

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 73RD YASUDA KINEN (G1)

The Yasuda Kinen, a race to determine the best miler of the spring season, has welcomed just over 50 foreign-trained horses since its designation as an international race in 1993, including 1995 champion Heart Lake (GB, by Nureyev) from the UAE, 2000 winner Fairy King Prawn (AUS, by Danehill) from Hong Kong and the winner of the 2006 Champions Mile-Yasuda Kinen double, Bullish Luck (USA, by Royal Academy). The race joined the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series in 2016, enabling its winners to earn automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1, 1,600m), while the first three finishers of this race are eligible to start in the French mile G1s, the Prix Jacques le Marois and the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. This year, the race was held in celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of the first President of the JRA, Izaemon Yasuda, whom the race is named after.

Past Yasuda Kinen winners that have subsequently become the season's Horse of the Year include Oguri Cap (JPN, by Dancing Cap; '90), Taiki Shuttle (USA, by Devil's Bag; '98), Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet; '08 & '09), Lord Kanaloa (JPN, by King Kamehameha; '13) and Maurice (JPN, by Screen Hero; '15).

This year, defending champion **Songline** came into the race straight from her second G1 victory in the Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m, May.14), where she beat three-time G1 victor **Sodashi** by a head. Coming off a fifth in his one and only start of the season, the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m, Mar.25), was Best Sprinter or Miler of 2022 **Serifos**, along with Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m, Apr.2) victor **Jack d'Or** who made his mile-race debut in this race. 2021 NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) winner **Schnell Meister** had come off his third graded victory in the Milers Cup (G2, 1,600m, Apr.23), as well as **Red Mon Reve** who recently claimed the Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, 1,400m, May.13). The field also included G1 winners such as **Cafe Pharoah** (2021&2022 February Stakes [dirt, 1,600m]), **Naran Huleg** (2022 Takamatsunomiya Kinen [1,200m]) and **Danon Scorpion** (2022 NHK Mile Cup), as well as two three-year-old colts **Champagne Color** (2023 NHK Mile Cup) and **Dolce More** (2022 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes [1,600m]).

THE 73RD YASUDA KINEN (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Tokyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 388,800,000 (about US\$ 2,968,000 <US\$1=¥131>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020

Course Record: 1:30.5

Race Record: 1:30.9 [Indy Champ (JPN, by Stay Gold), 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	8	18	Songline (JPN) Keita Tosaki	M5 br. 56.0	7.4 (4)	1:31.4 (33.1)	Kizuna Luminous Parade (Symboli Kris S)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Toru Hayashi
2	2	4	Serifos (JPN) Damian Lane	C4 ch. 58.0	5.8 (3)	1-1/4 (33.6)	Daiwa Major Sea Front (Le Havre)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
3	7	14	Schnell Meister (GER) Christophe Lemaire	H5 b. 58.0	4.2 (1)	Head (32.8)	Kingman Serienholde (Soldier Hollow)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takahisa Tezuka
4	4	7	Gaia Force (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C4 g. 58.0	19.0 (8)	Neck (33.3)	Kitsan Black Natale (Kurofune)	KR Japan Oiwake Farm Haruki Sugiyama
5	2	3	Jack d'Or (JPN) Yutaka Take	H5 ch. 58.0	8.0 (5)	Neck (34.0)	Maurice Ravarino (Unbridled's Song)	Toshiyuki Maehara Crown Co., Ltd. Kenichi Fujioka
6	7	13	Red Mon Reve (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C4 b. 58.0	31.9 (10)	1-3/4 (33.5)	Lord Kanaloa Last Groove (Deep Impact)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Hidetoshi Yamamoto Masayoshi Ebina

7	3	5	Sodashi (JPN) Yuga Kawada	M5 w. 56.0	5.5 (2)	Neck (34.2)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Naosuke Sugai
8	8	17	Win Carnelian (JPN) Kosei Miura	H6 ch. 58.0	54.8 (13)	Neck (34.5)	Screen Hero Cosmo Crystal (Meiner Love)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuichi Shikato
9	5	10 B	Soul Rush (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H5 d.b. 58.0	10.8 (6)	1/2 (33.6)	Rulership Eternal Bouquet (Manhattan Cafe)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasutoshi Ikee
10	6	11	Elusive Panther (JPN) Mirai Iwata	H5 d.b. 58.0	11.7 (7)	Neck (33.7)	Heart's Cry Elusive Cat (King Kamehameha)	Tsunefumi Kusama Oiwake Farm Takashi Kubota
11	7	15	Matenro Orion (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C4 d.b. 58.0	145.9 (15)	1/2 (33.3)	Daiwa Major Parthenon (King Kamehameha)	Chiyono Terada Murakami Farm Mitsugu Kon
12	8	16	Cafe Pharoah (USA) Suguru Hamanaka	H6 b. 58.0	226.1 (18)	Head (34.4)	American Pharoah Mary's Follies (More Than Ready)	Koichi Nishikawa Paul P. Pompa Noriyuki Hori
13	3	6	Danon Scorpion (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C4 b. 58.0	67.1 (14)	Head (34.3)	Lord Kanaloa Lexie Lou (Sligo Bay)	Danox Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Takayuki Yasuda
14	5	9	Champagne Color (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida	C3 ch. 54.0	35.5 (11)	1-1/4 (34.5)	Duramente Memorial Life (Reckless Abandon)	Yoichi Aoyama Yoichi Aoyama Tsuyoshi Tanaka
15	1	2	Meikei Yell (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	M5 b. 56.0	37.0 (12)	1/2 (34.4)	Mikki Isle Shiroinger (Harbinger)	Nagoya Keiba Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidenori Take
16	6	12	Namur (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F4 b. 56.0	29.9 (9)	3-1/2 (34.5)	Harbinger Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
17	1	1	Naran Huleg (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	H7 ch. 58.0	147.1 (16)	Nose (34.5)	Gold Allure Kelley's Beauty (Brian's Time)	Katsushige Muraki Mrs Setsuko Sakato Yoshitada Munakata
18	4	8	Dolce More (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 b. 54.0	166.9 (17)	6 (36.1)	Rulership Ayusan (Deep Impact)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Naosuke Sugai

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)
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: ¥ 22,379,471,800 Turnover for the Day: ¥ 33,797,188,500 Attendance: 64,638

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No. 18	¥ 740	Bracket Quinella	2-8	¥ 1,300	Quinella	4-18	¥ 1,890	
Place	No. 18	¥ 220		Quinella Place	4-18	¥ 770	Exacta	18-4	¥ 4,240
	No. 4	¥ 210			14-18	¥ 450	Trio	4-14-18	¥ 2,290
	No. 14	¥ 160			4-14	¥ 460	Trifecta	18-4-14	¥ 14,510

Winner= 15 starts: 7 wins, 2 seconds & 1 third / Added money: ¥ 183,780,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 764,835,300

Songline Defends Yasuda Kinen Title

Fourth favorite **Songline** has now become the third horse in JRA history, following Yamanin Zephyr (1992-93) and Vodka (2008-09), to score a second straight Yasuda Kinen victory. Including her G1 Victoria Mile triumph just three weeks before, this is the Kizuna mare's third G1 title and fifth graded win, and she is 5-1-0 out of seven mile-race starts at Tokyo. Trainer Toru Hayashi and jockey Keita Tosaki are both fresh from celebrating their recent Victoria Mile victory with the mare and for Hayashi,

this marks his third JRA-G1 title and for Tosaki, his 11th, which includes the 2011 Yasuda Kinen with Real Impact.

Breaking from the farthest stall, **Songline** camped three-wide and in around eighth to ninth from pacesetter **Win Carnelian**, who led the field with fifth pick **Jack d'Or** on his tail all the way into the homestretch. With the second fastest last three-furlong speed, the defending champion steadily climbed uphill, powered home seizing the lead easily from **Serifos** in the last half furlong and pulled away in the final strides for a 1-1/4-length win.

"I was able to gallop her last week and felt that her form had improved, so I had every confidence in her today. The position we found was ideal, she responded beautifully and demonstrated her strong turn of foot and speed today. To score two G1 wins in a row is just incredible and I feel she is still steadily progressing," commented Keita Tosaki.

Third pick and 2022 Mile Championship victor **Serifos** settled around fifth on the rails after a good break, launched a strong stretch drive after finding a narrow opening 300 meters out and overtook **Jack d'Or** for the lead, but was soon outrun by the winner on his outside while holding off the fast-closing favorite to finish second.

Race favorite and last year's runner-up **Schnell Meister**, under Christophe Lemaire, cruised down the backstretch unhurried in third from last. The German-bred bay responded well with the fastest late speed, and mowed down his tired rivals one by one, but failed catch the front while digging in for a head third and warding off **Gaia Force** by a neck.

Other Horses:

4th: (7) **Gaia Force**—sat inside winner around 9th, quickened on winner's heel while denied third place by **Schnell Meister** just before wire

5th: (3) **Jack d'Or**—stalked leaders in 3rd, inherited lead at 400m pole, outrun in last 100m

6th: (13) **Red Mon Reve**—traveled 3-wide around 12th, passed one by one, needed more

7th: (5) **Sodashi**—tracked leaders in 3rd, sustained bid until 150m out

8th: (17) **Win Carnelian**—set pace from wide draw, showed tenacity until 100m out

9th: (10) **Soul Rush**—ran around 12th on rails, lacked needed kick

10th: (11) **Elusive Panther**—settled behind winner around 12th, never threatened

11th: (15) **Matenro Orion**—unhurried and trailed in rear, angled out to pass tiring rivals

12th: (16) **Cafe Pharoah**—chased leaders 3-wide around 4th, remained in contention up to 200m pole

13th: (6) **Danon Scorpion**—raced around 6th, showed effort up to 200m pole

14th: (9) **Champagne Color**—sat 3-wide around 6th, gradually fell back

15th: (2) **Meikei Yell**—saved ground around 9th, unable to reach contention

16th: (12) **Namur**—checked at break, raced around 15th, met traffic 300m out

17th: (1) **Naran Huleg**—broke poorly, hugged rails near rear, never fired

18th: (8) **Dolce More**—traveled around 5th, outrun after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.0 - 10.8 - 11.4 - 11.8 - 11.6 - 11.1 - 11.2 - 11.5

Last 4 furlongs: 45.4 Last 3 furlongs: 33.8

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

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