

**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 168TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)**

“The Emperor’s Cup” was first held in 1905 to encourage the horse racing sport through annual events that gave the winner the highest honor of being awarded the Imperial prize. Then the Tenno Sho (Autumn) was established in 1937 together with its counterpart, Tenno Sho (Spring), under the name “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” and held biannually in both the Eastern and Western part of Japan. The race was officially renamed the “Tenno Sho” in 1947. Both the spring and autumn races, which secured its status as the most prestigious events for older horses, were run over 3,200 meters in the early years. Later, the autumn version was shortened to 2,000 meters in 1984 so that the spring version could determine the best stayer, while the Tenno Sho (Autumn) would be the main target for middle-distance champions. This also gives the three-year-olds, who find the third leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), to be beyond their suitability, an alternative G1 as the ultimate goal for their autumn campaign. The Tenno Sho (Autumn) entered a new chapter in its long history when opening its doors to foreign contenders as an international race in 2005.

Last year’s victor and 2022 Horse of the Year **Equinox** aimed for his fifth-successive G1 title in this race, following his Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) victory in June. Others who commenced their autumn campaign with this race were **Do Deuce** and **Justin Palace**, respective winners of the 2022 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) and the 2023 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m). **Prognosis** won his second graded title in the Sapporo Kinen (G2, 2,000m, Aug.20) in which Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m) runner-up **Danon Beluga**, the 2022 Takarazuka Kinen runner-up **Hishi Iguazu** and the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m) champion **Jack d’Or** came in fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

**THE 168TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)**

3-year-olds &amp; up, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, October 29, 2023 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 475,200,000 (about US\$ 3,628,000 &lt;US\$1=¥131&gt;)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o &amp; up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies &amp; Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020

Course Record: 1:55.2

Race Record: 1:55.2 [Equinox (JPN, by Kitasan Black), 2023]

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	6	7	Equinox (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C4 br. 58.0	1.3 (1)	1:55.2 (34.2)	Kitasan Black Chateau Blanche (King Halo)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
2	6	6	Justin Palace (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C4 br. 58.0	35.1 (6)	2-1/2 (33.7)	Deep Impact Palace Rumor (Royal Anthem)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Haruki Sugiyama
3	7	9	Prognosis (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H5 b. 58.0	11.4 (3)	1-1/4 (33.9)	Deep Impact Velda (Observatory)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
4	4	4	Danon Beluga (JPN) Joao Moreira	C4 b. 58.0	14.0 (4)	Head (34.3)	Heart's Cry Coasted (Tizway)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Noriyuki Hori
5	5	5	Gaia Force (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C4 g. 58.0	45.4 (7)	2-1/2 (35.5)	Kitasan Black Natale (Kurofune)	KR Japan Oiwake Farm Haruki Sugiyama
6	8	11	Admire Hadar (JPN) Akira Sugawara	H5 b. 58.0	160.0 (9)	1-1/2 (35.0)	Lord Kanaloa Swear Tosho (Deep Impact)	Junko Kondo Northern Farm Ryuji Okubo
7	3	3	Do Deuce (JPN) Keita Tosaki*	C4 b. 58.0	4.3 (2)	1/2 (35.3)	Heart's Cry Dust and Diamonds (Vindication)	Kieffers Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi

8	2	2	Echt (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	H6 b. 58.0	281.7 (11)	5 (35.7)	Rulership Hela (Deep Impact)	Yu Hirai Yu Hirai Hideyuki Mori
9	7	8	Hishi Iguazu (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H7 br. 58.0	141.9 (8)	1-1/2 (36.3)	Heart's Cry La Liz (Bernstein)	Masahide Abe Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
10	1	1	North Bridge (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H5 b. 58.0	167.9 (10)	2-1/2 (36.7)	Maurice Amazing Moon (Admire Moon)	Noboru Iyama Murata Bokujo Takeshi Okumura
11	8	10	Jack d'Or (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H5 ch. 58.0	15.2 (5)	2-1/2 (37.9)	Maurice Ravarino (Unbridled's Song)	Toshiyuki Maehara Crown Co., Ltd. Kenichi Fujioka

\*Rider replaced from Yutaka Take (injured from being kicked after race 5)

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: ¥ 23,445,782,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 33,674,161,000

Attendance: 77,870

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.7	¥ 130	Bracket Quinella	6-6	¥ 1,250	Quinella	6-7	¥ 1,330
Place	No.7	¥ 110	Quinella Place	6-7	¥ 550	Exacta	7-6	¥ 1,500
	No.6	¥ 340		7-9	¥ 280	Trio	6-7-9	¥ 2,180
	No.9	¥ 200		6-9	¥ 1,650	Trifecta	7-6-9	¥ 6,960

Winner= 9 starts: 7 wins & 2 seconds / Added & stakes money: ¥ 222,394,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 1,711,582,100

### **Equinox Validates Status as World's Best with Record Win in Tenno Sho (Autumn)**

Attended by both the Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, heavy favorite **Equinox** set a new track record that shortened the previous time by 0.9 seconds to a staggering 1:55.2 over the 2,000-meter trip, and became the third horse after Symboli Kris S (2002-2003) and Almond Eye (2019-2020) to successfully defend his title in this year's Tenno Sho (Autumn). The victory extended his winning streak, all at G1 status, to five since his last victory in the same race last year followed by the Arima Kiken (2,500m), the 2023 Dubai Sheema Classic (2,410m) and the Takarazuka Kinen (2,200m) this spring. Trainer Tetsuya Kimura claimed his sixth JRA-G1 title, the latest being the Takarazuka Kinen with this colt, while jockey Christophe Lemaire had just won the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) with Durezza last week and registered his 47th JRA-G1 title with his fifth Tenno Sho (Autumn) victory after with Rey de Oro in 2018, Almond Eye in 2019 and 2020 and this colt in last year.

With all eleven starters breaking smoothly, **Equinox** followed **Jack d'Or**, who rushed out for the lead and set the pace, into a nice forward position, just off the rails, in third position. Maintaining a nice rhythm a few lengths behind the leader who set a rapid pace that timed 57.7 seconds in the first half (1,000 meters), **Equinox** was already within a length distance from **Gaia Force** who inherited the lead at the 400-meter pole and as soon as overtaking that foe with 300 meters to go, the Kitan Black colt pulled away easily and uncontested for a 2-1/2-lengths victory.

“First of all, I am relieved to have been able to show the world, which I know was watching how the race favorite would run, that he is indeed a deserving colt to be named the highest rated colt. He's not exactly what you call a horse with incredible speed but he was able to keep up with today's rapid pace and get into another gear at the end—but I was actually surprised when I realized that we had won in a record. He is a versatile horse that can run from any position, stay calm during the race and make use of his speed at the finish. He can also run at longer distances such as when he won the Arima Kinen, so although there

