

**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 91ST TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY, G1)**

With the aim of establishing a systemized program that emulates the Triple Crown race held in Britain, and enhancing the quality of thoroughbreds in Japan, a 2,400-meter race for three-year-old thoroughbreds was established at Tokyo Racecourse (then situated in Meguro ward) in 1932. While maintaining its status as one of the most popular JRA events with a record crowd of 196,517 in 1990, the race has evolved during its long history, opening its door to runners from National Association of Racing (NAR; local public racing) since 1995 and foreign-bred participants since 2001. In 2010, the race entered a new phase as JRA reached the final stage of its internationalization project, allowing foreign contestants in all its graded events. The winner's prize money, which had already exceeded 100 million yen in 1989, has now reached 300 million, making it the third richest race behind the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) and the Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m).

Among those who won both the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, 2,000m) and the Derby, only eight in the past went on to claim the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, 3,000m), successfully becoming JRA's Triple Crown winner—the latest being Contrail (JPN, by Deep Impact) who followed his sire as one of only three in JRA history to accomplish the feat undefeated in 2020. Meanwhile, Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet) became the first filly in 64 years to claim the derby title in 2007.

This year, **Justin Milano**, **Cosmo Kuranda**, Jantar Mantar (JPN, by Palace Malice), **Urban Chic** and **Shin Emperor**, the top five finishers in that order of the Satsuki Sho (Apr.14), automatically acquired berths to run in the second leg of the Triple Crown while Jantar Mantar instead headed to the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m, May.5) and claimed his second G1 title. Proven grade-race winners who were not among the top five in the Satsuki Sho, **Regaleira** (6th) and **Byzantine Dream** (13th) were also at the starting gate, aiming to exceed their performances in the first leg. Contenders coming off Derby trials were **Sugar Kun** and **Shonan la Punta**, the top two finishers of the Aoba Sho (G2, 2,400m, Apr.27), and **Danon Ayers Rock**, winner of the Principal Stakes (Listed, 2,000m, May.4). The field also included **Danon Decile**, **Sixpence** and **June Take**, respective winners of the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m, Jan.14), the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Mar.17) and the Kyoto Shimibun Hai (G2, 2,200m, May.4), as well as 2023 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (G3, 1,600m) winner **Gonbade Qabus** who came off a fourth in the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m, May.5).

**THE 91ST TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY, G1)**

3-year-olds, Colts &amp; Fillies, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 26, 2024 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 648,000,000 (about US\$ 4,596,000 &lt;US\$1=¥141&gt;)

3-y-o: 57 kg (about 126 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Fillies, 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2021

Course Record: 2:20.6 Race Record: 2:21.9 [Do Deuce (JPN, by Heart's Cry), 2022]

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	3	5	Danon Decile (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C3 ch. 57.0	46.6 (9)	2:24.3 (33.5)	Epiphaneia Top Decile (Congrats)	Danox Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Shogo Yasuda
2	7	15	Justin Milano (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 b. 57.0	2.2 (1)	2 (33.9)	Kizuna Margot Did (Exceed And Excel)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
3	7	13	Shin Emperor (FR) Ryusei Sakai	C3 ch. 57.0	17.8 (7)	1-1/4 (33.4)	Siyouni Starlet's Sister (Galileo)	Susumu Fujita Ecurie Des Monceaux Yoshito Yahagi
4	1	1	Sunrise Earth (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 ch. 57.0	125.9 (15)	1-1/4 (34.4)	Rey de Oro Chant de l'Ange (Manhattan Cafe)	Life House Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Koichi Ishizaka
5	1	2	Regaleira (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 b. 55.0	4.5 (2)	Nose (33.2)	Suave Richard Roca (Harbinger)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura

6	3	6	Cosmo Kuranda (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 d.b. 57.0	14.3 (6)	Neck (34.3)	Al Ain Southern Speed (Southern Image)	Big Red Farm Big Red Farm Shizuya Kato
7	6	11	Sugar Kun (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 d.b. 57.0	22.0 (8)	3/4 (34.7)	Duramente Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)	Yorikatsu Tsujiko Yanagawa Bokujo Hisashi Shimizu
8	8	18	Ecoro Walz (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C3 d.b. 57.0	160.0 (17)	Neck (34.7)	Black Tide Petit Princesse (King Kamehameha)	Masatoshi Haramura Shimokobe Farm Mitsunori Makiura
9	6	12	Sixpence (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	8.3 (3)	Neck (34.0)	Kizuna Finley'sluckycharm (Twirling Candy)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda
10	2	3	June Take (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C3 d.b. 57.0	109.4 (14)	Neck (34.1)	Kizuna Admire Sabrina (Symboli Kris S)	Jun Yoshikawa Yoshikawa Holdings Hidenori Take
11	4	8	Urban Chic (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 ch. 57.0	8.3 (4)	1/2 (33.5)	Suave Richard Edgy Style (Harbinger)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Ryo Takei
12	5	10	Sunrise Zipangu (JPN) Akira Sugawara	C3 b. 57.0	128.5 (16)	Neck (33.6)	Kizuna Saimaa (Zoffany)	Life House Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Hidetaka Otonashi
13	7	14	Gonbade Qabus (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 br. 57.0	67.9 (11)	1/2 (34.1)	Bricks and Mortar Affilato (Deep Impact)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc. Noriyuki Hori
14	5	9	Danon Ayers Rock (JPN) Joao Moreira	C3 b. 57.0	12.7 (5)	Neck (34.1)	Maurice Mosheen (Fastnet Rock)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
15	8	17	Shonan la Punta (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	C3 d.b. 57.0	81.2 (12)	Head (34.0)	Kizuna Furia Azteca (Zensational)	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano
16	4	7	Mr G T (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	C3 b. 57.0	94.6 (13)	Head (33.4)	Duramente Listen (Sadler's Wells)	Toshihiko Tabata Northern Farm Yoshito Yahagi
17	2	4	Byzantine Dream (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C3 ch. 57.0	61.2 (10)	1-1/2 (33.7)	Epiphaneia Japoni Chara (Jungle Pocket)	Kazumi Yoshida Northern Racing Tomoyasu Sakaguchi
	8	16	Meisho Tabaru (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	C3 b. 57.0	Scratched		Gold Ship Meisho Tsubakuro (French Deputy)	Yoshio Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo Mamoru Ishibashi

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: ¥ 29,814,435,600

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 45,738,281,600

Attendance: 78,678

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.5	¥ 4,660	Bracket Quinella	3-7	¥ 820	Quinella	5-15	¥ 6,860
Place	No.5	¥ 700	Quinella Place	5-15	¥ 1,380	Exacta	5-15	¥ 21,490
	No.15	¥ 120		5-13	¥ 8,000	Trio	5-13-15	¥ 21,250
	No.13	¥ 380		13-15	¥ 660	Trifecta	5-15-13	¥ 229,910

Winner= 5 starts: 3 wins / Added & stakes money: ¥ 328,868,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 382,000,000

### **Danon Decile Defeats Strong Field of 3-Year-Olds in This Year's Tokyo Yushun**

Ninth pick **Danon Decile** ruled as the top three-year-old in this year's Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), revenging his exclusion from running in the first leg of the Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas). Debuting in October last year, the son of Epiphaneia broke his maiden in his next start and capped off his two-year-old season with a fourth in the Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m). He commenced the current season with his first graded victory in the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m) in January but was

excluded from running in the Satsuki Sho just before the race due to lameness in his right foreleg. Trainer Shogo Yasuda, who opened his yard in 2018, claimed his tenth grade-race and first G1 title in JRA. Jockey Norihiro Yokoyama scored his 28th JRA-G1 victory and third Derby title since 2009 with Logi Universe and 2014 with One and Only, becoming the oldest G1-winning jockey at the age of 56.

Breaking sharply from gate five, **Danon Decile** rushed out to take the front but eased back to settle 3-4th from **Ecoro Walz** who set a slow pace. The son of Epiphaneia saved ground along the rails while eyeing the race favorite on the outside, continued to take an economic trip rounding the final corners and broke loose from the pack through an inside opening to pull away with a powerful drive for a two-length win.

“I thought that the pace would be normal or slow since there were no horses that wanted to set the pace, but as Ecoro Walz took the front, we were able to wait in good position until the straight, and the horse responded strongly from there. I’m happy to have won the Derby but I’m also glad that my decision to not race him in the Satsuki Sho was not wrong. Danon Decile is a horse with great potential, and we knew that he would be a great horse if we took good care of him. I’m really grateful to the horse,” commented Norihiro Yokoyama.

Race favorite **Justin Milano** missed his break from an outside draw but quickly recovered to settle 3-4th from the front. Though meeting traffic entering the lane, the son of Kizuna steered slight to the outside for an open space, pulled away from the pack 200 meters out but was unable to catch up with **Danon Decile**’s closing speed to finish second.

Off a little slow, seventh pick **Shin Emperor** advanced to settle in seventh, dropped position turning the last corners and though checked 300 meters out, showed an impressive turn of foot to close in on the leaders. While failing to threaten the top finishers, the Siyouni colt secured third place by 1-1/4 lengths.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (1) **Sunrise Earth**—trailed in rear, advanced rapidly in backstretch to close in on leaders, fought well

5th: (2) **Regaleira**—sat around 10th on rails, angled out for clear path at early stretch and launched fastest late charge but belatedly

6th: (6) **Cosmo Kuranda**—broke poorly, made headway in backstretch, never threatened

7th: (11) **Sugar Kun**—tracked leader in 2nd, rallied for lead until 200m pole

8th: (18) **Ecoro Walz**—set pace, showed tenacity until 200m pole

9th: (12) **Sixpence**—settled around 5th near favorite, dropped position in last corners, lacked need kick

10th: (3) **June Take**—hugged rails around 7th, ran willingly until 100m out

11th: (8) **Urban Chic**—ran around 14th, circled wide, showed little at stretch

12th: (10) **Sunrise Zipangu**—sat around 10th, outrun turning last corners, even paced

13th: (14) **Gonbade Qabus**—raced around 6th behind favorite, gradually dropped back

14th: (9) **Danon Ayers Rock**—saved ground around 9th, showed effort up to 200m pole

15th: (17) **Shonan la Punta**—traveled wide around 11th, unable to reach contention

16th: (7) **Mr G T**—positioned near rear, showed third fastest late kick, had too much ground to make up

17th: (4) **Byzantine Dream**—took economic trip around 13th, never fired

Scratched: (16) **Meisho Tabaru**—stone bruise in his left hind leg

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.4 - 12.4 - 13.1 - 12.8 - 12.6 - 12.7 - 11.7 - 11.3 - 11.1 - 11.2 - 11.5  
Last 4 furlongs: 45.1 Last 3 furlongs: 33.8

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

**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.