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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 87TH TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY, G1)



With the aim of establishing a systemized program that emulates the Triple Crown race held in Britain, and enhancing the quality of thoroughbreds in Japan, a 2,400-meter race for three-year-old thoroughbreds was established at Tokyo Racecourse (then situated in Meguro ward) in 1932. While maintaining its status as one of the most popular JRA events with a record crowd of 196,517 in 1990, the race has evolved during its long history, opening its door to runners from National Association of Racing (NAR; local public racing) since 1995 and foreign-bred participants since 2001. In 2010, the race entered a new phase as JRA reached the final stage of its internationalization project, allowing foreign contestants in all its graded events. The winner's prize money, which had already exceeded 100 million yen in 1989, has now reached 200 million, making it the third richest race behind the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) and the Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m).

Among those who won both the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, 2,000m) and the Derby, only seven in the past went on to claim the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, 3,000m), successfully becoming JRA's Triple Crown winner—the last being Orfevre (JPN, by Stay Gold) in 2011. Meanwhile, Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet) became the first filly in 64 years to claim the derby title in 2007.

The top five finishers of the Satsuki Sho (Apr.19)—**Contrail** (1st), **Salios** (2nd), **Galore Creek** (3rd), **Win Carnelian** (4th) and **Satono Flag** (5th)—acquired automatic berths in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Proven grade-race winners who also ran in the Satsuki Sho; **Darlington Hall** (6th), **Cortesia** (7th), **Black Hole** (9th) and **My Rhapsody** (13th) as well as 2019 Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) runner-up **Weltreisende** (8th) ran in their bid to improve their performances in the Derby. Contenders coming off the Derby trials were **Valcos**, runner-up in Aoba Sho (G2, 2,400m; May.2) and **Bitterender**, winner of the Principal Stakes (L, 2,000m; May.9). Other notable runners included **Wakea** who was second in the Yayoi Sho (Deep Impact Kinen) (G2, 2,000m; Mar.8), **Deep Bond**, winner of the Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2, 2,200m; May.9) and **Satono Impresa** who won the Mainichi Hai (G3, 1,800m) victory in March but finished a disappointing 13th in the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m; May.10).

THE 87TH TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY, G1)

3-year-olds, Colts & Fillies, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 31, 2020 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 432,000,000 (about US\$ 4,000,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

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

Course Record: 2:20.6 Race Record: 2:22.6 [Roger Barows (JPN, by Deep Impact), 2019]

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	3	5	Contrail (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C3 br. 57.0	1.4 (1)	2:24.1 (34.0)	Deep Impact Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yoshito Yahagi
2	6	12	Salios (JPN) Damian Lane	C3 ch. 57.0	4.4 (2)	3 (34.1)	Heart's Cry Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
3	3	6	Weltreisende (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 d.b. 57.0	66.4 (10)	1-3/4 (34.7)	Dream Journey Mandela (Acatenango)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasutoshi Ikee
4	1	1	Satono Impresa (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 d.b. 57.0	63.4 (9)	Head (34.3)	Deep Impact Sahpresa (Sahm)	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yoshito Yahagi
5	7	13	Deep Bond (JPN) Ryuji Wada	C3 br. 57.0	61.6 (8)	1/2 (35.1)	Kizuna Zephyranthes (King Halo)	Shinji Maeda Murata Bokujo Ryuji Okubo
6	6	11	Galore Creek (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	51.6 (7)	Nose (34.6)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Gold Relic (Kingmambo)	Yukio Mizukami Kasamatsu Bokujo Hiroyuki Uehara

7	4	7	Black Hole (JPN) Yukito Ishikawa	C3 d.b. 57.0	211.2 (17)	Nose (34.1)	Gold Ship Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
8	2	3	Wakea (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 b. 57.0	12.8 (3)	3/4 (34.8)	Heart's Cry Cherry Collect (Oratorio)	Yukihiro Ochiai Northern Racing Takahisa Tezuka
9	7	14	My Rhapsody (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C3 br. 57.0	87.7 (11)	Neck (35.4)	Heart's Cry Teddy's Promise (Salt Lake)	Kieffers Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
10	4	8	Bitterender (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 b. 57.0	91.2 (13)	Head (34.6)	Orfevre Bitter Sweet (Afleet Alex)	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Sakurai Bokujo Ikuo Aizawa
11	7	15	Satono Flag (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 b. 57.0	16.5 (4)	1/2 (34.7)	Deep Impact Balada Sale (Not For Sale)	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda
12	5	10	Cortesia (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 br. 57.0	131.5 (14)	3/4 (35.5)	Symboli Kris S Ciel et Mer (Jungle Pocket)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Takashi Suzuki
13	5	9	Darlington Hall (GB) Mirco Demuro	C3 b. 57.0	30.3 (5)	1/2 (34.7)	New Approach Miss Kenton (Pivotal)	Godolphin Canning Bloodstock Ltd Tetsuya Kimura
14	8	17	Valcos (JPN) Kosei Miura	C3 b. 57.0	46.4 (6)	Head (35.5)	Novellist Land's Edge (Dance in the Dark)	Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
15	2	4	L'Excellence (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	C3 b. 57.0	213.5 (18)	1-1/4 (34.6)	Deep Impact Xcellence (Champs Elysees)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe
16	8	16	Man of Spirit (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C3 b. 57.0	179.7 (16)	1-3/4 (34.9)	Rulership Sunday Smile (Sunday Silence)	Hoshino Racing Northern Farm Takashi Saito
17	8	18	Win Carnelian (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 ch. 57.0	141.0 (15)	1-1/4 (36.1)	Screen Hero Cosmo Crystal (Meiner Love)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuichi Shikato
18	1	2	Al Jannah (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	C3 b. 57.0	88.8 (12)	3/4 (36.0)	Deep Impact Condo Commando (Tiz Wonderful)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Yasutoshi Ikee

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: ¥ 23,353,902,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 37,640,655,300

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.5	¥ 140	Bracket Quinella	3-6	¥ 240	Quinella	5-12	¥ 270
Place	No.5	¥ 110	Quinella Place	5-12	¥ 170	Exacta	5-12	¥ 350
	No.12	¥ 140		5-6	¥ 790	Trio	5-6-12	¥ 2,480
	No.6	¥ 520		6-12	¥ 1,830	Trifecta	5-12-6	¥ 5,140

Winner= 5 starts, 5 wins / Added money: ¥ 226,698,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 472,598,000

Unbeaten Contrail Emulate Sire Deep Impact with Tokyo Yushun Victory

Heavy favorite **Contrail** claimed this year's Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and unbeaten in five starts since his debut as a two-year-old. The 2019 Best Two-Year-Old Colt and Hopeful Stakes (2,000m) winner last season who also won the first leg of the Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, 2,000m) became the seventh horse in JRA history to win the first two Triple Crown titles unbeaten, and the first in 15 years after his sire, Deep Impact. His trainer, Yoshito Yahagi, who won his second Derby title after Deep Brillante in 2012 and 12th JRA-G1 victory overall, announced his next target to be for the **Contrail** to run in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), held in October, in the hope of making the Deep Impact colt the eighth Triple Crown winner in JRA history. For jockey Yuichi Fukunaga, now with 27 career JRA-G1 titles, it was also the

second Derby victory after with Wagnerian in 2018.

Contrail broke sharply and was in hand along the rails around third or fourth in the early stages behind **Win Carnelian**, who rushed from the outside to take the lead and then allowed to set a slow pace for the first half of the race. The pace increased after the 1,200-meter pole, where **My Rhapsody** came from way back along the backstretch to take over the lead, and Yuichi Fukunaga let the colt run with the flow and then asked him to explode into gear after securing a clear path along the center lane to which **Contrail** demonstrated his power to pull away easily to a three-length victory.

“I was just focusing on finishing this race on a high note and although he still has room for improvement—he tends to lose his focus when he’s leading—he still is able to win like he did today, so he’s got great potential and there’s a lot to look forward to in this colt. The pace was not really flowing in the first half but I sort of expected Nori-san (Norihiro Yokoyama on My Rhapsody) to make a move like that and it opened up the path for me to reach the horse in front (second position) which was critical,” commented Yuichi Fukunaga.

Salios was reserved in mid-pack early but had to angle out as the field was bunched behind a slow pace and had to cover much ground, having to make a wide trip along the last two corners and still way out entering the stretch. The Heart’s Cry colt who had given **Contrail** a tough race last outing was unable to threaten the winner this time but still turned in a terrific stretch run to best the rest of the field.

Weltreisende broke from stall six, just outside the eventual winner and kept close to that rival throughout the whole trip until the winner drew away in the last 100 meters with **Salios** who came storming up on his outside.

Other Horses:

4th: (1) **Satono Impresa**—raced around 11th, met traffic at early stretch, quickened between horses in last 300m

5th: (13) **Deep Bond**—tracked leaders around 3rd, ran willingly, weakened in last 100m

6th: (11) **Galore Creek**—traveled 3-wide around 6th, passed tired rivals at stretch

7th: (7) **Black Hole**—hugged rails around 14th, angled out at early stretch, showed belated charge

8th: (3) **Wakea**—raced around 8th, responded well behind winner at early stretch, even paced in last 200m

9th: (14) **My Rhapsody**—positioned in 17th early, made headway to lead in backstretch, used up 100m out

10th: (8) **Bitterender**—traveled around 11th, lacked needed kick at stretch

11th: (15) **Satono Flag**—sat around 15th, struggled to find clear path at early stretch, accelerated in last 200m

12th: (10) **Cortesia**—chased pace in 2nd, showed tenacity until 150m out, weakened thereafter

13th: (9) **Darlington Hall**—settled 3-wide around 13th, showed effort until 100m out

14th: (17) **Valcos**—ran 4-wide around 6th, turned for home in good striking position, gradually dropped back

15th: (4) **L’Excellence**—saved ground around 15th, switched to outside at early stretch, never threatened

16th: (16) **Man of Spirit**—was off slow, trailed in rear, showed little at stretch

17th: (18) **Win Carnelian**—set pace until 1,200m to go, ran gamely until 300m out, fell back

18th: (2) **Al Jannah**—took economic trip around 8th, faded after 300m out

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.6 - 11.3 - 12.9 - 12.6 - 12.3 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.3 - 11.8 - 11.3 - 11.3 - 11.7
Last 4 furlongs: 46.1 Last 3 furlongs: 34.3

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

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.