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## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 18TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)

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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). Gran Alegria (JPN, by Deep Impact) who won the 2021 edition went on to defend her Mile Championship (G1, 1,600m) title and was named the Best Sprinter or Miler for the second consecutive season.

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 in 2020, enabling its winner to earn an automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1, 2,000m).

Defending champion **Sodashi** commenced her five-year-old season with this race to aim for her fourth G1 title. Best Three-Year-Old Filly of 2022 **Stars on Earth** came off a second in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m, Apr.2), while 2022 Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) winner **Stunning Rose** and runner-up **Namur** began their four-year-old campaign with a fifth in the Nakayama Kinen (G2, 1,800m, Feb.26) and a second in the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m, Feb.5), respectively. Two Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m, Mar.26) starters—**Namura Clair** (2nd) and **Lotus Land** (6th)—were also among the lineup, as well as **La La Christine**, **Sound Vivace** and **Stellaria**, respective winners of the Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, 1,400m, Feb.18), the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Apr.8) and the Fukushima Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Apr.22), and 2022 Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) champion **Songline** who came off a tenth in the 1351 Turf Sprint (G3, Feb.25).

## THE 18TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)

4-year-olds & up, Fillies & Mares, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed IS Sunday, May 14, 2023 **Tokyo Racecourse** 11th Race Post time: 15:40 Total prize money: ¥ 281,800,000 (about US\$ 2,152,000 < US\$1=¥131>) 4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019 Course Record: 1:30.5 Race Record: 1:30.5 [Normcore (JPN, by Harbinger), 2019] Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Good to Firm Weather: Drizzle S&A Sire Owner Odds Horse Margin FP ΒK PP Color Dam Breeder (L3F) Jockey (Fav) Wgt (Dam's Sire) Trainer M5 Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Kizuna 7.6 1:32.2 Songline (JPN) 1 3 6 br. Luminous Parade Northern Farm Keita Tosaki (4) (33.2)56.0 (Symboli Kris S) Toru Hayashi Kurofune M5 Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Sodashi (JPN) 4.6 Head Buchiko 8 16 Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. 2 w. (King Damian Lane (3) (33.6)56.0 Naosuke Sugai Kamehameha) F4 Duramente Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. 2.5 Stars on Earth (JPN) 3/4 3 1 2 d.b. Southern Stars Shadai Farm Christophe Lemaire (33.6)(1) 56.0 (Smart Strike) Mizuki Takayanagi Divina (JPN) 224.9 1 M5 Maurice Kazuhiro Sasaki 7 4 13 Verxina Northern Racing Mirco Demuro b. (15) (33.1)

				56.0			(Deep Impact)	Yasuo Tomomichi		
5			Sound Vivace (JPN)	F4 d.b.	27.4 (8)	1-3/4 (33.8)	Duramente	Yuichi Masuda		
	2	3					Scoubidou	Mishima Bokujo		
			Kohei Matsuyama	56.0			(Johan Cruyff)	Daisuke Takayanagi		
6	1	1	Lotus Land (USA) Norihiro Yokoyama	M6 b. 56.0	108.7 (12)	3/4 (34.3)	Point of Entry Little Miss Muffet (Scat Daddy)	Kobayashi Eiichi Holdings LLC. Dr. Aaron Sones & Dr. Naoya Yoshida Yasuyuki Tsujino		
7	6	11	Namur (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F4 b. 56.0	4.2 (2)	Head (33.5)	Harbinger Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano		
8	6	12	Namura Clair (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F4 br. 56.0	15.7 (5)	Neck (33.9)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa		
9	7	14	Stellaria (JPN) Taisei Danno	M5 d.b. 56.0	134.7 (14)	Neck (33.4)	Kizuna Pollenator (Motivator)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc. Takashi Saito		
10	8	15	Rouge Stiria (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F4 b. 56.0	34.9 (9)	Head (34.2)	Deep Impact Driven Snow (Storm Cat)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Hidetoshi Yamamoto Hideaki Fujiwara		
11	2	4	Andvaranaut (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	M5 d.b. 56.0	120.3 (13)	Neck (33.5)	King Kamehameha Gullveig (Deep Impact)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe		
12	3	5	Stunning Rose (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F4 b. 56.0	25.4 (7)	Nose (33.4)	King Kamehameha Rosa Blanca (Kurofune)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano		
13	5	10	Sublime Anthem (JPN) Kosei Miura	F4 b. 56.0	95.7 (11)	Head (33.3)	Lord Kanaloa Pastophoria (Symboli Kris S)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Hideaki Fujiwara		
14	4	8	La La Christine (JPN) Akira Sugawara	M5 br. 56.0	22.4 (6)	Head (33.9)	Mikki Isle Super Madame (Tanino Gimlet)	Fujii Kosan Co., Ltd. Doi Bokujo Takashi Saito		
15	4	7	Izu Jo no Kiseki (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	M6 b. 56.0	68.0 (10)	3 (34.2)	Epiphaneia King Dancer (King Kamehameha)	Ichiro Izumi Mitsuhiro Sugahara Koichi Ishizaka		
16	5	9	Kurino Premium (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	M6 ch. 56.0	247.5 (16)	Head (34.2)	Orfevre Dancing Queen (Giant's Causeway)	Hiroharu Kurimoto Sachiko Takashima Shinichi Ito		

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: ¥ 18,294,836,500

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 27,829,721,600 Attendance: 45,152

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.6	¥ 760	Bracket Quinella	3-8	¥ 1,320	Quinella	6-16	¥ 1,960
	No.6	¥ 200		6-16	¥ 640	Exacta	6-16	¥ 4,170
Place	No.16	¥ 170	Quinella Place	2-6	¥ 390	Trio	2-6-16	¥ 1,720
	No.2	¥ 120		2-16	¥ 340	Trifecta	6-16-2	¥ 12,830

Winner= 14 starts: 6 wins, 2 seconds & 1 third / Added money: ¥ 133,486,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 581,055,300

## Songline Claims Second G1 Title in This Year's Victoria Mile

Fourth favorite **Songline** won this year's Victory Mile to register her second G1 title. After claiming the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) last year, **Songline** finished fifth in the Centaur Stakes (G2, 1,200m) and was scheduled to run in the Breeders' Cup Mile but had to cancel her trip due to an epiglottic inflammation. She was unable to defend her title, finishing 10th in her previous start, the 1351 Turf Sprint (G3) on February 25. This win marked trainer Toru Hayashi's second JRA-G1 title following last year's

Yasuda Kinen with this horse while jockey Keita Tosaki claimed his 10th JRA-G1 victory following his win in the 2021 Shuka Sho with Akaitorino Musume and his third Victoria Mile title following his wins with Straight Girl in 2015 and 2016.

**Songline** broke smoothly from stall six and settled in mid-division, around ninth from the frontrunner. Advancing to sixth entering the lane, the Kizuna mare surged out behind **Stars on Earth**, running strongly on the rain-soaked inner track with the second fastest closing speed, passed the race favorite before the 200-meter pole and, after dueling strongly with **Sodashi** in the last 100 meters, managed to cross the wire a head in front to win the race.

"Though we had to race further back and inward than planned, we were able to race in good position while eyeing the race favorites. The track was a little heavy due to the rain but she responded strongly in the straight. It was a close race, but I was pretty sure we crossed the wire in front. I knew that Songline has a strong ability so I'm really happy we were able to win the race," commented jockey Keita Tosaki.

Defending champion and third pick **Sodashi** made headway from the widest draw to chase the pacesetting **Lotus Land** in second, took command 200 meters out and sustained the bid for her fourth G1 victory but was denied by **Songline** just before the wire, though holding off the race favorite by 3/4 length for a runner-up seat.

Race favorite **Stars on Earth** settled around fifth, entered the straight in third behind **Sodashi** and, though overtaken by **Songline**, ran tenaciously to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (13) Divina—unhurried around 13th early, advanced after 3rd corner to launch fastest late charge

5th: (3) Sound Vivace—raced forwardly around 4th, quickened in last 200m

6th: (1) Lotus Land—set pace, showed tenacity up to 200m pole

7th: (11) Namur—met traffic in backstretch, traveled 3-wide around 10th, showed effort but needed more

8th: (12) Namura Clair—settled 3-wide around 5th, lacked needed kick

9th: (14) Stellaria—ran around 13th, circled wide, even paced

10th: (15) Rouge Stiria—tracked leaders in 3rd, remained in contention until 300m out

11th: (4) Andvaranaut—sat behind winner around 11th, unable to reach contention

12th: (5) **Stunning Rose**—raced near rear on rails, struggled to find clear path at early stretch

13th: (10) Sublime Anthem—was off a bit slow, trailed in rear, no factor

14th: (8) La La Christine—traveled near favorite, showed little at stretch

15th: (7) Izu Jo no Kiseki—took economic trip around 11th, never fired

16th: (9) Kurino Premium—positioned near winner around 8th, outrun at stretch

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 11.0 - 11.1 - 12.0 - 12.3 - 11.3 - 11.0 - 11.4 Last 4 furlongs: 46.0 Last 3 furlongs: 33.7

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner 1,16(3,15)(2,8,12)(<u>6</u>,9)11(7,4)(14,13)(5,10) 4th corner (\*1,16)(2,15)3(<u>6</u>,12)8(7,9,11,13)(4,14)5,10

4th corner (\*1,16)(2,15)3(<u>6</u>,12)8(7,9) 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.