

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 93RD 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, and is now tied for 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.

This year, **Lovcen**, **Realize Sirius**, **Reichsadler**, **Ask Edinburgh** and **Forte Angelo**, the top five finishers of the Satsuki Sho (Apr.19) in that order, automatically acquired berths to run in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Proven grade-race winners who also made their bids in the Satsuki Sho, **Green Energy** (7th), **Basse Terre** (11th), **Peintre Naif** (14th) and **Altramuz** (18th), were at the starting gate in aim of stepping up in performance from the first leg. Contenders coming off Derby trial endeavors were **Going to Sky** and **Meisho Hachiko**, respective winners of the Aoba Sho (G2, 2,400m; Apr.25) and the Principal Stakes (Listed, 2,000m; May.3). The field also included **Audacia** and **Congestus** who came off their wins in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.15) and the Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2, 2,200m; May.9), respectively.

THE 93RD TOKYO YUSHUN (JAPANESE DERBY, G1)

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 651,000,000 (about US\$ 4,200,000 <US\$1=¥155>)

3-y-o: 57 kg (about 126 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2023

Course record: 2:20.3 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	8	17	Lovcen (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	2.7 (1)	2:22.7 (33.2)	World Premiere Songwriting (Giant's Causeway)	Forest Racing Northern Farm Haruki Sugiyama
2	7	13	Peintre Naif (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 d.b. 57.0	9.1 (4)	Head (33.4)	Kizuna Art Brut (Makfi)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
3	3	5	Basse Terre (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	34.0 (11)	3/4 (34.0)	Kitsan Black Mambia (Aldebaran)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
4	7	14	Going to Sky (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 b. 57.0	6.6 (3)	Nose (32.8)	Contrail Goin to the Window (Tapit)	Field Racing Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Yuki Uehara
5	1	2	Matenro Gale (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C3 b. 57.0	42.8 (12)	1 (33.4)	Epiphaneia Desert Ride (Candy Ride)	Chiyono Terada Shimokobe Farm Kenji Nonaka
6	2	4	Altramuz (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	249.9 (16)	1/2 (33.1)	Isla Bonita Dejimano Hana (Screen Hero)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Kenji Nonaka
7	6	11	Realize Sirius (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 g. 57.0	5.7 (2)	Nose (34.6)	Poetic Flare Red Mirabel (Stay Gold)	Yosuke Imafuku Shadai Farm Takahisa Tezuka

8	1	1	Reichsadler (JPN) Daisuke Sasaki	C3 b. 57.0	11.7 (5)	Nose (33.8)	Siskin Krailling (Heart's Cry)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yuki Uehara
9	3	6	Congestus (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C3 d.b. 57.0	13.2 (6)	Head (33.6)	Contrail Kirramosa (Alamosa)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Tomokazu Takano
10	6	12	Ask Edinburgh (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C3 br. 57.0	22.3 (9)	3/4 (33.9)	Leontes Honey Trip (Manhattan Cafe)	Toshihiro Hirosaki Toshihiro Hirosaki Yuichi Fukunaga
11	5	9	Audacia (JPN) Damian Lane	C3 d.b. 57.0	16.1 (7)	1/2 (33.2)	Kizuna Lily Noble (Rulership)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Takahisa Tezuka
12	7	15	Forte Angelo (JPN) Kiwamu Ogino	C3 b. 57.0	18.9 (8)	2 (33.8)	Fierement Lady Angela (Dark Angel)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Yuki Uehara
13	4	7	Meisho Hachiko (JPN) Michael Dee	C3 d.b. 57.0	74.4 (13)	Neck (34.9)	Roger Barows Amorevole (Agnes Digital)	Yoshitaka Matsumoto Saitotakeshi Bokujo Mitsunori Makiura
14	8	18	M's Begin (JPN) Francisco Goncalves	C3 d.b. 57.0	188.7 (15)	Neck (34.7)	Kitasan Black Delphinia (Galileo)	M's Racing Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
15	2	3	Kenton (JPN) Yuji Tannai	C3 b. 57.0	304.7 (18)	2-1/2 (34.4)	Real Steel A T Rosetta (Deep Sky)	Toshio Fujinuma Seiran Bokujo Toshiaki Tajima
16	8	16	Green Energy (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 ch. 57.0	25.4 (10)	Nose (34.4)	Suave Richard Cymbal (Singspiel)	Takafumi Suzue Masaki Isogawa Yuki Uehara
17	4	8	Shonan Gulf (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	C3 b. 57.0	281.8 (17)	Nose (34.1)	Harbinger Mi Carino (Heart's Cry)	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shunsuke Yoshida Naosuke Sugai
18	5	10	Justin Vista (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 d.b. 57.0	89.2 (14)	2-1/2 (34.7)	Saturnalia Pebble Garden (Deep Impact)	Masahiro Miki Taihei Stud Farm Co. Ltd Tatsuya Yoshioka

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: ¥ 31,619,301,000

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 49,187,579,700

Attendance: 84,731

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.17	¥ 270	Bracket Quinella	7-8	¥ 420	Quinella	13-17	¥ 1,460
Place	No.17	¥ 130	Quinella Place	13-17	¥ 550	Exacta	17-13	¥ 2,290
	No.13	¥ 250		5-17	¥ 1,950	Trio	5-13-17	¥ 14,280
	No.5	¥ 650		5-13	¥ 3,850	Trifecta	17-13-5	¥ 47,050

Winner= 5 starts: 4 wins & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 327,104,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 640,320,000

Lovcen Captures His Second Classics' Title in Tokyo Yushun

Lovcen validated his previous victory once again in dominating this year's Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), climbing to the pinnacle of a total of 7,944 three-year-olds and becoming the 25th colt to notch both spring classics after Contrail in 2020. The World Premiere colt scored two wins out of the same starts including the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) as a two-year-old and while beaten to third in his kick-off start of this season in the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m) in February, claimed the following Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) by gate-to-wire in record time. Trainer Haruki Sugiyama and jockey Kohei Matsuyama celebrate their first Derby title while this victory marked the former's ninth and the latter's 11th G1 win in total in JRA.

Lovcen missed a step when breaking from the second farthest outside post, lightly bumping **Green Energy** on his left and was a tad late to position himself well by the first turn. The versatile colt, who claimed the

Satsuki Sho gate-to-wire, was forced to camp in a wide position in mid-field this time while **Meisho Hachiko** went right to the front to seize the lead, tailed closely by second favorite and Satsuki Sho runner-up **Realize Sirius**. Fourth choice **Peintre Naif** was unhurried after his break and sat in mid-division, a length and a half in front of the race favorite and eventual winner as the field cruised down the backstretch in which **Realize Sirius** took over the lead early, registering a moderate pace. After heading the field into the straight, the Poetic Flare colt soon gave way 300 meters out to **Basse Terre** who strived to pull away while **Peintre Naif**, with **Lovcen** tightly at his heels, closed in with incredible speed. As **Basse Terre** succumbed to the intimidating speed of the two in the final strides, **Peintre Naif** failed to shake off the tenacious **Lovcen** who dug in fiercely and poked his head in front at the wire.

“I still can’t believe I’m now a “Derby Jockey.” It was surreal coming back to the stands and being greeted by the enormous cheering crowd—I couldn’t hold back the tears. To be honest, I did feel the pressure, as odds-on favorite and the hopes of notching two-thirds of the Triple Crown, but I believed in the colt and he gave his best and showed his true strength today. We weren’t able to sit in the most ideal position due to the wide draw but, as in the Hopeful Stakes, Lovcen showed an incredible turn of foot which proves his strength and versatility. He still has potential and we have a lot to look forward to,” commented Kohei Matsuyama.

Coming off an 11th in the first leg of the Triple Crown, 11th pick **Basse Terre** was reserved early, trailing in the rear, but made rapid headway in the backstretch to chase the pace by the final turn, then rallied to lead 300 meters out. The son of Kitanasan Black ran willingly and sustained his bid but was denied the win in the final strides by the fast-closing **Lovcen** and **Peintre Naif**, while narrowly holding off **Going to Sky** by a nose for third place.

Other contenders:

4th: (14) **Going to Sky**—settled around 15th, launched fastest late kick but had too much ground to cover

5th: (2) **Matenro Gale**—ran around 5th, quickened in last 300m after finding opening

6th: (4) **Altramuz**—hugged rails around 10th, entered lane in 15th, launched 2nd fastest late drive

7th: (11) **Realize Sirius**—tracked leader in 2nd, took front after 2nd corner, showed tenacity after surrendering lead, weakened in last 100m

8th: (1) **Reichsadler**—took economic trip around 5th, rallied for lead

9th: (6) **Congestus**—raced around 9th, showed effort before meeting traffic 200m out

10th: (12) **Ask Edinburgh**—sat around 4th, outrun in last 200m

11th: (9) **Audacia**—settled near rear, showed tied 3rd fastest late speed but belatedly

12th: (15) **Forte Angelo**—positioned around 12th, lacked needed kick

13th: (7) **Meisho Hachiko**—set pace early, entered lane in 3rd, rallied for lead until 200m pole

14th: (18) **M's Begin**—traveled around 6th, ran gamely until 300m out

15th: (3) **Kenton**—saved ground around 11th, never threatened

16th: (16) **Green Energy**—ran wide behind winner, failed to respond

17th: (8) **Shonan Gulf**—traveled near rear, never fired

18th: (10) **Justin Vista**—raced around 14th, drifted to outside in final corner, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.9 - 12.4 - 12.6 - 12.5 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 11.9 - 11.6 - 11.2 - 11.5 - 11.5
Last 4 furlongs: 45.8 Last 3 furlongs: 34.2

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

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.