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 & 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 <US\$1=¥131>)
3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),
2kg allowance for Fillies & 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

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FP	ВК	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
	No.7	¥ 110	Quinella Place	6-7	¥ 550	Exacta	7-6	¥ 1,500
Place	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 Kitasan 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

was much pressure coming into such a prestigious race as race favorite, I was confident knowing what he is capable of," commented Christophe Lemaire after the race.

Sixth pick **Justin Palace** was unhurried after a smooth break, sitting well off the pace and more than 10 lengths from the leader along the backstretch. Last to enter the stretch as the field closed in rounding the final corner, the Deep Impact colt followed **Prognosis** and shifted further out for a clear path where he exerted a fine turn of speed that timed the fastest over the last three furlongs to secure the runner-up spot while unable to cause any threat to the winner.

Third favorite **Prognosis** traveled in the far rear through the first half and joined the rest of the field rounding the final turn while still positioned near the rear. Shifting out for a clear stretch run, the five-year-old son of Deep Impact responded well to reach contention 200 meters out in a rally for second and while beaten by **Justin Palace** at the 100-meter marker, managed to out-finish **Danon Beluga** by a head for third.

Other Horses:

4th: (4) Danon Beluga—sat 2-wide around 8th, showed effort but missed 3rd place by a head 5th: (5) Gaia Force—tracked leader in 2nd, took brief lead 400m out, weakened in last 200m 6th: (11) Admire Hadar—ran 3-wide around 7th, even paced at stretch
7th: (3) Do Deuce—settled 2-wide behind winner around 4th, showed effort up to 200m pole 8th: (2) Echt—took economic trip around 8th, unable to reach contention
9th: (8) Hishi Iguazu—raced 3-wide around 4th, failed to respond after final corner 10th: (1) North Bridge—traveled around 4th on rails, showed little at stretch 11th: (10) Jack d'Or—set fast pace, surrendered lead at 400m pole, faded
Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 11.0 - 11.5 - 11.4 - 11.4 - 11.4 - 11.6 - 11.4 - 11.7 Last 4 furlongs: 46.1 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

Positions at each corner:		10-5, 7 (1,3,8)11(2,4)6-9 10,5- 7 (1,3,8)(2,4,11)-6,9
	4th corner	10,5- <u>7(</u> 1,3,8)(4,11)2(6,9)

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.