

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 82ND YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS, G1)

The Japanese version of the prestigious British Oaks, the Yushun Himba was established in 1938 and contested among runners limited to home-bred three-year-old fillies. Initially called the “Hanshin Yushun Himba” and held during the fall season at Hanshin Racecourse, the race acquired its current status as the Japanese Oaks upon changing its venue to Tokyo Racecourse in 1946. The race was also shifted to the spring season, being the richest in prize money and longest in distance among the current JRA races limited to fillies/mares. The Yushun Himba opened its door to foreign-bred runners in 2003 and acquired international G1 status in 2010.

While the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) serves in gauging the speed potentials in the future broodmares, the Yushun Himba is a championship race in which to discover the added quality of stamina as well as speed, and winners of this race are highly rated as broodmares upon retirement to stud. Recent winners included fillies/mares that became high profile G1 winners. Last year’s winner Daring Tact (JPN, by Epiphaneia) went on to capture the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) that autumn not only to become the sixth filly to capture the fillies’ Triple Crown title but the first in JRA history to do so undefeated, while 2019 victor Loves Only You (JPN, by Deep Impact) scored her second G1 title in the Hong Kong’s Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,000m) last month.

The top five finishers of the Oka Sho (Apr.11) that were automatically eligible for the Oaks were: **Sodashi** (1st), **Fine Rouge** (3rd), **Akaitorino Musume** (4th) and **Art de Vivre** (5th) while the runner-up Satono Reinas (JPN, by Deep Impact) was decided to run against the boys in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) instead. Runners who earned their tickets by faring well in Oaks trials were **Cool Cat** and **Slyly**, top two finishers in the Flora Stakes (G2, 2,000m, Apr.25), as well as the Sweet Pea Stakes (Listed, 1,800m, May.2) winner **Tagano Passion**. The field also included **Stellaria**, victor of the Wasurenagusa Sho (Listed, 2,000m, Apr.11), **Kukuna**, coming off a sixth in the Oka Sho, and **Uberleben** who registered a runner-up and three thirds in four graded starts.

THE 82ND YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS, G1)

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

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Tokyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 238,600,000 (about US\$ 2,273,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

Course Record: 2:20.6

Race Record: 2:22.8 [Loves Only You (JPN, by Deep Impact), 2019]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to 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	5	9	Uberleben (JPN) Mirco Demuro	F3 br. 55.0	8.9 (3)	2:24.5 (34.4)	Gold Ship Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Big Red Farm Takahisa Tezuka
2	4	7	Akaitorino Musume (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 d.b. 55.0	4.5 (2)	1 (34.4)	Deep Impact Apapane (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Sakae Kunieda
3	4	8	Hagino Pilina (JPN) Takashi Fujikake	F3 br. 55.0	215.4 (16)	Nose (34.3)	Kizuna Hagino Arc (Admire Moon)	Mitsuko Yasuoka Mitsuko Yasuoka Tomokazu Takano
4	2	4	Tagano Passion (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	F3 b. 55.0	51.9 (10)	1-1/4 (34.2)	King Kamehameha Admire Silk (Symboli Kris S)	Ryoji Yagi Ryoji Yagi Ippo Sameshima
5	7	15	Art de Vivre (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F3 b. 55.0	27.6 (7)	Head (34.5)	King Kamehameha Isabel (Deep Impact)	Hideko Kondo Hideko Kondo Teiichi Konno
6	6	12	Miyabi Heidi (JPN) Yutaka Yoshida	F3 d.b. 55.0	399.7 (17)	3/4 (34.3)	Epiphaneia Miyabi Kirameki (Heart's Cry)	Yoshikatsu Murakami Yoshikatsu Murakami Fumimasa Takahashi
7	1	1	Kukuna (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F3 d.b.	31.9 (8)	Neck (35.1)	King Kamehameha Culminar	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm

				55.0			(Deep Impact)	Toru Kurita
8	6	11	Sodashi (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	F3 w. 55.0	1.9 (1)	3/4 (35.1)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Naosuke Sugai
9	1	2	Through Seven Seas (JPN) Keita Tosaki	F3 b. 55.0	38.3 (9)	1/2 (34.9)	Dream Journey Mighty Slew (Kurofune)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Tomohito Ozeki
10	2	3	Purple Lady (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	F3 b. 55.0	98.3 (12)	1/2 (34.7)	Deep Impact Melissa (White Muzzle)	Noboru Iyama Okada Stud Takeshi Okumura
11	7	13	Fine Rouge (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	F3 b. 55.0	10.4 (4)	1 (35.1)	Kizuna Passion Rouge (Boston Harbor)	Genichi Mutsui Northern Racing Tetsuya Kimura
12	8	17	Slyly (JPN) Yukito Ishikawa	F3 b. 55.0	174.5 (15)	Neck (35.7)	Orfevre Visionary (Deep Impact)	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Shirai Stud Farm Ikuo Aizawa
13	8	18	Stellaria (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F3 d.b. 55.0	10.9 (5)	2-1/2 (36.1)	Kizuna Pollenator (Motivator)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc. Takashi Saito
14	3	5	Cool Cat (JPN) Yutaka Take	F3 br. 55.0	18.6 (6)	1-1/2 (36.6)	Screen Hero Mejiro Tonkinese (Dance in the Dark)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Lake Villa Farm Takeshi Okumura
15	3	6	Win Aglaia (JPN) Ryuji Wada	F3 b. 55.0	126.8 (13)	1-1/2 (36.3)	Matsurida Gogh Win Artemis (Arch)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuji Wada
16	8	16	Nina Dress (JPN) Kota Fujioka	F3 b. 55.0	59.7 (11)	9 (38.1)	Heart's Cry Saratoga (Kurofune)	Yu Hirai Yu Hirai Yasuo Tomomichi
17	7	14	Stripe (JPN) Yoshitomi Shibata	F3 d.b. 55.0	413.1 (18)	3-1/2 (38.7)	Rulership Grace Flower (Daiwa Major)	Hisao Sato Hisao Sato Kazuyuki Ogata
18	5	10	Enthusiasm (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F3 b. 55.0	129.8 (14)	4 (38.9)	Deep Impact Zealous Cat (Storm Cat)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Shogo Yasuda

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: ¥ 17,552,957,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 27,079,384,300

Attendance: 4,791

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.9	¥ 890	Bracket Quinella	4-5	¥ 1,790	Quinella	7-9	¥ 1,880
Place	No.9	¥ 250	Quinella Place	7-9	¥ 700	Exacta	9-7	¥ 4,690
	No.7	¥ 190		8-9	¥ 24,940	Trio	7-8-9	¥ 109,190
	No.8	¥ 2,820		7-8	¥ 14,430	Trifecta	9-7-8	¥ 532,180

Winner= 7 starts, 2 wins, 1 second, 3 thirds / Added money: ¥ 138,980,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 196,355,000

Uberleben Scores First G1 Victory in Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)

Third favorite **Uberleben** marked her first graded win in claiming this year's Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), the second leg of the Triple Crown for fillies, while giving her sire Gold Ship (JPN, by Stay Gold) his first G1 title. After immediately breaking her maiden in her debut start (1,800m) last June, the filly was second to **Sodashi** in the following Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) and went on to mark three thirds in a row, the 2020 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1, 1,600m), this year's Flower Cup (G3, 1,800m) in March and the Flora Stakes (G2, 2,000m), her most recent start. Claiming the NHK Mile Cup just two weeks earlier with Schnell Meister, trainer Takahisa Tezuka is now a proud winner of eight JRA-G1 titles while jockey Mirco Demuro marked his 33rd following his latest triumph in last year's NHK Mile Cup

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

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

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.