SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 16TH 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), 2010 fillies' Triple Crown winner Apapane (JPN, by King Kamehameha; '11) and two-time Horse of the Year victor Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa; '20).

The top three finishers will earn automatic starting positions in the French mile G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp as well as the Prix Jacques le Marois while the race also joined the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series last year, enabling its winner to earn automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1, 2,200m).

Here were this year's runners and their recent performances: 2019 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Resistencia** came off a close second in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m, Mar.28), where last year's Victoria Mile runner-up **Sound Chiara**, two-time graded winner **Maltese Diosa** and 2018 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Danon Fantasy** were sixth, eighth and 12th, respectively. In one of the trial races, the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Apr.10), **Des Ailes** registered her first graded title, followed by last year's Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) runner-up **Magic Castle** in second while third pick and two-time graded victor **Ria Amelia** was a disappointing ninth. The field also included **Dirndl**, who came off a win in the other trial, the Fukushima Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Apr.24), **Rambling Alley**, winner of the Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Mar.13), **Terzetto** and two-time G3 winner **Smile Kana** who finished first and 14th, respectively, in the Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, 1,600m, Apr.3), and the 2020 Best Sprinter or Miler **Gran Alegria** who came off a fourth in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m, Apr.4).

THE 16TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)

4-year-olds & up, Fillies & Mares, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed
Sunday, May 16, 2021   Tokyo Racecourse   11th Race   Post time: 15:40
Total prize money**:** ￥ 226,800,000 (about US$ 2,160,000 <US$1=￥105>)
4-y-o & up: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017
Course Record: 1:30.5   Race Record: 1:30.5 [Normcore (JPN, by Harbinger), 2019]
Safety factor: 18 runners   Going: Good to 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	6	Gran Alegria (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 b. 55.0	1.3 (1)	1:31.0 (32.6)	Deep Impact Tapitsfly (Tapit)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Kazuo Fujisawa
2	4	8	Rambling Alley (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	M5 d.b. 55.0	75.2 (10)	4 (33.2)	Deep Impact Blooming Alley (Symboli Kris S)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
3	1	1	Magic Castle (JPN) Keita Tosaki	F4 b. 55.0	14.7 (5)	Neck (33.5)	Deep Impact So Magic (Symboli Kris S)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Sakae Kunieda
4	7	14	Dirndl (JPN) Taisei Danno	M5 d.b. 55.0	176.9 (14)	Neck (33.8)	Rulership Grunewald (Special Week)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yutaka Okumura
5	1	2	Shigeru Pink Dia (JPN) Ryuji Wada	M5 d.b. 55.0	125.3 (13)	Neck (33.8)	Daiwa Major Moonlight Bay (High Chaparral)	S.Morinaka Amaba Bokujo Kunihiko Watanabe

FP	BK	PP	Name / Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	DS (L3F)	Sire / Dam / (Damsire)	Owner / Breeder / Trainer
6	8	18	Resistencia (JPN) / Yutaka Take	F4 b. 55.0	7.1 (2)	Neck (34.1)	Daiwa Major / Malacostumbrada / (Lizard Island)	U. Carrot Farm / Northern Farm / Takeshi Matsushita
7	6	11	Danon Fantasy (JPN) / Yusuke Fujioka	M5 b. 55.0	58.7 (9)	Neck (33.0)	Deep Impact / Life For Sale / (Not For Sale)	Danox Co., Ltd. / Northern Racing / Mitsumasa Nakauchida
8	3	5	Des Ailes (JPN) / Yuga Kawada	F4 br. 55.0	13.7 (4)	Head (33.2)	Deep Impact / Avenir Certain / (Le Havre)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. / Shadai Farm / Yasuo Tomomichi
9	4	7	Maltese Diosa (JPN) / Hironobu Tanabe	F4 br. 55.0	40.8 (7)	1-3/4 (34.0)	Kizuna / Top of Dora / (Grand Slam)	Nagako Fujita / Nagako Fujita / Takahisa Tezuka
10	2	3	Christie (JPN) / Arata Saito	F4 g. 55.0	181.3 (15)	1/2 (34.7)	Kizuna / White Album / (Kurofune)	Hidetoshi Makiura / Hidetoshi Makiura / Haruki Sugiyama
11	6	12	Sound Chiara (JPN) / Kohei Matsuyama	M6 b. 55.0	27.5 (6)	Neck (34.1)	Deep Impact / Sound Barrier / (Agnes Digital)	Yuichi Masuda / Yuichi Masuda / Akio Adachi
12	5	10	Red Belle Deesse (JPN) / Shu Ishibashi	M5 b. 55.0	301.0 (17)	Neck (33.2)	Deep Impact / Red Fantasia / (Unbridled's Song)	TokyoHorseRacing Co. Ltd / Mint Co. / Yuichi Shikato
13	8	16	Ria Amelia (JPN) / Yuichi Fukunaga	F4 d.b. 55.0	57.0 (8)	Head (33.2)	Deep Impact / Ria Antonia / (Rockport Harbor)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. / Northern Racing / Mitsumasa Nakauchida
14	5	9	Terzetto (JPN) / Mirco Demuro	F4 b. 55.0	13.6 (3)	Neck (33.5)	Deep Impact / Raddolcendo / (Danehill Dancer)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. / Northern Farm / Shoichiro Wada
15	8	17	Smile Kana (JPN) / Daichi Shibata	F4 g. 55.0	103.9 (12)	3/4 (34.9)	Deep Impact / A Shin Cool D / (Distorted Humor)	Big Red Farm / KK Eishindo / Yoshiyasu Takahashi
16	7	15	Affranchir (JPN) / Takuya Ono	M5 b. 55.0	487.7 (18)	Head (33.7)	Heart's Cry / Le Sucre / (Sakura Bakushin O)	Koji Maeda / North Hills Co,. Ltd. / Tomohito Ozeki
17	7	13	Pourville (JPN) / Kosei Miura	M5 b. 55.0	90.3 (11)	1-1/4 (34.1)	Le Havre / Kenhope / (Kendargent)	Teruya Yoshida / Shadai Farm / Yasushi Shono
18	2	4	Iberis (JPN) / Manabu Sakai	M5 b. 55.0	207.2 (16)	DS (38.5)	Lord Kanaloa / Celebrar / (Boston Harbor)	Koji Maeda / Doi Bokujo / Koichi Tsunoda

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / 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: ¥ 16,693,656,200   Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,324,633,200   Attendance: 4,686

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.6	¥ 130	Bracket Quinella	3-4	¥ 1,330	Quinella	6-8	¥ 3,620
Place	No.6	¥ 110	Quinella Place	6-8	¥ 1,550	Exacta	6-8	¥ 4,630
	No.8	¥ 790		1-6	¥ 330	Trio	1-6-8	¥ 8,460
	No.1	¥ 210		1-8	¥ 5,080	Trifecta	6-8-1	¥ 28,750

Winner= 12 starts, 8 wins, 1 second, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 108,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 849,037,000

Gran Alegria Overwhelms Strong Field in This Year's Victoria Mile

Odds on favorite **Gran Alegria** claimed this year's Victoria Mile for older fillies and mares to register her fifth G1 victory. The 2020 Best Sprinter or Miler became the first horse to win JRA's all three G1 mile titles for four-year-olds and up, which include her Yasuda Kinen and Mile Championship titles last year. Her other two G1 victories include the 2019 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, 1,600m) and last year's

Sprinters Stakes (1,200m). Trainer Kazuo Fujisawa marked his 33rd JRA-G1 win following last year's Mile Championship victory with this mare and his second Victoria Mile title following his win in 2006 with Dance in the Mood. Jockey Christophe Lemaire registered his 38th JRA-G1 victory following his win in the NHK Mile Cup with Schnell Meister just last week. He has won the Victoria Mile twice in the past with Admire Lead in 2017 and Almond Eye last year.

Five-year-old **Gran Alegria**, breaking from stall six, settled in mid-division around 10th from the front-runner. Taking an outer route turning the corners, the Deep Impact mare made bid from around the 400-meter pole, promptly took the front 200 meters out with bewildering speed and further accelerate with a powerful drive, while marking the fastest last three furlongs, for a four-length victory.

"She was very strong as we had all expected. She's not a very good starter so we settled in mid-division but she raced in good rhythm. After I took her to the outside entering the lane, she showed a remarkable response and geared up on her own. She showed that she's at a different level than her competitors and will probably win more G1 titles going forward. Personally, I am delighted that I was able to score my 1,400th JRA victory today and to win another G1 race," commented Christophe Lemaire.

Tenth pick **Rambling Alley** hugged the rails in 11th eying **Gran Alegria** on the outside. The five-year-old dark bay swung to the outside entering the lane and chased the race favorite persistently until the wire, nailing **Magic Castle** in her last stride for a runner-up effort.

Fifth choice **Magic Castle** saved ground, around ninth, inside the race favorite, met traffic at the top of the stretch but showed sustaining speed and passed tenacious **Resistencia** 100 meters out. Although overtaken by fast-closing **Rambling Alley** just before the wire, she held off the rest of the field to complete a 1-2-3 finish by filly and mares sired by Deep Impact.

Other Horses:
4th: (14) **Dirndl**—ran 3-wide around 5th, rallied with rivals for runner-up, lacked speed just before wire
5th: (2) **Shigeru Pink Dia**—sat around 5th, showed tenacious effort, weakened in final strides
6th: (18) **Resistencia**—chased leaders around 3rd, took command 300m out, weakened in last 100m
7th: (11) **Danon Fantasy**—positioned around 14th, found little room, accelerated in last 300m
8th: (5) **Des Ailes**—ran 3-4 wide behind winner around 11th, showed brief effort, even paced in last 100m
9th: (7) **Maltese Diosa**—traveled around 7th, met traffic after entering to lane, lacked needed kick
10th: (3) **Christie**—set pace, sustained lead until 200m pole, outrun in last 100m
11th: (12) **Sound Chiara**—sat around 7th in front of winner, struggled to find clear path, failed to respond
12th: (10) **Red Belle Deesse**—trailed in rear, switched to outside at early stretch, improved position
13th: (16) **Ria Amelia**—was off a slow, ran 2nd from rear, passed tired rivals at stretch
14th: (9) **Terzetto**—took economic trip around 14th, showed effort until 200m pole
15th: (17) **Smile Kana**—pressed pace in 2nd from wide draw, used up at 200m pole
16th: (15) **Affranchir**—raced 3-wide around 14th, unable to reach contention
17th: (13) **Pourville**—traveled 3-wide around 11th behind winner, showed little at stretch
18th: (4) **Iberis**—tracked leaders in 3rd or 4th along rails, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong):   11.9 - 10.8 - 11.6 - 11.7 - 11.6 - 11.2 - 10.9 - 11.3
                                   Last 4 furlongs: 45.0   Last 3 furlongs: 33.4

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner   3,17(4,18)(2,14)(7,12)(1,**6**)(8,5,13)(9,11,15)16,10
                            4th corner   3(17,18)(4,2,14)(1,7,12)(8,**6**)(5,13)(9,11,15)(16,10)
NOTE 1: <u>**Underlined bold number**</u> 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.