

**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 171ST TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)**

The forerunner of the Tenno Sho was established in 1905 under the name “Emperor’s Cup,” in which the winner received the silver comport bestowed by the Emperor. The race was renamed to “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” the following year. The race became biannual events—held at Hanshin in spring and at Tokyo in autumn—a year after the establishment of the Japan Racing Society (the forerunner of the Japan Racing Association) in 1936 and was officially named the “Tenno Sho” from the autumn of 1947. The Tenno Sho (Spring) became the ultimate competition to determine the champion stayer, having altered its distance to 3,200 meters in 1938 while its counterpart in autumn run over 2,000 meters is one of the biggest middle-distance events contested between the proven older horses with the addition of the three-year-old hopefuls. The venue of the spring version was moved to Kyoto Racecourse in 1948 and was temporarily shifted to Hanshin in 2021 and 2022 during the renovation of Kyoto’s grandstand.

The Tenno Sho (Spring) was designated as an international race in 2005 and welcomed Makybe Diva (GB, by Desert King) of Australia as the first foreign contender the same year when she finished seventh before winning her third consecutive Melbourne Cup (G1, 3,200m). Red Cadeaux (GB, by Cadeaux Genereux) was the latest foreign contender of this race in 2014, running for the second time after finishing third in the 2013 edition, but was unable to perform over the firm turf and finished 14th.

While defending champion T O Royal (JPN, H7, by Leontes) was absent due to a leg problem, **Justin Palace**, winner of the 2023 edition, aimed for his second G1 title after a sixth in his first start of this season in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m, Apr.6). Last year’s runner-up and Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) victor **Blow the Horn** commenced the current season with a third in the Hanshin Daishoten (G2, 3,000m, Mar.23) where **Sunrise Earth** claimed his first graded title with 2024 Melbourne Cup runner-up **Warp Speed** in seventh. The field also included **Redentor**, last year’s Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) runner-up who came off a win in the Diamond Stakes (G3, 3,400m, Feb.22), **Byzantine Dream** and **Meiner Emperor**, respective victors of the Red Sea Turf Handicap (G2, 3,000m, Feb.22) in Saudi Arabia and the Nikkei Sho (G2, 2,500m, Mar.29), and **Chevalier Rose**, a two-time graded winner including the 2024 Stayers Stakes (G2, 3,600m).

**THE 171ST TENNO SHO (SPRING) (G1)**

4-year-olds &amp; up, 3,200 meters (about 16 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Kyoto Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 651,000,000 (about US\$ 4,147,000 &lt;US\$1=¥157&gt;)

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

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2021

Course Record: 3:12.5

Race Record: 3:12.5 [Kitasan Black (JPN, by Black Tide), 2017]

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	4	6	Redentor (JPN) Damian Lane	C4 d.b. 58.0	3.1 (1)	3:14.0 (35.3)	Rulership Corcovado (Stay Gold)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
2	8	14	Byzantine Dream (JPN) Andrasch Starke	C4 ch. 58.0	11.6 (6)	Head (34.9)	Epiphaneia Japoni Chara (Jungle Pocket)	Kazumi Yoshida Northern Racing Tomoyasu Sakaguchi
3	5	8	Shonan la Punta (JPN) Yutaka Take	C4 d.b. 58.0	9.7 (4)	3 (36.0)	Kizuna Furia Azteca (Zensational)	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano
4	3	5	Sunrise Earth (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C4 ch. 58.0	4.5 (2)	2 (36.4)	Rey de Oro Chant de l'Ange (Manhattan Cafe)	Life House Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Koichi Ishizaka
5	6	11	Meiner Emperor (JPN) Yuji Tannai	H5 d.b. 58.0	19.7 (8)	1-1/4 (36.7)	Gold Ship Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Hisashi Shimizu

6	7	13	Justin Palace (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H6 br. 58.0	4.9 (3)	Neck (36.6)	Deep Impact Palace Rumor (Royal Anthem)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Haruki Sugiyama
7	5	9	Chevalier Rose (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	H7 b. 58.0	31.4 (9)	3-1/2 (36.9)	Deep Impact Viane Rose (Sevres Rose)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Hisashi Shimizu
8	2	3	Blow the Horn (JPN) Akira Sugawara	H6 b. 58.0	11.4 (5)	1 (37.0)	Epiphaneia Halteclere (Durandal)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Tatsuya Yoshioka
9	7	12 B	Warp Speed (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	H6 b. 58.0	117.8 (11)	7 (37.1)	Drefong Deep Love (Deep Impact)	Hiroshi Yamada Yasushi Kubota Noboru Takagi
10	4	7	Pradaria (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H6 b. 58.0	57.0 (10)	1 (38.6)	Deep Impact Chasse' Roll (Kurofune)	Nagoya Yuho Co., Ltd. Nagoyayuho Co., Ltd. Manabu Ikezoe
11	8	15	Hayatenofukunosuke (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C4 br. 58.0	17.5 (7)	2-1/2 (38.9)	Win Variation Sakura Inspire (Symboli Kris S)	Norio Sato World Farm Naoya Nakamura
12	2	2	Win Erfolg (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	H8 b. 58.0	278.9 (15)	DS (37.6)	Gold Ship Success Strain (Tikkanen)	Naoyuki Naridomi Cosmo View Farm Yasuhiro Nemoto
13	6	10 B	Limit Buster (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H5 d.b. 58.0	249.4 (14)	1-1/2 (40.5)	Heart's Cry Wisteria Arch (King Kamehameha)	Tsune-fumi Kusama Shimokobe Farm Haruki Sugiyama
14	3	4	Jean Kazuma (JPN) Yutaro Nonaka	H7 b. 58.0	193.8 (12)	1/2 (40.8)	Harbinger Monroe Blond (Admire Vega)	Kazumi Yoshida Northern Racing Yuichiro Nishida
15	1	1	Arata (JPN) Takuya Ono	H8 b. 58.0	200.2 (13)	Head (40.9)	King Kamehameha Sunshine (Heart's Cry)	Takamitsu Murata Shadai Farm Yusuke Wada

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)  
DS: Distance

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE: 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: ¥ 22,056,258,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 32,075,402,400

Attendance: 47,329

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.6	¥ 310	Bracket Quinella	4-8	¥ 900	Quinella	6-14	¥ 1,810
Place	No.6	¥ 140	Quinella Place	6-14	¥ 680	Exacta	6-14	¥ 2,800
	No.14	¥ 290		6-8	¥ 630	Trio	6-8-14	¥ 5,500
	No.8	¥ 260		8-14	¥ 1,690	Trifecta	6-14-8	¥ 22,360

Winner= 9 starts: 6 wins & 2 seconds / Added & stakes money: ¥ 303,150,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 486,101,000

### **Redentor Wins a Close Rally to Land His First G1 Victory in Tenno Sho (Spring)**

Race favorite **Redentor** claimed his first G1 and second graded title in this year's Tenno Sho (Spring), coming off his first graded win in the Diamond Stakes (G3, 3,400m) on February 22. Raced only over 2,000 meters since his debut in November of his two-year-old season, the son of Rulership broke his maiden in January of the following season and added another win in March but missed the spring classics. After registering two wins in allowance races in the summer, **Redentor** concluded his sophomore season with a runner-up effort in his first G1 challenge in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, 3,000m). Trainer Tetsuya Kimura, who has two Tenno Sho (Autumn) titles with Equinox in 2022 and 2023, won his 13th JRA-G1 title following his title in this year's February Stakes with Costa Nova. Jockey Damian Lane, who has been riding under a short-term license since yesterday, notched his sixth JRA-G1 title after winning the 2023 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) with Tastiera.

First to break out of the gate, **Redentor** eased back and settled around 6-7th from the frontrunner. The

Rulership colt continued to travel in mid-division by the rails and, unhurried as some of his rivals began to accelerate approaching the final corners, gradually angled out rounding the last corners to make bid from the outside. The dark bay responded willingly to jockey Damian Lane's urging, took the front past the 200-meter pole and, although challenged by the fast-closing **Byzantine Dream** in the last 100 meters, managed to outduel the chestnut at the wire.

"I'm very privileged to ride in this special race and win it. I wanted to get the horse in a good position and good rhythm and get him to relax because he can get a little keen in the races. He was traveling very strong at the third corner and I had to be patient and wait and get him to the outside to give him a clear running. I think he's still relatively young in the mind and immature and so he's learning all the time, which means that he can continue to race at the top level over the next couple of years," commented Damian Lane.

Slow out of the gate, sixth choice **Byzantine Dream** traveled the first lap in the rear, gradually advanced forward in the second lap and continued to improve his position turning the last corners wide to enter the lane on the heels of **Redentor**. The Epiphaneia colt launched a tremendous late charge that marked the fastest last three furlongs and dueled with the race favorite to the wire but finished a head short in second.

Unhurried in 11th early while racing wide throughout the trip, fourth pick **Shonan la Punta** gradually made headway, passing the winner with 1,200 meters to go. The Kizuna colt rallied for the lead at the early stretch and, although overtaken by the top two finishers after the 200-meter pole, easily secured third place by three lengths.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (5) **Sunrise Earth**—settled around 4th, gradually closed in on frontrunners, rallied for lead but no match for top finishers in last 150m

5th: (11) **Meiner Emperor**—tracked leaders in 3rd, led 1,200m to go, showed tenacity until 100m out

6th: (13) **Justin Palace**—positioned near rear, advanced at backstretch, entered stretch in 4th, failed to find another gear

7th: (9) **Chevalier Rose**—ran wide around 11th, lacked needed kick

8th: (3) **Blow the Horn**—saved ground around 9th, failed to respond at stretch

9th: (12) **Warp Speed**—sat around 14th, circled wide, passed tired rivals

10th: (7) **Pradaria**—tracked leader in 2nd, remained in contention until early stretch

11th: (15) **Hayatenofukunosuke**—settled around 6th outside winner, showed little at stretch

12th: (2) **Win Erfolg**—far rear throughout trip

13th: (10) **Limit Buster**—traveled around 10th, unable to reach contention

14th: (4) **Jean Kazuma**—rallied for lead to set pace, faded after 3rd corner

15th: (1) **Arata**—hugged rails around 5th, dropped back after 1,200m pole

Fractional time: 13.0 - 11.4 - 12.0 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 12.0 - 12.3 - 12.9 - 12.5 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 11.8 - 11.7  
(sec./furlong) Last 4 furlongs: 47.5 Last 3 furlongs: 35.7

Positions at each corner:	1st corner	4-(7,11)5,1-( <u>6</u> ,15)8(3,10)9(2,13)(12,14)
	2nd corner	4,11(7,5)1,15, <u>6</u> (3,8)(10,9)(2,13)(12,14)
	3rd corner (2nd lap)	11,5(15,7,13)(4, <u>6</u> ,8)(1,3,9)14-10,12=2
	4th corner (2nd lap)	11,5(13,8)(15,7, <u>6</u> )(3,14,9)=(4,1,10,12)=2

**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.