

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 18TH 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). 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

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



| FP | BK | PP | Horse Jockey | S&A Color Wgt | Odds (Fav) | Margin (L3F) | Sire Dam (Dam's Sire) | Owner Breeder Trainer |
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| 1 | 3 | 6 | Songline (JPN) Keita Tosaki | M5 br. 56.0 | 7.6 (4) | 1:32.2 (33.2) | Kizuna Luminous Parade (Symboli Kris S) | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Toru Hayashi |
| 2 | 8 | 16 | Sodashi (JPN) Damian Lane | M5 w. 56.0 | 4.6 (3) | Head (33.6) | Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha) | Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Naosuke Sugai |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | Stars on Earth (JPN) Christophe Lemaire | F4 d.b. 56.0 | 2.5 (1) | 3/4 (33.6) | Duramente Southern Stars (Smart Strike) | Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Mizuki Takayanagi |
| 4 | 7 | 13 | Divina (JPN) Mirco Demuro | M5 b. | 224.9 (15) | 1 (33.1) | Maurice Verxina | Kazuhiro Sasaki Northern Racing |

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| | | | | 56.0 | | | (Deep Impact) | Yasuo Tomomichi |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | Sound Vivace (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama | F4 d.b. 56.0 | 27.4 (8) | 1-3/4 (33.8) | Duramente Scoubidou (Johan Cruyff) | Yuichi Masuda Mishima Bokujo 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)

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| Win | No.6 | ¥ 760 | Bracket Quinella | 3-8 | ¥ 1,320 | Quinella | 6-16 | ¥ 1,960 |
| Place | No.6 | ¥ 200 | Quinella Place | 6-16 | ¥ 640 | Exacta | 6-16 | ¥ 4,170 |
| | No.16 | ¥ 170 | | 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

