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Tokyo Racecourse
October 30



Emperor Attends Emperor's Cup

by *Ginjiro Takeichi*



October 30, 2005 was the most splendid day in the 100 years since modern horse racing began in Tokyo. The Emperor attended the 132nd running of the Fall Emperor's Cup, the 100th anniversary of the Tenno-sho, at Tokyo Racecourse.

From the end of September, Fall GI races are held almost every week in Japan, and among these the Japan Cup — a 2,400-meter international GI event — is known worldwide. But the Emperor's Cup, which has been held continuously throughout the 100 years of Japanese horseracing history, is the GI race with the most tradition and glory.

Even though Japanese racing has emulated the United Kingdom's king of sports, the last time an Emperor visited a track was 83 years ago, November 11, 1922. At that time, the then-Prince Regent (later to become Emperor Showa, who conducted the Emperor's state duties on behalf of the ailing Emperor Taisho from 1921) visited Tokyo Racecourse. Because Emperor Showa, whose reign spanned more than 62 years before and after the Second World War, never visited a race track during his reign, the occasion of this visit by the current Emperor, marking the 51st anniversary of the founding of the Japan Racing Association and the 132nd running of the Fall Emperor's Cup, was an epochal event for Japanese racing.

Compared with his predecessors, the current Emperor has a great interest in horses and, having even served as captain of the Equestrian Club at Gakushuin Boy's Senior High School, he has often attended international equestrian competitions. When he was Crown Prince, he acted as escort to

Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, when he went to Tokyo Racecourse on October 11, 1986. The following year, on November 1, 1987, the then-Crown Prince attended the 96th running of the Fall Emperor's Cup. However, attendance by an Emperor as compared to attendance by a Crown Prince or other members of the Imperial family has a different level of meaning in Japanese society.

Arriving at Tokyo Racecourse at 2:00 p.m. on October 30, the Emperor and Empress first visited the exhibition entitled "The Glorious Emperor's Cup" at the JRA Racing Museum. Next, they proceeded to Memorial Hall, where they spoke with jockey Yutaka Take, who rode Deep Impact to the Triple Crown during a loss-free season, and the horse's breeder, Northern Farm representative Katsuya Yoshida. After waving to the 100,000 spectators from Memorial Stand's seventh floor royal box, they calmly took their seats. They passed the pre-race interval watching members of the Imperial household ministry equerry perform "Horobiki," an ancient equestrian art involving spurring horses to a gallop while trying to keep silk pennants, which were used to ward off arrows on the battlefield, from touching the ground. They viewed the Emperor's Cup race card, asking their escort, JRA President Masayuki Takahashi, about the contenders' conditions.

When the fanfare sounded to announce the race's start at 3:40 p.m., the Emperor picked up his binoculars and leaned forward to watch the race from the balcony.

The 18 horses sprang from the starting gate simultaneously, and at the first turn 125 meters from the gate, the first point at which the position taken would determine how the race developed, Tap Dance City (by Pleasant Tap), a flier and winner of last year's Japan Cup, yielded the lead to 3-year-old Stormy Café while last year's second place Fall Emperor's Cup finisher, Dance in the Mood, followed in third on the rail. Last year's champion Zenno Rob Roy was slightly wide in the middle group,

Heavenly Romance moved into the center of the middle bunch, with most of the other contenders advancing together with the middle group. The first half was extremely slow-paced, as the horses were all held back and unfurling strangely, as though the outcome would only be determined in the final stretch. With each jockey apparently secretly planning to show off his own horse's legs down the long stretch, Dance in the Mood quickly moved into the lead at the fourth turn, a natural outcome of his inner rail position. Pushed to the outside, the contenders in the middle group brawled fiercely to cut the lost distance. Zenno Rob Roy broke from the pack, surging toward the finish in a dead heat with Dance in the Mood as 100,000 spectators held their breath at each stride. A few strides before the slope leading up to the finish, just when it appeared that Zenno Rob Roy was assured of victory, unheralded 5-year-old mare Heavenly Romance broke between the other two horses, whipped on by jockey Mikio Matsunaga. There was a fierce melee within the top 10, as horses swarmed over the line within 0.5 seconds of the winning time. With a trifecta paying off more than 12,000 times, the excitement around the track over the upset did not die down for a great while.

The Emperor has inherited the same fondness for horses as Emperor Taisho who visited Tokyo Racecourse as Crown Prince in the fall of 1911, the year before he acceded to the throne. The Emperor watched the jockeys' maneuvers down the home stretch and the dead heat between the horses from the edge of his balcony seat and appeared as rapt as if he were atop a horse and spurring it toward the finish himself.

At the end of his victory lap, first-time Emperor's Cup winner Matsunaga guided the winning horse toward the royal box, took off his helmet, and bowed deeply to the Emperor for about five seconds. His solemn act awed the 100,000 frenzied fans and brought a momentary hush over the noisy track. Returning his gaze to the Emperor while softly patting the victorious horse's neck, Matsunaga was unable to hold back the tears of emotion at the congratulatory applause from the Emperor and Empress. As he was enveloped by applause

and renewed cheers from around the track, the horse responded to the movement of the track. That the winning horse was a filly with the name Heavenly Romance could be said to symbolize the Imperial household's happiness over Princess Norinomiya's wedding less than a month later.

I would like to take this opportunity to touch upon the significance of the Emperor's Cup race and its history.

The development of modern horseracing in Japan owes much to efforts undertaken by the Meiji Emperor and also to Yokohama's foreign community in the 1860s which opened a racetrack (later known as Negishi's Yokohama Racecourse) as a place to socialize.

Emperor Meiji was very interested in horses and was a skilled rider. He promoted horsemanship from a military perspective, understanding it as the most important factor in land battles, and horseriding as a way to strengthen horses that were needed in the nation's defense. He often visited the track in Yokohama (Negishi), as well as race-tracks in other areas, presenting awards.

The phrase "Horse Racing Reward" ("reward" meaning to praise an achievement and bestow money and other valuables) inlaid on the Emperor's Cup trophy is imbued with the historical significance of repayment for services to the state.

The race had its origins in the \$500 bestowed by the Emperor along with \$300 from the Imperial Household Agency and a set of copper flower vases inlaid with gold, silver and copper inscribed with the Emperor's (Mikado's) name which was awarded for the June 9 Mikado's Vase (the championship event for Japanese horses) during Yokohama Racecourse's spring 1880 race meeting.

Emperor Meiji visited Yokohama Racecourse 14 times from 1873 to 1899.

The Japanese government (the Imperial Household Agency) promised to bestow the Emperor's trophy on a regular basis at the urging of Sir Claude MacDonald (envoy from 1900, the first ambassador in residence from early 1905), who led the British legation in Japan. He played a central role in concluding the Anglo-Japanese alliance and during the period of the Russo-Japanese War after the tide of that war had turned greatly in Japan's favor following the crushing victory at the battle for Mukden in spring 1905. Subsequently, the Emperor's Cup races were held under the titles "His Imperial Majesty's Trophy" in spring 1905 and the "Imperial Court

Trophy" in the fall and the spring of the following year. The appellation "Imperial Household Prize" was first used in fall 1906. A flower vase emblazoned with the Imperial crest awarded in the fall of 1905 was the first prize featuring the Imperial emblem.

Imperial Household trophies were bestowed from autumn 1906, during the first modern races directly operated by Japanese (by the Tokyo Racing Society at Ikegami Racecourse, the forerunner of the JRA).

With the subsequent addition of other facilities, Imperial trophies were awarded not just at the Tokyo and Yokohama tracks, but also at Fukushima, Hakodate, Hanshin, Kokura and Sapporo. Receiving Imperial Household laurels was a great honor for those in the racing industry. However, with 10 races held each year from 1924 on and with trophies handed out freely, there were also cases in which horses that could be thought of as true champions did not receive trophies. In 1937, with the consolidation of local racing clubs by the Japan racing club and a decision to convert Imperial Household trophy competitions into suitable distance championships for older horses along the lines of the Ascot Gold Cup in the U.K., it was decided to hold 3,200-meter Imperial Household trophy races just twice a year: at Tokyo in the fall and Hanshin in the spring. Imperial Household races were temporarily suspended from 1944 due to the war, but the races were restarted in 1947 with the same pre-war rules. Renamed the Emperor's Cup, they have been run until the present day. With this in mind, the JRA considers the Imperial Household trophy race run in Tokyo in the fall of 1937 as the first Emperor's Cup race.

The Emperor's Cup was run twice a year in Kyoto in the spring and Tokyo in the fall as a 3,200-meter championship race for older horses for 37 years after the war, but the distance for the fall race was changed from 3,200 meters to 2,000 meters in 1984 in response to the growing number of sprinters in the world of racing.

For many years, the Emperor's Cup determined the champion among horses aged 4 or older that were qualified to run in non-Triple Crown races. (The 3,000-meter Kikuka Sho is run a week prior to the Emperor's Cup.) In 1987, 3-year-olds were granted permission to enter, when the race was won by middle-distance specialist Bubble Gum Fellow. Also, originally sym-

bolic of efforts to improve Japanese horses, the Emperor's Cup was previously limited to Japan-bred entrants, but since 2002 the door has been opened to foreign-bred horses (horses that were born abroad and trained after being brought to Japan) and has already been won by U.S.-bred Agnes Digital and Symboli Kris S.

Compared to the Japanese Derby, the Japan Cup, Arima Kinen and other Classic distance races (around a mile and a half in length), the 2,000-meter Fall Emperor's Cup is a valuable opportunity to verify which GI horses suited to middle distances will be future sires. Horses that win both 2,400-meter GI Classics and the Fall Emperor's Cup are deemed to be of high value as future sires.

The winners of the Fall Emperor's Cup for the past 10 years have featured a lineup of foals sired by former European and U.S. champions, such as American Horse of the Year Sunday Silence, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victor Tony Bin and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner Opera House. While many winners also had mares that were imported from Europe or the U.S. two or three generations earlier in their female lineage, Offside Trap and Special Week were products of female lines that matured in Japan, ninth-generation descendants of Astonishment (1902, by Quickly Wise) and Florries Cup (1904, by Florizel), respectively, imported from the U.K. in 1907.

Special Week, who sired American Oaks winner Cesario and covered 234 mares this year, and Symboli Kris S, who has covered more than 200 mares two years running since beginning stud service, are popular stallions.

There is no mistaking that the Emperor's visit to Tokyo Racecourse for the 132nd running of the Fall Emperor's Cup can be seen as a great opportunity for Japanese racing to truly ascend to the level of "king of sports."

Beginning this year, JRA's 3,200-meter Spring and 2,000-meter Fall Emperor's Cup events are being run as international races, with up to five foreign horses permitted to enter.

The Emperor's Cup is a race of extremely high rank, the equivalent in Japan of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, held on very well-prepared turf, and there are high expectations that the world's turf champions will compete to be showered with the glory of winning the Emperor's Cup trophy.

The Current Status of Japanese Auctions

Japanese horse sales are held between April and October every year. This year, eight organizers held 14 sales. Among these, we will introduce the JRHA Select Sale and HBA Hokkaido Selection Sale.

Interesting Aspects of the JRHA Select Sale



Select Sale at Northern Horse Park

This year's Select Sale, the eighth, set new records. Gross pretax proceeds of ¥7.972 billion (a 3.7 percent increase over the previous year) and a sales ratio of 80.1 percent were both the highest ever.

What is the secret to improved overall sales every year amid widespread industry unease following the death of the magnificent sire Sunday Silence (USA) (by Halo, USA)?

1. Two successive Derby winners, King Kamehameha (JPN) (by King Mambo, JPN) and Deep Impact (JPN) (by Sunday Silence, USA) were produced.
2. Deep Impact was unbeaten for the year and won the Satsuki Sho Derby

and Kikuka Sho.

3. Zenko Rob Roy (JPN) (by Sunday Silence, USA) was named 2004 JRA Horse of the Year and Best Older Horse, Admire Groove (JPN) (by Sunday Silence, USA) was selected Best Older Mare, and King Kamehameha was chosen Best 3-year-old Colt.
4. Although not a product of this auction, Northern Farm-bred Cesario (JPN) (by Special Week, JPN) triumphed at the American Oaks, held just before the auction on July 5, with a race record as a Japanese horse and achieved victories in both the American and

Japanese Oaks.

While the aforementioned events spring to mind, when one actually questions buyers who have attended this auction since its inception, you discover that many believe this year's sale was clearly inferior to last year's in terms of class and bloodlines.

One of the reasons is that the auction's host — the Japan Racing Horse Association — announced it will hold a yearling sale next fiscal year, the inference being that more than half the foals of a certain level that would have been for sale up to last year have probably been kept on ice to ensure the sale's success.

Speaking of buyers, meanwhile, Fusaichi's Fusao Sekiguchi, always a major player, did not attend, while Zenno's Shinobu Osako and Cafe's Kiyoshi Nishikawa unfortunately passed away.

Nonetheless, additional reasons for this auction's success might include:

5. The current situation in which Japan's economy is steadily recovering.
6. New horse owners participating in the sale.
7. The sale is attractive to buyers because of its previous record.

While taking note of these factors, next year's yearling sale will undoubtedly mark a major turning point for Japan's breeding industry.

Day	Sex	Offered	Sold	Buy-buck rate	Price (yen)					Unsold	Withdrawn
					Gross (yen)	Highest (yen)	Lowest (yen)	Average (yen)	Medium (yen)		
First Day	Colt	122	101	82.8	3,828,000,000	210,000,000	9,000,000	37,900,990	31,000,000	21	4
	Filly	35	27	77.1	588,000,000	51,000,000	10,000,000	21,777,778	20,500,000	8	4
	Total	157	128	81.5	4,416,000,000	210,000,000	9,000,000	34,500,000	28,750,000	29	8
Second Day	Colt	104	83	79.8	3,107,000,000	190,000,000	7,000,000	36,349,398	27,000,000	21	5
	Filly	41	31	75.6	539,000,000	41,000,000	4,000,000	17,387,097	16,000,000	10	0
	Total	145	114	78.6	3,556,000,000	190,000,000	4,000,000	31,192,982	24,000,000	31	5
Total	Colt	226	184	81.4	6,845,000,000	210,000,000	7,000,000	37,201,087	30,000,000	42	9
	Filly	76	58	76.3	1,127,000,000	51,000,000	4,000,000	19,431,034	17,000,000	18	4
	Total	302	242	80.1	7,972,000,000	210,000,000	4,000,000	32,942,149	26,000,000	60	13

HBA Hokkaido Selection Sale

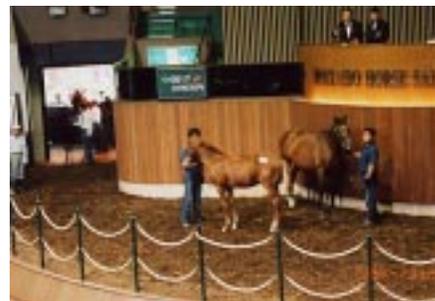
Hokkaido's Hidaka Horse Breeders Association held its Selected Foal Sale on Monday, July 18, at the Hokkaido Market of Shizunai's Japan Bloodhorse Breeders Association under cloudy skies with occasional light rain. The 178 lots on offer were the most ever and the ¥742.4 million gross sales total for the 62 yearlings sold was a new record.

The ratio of horses sold to lots for sale was 34.8 percent, a little less than 5 percent of the previous year's results. The Japan Racing Horse Association held its Select Sale the previous week and the fact that the breeders ended up taking back two-thirds of the lots on auction reflects the current conditions surrounding the racehorse breeding business. In other words, it was a sale sponsored by the breeders association to recover stud fees and upkeep costs.

Awards ceremonies were held that day, the auction's 20th anniversary, for GI race winners and to commend people for their contributions. Lots offered by Shizunai's local Hokkaido Shizunai Agricultural High School were also sold at the auction, producing hopes for this sale's future.

The Selected Yearling Sale on Tuesday, July 19, was blessed by fine weather and the well-attended auction site was nearly full capacity.

With just over 11 percent more lots sold compared to last year and with gross proceeds slightly more than 24 percent higher than the year before, both categories substantially exceeded the previous year, even though the sales ratio of 55.5 percent was slightly lower. However, with reports that the JRHA is considering a new yearling auction, the HBA Selection Sale's response will bear watching.



Shizunai Market



	Year	Horses Listed	Horses Sold	Sold-Horse-Ratio	Highest Price	Lowest Price	Average Price	Total Sales
Foal	2003	83	29	34.94	25,725,000	3,780,000	12,223,448	354,480,000
	2004	122	49	40.16	45,675,000	4,305,000	13,410,000	657,090,000
	2005	178	62	34.83	45,675,000	2,100,000	11,974,233	742,402,500

	Year	Horses Listed	Horses Sold	Sold-Horse-Ratio	Highest Price	Lowest Price	Average Price	Total Sales
Yearling	2002	136	78	57.35	28,350,000	4,200,000	10,932,250	852,715,500
	2003	168	88	52.38	38,325,000	3,150,000	10,415,284	916,545,000
	2004	166	95	57.23	43,050,000	4,200,000	10,864,184	1,032,097,500
	2005	191	106	55.49	42,000,000	3,150,000	12,093,424	1,281,903,000

Sprint Superstar Silent Witness Notches 1st Overseas Win

by Barbara Bayer

The 39th running of the Sprinters Stakes, the final leg of the 2005 Global Sprint Challenge, kicked off Japan's Group I fall lineup with truly a showcase race on October 2. Silent Witness, undoubtedly the world's highest-profile sprinter, thrilled the fans at Nakayama with a hands-down, length-and-a-quarter win. It was his first victory outside of Hong Kong and his 18th victory in 18 tries over a sprint distance.

Japan's Durandal followed Silent Witness over the finish line, with another home team choice pick, Admire Max in third place by a half-length.

Cape of Good Hope, winner of the 2005 Global Sprint Challenge and a popular choice in the Sprinters lineup, took on the 1,200-meter GI for the second year running, but was unable to better his performance of the previous year. Caught in traffic in the stretch and unable to get a

clear run in time, the 7-year-old gelding finished in 11th place.

Breaking well from the No. 13 gate, Felix Coetzee guided Silent Witness cautiously inward. The outside draw, though it (specifically the number) admittedly had "rattled" Coetzee, was not to their disadvantage in the 16-strong field. The South African native Coetzee said, "There were a few on the inside that had a bit of speed, but the runners to our imme-



Silent Witness at the winning ceremony.

diate inside were a bit back so I was able to cross pretty easily for the early stage.”

“Our plan is always to lead or follow a few horses and we were able to get in and follow two horses. When he was in behind them he relaxed so much he was just about loping along.”

Coetzee described the sprint champion’s winning style as a calculated and cool-headed one. “If he sees that he can’t lead a race. It’s like he says, ‘All right, you guys go on ahead.’ He’ll let a few lead him and he won’t battle to try to take them on. He’ll decide that that is the pace to go.”

Into the stretch, 2004 Sprinters winner Calstone Light O and Gallant Arrow led out in front, but Silent Witness held steady. “I was singing going around the turn,” said Coetzee. The stretch “hill,” the undoing of many a Nakayama runner, loomed. Coetzee was not worried.

“The enormous effort (Silent Witness) put in at the Yasuda Memorial at Tokyo in June and the two hills there showed me there was nothing to worry about,” explained the 46-year-old rider. Cruz calculated the mile at Tokyo to be equivalent to 1,800 meters over a flat course.

What was a worry was that Silent Witness would figure his job was done.

“When he pricks his ears,” which he did coming into the stretch, said Coetzee, “he thinks it’s game-over for him,” said Cruz. “He thinks he’s already won and wants to pull up before the winning post.”

Though he never resorts to the whip back home, Coetzee figured it was better to be safe than sorry. He gave Silent Witness “a few backhanded smacks just to keep his mind on the business. You just can’t take chances and take it too easy in a foreign country,” said the jockey, adding with a smile, “I apologized later though.”

Silent Witness stepped to the front without a hitch and roared over the line a winner, causing an ecstatic Arthur Da Silva to proclaim, “He is a gift from god!”

“From one sprint to another sprint he just gets better,” crooned Silent Witness’ trainer Tony Cruz at the postrace media conference. “He only improves and that shows a real champion.”

It had been an emotional rollercoaster of a race for an owner, easily as high-profile as his champion horse. There had been concerns that Silent Witness would be tired from an additional 1,700 meters at a gallop the day before (his birthday in fact), acquired after he dumped Coetzee in morning work and rounded the dirt track for a lap and a half. Quick thinking on the part of the Japanese track staff helped save the day. “When I saw them coming out there with a rope to stop him from going around a second time, I knew we still had a chance,” Cruz said.

Claiming before the race that he feared a heart attack from all the excitement, Da Silva said later, “I had my heart in my mouth when I saw (Silent Witness) four wide about 400 meters out. That’s the only time I was worried.” Coetzee, however, had walked the track twice, once before the draw and once in the morning on race-day. “The first part of the turn is not that sharp. I tried to visualize it from the 13 draw and thought, ‘If I’m a bit wide here it’s not the end of the world’.”

Coetzee put in a word of appreciation for the huge turnout at Nakayama. “It was fantastic,” he said of the crowd of nearly 78,000. “I think we had a real backing behind us. All of those people wishing us well, that just gives you a wonderful confident feeling.”

Da Silva as well had fond words for his Japanese hosts. “It’s a very special feeling for me because Japan has always been a very special place that I love very much. I have come to Japan since 1975 more than 60 times and had a very successful business here. Japan means a lot to me. To win this race in Japan that’s something very, very special to me — from the bottom of my heart.”

The 2005 Global Sprint Challenge was won by another Hong Kong runner -- Cape of Good Hope, who had already

captured the inaugural series on points with an unassailable lead before the final leg. An award ceremony for the 2005 Global Sprint Challenge was held before the Sprinters Stakes, with owner Guy Carstairs receiving the challenge trophy, along with trainer David Oughton and jockey Brett Pebble.

“He’s done Hong Kong proud,” said Oughton. “He’s represented Hong Kong around the world. He, the jockeys who rode him, my staff, they all have done a great job. We’re very proud of him.”

Cape of Good Hope bagged the series with wins of legs in both Australia and at Royal Ascot.

For Silent Witness’ connections, the win of the Sprinters Stakes, which carried first-place prize money of 94 million, boosted their confidence that their champ could travel and still exhibit winning form.

Confidence, said trainer Cruz, was also what he believed to be the key to Silent Witness’ success. “He was unbeaten for 17 straight wins and each time he ran his confidence got bigger. Each time our confidence got bigger, and the jockey’s confidence, the owners’ and the public’s too.”

Da Silva said he now has his hopes set on next year’s Global Sprint Challenge, which has been expanded to include the Hong Kong Sprint as the final leg and a \$1 million bonus for the winner. “I would like very much to go for the Global Sprint series,” said Da Silva before a crowd of press and television reporters after the race. “I want to win that and take everything, the trophies, the bonuses, etc.,” he said with exuberance, eliciting a burst of laughter from all present.



Winning jockey Felix Coetzee

Japan Bloodhorse Breeder's Association Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Japan Bloodhorse Breeder's Association



JBBA president, Yohei Kono

1. Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

In September, the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (JBBA) marked the 50th year since its establishment, with an anniversary celebration on September 5. Around 200 industry members — including breeders from around the country, representatives from regulatory agencies (including the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, the Japan Racing Association and the National Association of Racing) and owner association members from various regions — attended the gathering. The celebration closed with an awards ceremony and remarks from the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan and JRA's president and CEO.

The association now has 1,615 members. Its current president, Yohei Kono, is a breeder and is also the speaker of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Diet.

The JBBA is organized into six regional branches and operates six stud stations. Hokkaido's Hidaka district is the main breeding region, accounting for 76 percent of breeders and 80 percent of broodmares.

The JBBA has undergone various transitions. From 1946 it was known as the Thoroughbred Association, and then the Bloodhorse Breeders' Agricultural

Cooperative Association from 1948. Its establishment in its current form took place on September 7, 1955.

When the breeders first joined together to launch the organization, it was a difficult period during which there was a lack of equine resources. But Japan's thoroughbred production has grown both in quality and quantity, with horses bred in Japan also producing notable success-

es in the international arena.

Japan was approved and accepted as a full member of the International Breeders Meeting the year before last.

However, as horseracing profits have declined in recent years, eight local tracks have closed and breeding regions with many small-scale breeders have faced hard times.

2. Overview of Main Operations

(1) Improvement in Thoroughbred Breeding and Stallion Operations

The JBBA is engaged in improving Japan-bred horses and providing information. Its directly operated Shizunai Stallion Station in Hokkaido is a world-famous facility and has stabled and bred representative stallions such as Dancing Brave (who died in 1999), Boston Harbor, Forty Niner and Dehere.

(2) Japan Bloodstock Information System

In 1987, the JBBA initiated the Japan Bloodstock Information System (JBIS), a database system to provide support for bloodstock breeders in their efforts to produce horses that can compete worldwide and which offers breeders pedigree information and domestic and overseas race data online.

In 2003, the JBBA published the fourth edition of *Family Tables of Racehorses* together with the JRA.

(3) Fostering Breeding and Training Expertise

The goal of the training facility established at Shizunai Stallion Station in 1990 is to train personnel to enable them to breed strong horses. It also offers educational programs for trainers and apprentices.

(4) Gathering Regional Support and Activities

Bearing in mind the overwhelming majority of Japanese thoroughbreds are bred at small or mid-size farms, together with the distinct characteristics of bloodstock breeding, the JBBA provides guidance and support to farm operators, assistance to breeding and training facilities, and implements disease-prevention and hygiene measures.

(5) Educational Efforts and Guidance Related to Breeding Regions

As an organization that serves as a bridge between racing fans and breeding farms, the JBBA has established eight information centers nationwide, starting with an information desk in Hidaka "the home of racehorses," and provides fans with information about rules for farm visits and the hours when it is possible to tour farms.

3. Conclusion

With the decision to hold the International Breeders Meeting in Tokyo next spring, the JBBA has begun preparations, anticipating the attendance of many participants.



Websites:

JBBA: <http://www.jbba.jp> (Japanese only)

JBIS: https://www.jbis.or.jp/jbis_hp/english/index.html

Japanese Graded Race Results -2005-



Pari-mutuel handle: ¥22,076,867,500
On-course: 6.0% Off-course: 94.0%

39th Running THE SPRINTERS STAKES (GI)

Nakayama Racecourse	October 2	Value of race: ¥184,200,000	3-Year-Olds & Up, Entire Colts & Fillies
1,200m	Turf (firm)	1:07.3/10 (Course record 1:07.0)	16 Runners

- 1st Silent Witness (Felix Coetzee, 57.0 kg), b., g.6; El Moxie - Jade Tiara by Bureaucracy
O-Arthur da Silva, T-Anthony Cruz, B-IK Smith, Winning money: ¥97,360,000
2nd Durandal (Kenichi Ikezoe, 57.0 kg), ch., h.6; Sunday Silence - Sawayaka Princess by Northern Taste
3rd Admire Max (Yutaka Take, 57.0 kg), b., h.6; Sunday Silence - Dyna Shoot by Northern Taste
4th Maruka Kiseki (Yuichi Fukunaga, 57.0 kg), ch., c.4; Fuji Kiseki - Flying Colors by Jade Robbery
5th Keeneland Swan (Hirofumi Shii, 57.0 kg), ch., h.6; Distant View - To Act by Roberto
Margin: 1-1/4, 1/2, NK, 3/4, THE SPRINTERS STAKES only: ¥14,386,412,100, Attendance: 57,782



Pari-mutuel handle: ¥23,727,494,800
On-course: 4.6% Off-course: 95.4%

10th Running THE SHUKA SHO (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse	October 16	Value of race: ¥174,480,000	3-Year-Olds, Entire Colts & Fillies
2,000m	Turf (firm)	1:59.2/10 (Course record 1:57.5)	18 Runners

- 1st Air Messiah (Yutaka Take, 55.0 kg), b., f.3; Sunday Silence - Air Deja Vu by Northern Taste
O-Lucky Field Co., Ltd., T-Yuji Ito, B-Shadai Farm, Winning money: ¥92,906,000
2nd Rhein Kraft (Yuichi Fukunaga, 55.0 kg), b., f.3; End Sweep - Must Be Loved by Sunday Silence
3rd Nishino Nurse Call (Norihiro Yokoyama, 55.0 kg), dk.b., f.3; Brian's Time - Noble de Nord by Northern Taste
4th Orient Charm (Kotaro Akagi, 55.0 kg), b., f.3; Sunday Silence - Nikiya by Nureyev
5th Lailaps (Mikio Matsunaga, 55.0 kg), ch., f.3; French Deputy - Fusaichi Airedale by Sunday Silence
Margin: NK, 3, 1-1/2, NK, THE SHUKA SHO only: ¥17,242,693,100, Attendance: 47,731



Pari-mutuel handle: ¥33,762,597,500
On-course: 6.1% Off-course: 93.9%

66th Running THE KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST. LEGER) (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse	October 23	Value of race: ¥271,010,000	3-Year-Olds, Entire Colts & Fillies
3,000m	Turf (firm)	3:04.6/10 (Course record 3:02.8)	16 Runners

- 1st Deep Impact (Yutaka Take, 57.0 kg), b., c.3; Sunday Silence - Wind In Her Hair by Alzao
O-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd., T-Yasuo Ikee, B-Northern Farm, Winning money: ¥152,467,000
2nd Admire Japan (Norihiro Yokoyama, 57.0 kg), ch., c.3; Sunday Silence - Biwa Heidi by Caerleon
3rd Rosenkreuz (Katsumi Ando, 57.0 kg), b., c.3; Sunday Silence - Rose Colour by Shirley Heights
4th Six Sense (Hirofumi Shii, 57.0 kg), blk., c.3; Sunday Silence - Daneskaya by Danehill
5th Fusaichi Auster (Shinji Fujita, 57.0 kg), b., c.3; Stormin Fever - Gender War by Green Dancer
Margin: 2, 4, 1/2, 2, THE KIKUKA SHO only: ¥25,749,529,800, Attendance: 136,701



Pari-mutuel handle: ¥35,086,807,900
On-course: 5.9% Off-course: 94.1%

132nd Running THE TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse	October 30	Value of race: ¥256,660,000	3-Year-Olds & Up, Entire Colts & Fillies
2,000m	Turf (firm)	2:00.1/10 (Course record 1:58.0)	18 Runners

- 1st Heavenly Romance (Mikio Matsunaga, 56.0 kg), b., m.5; Sunday Silence - First Act by Sadler's Wells
O-North Hills Management Co., Ltd., T-Shoji Yamamoto, B-North Hills Management, Winning money: ¥135,822,000
2nd Zenno Rob Roy (Norihiro Yokoyama, 57.0 kg), dk.b., h.5; Sunday Silence - Ramin Rachel by Mining
3rd Dance in the Mood (Hiroshi Kitamura, 57.0 kg), dk.b., f.4; Sunday Silence - Dancing Key by Nijinsky II
4th Asakusa Den en (Masayoshi Ebina, 57.0 kg), ch., h.6; Singspiel - Whitewater Affair by Machiavellian
5th Sweep Tosho (Kenichi Ikezoe, 57.0 kg), b., f.4; End Sweep - Tabatha Tosho by Dancing Brave
Margin: HD, NK, 1, 1/2, THE TENNO SHO only: ¥26,475,251,500, Attendance: 103,691



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