

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 165TH 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 events 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 and has been shifted to Hanshin due to the renovation of Kyoto’s grandstand since last year.

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 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.

Here are the recent performances of this year’s runners: **Deep Bond**, runner-up of last year’s edition, successfully claimed back-to-back title in the Hanshin Daishoten (G2, 3,000m, Mar.20), followed by **Iron Barows** (2nd), **Silver Sonic** (3rd) and **Machaon d’Or** (4th). Last year’s Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) victor **Titleholder** commenced his four-year-old season with his third graded victory in the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m, Mar.26) where **Heat on Beat**, and 2021 Stayers Stakes (G2, 3,600m) winner **Divine Force** were third and 11th, respectively, while **T O Royal** extended his winning streak to four in the Diamond Stakes (G3, 3,400m, Feb.19).

THE 165TH TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)

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

Sunday, May 1, 2022 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 432,000,000 (about US\$ 3,757,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

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

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

Course Record: 3:14.7

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

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good

Weather: Fine



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	8	16	Titleholder (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C4 b. 58.0	4.9 (2)	3:16.2 (36.4)	Duramente Mowen (Motivator)	Hiroshi Yamada Okada Stud Toru Kurita
2	8	18	Deep Bond (JPN) Ryuji Wada	H5 br. 58.0	2.1 (1)	7 (37.1)	Kizuna Zephyranthes (King Halo)	Shinji Maeda Murata Bokujo Ryuji Okubo
3	4	7	T O Royal (JPN) Yuji Hishida	C4 b. 58.0	9.9 (4)	1 (37.4)	Leontes Meisho Ohi (Manhattan Cafe)	Tomoya Ozasa Mishima Bokujo Inao Okada
4	5	9	Heat on Beat (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H5 b. 58.0	12.4 (5)	3-1/2 (37.0)	King Kamehameha Marcellina (Deep Impact)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
5	1	1	Iron Barows (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	H5 b. 58.0	7.8 (3)	2 (37.7)	Orfevre Palace Rumor (Royal Anthem)	Hirotsugu Inokuma Northern Racing Hiroyuki Uemura
6	6	11	Meiner Fanrong (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	H7 br. 58.0	82.9 (14)	2-1/2 (37.9)	Stay Gold Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm

									Takahisa Tezuka
7	7	13	Robertson Quay (JPN) Takuma Ito	H5 b. 58.0	45.4 (10)	3/4 (37.5)	Rulership Tokai Megami (Sunday Silence)	Kazutaka Hosaka Nagahama Bokujo Toru Hayashi	
8	7	14	Valcos (JPN) Kosei Miura	H5 b. 58.0	126.1 (17)	1/2 (37.6)	Novelist Land's Edge (Dance in the Dark)	Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi	
9	3	6	Melody Lane (JPN) Mirai Iwata	M6 b. 56.0	123.3 (16)	Neck (38.0)	Orfevre Mowen (Motivator)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Naoyuki Morita	
10	5	10	Tosen Cambina (JPN) Kota Fujioka	H6 b. 58.0	146.7 (18)	2-1/2 (37.8)	Deep Impact Cambina (Hawk Wing)	Takaya Shimakawa Shadai Farm Yukihiko Kato	
11	3	5	Machaon d'Or (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C4 g. 58.0	13.6 (6)	5 (39.3)	Gold Ship Million Wishes (Darshaan)	Haruhiko Seki Northern Racing Teiichi Konno	
12	2	3	Divine Force (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	H6 b. 58.0	67.9 (12)	Nose (38.7)	Workforce Tsukuba Beauty (Zenno Rob Roy)	Haruya Yoshida Oiwake Farm Ryo Terashima	
13	2	4	You Can Smile (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H7 b. 58.0	78.6 (13)	2-1/2 (39.4)	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo (Dance in the Dark)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi	
14	4	8	Crescendo Love (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida	H8 b. 58.0	117.2 (15)	2-1/2 (40.7)	Stay Gold Higher Love (Sadler's Wells)	Hiroo Race Co., Ltd. PANGLOSS Y.K. Toru Hayashi	
15	6	12 B	Hayayakko (JPN) Yutaka Take	H6 w. 58.0	58.1 (11)	Neck (39.6)	King Kamehameha Marshmallow (Kurofune)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Sakae Kunieda	
16	1	2	Heart's Histoire (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	H6 d.b. 58.0	31.7 (7)	7 (41.6)	Heart's Cry Retsina (Captain Steve)	Masaru Shimada Northern Racing Sakae Kunieda	
17	7	15	Tagano Diamante (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	H6 ch. 58.0	41.6 (9)	DS (41.5)	Orfevre Tagano Reventon (King Kamehameha)	Ryoji Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd Ippo Sameshima	
	8	17	Silver Sonic (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H6 g. 58.0	35.8 (8)	FF	Orfevre Air Thule (Tony Bin)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm 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 / FF: Fail to Finish

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: ¥ 21,511,162,100 Turnover for the Day: ¥ 30,795,014,200 Attendance: 11,109

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No. 16	¥ 490	Bracket Quinella	8-8	¥ 450	Quinella	16-18	¥ 520
Place	No. 16	¥ 180	Quinella Place	16-18	¥ 270	Exacta	16-18	¥ 1,230
	No. 18	¥ 120		7-16	¥ 950	Trio	7-16-18	¥ 1,580
	No. 7	¥ 260		7-18	¥ 500	Trifecta	16-18-7	¥ 6,970

Winner= 11 starts: 5 wins, 2 seconds / Added money: ¥ 203,780,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 589,331,000

Titleholder Claims Wire-to-Wire Seven-Length Victory in Tenno Sho (Spring)

Second favorite **Titleholder** won this year's Tenno Sho (Spring) with the first wire-to-wire victory since Kitan Black in 2016 to mark his second G1 win. This is the seventh time that the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) winner has claimed the Tenno Sho (Spring) since 2015, with 2018 being the only exception. Four-year-old **Titleholder** concluded his three-year-old season with a fifth in the Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m) and came off a win in his only start this year, the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m), on March 26. This win

marked trainer Toru Kurita's second JRA-G1 win following last year's Kikuka Sho title with this horse. Jockey Kazuo Yokoyama registered his seventh graded and first G1 victory by capturing this Tenno Sho (Spring) title which his grandfather Tomio (former jockey) and father Norihiro (active jockey) had also won.

Breaking sharply from a wide stall, **Titleholder** quickly assumed command to set the pace. The son of Duramente continued to lead the field, widening the gap between the rest of the field by more than five lengths at one point. While slowing down the pace at the backstretch, the bay colt found another gear at the lane and produced an impressive turn of speed that marked the fastest last three furlongs to cross the wire with an overwhelming seven-length margin.

"I felt that he was in good form when I rode him in the post parade so I just believed in him and concentrated on riding him in good rhythm. We were able to slow down the pace in the backstretch to conserve his stamina and I was not worried about the horses behind us in the last stretch. I'm happy that I was able to win this race with Titleholder, rather than being able to win my first G1 title. I think he will get stronger and stronger going forward," commented Kazuo Yokoyama.

Race favorite and last year's runner-up **Deep Bond** made a good break from the outermost stall and traveled by the rails in fourth. Continuing to race in good striking position, the son of Kizuna made bid rounding the last two corners to enter the lane in third, exerted a strong late charge that timed the third fastest of the field and, while no match for the winner, overtook **T O Royal** 100 meters out to come in second again this year.

Fourth pick **T O Royal** sat in third or fourth in front of the favorite on the rails, switched to the outside before the third corner (2nd lap) and closed the gap between the leader to one and a half lengths but failed to keep up with the winner's accelerating speed and surrendered the runner-up seat 100m out while holding off the rest of the field by 3-1/2 lengths.

Other Horses:

4th: (9) **Heat on Beat**—positioned around 9th, showed belated charge, never threatened top finishers

5th: (1) **Iron Barows**—sat 3-wide around 6th behind favorite, no match for top finishers

6th: (11) **Meiner Fanrong**—hugged rails around 9th, angled out for stretch run, even paced

7th: (13) **Robertson Quay**—ran around 12th, circled wide, lacked needed kick

8th: (14) **Valcos**—was off slowly, made headway to 9th, unable to reach contention

9th: (6) **Melody Lane**—settled around 7th, overtaken by rivals turning final corner, even paced

10th: (10) **Tosen Cambina**—trailed in rear, never threatened while improving position

11th: (5) **Machaon d'Or**—raced around 13-14th early, advanced in backstretch, failed to respond

12th: (3) **Divine Force**—sat 2nd from rear, passed tiring rivals after 3rd corner

13th: (4) **You Can Smile**—took economic trip 3rd or 4th from rear, showed little at stretch

14th: (8) **Crescendo Love**—chased leader in 2nd, used up at top of stretch

15th: (12) **Hayayakko**—traveled 3rd or 4th from rear, circled wide, never fired

16th: (2) **Heart's Histoire**—saved ground around 7th, gradually made headway, nothing left at stretch

17th: (15) **Tagano Diamante**—advanced to 3rd or 4th from wide draw, faded before 3rd corner

FF: (17) **Silver Sonic**—unseated rider soon after break

Fractional time: 12.7 - 11.9 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 12.0 - 11.9 - 12.2 - 12.8 - 13.3 - 12.9 - 12.3 - 12.0 - 11.9 - 11.5 - 11.7 - 13.2
(sec./furlong) Last 4 furlongs: 48.3 Last 3 furlongs: 36.4

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

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

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

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.