes First G1 Winner for Sire Real Impact in NHK Mile Cup

Ninth favorite **Lauda Sion** landed his first career G1 title in this year's NHK Mile Cup. The Real Impact colt won two out of three starts between 1,200 and 1,400 meters before finishing eighth in his first mile challenge in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) as a two-year-old. He kicked off his three-year-old campaign with a win in the Crocus Stakes (Listed, 1,400m) and finished second in his last start, the Falcon Stakes (G3, 1,400m) in March. The NHK Mile Cup victory was the second JRA-G1 title for trainer Takashi Saito after his winning the Shuka Sho with Chrono Genesis last year. Jockey Mirco Demuro, who also won the same race last year with Admire Mars, scored his 32nd JRA-G1 victory with his latest G1 victory being only last month in the Osaka Hai with Lucky Lilac. **Lauda Sion** is among the first crop sired by Real Impact (JPN, by Deep Impact) and the

first G1 winner produced by the 2011 Yasuda Kinen and 2015 George Ryder Stakes victor.

Lauda Sion, who had come off a runner-up effort in a 1,400-meter sprint in March, broke sharply and disputed the lead with **Resistencia** before Mirco Demuro eased the keen son of Real Impact back in second. Settling well while never more than half a length behind the race favorite and pressing the pace, **Lauda Sion** demonstrated his strength with perfect timing as **Resistencia** started to weaken in the last furlong and drew away with ease to win by a comfortable 1-1/2-length margin.

“I knew that the track today ran better for front runners, and considering that he’s usually an evenly-paced colt, I planned to keep him well up in front. He’s always quick out of the gate so we were able to secure a good position and I felt he had plenty to outrun Christophe’s filly in the final stages,” commented Mirco Demuro.

Race favorite **Resistencia**, six kilos less from her last start, broke smoothly from an inside draw and took command after a brief duel with **Lauda Sion**, maintained her lead halfway into the straight and dueled again with the eventual winner before giving way in the last furlong for second.

Gilded Mirror was given a smooth ride under Yuichi Fukunaga behind the leaders in sixth position along the rails and, while having to edge his way out for a clear path for the stretch run, came out of a three-horse rally to finish 3/4-length behind **Resistencia**.

Other Horses:

4th: (2) **Taisei Vision**—saved ground around 3rd, dueled with **Gilded Mirror** in last 200m, nose short
5th: (14) **Luftstrom**—sat around 15th, failed to find clear path, switched to inside, accelerated in last 200m
6th: (5) **Shine Garnet**—raced around 8th, showed effort between horses, even paced in last 200m
7th: (18) **Win Greatest**—trailed in rear, angled out, showed fastest late kick, belatedly
8th: (9) **Rhinebeck**—settled wide around 8th, showed effort but never threatened
9th: (12) **Bon Om Touk**—ran 3-wide around 6th, ran willingly until 100m out, weakened thereafter
10th: (15) **Soul Train**—traveled 4-wide around 12th, struggled to find clear path, quickened in last 200m
11th: (7) **Meisho Titan**—settled around 10th, switched to outside 400m out, unable to reach contention
12th: (16) **Stone Ridge**—chased leaders around 3rd, ran gamely until 200m pole, dropped back
13th: (17) **Satono Impresa**—ran 2nd from rear, advanced after 3rd corner, checked at early stretch, never fired
14th: (8) **Succession**—sat 3-wide around 10th, checked at early stretch, failed to respond
15th: (4) **Prince Return**—tracked leaders around 3rd, met traffic 400m out, fell back
16th: (1) **Shachi**—was off slow, hugged rails around 12th, failed to find clear path at early stretch, showed little
17th: (10) **Harmony Magellan**—raced around 12th, found little room at early stretch, never a threat
18th: (13) **Nishino Storm**—traveled wide around 15th, checked at early stretch, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.4 - 11.4 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 11.3 - 11.2 - 12.0
Last 4 furlongs: 46.5 Last 3 furlongs: 34.5

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

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.