

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 42ND MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)

The Mile Championship is one of the most prestigious autumn grade-one events for milers together with the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) in spring. Horse racing in Japan had been focusing on long distance racing for a long time, regarding stamina and strength as the most important quality of horses. However, with modern racing having increased its attention to speed horses suited to a mile or shorter distance races, the Mile Championship was established in 1984 in conjunction with Japanese races adopting the grading system. The current racing program now provides races for short, middle and long-distance racehorses. The race was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse due to renovations taking place at Kyoto Racecourse between 2020 and 2022.

After being designated an international race in 1998, the race welcomed several foreign contestants, including Sahpresa (USA, by Sahm) who ran three consecutive years—third in 2009 and 2011, fourth in 2010—and Charyn (IRE, by Dark Angel), winner of the Cartier Racing Awards Best Older Horse who was fifth last year. This year's Mile Championship welcomed the Queen Anne Stakes (G1, 1,600m) champion **Docklands** from Great Britain.

Taking on the challenge was defending champion **Soul Rush** who came off a third in the Fuji Stakes (G2, 1,600m; Oct.18) in which winner **Gaia Force** claimed his second graded title and was followed by the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) victor **Jantar Mantar** in second. Coming off their respective graded wins were **Lebensstil** (Mainichi Okan [G2, 1,800m; Oct.5]), **Lavanda** (Ireland Trophy [G2, 1,800m; Oct.12]) and **Off Trail** (Swan Stakes [G2, 1,400m; Oct.13]). The field also included **Ascoli Piceno**, winner of the Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m) and **Cervinia**, the 2024 Best Three-Year-Old Filly, as well as **Elton Barows** and **Win Marvel** who finished second and third, respectively, in last year's edition.

THE 42ND MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

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

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

Course Record: 1:31.3

Race Record: 1:31.3 [Jantar Mantar (JPN, by Palace Malice), 2025]

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	7	15	Jantar Mantar (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C4 d.b. 58.0	1.8 (1)	1:31.3 (33.1)	Palace Malice India Mantuana (Wilburn)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano
2	3	6 B	Gaia Force (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	H6 g. 58.0	8.6 (4)	1-3/4 (33.2)	Kitasan Black Natale (Kurofune)	KR Japan Oiwake Farm Haruki Sugiyama
3	2	3	Water Licht (JPN) Riki Takasugi	C4 ch. 58.0	130.2 (15)	Nose (33.0)	Drefong Water Peony (Victoire Pisa)	Masato Yamaoka Masato Yamaoka Mamoru Ishibashi
4	6	11	Off Trail (GB) Akira Sugawara	C4 b. 58.0	34.1 (7)	Neck (32.6)	Farhh Rose Trail (Kingmambo)	Godolphin Godolphin Keiji Yoshimura
5	5	9 B	Elton Barows (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	H5 b. 58.0	67.2 (12)	Neck (33.6)	Deep Brillante Shonan Carat (Brian's Time)	Hirotsugu Inokuma Hirotsugu Inokuma Haruki Sugiyama
6	8	17	Soul Rush (JPN) Cristian Demuro	H7 d.b. 58.0	5.2 (2)	Head (33.2)	Rulership Eternal Bouquet (Manhattan Cafe)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasutoshi Ikee
7	3	5	Ascoli Piceno (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F4 d.b. 56.0	7.5 (3)	3/4 (33.5)	Daiwa Major Ascolti (Danehill Dancer)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yoichi Kuroiwa

8	2	4	Magic Sands (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 d.b. 57.0	53.2 (9)	1-1/4 (32.8)	Kizuna Kona Brewers (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai
9	8	16	Docklands (GB) Mark Zahra	H5 b. 58.0	120.2 (13)	Neck (33.1)	Massaat Icky Woo (Mark of Esteem)	O.T.I. Racing Mickley Stud Henry Eustace
10	4	7	Cervinia (JPN) Tom Marquand	F4 b. 56.0	45.4 (8)	Neck (33.3)	Harbinger Cecchino (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
11	1	1	Toshin Macau (JPN) Taisei Danno	H6 ch. 58.0	58.9 (11)	Neck (34.5)	Big Arthur Yukino Mermaid (Special Week)	Sato Co., Ltd. Hattori Bokujo Mizuki Takayanagi
12	7	14	Lebensstil (JPN) Damian Lane	H5 b. 58.0	19.3 (5)	1-1/4 (33.7)	Real Steel Tokai Life (Tokai Teio)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Hiroto Bokujo Hiroyasu Tanaka
13	4	8	Kangchenjunga (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H5 b. 58.0	240.9 (17)	Neck (33.1)	Big Arthur Questa Volta (Novellist)	Masanobu Habata Masanobu Habata Yasushi Shono
14	1	2	Champagne Color (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	H5 ch. 58.0	121.9 (14)	1/2 (34.0)	Duramente Memorial Life (Reckless Abandon)	Yoichi Aoyama Yoichi Aoyama Tsuyoshi Tanaka
15	7	13	Long Run (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	G7 b. 58.0	192.3 (16)	Neck (33.0)	Victoire Pisa Notte Bianca (Kendargent)	Akira Umezawa Shadai Farm Yusuke Wada
16	5	10	Lavanda (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F4 d.b. 56.0	20.2 (6)	1/2 (34.5)	Silver State God Pirates (Behkabad)	Satoshi Morinaga Satoshi Morinaga Naoya Nakamura
17	8	18	Wide Latour (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	F4 b. 56.0	278.2 (18)	1-1/2 (33.3)	California Chrome Wide Sapphire (Agnes Tachyon)	Masanobu Habata Masanobu Habata Hideaki Fujiwara
18	6	12 B	Win Marvel (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H6 ch. 58.0	53.5 (10)	1-1/4 (34.5)	I'll Have Another Cosmo Marvelous (Fuji Kiseki)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Masashi Fukayama

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: ¥ 20,216,147,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 30,958,815,200

Attendance: 42,587

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.15	¥ 180	Bracket Quinella	3-7	¥ 340	Quinella	6-15	¥ 640
Place	No.15	¥ 110	Quinella Place	6-15	¥ 340	Exacta	15-6	¥ 870
	No.6	¥ 230		3-15	¥ 3,930	Trio	3-6-15	¥ 23,090
	No.3	¥ 1,370		3-6	¥ 9,530	Trifecta	15-6-3	¥ 52,470

Winner= 10 starts: 6 wins, 2 seconds & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 183,864,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 712,498,000

Jantar Mantar Prevails with Brilliance in Mile Championship

Race favorite **Jantar Mantar** claimed his fourth G1 title in this year's Mile Championship, renewing the race record by 0.2 second to 1:31.3. The son of Palace Malice marked three wins out of the same starts in 2023 including the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m), which earned him the Best Two-Year-Old Colt title and scored another G1 victory in the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) last year. **Jantar Mantar** has now become the ninth horse in JRA history to claim both mile G1 titles, the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) in June and the Mile Championship, in the same year. Trainer Tomokazu Takano registered his tenth JRA-G1 victory after his win in the Yasuda Kinen with this colt and second Mile Championship title following Namur in 2023. For jockey Yuga Kawada, this was also his first G1 win since the Yasuda Kinen and 30th overall.

Heavily favored in a stellar field that included six G1 winners, **Jantar Mantar** was quick out of a wide

gate, sat in third while **Toshin Macau** set a rapid pace outdistancing the other runners up to the final turn. As the pace setter weakened from his early efforts, the four-year-old colt, after hitting the stretch in good striking position, easily snatched the lead 300 meters out and pulled away convincingly to a 1-3/4-length victory.

“I’m glad we were able to prove that the colt is a true champion. Although we lost our recent race, it was a good prep for today and enabled the colt to run in good rhythm with a good feeling. He responded smoothly and, in the home stretch with the sun setting behind us, I was able to check by the shadows that no one was sneaking up on us. Owing to his outstanding talent and to the hard work of everyone involved, the colt has won all G1 Mile events open for colts/horses which I think is absolutely incredible,” commented Yuga Kawada after the race.

Fourth pick **Gaia Force**, settled between horses in fourth to fifth, sat right behind the eventual winner entering the lane but took an inner route instead and after squeezing through tight quarters 100 meters out, dug in with a powerful second gear in the final strides to notch the runner-up seat.

Lightly regarded as 15th pick, **Water Licht** sat in seventh to eighth, chased **Gaia Force** briefly in early stretch but shifted out to display a strong stretch run, threatening the runner-up but was a nose short at the wire for third.

Sent off 13th choice and breaking from stall no.16, British raider **Docklands** was a bit off slow and struggled to keep up with the early pace, racing towards the rear around 13th. The Queen Anne Stakes winner circled wide into the lane and gradually increased speed but had too much ground to make up, finishing ninth, 0.8 second from the winner.

“The race was okay. From our position in the field, we needed a stronger gallop. So, he ran on well, but he was too far back. The track was fine, ground was fine but the Japanese horses were too good today,” commented trainer Henry Eustace.

“The horse ran really well. It was from the barrier we had to settle quite a long way back and it made it tough for us to win, but I thought he ran through the line very well. Given the circumstances, I thought the horse ran as good as he possibly could. It seemed a race for on-speed horses where I was back, which made it tough,” added jockey Mark Zahra.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (11) **Off Trail**—traveled around 13th, switched to outside to quicken but neck short for 3rd
- 5th: (9) **Elton Barows**—chased distant leader in 2nd, showed tenacity but weakened in last 100m
- 6th: (17) **Soul Rush**—broke sharply, sat wide around 7th, never threatened winner
- 7th: (5) **Ascoli Piceno**—ran around 5th, rallied for lead, failed to keep up with winner’s speed in last 100m
- 8th: (4) **Magic Sands**—raced on rails around 15th, launched 2nd fastest late kick but belatedly
- 10th: (7) **Cervinia**—settled around 10th, failed to show another gear
- 11th: (1) **Toshin Macau**—set pace, showed tenacity after surrendering lead, faded in last 100m
- 12th: (14) **Lebensstil**—sat wide around 10th, failed to respond at stretch
- 13th: (8) **Kangchenjunga**—ran around 16th, angled out, needed more
- 14th: (2) **Champagne Color**—saved ground around 7th, weakened in last 200m
- 15th: (13) **Long Run**—trailed in rear, lacked needed kick
- 16th: (10) **Lavanda**—raced behind winner around 4th, sustained bid until early stretch
- 17th: (18) **Wide Latour**—unhurried near rear, showed little
- 18th: (12) **Win Marvel**—traveled wide around 10th, dropped back at stretch

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 10.7 - 11.3 - 11.7 - 11.8 - 11.4 - 11.0 - 11.2
Last 4 furlongs: 45.4 Last 3 furlongs: 33.6

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

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.