

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 75TH YASUDA KINEN (G1)

The Yasuda Kinen, a race to determine the best miler of the spring season, has welcomed just over 50 foreign-trained horses since its designation as an international race in 1993, including champions Heart Lake (GB, by Nureyev; 1995) from the UAE, Fairy King Prawn (AUS, by Danehill; 2000), Bullish Luck (USA, by Royal Academy; 2006) and Romantic Warrior (IRE, by Acclamation; 2024) from Hong Kong. The race joined the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series in 2016, enabling its winners to earn automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1, 1,600m), while the first three finishers of this race are eligible to start in the French mile G1s, the Prix Jacques le Marois and the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp.

Past Yasuda Kinen winners that have subsequently become the season's Horse of the Year include Oguri Cap (JPN, by Dancing Cap; '90), Taiki Shuttle (USA, by Devil's Bag; '98), Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet; '08 & '09), Lord Kanaloa (JPN, by King Kamehameha; '13) and Maurice (JPN, by Screen Hero; '15). Last year, Songline (JPN, by Kizuna) successfully defended her Yasuda Kinen title and given the JRA Award Best Miler title before retiring from racing at the end of the season.

2024 JRA Award Best Miler **Soul Rush** came off his second G1 victory in the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m,) where 2023 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) victor **Brede Weg** was seventh. **Long Run** came off back-to-back graded victories in the Kokura Daishoten (G3, 1,800m) and the Milers Cup (G2, 1,600m), the latter in which Fuji Stakes (G2, 1,600m) winner **Jun Blossom** came in second. Two-time G1 champion **Jantar Mantar** kicked off the current season with this race. 2024 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) victor **Mad Cool** had ran at a mile for the second time in his career—the first being his debut start in 2022. The field also included **Water Licht** and **Trovatore**, respective winners of the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m) and the Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, 1,600m); **Win Marvel**, runner-up in the 1351 Turf Sprint (G2, 1,351m); **Ecoro Walz** and **Sixpence** who came off their respective fourth and seventh-place finishes in the Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m).

THE 75TH YASUDA KINEN (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Tokyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 390,600,000 (about US\$ 2,488,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2021, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

Course Record: 1:30.5

Race Record: 1:30.9 [Indy Champ (JPN, by Stay Gold), 2019]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



| FP | BK | PP | Horse Jockey | S&A Color Wgt | Odds (Fav) | Margin (L3F) | Sire Dam (Dam's Sire) | Owner Breeder Trainer |
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| 1 | 5 | 10 | Jantar Mantar (JPN) Yuga Kawada | C4 d.b. 58.0 | 4.3 (2) | 1:32.7 (34.2) | Palace Malice India Mantuana (Wilburn) | Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano |
| 2 | 4 | 7 B | Gaia Force (JPN) Seinosuke Yoshimura | H6 g. 58.0 | 32.2 (9) | 1-1/2 (33.9) | Kitasan Black Natale (Kurofune) | KR Japan Oiwake Farm Haruki Sugiyama |
| 3 | 7 | 13 | Soul Rush (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka | H7 d.b. 58.0 | 3.3 (1) | Neck (33.9) | Rulership Eternal Bouquet (Manhattan Cafe) | Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasutoshi Ikee |
| 4 | 8 | 18 | Brede Weg (JPN) Keita Tasaki | M5 b. 56.0 | 9.4 (4) | Neck (34.1) | Lord Kanaloa Inner Urge (Deep Impact) | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Keisuke Miyata |
| 5 | 2 | 4 B | Win Marvel (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama | H6 ch. 58.0 | 38.3 (11) | Neck (34.7) | I'll Have Another Cosmo Marvelous (Fuji Kiseki) | Win Co., Ltd. Masmo View Farm Masashi Fukayama |
| 6 | 5 | 9 | Champagne Color (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida | H5 ch. 58.0 | 73.9 (14) | 1/2 (33.6) | Duramente Memorial Life (Reckless Abandon) | Yoichi Aoyama Yoichi Aoyama Tsuyoshi Tanaka |
| 7 | 4 | 8 | Ecoro Walz (JPN) Mirco Demuro | C4 d.b. 58.0 | 18.8 (7) | Neck (34.2) | Black Tide Petit Princesse (King Kamehameha) | Masatoshi Haramura Shimokobe Farm Mitsunori Makiura |

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| 8 | 6 | 11 | Sakura Toujours (JPN) Damian Lane | G8 br. 58.0 | 72.1 (13) | Nose (34.0) | Neo Universe Sakura Reine (Symboli Kris S) | Sakura Commerce Co., Ltd. Tanioka Stud Noriyuki Hori |
| 9 | 7 | 14 | Water Licht (JPN) Akira Sugawara | C4 ch. 58.0 | 13.0 (5) | Neck (33.9) | Drefong Water Peony (Victoire Pisa) | Masato Yamaoka Masato Yamaoka Mamoru Ishibashi |
| 10 | 2 | 3 | Mad Cool (IRE) Ryusei Sakai | H6 g. 58.0 | 35.4 (10) | Nose (34.9) | Dark Angel Mad About You (Indian Ridge) | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd Manabu Ikezoe |
| 11 | 8 | 17 | Jun Blossom (JPN) Yutaka Take | H6 d.b. 58.0 | 13.7 (6) | Neck (34.0) | World Ace Empress Tiara (Kurofune) | Junji Kawai Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | Sixpence (JPN) Christophe Lemaire | C4 b. 58.0 | 4.4 (3) | Neck (34.7) | Kizuna Finley'sluckycharm (Twirling Candy) | Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda |
| 13 | 6 | 12 | Long Run (JPN) Yasunari Iwata | G7 b. 58.0 | 87.6 (15) | 2 (35.1) | Victoire Pisa Notte Bianca (Kendargent) | Akira Umezawa Shadai Farm Yusuke Wada |
| 14 | 1 | 2 | Daddy's Vivid (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe | H7 b. 58.0 | 235.2 (16) | 1/2 (34.8) | Kizuna Katies Gift (French Deputy) | Daishi Tajima Daishi Tajima Teruhiko Chida |
| 15 | 3 | 5 | Red Mon Reve (JPN) Michael Dee | H6 b. 58.0 | 59.0 (12) | Neck (35.2) | Lord Kanaloa Last Groove (Deep Impact) | Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Hidetoshi Yamamoto Masayoshi Ebina |
| 16 | 3 | 6 | Gratias (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama | H7 b. 58.0 | 418.2 (17) | 1 (34.8) | Heart's Cry Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island) | Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Shogo Yasuda |
| 17 | 8 | 16 | Trovatore (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama | C4 br. 58.0 | 29.6 (8) | Nose (35.3) | Rey de Oro Charmant (Empire Maker) | Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yuichi Shikato |
| 18 | 7 | 15 | Ho O Reality (JPN) Yuji Tannai | H7 ch. 58.0 | 430.1 (18) | Neck (34.6) | Maurice Kyoei Truth (Fuji Kiseki) | Yoshihisa Ozasa Okada Stud Satoshi Inoue |

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: 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: ¥ 22,247,419,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 34,103,408,600

Attendance: 51,642

Pay-off (for ¥100)

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| Win | No.10 | ¥ 430 | Bracket Quinella | 4-5 | ¥ 3,250 | Quinella | 7-10 | ¥ 9,560 |
| Place | No.10 | ¥ 180 | Quinella Place | 7-10 | ¥ 2,200 | Exacta | 10-7 | ¥ 13,540 |
| | No.7 | ¥ 540 | | 10-13 | ¥ 380 | Trio | 7-10-13 | ¥ 10,250 |
| | No.13 | ¥ 140 | | 7-13 | ¥ 1,730 | Trifecta | 10-7-13 | ¥ 65,970 |

Winner= 8 starts: 5 wins, 1 second & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 183,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 504,350,000

Jantar Mantar Claims Third Mile G1 Title in Yasuda Kinen

Second favorite **Jantar Mantar** claimed his third G1 title in this year's Yasuda Kinen, his first outing of this season. The son of Palace Malice won all three starts in his two-year-old season including the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) and the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) to become the season's Best Two-Year-Old Colt. He marked a third in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) and a victory in the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) in his spring campaign at three-year-old but concluded the season with a disappointing 13th in the Hong Kong Mile (G1, 1,600m). With this win, **Jantar Mantar** became the first NHK Mile Cup winner to claim this prestigious mile Yasuda Kinen. Trainer Tomokazu Takano registered his ninth JRA-G1 title following last year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup with Stunning Rose while jockey Yuga Kawada scored his 29th G1 victory following last year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes with Admire Zoom and fourth Yasuda Kinen title after with Maurice in 2015, Satono Aladdin in 2017 and Danon Kingly in 2021.

Jantar Mantar was quick out of the gate and raced in a prominent position around third behind **Mad Cool**. Keeping the keen Palace Malice colt in control while choosing the better part of the track off the rails and asking his mount to stay patient entering the stretch, jockey Yuga Kawada gave **Jantar Mantar** the green light after the 400-meter pole, to which the four-year-old responded with good speed to take command just before the 100-meter marker and pulled away to win by a comfortable 1-1/2-length margin

“The colt broke well and was in a good position in third to start, but then got a little over-excited as horses came from behind so I got a little worried. The colt just barely managed to contain himself as much as he could after that and, I was still in doubt as to how he would respond at the stretch but, considering the circumstances, he really put in a good performance in the end and really exceeded my expectations as to how strong he is. He was unable race to his standard at all last time out but I’m glad that he was able to show his true form today. I knew he would become a potential miler when he won the Asahi Hai as a two-year-old and was certain he was the best miler in Japan when taking the NHK Mile Cup title. He was unable to meet expectation in his start after that but today, he’s justified his talent so I’m happy for that,” commented jockey Yuga Kawada.

Gaia Force raced in mid-division between rivals after a smooth break, edged forward approaching the final turn as **Soul Rush** passed him on the outside. After a brief struggle to find space to angle out early in the stretch, the six-year-old son of Kitanasan Black unleashed an impressive turn of foot that timed the second fastest finish (tying with **Soul Rush** and **Water Licht**) soon after the furlong pole to overtake several rivals including the race favorite to out-finish that foe by a neck for second while unable to match the winner.

Race favorite **Soul Rush** was unhurried after a good break, sat in mid-field around 11th, made headway approaching the final corner and was in good position for a clear run on the outside for the stretch run but was unable to pick up speed early enough while quickening in the final 100 meters for third place.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (18) **Brede Weg**—settled wide in 8th, showed effort inside Soul Rush
- 5th: (4) **Win Marvel**—chased in 2nd, led briefly after 3rd corner, ran gamely, outrun in final strides
- 6th: (9) **Champagne Color**—broke poorly, trailed in rear, showed fastest late kick but belatedly
- 7th: (8) **Ecoro Walz**—sat in 8th, ran strongly, weakened in final strides
- 8th: (11) **Sakura Toujours**—settled in 12th, angled out, lacked needed kick
- 9th: (14) **Water Licht**—traveled in 14th, passed tired rivals
- 10th: (3) **Mad Cool**—set pace, showed tenacity, weakened in last 100m
- 11th: (17) **Jun Blossom**—positioned in 14th, circled wide, even paced
- 12th: (1) **Sixpence**—took economic trip in 4th, failed to find another gear
- 13th: (12) **Long Run**—sat in 4th behind winner, struggled to find clear path at stretch
- 14th: (2) **Daddy’s Vivid**—saved ground in 8th, found little room at inner stretch
- 15th: (5) **Red Mon Reve**—settled behind winner, failed to respond
- 16th: (6) **Gratias**—traveled in 14th, caught behind a wall of horses at stretch
- 17th: (16) **Trovatore**—raced wide around 6th, met traffic, dropped back
- 18th: (15) **Ho O Reality**—hugged rails 2nd from rear, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.3 - 11.2 - 11.7 - 11.7 - 11.2 - 11.3 - 11.8
Last 4 furlongs: 46.0 Last 3 furlongs: 34.3

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner (3,*4)**10**(1,12)(5,16)(2,8,7,18)(11,13)(6,14,17)(15,9)
4th corner (*3,4)**10**(1,5,12)16(2,8,7,18)(11,13)6(14,17)(15,9)

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.