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## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 19TH 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. Last year's champion Songline (JPN, by Kizuna) proceeded to win her second consecutive Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) title and capped off her final season as JRA's Best Miler of 2023.

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, 2,200m).

Last year's Mile Championship victor **Namur** came off a close second in the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m, Mar.30) while 2022 Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m) champion **Stunning Rose** and 2023 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) runner-up **Harper** hoped to bounce back after finishing eighth and 13th, respectively, in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m, Mar.31). Key runners coming off the main prep race, the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Apr.6) were **Masked Diva** (1st) and **Umbrail** (2nd), respective runner-ups in the Shuka Sho and the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) last year, and graded winners **Moryana** (3rd) and **Lilac** (10th). This year's field also included **Sound Vivace**, winner of last year's Hanshin Himba Stakes, and **Conch Shell**, victor of the Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Mar.9).

### THE 19TH VICTORIA MILE (G1)

4-year-olds & up, Fillies & Mares, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed
Sunday, May 12, 2024 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40
Total prize money: ¥ 281,800,000 (about US\$ 1,999,000 <US\$1=¥141>)
4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020
Course Record: 1:30.5 Race Record: 1:30.5 [Normcore (JPN, by Harbinger), 2019]
Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Good to Firm Weather: Cloudy

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FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer	
1	5	9	Ten Happy Rose (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	M6 ch. 56.0	208.6 (14)	1:31.8 (33.9)	Epiphaneia Fatal Rose (Tanino Gimlet)	Yasushi Tenpaku Shadai Farm Daisuke Takayanagi	
2	2	2	Fierce Pride (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M6 br. 56.0	12.5 (4)	1-1/4 (34.9)	Deep Impact Strawberry Fair (Kingmambo)	Godolphin Godolphin Sakae Kunieda	
3	4	6	Masked Diva (JPN) Joao Moreira	F4 d.b. 56.0	2.3 (1)	Neck (34.1)	Rulership Mask Off (Deep Impact)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Tsujino	
4	8	15	Doe Eyes (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	F4 b. 56.0	65.8 (11)	Neck (34.4)	Rulership Roseman Bridge (Deep Impact)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasushi Shono	
5	6	11	Rouge Lignage (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	M5 b. 56.0	112.1 (13)	1/2 (33.6)	Spielberg Panzanella (Rulership)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Asheville Ltd Yoshitada Munakata	

6	3	5	Umbrail (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F4 b. 56.0	9.4 (3)	Head (34.6)	Lord Kanaloa L'Archetto (Falbrav)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
7	7	13	Moryana (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	F4 b. 56.0	19.3 (6)	1/2 (33.9)	Epiphaneia Garder le Sourire (Daiwa Major)	Fumio Takahashi Northern Racing Yoshinori Muto
8	6	10	Namur (JPN) Yutaka Take	M5 b. 56.0	2.5 (2)	Neck (33.8)	Harbinger Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
9	2	3	Stunning Rose (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	M5 b. 56.0	17.8 (5)	1-1/2 (35.5)	King Kamehameha Rosa Blanca (Kurofune)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
10	5	8	Sound Vivace (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	M5 d.b. 56.0	82.7 (12)	3/4 (35.2)	Duramente Scoubidou (Johan Cruyff)	Yuichi Masuda Mishima Bokujo Daisuke Takayanagi
11	7	12	Kita Wing (JPN) Makoto Sugihara	F4 d.b. 56.0	337.9 (15)	1-1/4 (34.7)	Danon Ballade Kitano Ritsumei (I'll Have Another)	Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Mill Farm Shigeyuki Kojima
12	8	14	Feel Sympathy (JPN) Ryuto Yokoyama	M5 b. 56.0	56.9 (10)	1/2 (36.1)	Behkabad Smart Sympathy (Dance in the Dark)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Shigeyuki Kojima
13	3	4 B	Conch Shell (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F4 d.b. 56.0	29.8 (7)	3 (36.7)	Kizuna Xanas (Galileo)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co,. Ltd. Hisashi Shimizu
14	1	1	Lilac (JPN) Keita Tosaki	M5 b. 56.0	56.7 (9)	1-1/2 (35.8)	Orfevre Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
15	4	7	Harper (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F4 b. 56.0	36.2 (8)	1-1/2 (35.7)	Heart's Cry Seresta (Jump Start)	M's Racing Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi

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: ¥ 16,580,329,700

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,395,708,000

Attendance: 37,619

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.9	¥ 20,860	Bracket Quinella	2-5	¥ 11,100	Quinella	2-9	¥ 93,690
	No.9	¥ 1,950		2-9	¥ 15,840	Exacta	9-2	¥ 303,260
Place	No.2	¥ 320	Quinella Place	6-9	¥ 5,380	Trio	2-6-9	¥ 43,750
	No.6	¥ 130		2-6	¥ 470	Trifecta	9-2-6	¥ 916,640

Winner= 24 starts: 6 wins, 5 seconds & 2 thirds / Added & stakes money: ¥ 133,150,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 268,853,000

### Upset Victory by Ten Happy Rose in This Year's Victoria Mile

**Ten Happy Rose**, coming off a sixth-place finish in her previous start, the Hanshin Himba Stakes G2, 1,600m) and sent to post 14th favorite in this race, landed her first graded victory and G1 title in this year's Victoria Mile, upsetting a quality field of proven grade-race winners. After winning her two-year-old debut over 1,200 meters, the Epiphaneia mare was winless in her next five starts over a mile and scored four wins after stepping down in distance to 1,400 meters in 15 of her following 17 starts, which included a listed win in the Toki Stakes (1,400m). Trainer Daisuke Takayanagi scored his second JRA-G1 title after saddling T O Keynes to victory in the 2021 Champions Cup while jockey Akihide Tsumura celebrated his first career G1 victory in his 18th grade-race win in his 21st season as a jockey.

**Ten Happy Rose** broke sharply but soon eased back to settle fourth from the rear. Gradually making up ground along the outside approaching the third corner and securing a clear path into the homestretch, the six-year-old mare showed terrific acceleration going uphill with 400 meters to go, reaching the leader

soon after the furlong pole and continuing to pull away to a 1-1/4-length victory.

"I had long been waiting and working hard to be able to stand on this podium as a G1 winner and it feels really great that I have finally made it. The race development, from the start up until the final corner, exceeded my imagination and it was just a matter of how much the mare could extend her strides from there. When we were actually leading in the last 200 meters, it was almost unbelievable. I am grateful for the fans that have been rooting for me and I hope this is just the start of more victories like this," commented jockey Akihide Tsumura.

**Fierce Pride** chased the leaders just off the rails in fourth position early, angled out entering the stretch to overtake the early leaders who began to run out of steam going uphill and assumed command before the furlong pole but was outrun by the powerful charge from the outside by the eventual winner and unable to match that foe while managing to hold off the fast closing race favorite to finish second.

Race favorite **Masked Diva**, breaking smoothly and eased back to mid-division, met disadvantages after shifting out for the stretch run, blocked by horses in front and, while showing a good turn of speed once finding some space inside the furlong pole, was too late to make up enough ground to catch the leaders to finish third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (15) Doe Eyes—sat around 7th, checked 300m out, showed effort thereafter5th: (11) Rouge Lignage—was off a slow, trailed in rear, launched fastest late speed, belatedly6th: (5) Umbrail—hugged rails around 5th, weakened in last 100m7th: (13) Moryana—positioned around 13th, circled wide, passed tired rivals8th: (10) Namur—broke poorly, ran 2nd from rear, lacked needed kick at stretch9th: (3) Stunning Rose—tracked leaders around 3rd on rails, remained in contention until 100m out10th: (8) Sound Vivace—raced around 5th, checked 300m out, weakened in last 200m11th: (12) Kita Wing—took economic trip around 12th, failed to reach contention12th: (14) Feel Sympathy—broke sharply, stalked leader in 2nd, dropped back after 200m pole13th: (4) Conch Shell—disputed lead and set pace, faded after 300m out14th: (1) Lilac—saved ground around 9th, no response when askedFractional time (sec./furlong):12.2 - 10.5 - 11.1 - 11.6 - 11.4 - 11.6 - 11.7 - 11.7<br/>Last 4 furlongs: 46.4Last 3 furlongs: 35.0

Positions at each corner:3rd corner $4,14(3,2)(5,8)(6,15)1(7,\underline{9})12-(10,13)11$ 4th corner $4,14(3,2)-8(5,15)(1,6,\underline{9})(12,7)(10,13)11$ 

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.