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Another win at the Singapore Airlines International Cup!  
(c) Toshiyuki Murata

Vodka wins the Japanese Derby—the first filly to win in 64 years since Kurifuji won it in 1943.

# Japan successful in Singapore again – this time the Quinella!!

by Michael Tabart



Shadow Gate wins the Singapore Airlines International Cup (right) with Cosmo Bulk as the runner-up (left). (c) Toshiyuki Murata

Cosmo Bulk represented Japan in the 2006 S\$3million Group 1 Singapore Airlines International Cup (G1) and won in dominant fashion. This year he went back to defend his title and went very close, being beaten into 2nd place – by another Japanese visitor! Shadow Gate accompanied Cosmo Bulk this year and produced a powerful performance to win by 1 1/4 lengths from Cosmo Bulk, with French representative Doctor Dino a short half head away in 3rd place.

Shadow Gate became the 14th Japanese horse to win a Group 1 race overseas (17 wins between them), and it was the third time that Japanese horses have provided the quinella in a major international event – following on from the 2002 Audemars Piguet QEII Cup in Hong Kong, and the Melbourne Cup in Australia last year.

The race was held on a yielding track

in front of a crowd of 40,000 patrons, and even though his best win in Japan was only at Grade III level, Shadow Gate was sent out the local favorite. From the awkward draws (9 and 10 respectively) Cosmo Bulk and Shadow Gate both tried to get to the front in the short run to the first corner. However, they could not cross in the early stages and were eventually forced to sit 3 and 4 wide. As they ran down the back straight Cosmo Bulk pressed on to sit 2nd outside the leader, and Shadow Gate followed on his outside. As the field came to the final corner it was clear that Shadow Gate was traveling better than any other horse in the field and at the top of the straight, jockey Katsuharu Tanaka (who is having a very successful year in 2007) asked Shadow Gate for his

effort and he quickly put several lengths on the field.

It looked for a moment as if Cosmo Bulk would drop out when the pressure was applied in the straight, but he did not let any others pass him and in the final stages he actually began to make ground again on the leader. In the final 50m or so both Cosmo Bulk and Doctor Dino were catching the tiring Shadow



Shadow Gate and connections smiling at the award ceremony. (c) Singapore Turf Club

Gate, but it was too late and the 5yo entire by White Muzzle (out of the Sunday Silence mare Fabulous Turn) held on for victory. The time for the 2000m trip was 2:04.00.

Trainer Yukihiro Kato who had been trying to decide all week whether he should stay in Singapore and watch Shadow Gate or return to Japan to watch his favored runner in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), made the right decision (Katamachi Botan finished 13th in the Oaks) and celebrated his first ever Group 1 win on site in Singapore.

"We were never worried that he was trapped four wide in the race because he was up there where we wanted him in a forward position," said a delighted Kato. "We did tell the jockey to just take a sit if someone else wanted to go forward. I am very happy I have won my very first career Group 1 and it's a bonus that it is an overseas race as well. We'll definitely be back next year!"

Jockey Tanaka was also thrilled at his first SIA Cup; "He ran very well and I was always confident where I was in the race. When I asked him for his effort he responded and I was always



Shadow Gate vigorously running through the finish line. (c) Singapore Turf Club

sure no one would catch me."

Cosmo Bulk's trainer Kazunori Tabe who won the Cup in 2006 was more than happy with his horse's run. "It was a great run, he tried his best. We are very proud about him coming back to Singapore and running such a great race", he said.

Jockey Fuyuki Igarashi said, "We thought Shadow Gate was the danger so the plan was to follow him as he usually

leads. We were caught a bit off guard when he sat behind us! But the way my horse really fought to the line really impressed me. It was like the Cosmo Bulk of old".

No plans have been announced for Shadow Gate, but Cosmo Bulk will be aimed at the International Grade 1 Takarazuka Kinen on the 24th June – a race shaping up to be one of the best in Japan this year.

## Other Japan Wins Abroad

### Japan-Bred Horse Wins Second U.S. Graded Race

Japan-bred Silent Name has captured his second U.S. graded race victory, breaking into the lead at the fourth turn at the April 14 Commonwealth Breeders' Cup Stakes, a seven-furlong, G2 event for three-year-olds & up on the dirt at Keeneland Race Course in Kentucky, for a crushing four-length

win over second-place finisher Lewis Michael (by Rahy, USA). The winning time was 1:21.26.

Born in Hokkaido, Japan in 2002, Silent Name's lineage includes sire Sunday Silence and dam Danzigaway, sired by Danehill. Debuting in France in 2004, he came third in the G3 Prix du Pin in 2005 and tallied a fine record of three wins and two second place finishes in 10 races from 2004 to 2005 in France. Transferring to the U.S. in 2006, he captured his first graded win there in April that year at the G2 Arcadia Handicap, an eight-furlong turf event. His record in the U.S. is three wins and three third place finishes in nine races. His career record in France and the U.S. is six wins, two

second place finishes, and four third place finishes in 19 events. His career earnings amount to \$636,431.

### Tayasu Tsuyoshi Colt Captures Malaysian Graded Race

Jeram Special, sired by 1995 Japan Derby winner Tayasu Tsuyoshi (JPN), won the April 8 Selangor Gold Cup, a turf event of about a mile for three-year-olds & up at Selangor Turf Club in Malaysia, besting second place finisher Bankster by 1.75 lengths. His winning time was 1:36.00.

His sire was Tayasu Tsuyoshi and his dam Playtoss, sired by Protos. Incidentally, Tayasu Tsuyoshi's had sire Sunday Silence and dam Magaro, sired by Caro, in his lineage and a lifetime record of four wins and three second place finishes in 13 races, with ¥297,436,000 in career winnings.



Tayasu Tsuyoshi won the Japanese Derby in 1995.

# Hidaka Training Sale Report

## Manhattan Cafe Foals Net Top Prices for Colts and Fillies

By Isamu Yoshii, Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association



Horses offered at auction running in the morning track workout.

The Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association hosted the Hidaka Training Sale at JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm in Urakawa, Hokkaido under two days of fair skies May 21 and 22.

Sixty-six of the 150 foals – 84 colts and 66 fillies – at auction were sold, for a 44.0% sales ratio. Gross sales revenues were ¥486,633,000 and the average price of the foals sold was ¥7,373,227.

The top price of ¥22,575,000

was for colt by Manhattan Cafe out of Ibuki Pink Lady, purchased by Noboru Tanaka of Tokyo. The highest priced filly, by Manhattan Cafe out of Chokai Marine, was bought by Keiichi Yamagishi of Tokyo for ¥22,050,000. A 2005 Meisho Doto colt out of Highland Cocktail that clocked the best final furlong at 10.5 seconds during the morning track workout was also bought by Big Red Farm Co., Ltd. of Niikappu, Hokkaido for ¥16,275,000.

Overseas buyers also attended the sale, with five foals sold to Korea and one to Singapore.

This sale produced a string of fine horses last year and because the number of foals on offer rose substantially from last year's 111, there were high expectations for the sale over a two-day period, but also partly affected by racing events held at the same time, the sales total unfortunately lagged the previous year.



Colt offered at the top price  
(by Manhattan Cafe, out of Ibuki Pink Lady).



Filly offered at the top price  
(by Manhattan Cafe, out of Chokai Marine).

## Results of Hidaka Training Sale 2007

Gender	Number of Lots	Number of Purchased	Total Sales (¥)	Average price (¥) The Most Expensive (¥) The Cheapest (¥)
Colt	84	37	332,443,000	8,957,919 22,575,000 1,155,000
Filly	66	29	155,190,000	5,351,279 22,050,000 1,050,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>486,633,000</b>	<b>7,373,227</b> <b>22,575,000</b> <b>1,050,000</b>

\* The above chart was provided by the Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association.

## Results of Hokkaido Horse Sales 2006

### (Sales Results by Market)

Market Name	Date	Location (Prefecture)	Type of Horse	Number of Lots	Number of Purchased	Total Sales (¥)	Average Price (¥)
Hokkaido Training Sale	May 22, 2006	JRA Sapporo Racecourse (Sapporo, Hokkaido)	Thoroughbred 2-Y-O's	171	90	528,360,000	5,870,667
Hokkaido Selection Sale	July 17 - 18, 2006	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shin-Hidaka, Hokkaido)	Thoroughbred Foals	168	69	918,330,000	13,309,130
			Thoroughbred Yearlings	188	115	1,229,340,000	10,689,913
Hokkaido Summer Sale	August 21 - 25, 2006	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shin-Hidaka, Hokkaido)	Thoroughbred Yearlings	1,122	356	1,819,335,000	5,110,492
Hokkaido Autumn Sale	October 16 - 20, 2006	Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shin-Hidaka, Hokkaido)	Thoroughbred Foals	220	46	400,575,000	8,708,152
			Thoroughbred Yearlings	716	251	839,832,000	3,345,944
			Anglo Arab	2	2	577,500	288,750
<b>Total</b>				<b>2,587</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>5,736,349,500</b>	<b>6,174,757</b>

### (Sales Results by Type of Horse)

Type of Horse	Age	Number of Lots	Number of Purchased	Total Sales (¥)	Average Price (¥)
Thoroughbred	Foals	388	115	1,318,905,000	11,468,739
	Yearlings	2,026	722	3,888,507,000	5,385,744
	2-Y-O's	171	90	528,360,000	5,870,667
Anglo Arab	Yearlings	2	2	577,500	288,750
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,587</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>5,736,349,500</b>	<b>6,174,757</b>

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# Adopting Color Doppler Tests in Japan's Equine Medicine

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## 1. Introduction

JRA has attempted to improve the quality of Japan-bred horses by introducing superior bloodlines from around the world as part of efforts to breed and train horses that rank among the world's top class racehorses, at the same time devoting various efforts to their training and handling. However, bearing in mind that scientific as well as technical approaches are also important to creating strong horses, JRA has for many years also undertaken multifaceted research related to racehorses. For example, the JRA Equine Research Institute's Sports Science Division conducts research on various aspects of nutrition, sports physiology, and ethology to determine what is required to make Thoroughbreds' racing abilities bloom and the institute's Life Science

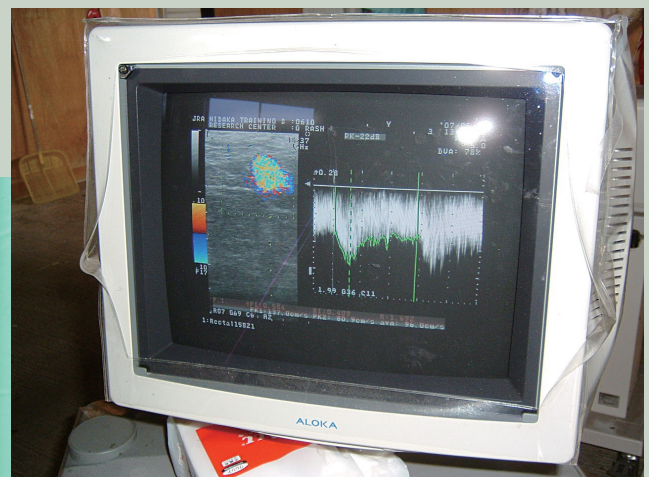
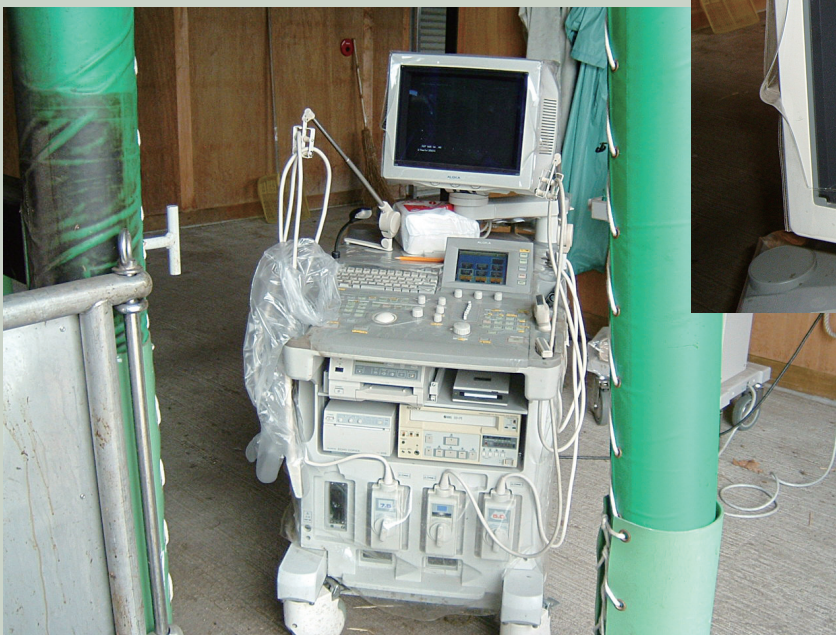
Division analyzes the mechanisms of horses' biological phenomena on the genetic level, applying research results to produce superior racehorses. Additionally, the institute's Clinical Sciences and Pathobiology Division elucidates factors in diseases that frequently afflict racehorses, conducting research into early diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of these illnesses. As can be seen, JRA conducts various, multifaceted types of research related to racehorses, but one area of advanced research among these that has attracted considerable attention recently is diagnostics and testing employing color Doppler ultrasound equipment. A brief description follows below.

## 2. What are color Doppler tests?

In the human medical arena

the condition of internal organs, musculature, and ligaments, which is difficult to determine with external or X-ray testing, is diagnosed non-invasively with widely-employed methods involving ultrasound equipment and color Doppler ultrasound devices able to display the state of blood circulation in color have gained acceptance in the area of equine medicine as well. Use of these devices enables an understanding of internal organs' functions and circulatory dynamics through non-invasive testing and regarding imaging as well, images that are much clearer compared to when previous ultrasound devices are used can now be viewed in color. Three-dimensional views are also possible, enabling 3D, smooth observation of a fetus' shape and movements in real time.

Color Doppler ultrasound devices.



The blood circulation dynamics in the uterine arteries can be checked on the screen.

### 3. Path to adoption of color Doppler testing

On the horse-breeding scene the method of examining reproductive organs such as the uterus and ovaries by inserting an ultrasound diagnostic device via the anus and rectal wall has gained wide acceptance, but in Germany and the U.S. additional advances have been made in research into new methods for pregnancy tests and predicting ovulation based on use of color Doppler ultrasound equipment to measure the circulatory parameters of the blood vessels in a mare's uterus. In this connection, JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm proposed in Investigative Research into Breeding Region Diseases that use of color Doppler ultrasound devices would be indispensable to achieving further progress in veterinary medicine.

### 4. Results obtained and items clarified to date through color Doppler tests

Although equine pregnancies are 11 months in duration, the lengthiest among livestock, the equine reproductive cycle is exceptional in that conception is possible a mere 10 days after birth (initial postpartum estrus). Even so, because it is recognized that pregnancy rates for covering at the time of initial postpartum estrus are lower than subsequent pregnancy rates, racehorse breeding, which seeks a single birth per year, requires objective diagnoses of the state of the uterine involution to determine whether the uterus is in a condition appropriate for covering. Examinations of changes in the perfusion of the arteries that supply blood to the womb are thought to be required for this.

With this in mind, JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm, working jointly with the National Agricultural Insurance Association (NOSAI) and Hidaka Horse Breeders' Association, conducted studies over a three-year period from 2004 using color Doppler ultrasound devices (Prosound SSD-3500, SSD-5500, ALOKA, Tokyo, Japan) to measure the circulatory parameters of uterine arteries in a total of 17 pregnant



Thoroughbred broodmares (aged four to 16) from early pregnancy to one month after birth. After preliminary determinations through palpation of the dorsal rectal uterine artery and blood vessel imaging via the rectal wall, pulsatility and resistance indices (PI, RI), time-averaged velocity (TAV), and other test items were monitored and compared at each stage. It was understood as a result that because these elements fluctuate greatly in connection with the course of pregnancy and parturition the amount of demand for blood varies greatly in pregnancy and at the time of birth. That is, PI and RI values gradually decrease while TAV values gradually increase during the course of pregnancy and it was confirmed that the values reached the highest point prepartum. Additionally, that various circulatory parameters reached their most stable state one month after birth compared to eight days following birth, with a large volume of blood required at the time of initial postpartum estrus, suggested the likelihood that the uterus was not sufficiently physiologically recovered from the perspective of circulatory changes. These data have yielded expectations for new methods of circulatory level tests of the state of the uterine involution at initial postpartum estrus.

### 5. Future possibilities for methods of employing and applications for color Doppler sonography

Among the broad range of uses for color Doppler sonography conceivable there are hopes for the following preventive and diagnostic applications.

- 1) Diagnosing circulatory parameters with color Doppler sonography to determine whether uterine functions are normal during pregnancy
- 2) Using color Doppler sonography to monitor the fetal heart rate in conjunction with color diagnostic 3D-imaging of the fetus to enable comprehensive fetal health examinations.
- 3) Using color Doppler ultrasound equipment to examine the uterine arteries will contribute to predicting the ruptures of the uterine artery frequently seen in aged broodmares
- 4) Using color Doppler ultrasound devices will enable circulatory level diagnosis of the state of postpartum uterine functions' recovery

Multifaceted studies are now in progress, meant to establish the use of color Doppler ultrasound equipment in future as an objective diagnostic method in tests of blood circulation during pregnancy, the relationship between circulation and fetal death, and other things.

# Japanese Principal Race Result

## 67th The Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas)

Hanshin Racecourse, April 8, 2007  
Value of race: ¥209,200,000  
F&M 3-year-olds  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:33:7 (Course record 1:32:2)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥26,761,887,900  
On-course 4.2%  
Off-course 95.8%  
Oka Sho only: ¥18,647,011,500  
Attendance: 69,245  
1st: Daiwa Scarlet (Katsumi Ando, 55.0kg) ch.f.3,  
Agnes Tachyon – Scarlet Bouquet by Northern Taste,  
O-Keizo Oshiro T-Kunihide Matsuda B-Shadai Farm,  
Winning money: ¥117,210,000  
2nd: Vodka (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
Tanino Gimlet – Tanino Sister by Rousillon,  
3rd: Katamachi Botan (Shinji Fujita, 55.0kg) db.f.3,  
Dance in the Dark – Tayasu Bloom by Caerleon

## 9th The Nakayama Grand Jump (J.G.I)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 14, 2007  
Value of race: ¥152,760,000  
4-year-olds & up,  
International  
4250m, Jump Firm, Fine  
4:50:4 (Course record 4:47:0)  
15 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥8,853,327,300  
On-course 6.8%  
Off-course 93.2%  
Nakayama Grand Jump only: ¥1,890,292,900  
Attendance: 34,381  
1st: Karasi (Brett Scott, 63.5kg) b.g.12,  
Kahyasi – Karamita by Shantung,  
O-Pearse Morgan T-Eric Musgrove B-His Highness the  
Aga Khan's Stud S.C.,  
Winning money: ¥80,532,000  
2nd: Reward Present (Yusuke Igarashi, 62.0kg) ch.c.4,  
Matikanefukukitaru – Dance Ginny by The Minstrel,  
3rd: Merci A Time (Tadashi Kosaka, 63.5kg) b.h.5,  
Chief Bearhart – Machikane Carmen by Thrill Show

## 67th The Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 15, 2007  
Value of race: ¥235,320,000  
C&F 3-year-olds  
2000m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:59:9 (Course record 1:58:5)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥30,916,184,900  
On-course 5.1%  
Off-course 94.9%  
Satsuki Sho only: ¥22,170,011,600  
Attendance: 72,452  
1st: Victory (Katsuharu Tanaka, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Brian's Time – Grace Admire by Tony Bin,  
O-Hideko Kondo T-Hidetaka Otonashi B-Hideko  
Kondo  
Winning money: ¥132,434,000  
2nd: Sun Zeppelin (Masami Matsuoka, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Tenby – Plant Ogygian by Ogygian,  
3rd: Fusaichi Ho O (Katsumi Ando, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Jungle Pocket – Admire Sunday by Sunday Silence

## 135th The Tenno Sho (Spring) (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, April 29, 2007  
Value of race: ¥256,240,000  
C&F, International, 4-year-olds & Up  
3200m, Turf Firm, Fine  
3:14:1 (Course record 3:13:4)  
16 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥31,353,711,300  
On-course 5.1%  
Off-course 94.9%  
Tenno Sho(Spring) only: ¥23,696,268,600  
Attendance: 85,414  
1st: Meisho Samson (Mamoru Ishibashi, 58.0kg) b.c.4,  
Opera House – My Vivien by Dancing Brave,  
O-Yoshio Matsumoto T-Shigetada Takahashi B-Koki  
Hayashi  
Winning money: ¥135,528,000  
2nd: Erimo Expire (Yuichi Fukunaga, 58.0kg) b.c.4,  
Scatter the Gold – Erimo Brownie by Commander in  
Chief,  
3rd: Tokai Trick (Kenichi Ikezoe, 58.0kg) b.h.5,  
El Condor Pasa – Zoonauqua by Silver Hawk

## 12th The NHK Mile Cup

Tokyo Racecourse, May 6, 2007  
Value of race: ¥181,200,000  
C&F, 3-year-olds  
1600m, Turf Good, Rainy  
1:34:3 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥23,469,659,600  
On-course 5.0%  
Off-course 95.0%  
NHK Mile Cup only: ¥15,555,106,800  
Attendance: 55,166  
1st: Pink Cameo (Hirofumi Uchida, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
French Deputy – Silver Lane by Silver Hawk,  
O-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co.Ltd T-Sakae Kunieda,  
B-Watership Down Stud  
Winning money: ¥96,200,000  
2nd: Lawrel Guerreiro (Shinji Fujita, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
King Halo – Big Tenby by Tenby,  
3rd: Muramasano Yoto (Junichi Kobayashi, 57.0kg)  
ch.c.3,  
King Halo – Feste Romane by Hector Protector

## 2nd The Victoria Mile

Tokyo Racecourse, May 13, 2007  
Value of race: ¥177,520,000  
F&M, International, 4-year-olds & Up  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:32:5 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥25,956,279,700  
On-course 5.5%  
Off-course 94.5%  
Victoria Mile only: ¥17,471,006,200  
Attendance: 68,523  
1st: Koiuta (Masami Matsuoka, 55.0kg) dch.f.4,  
Fuji Kiseki – Violet Love by Dr Devious,  
O-Maekawa Kikaku Co.Ltd T-Masashi Okuhira  
B-Shadai Farm  
Winning money: ¥93,864,000  
2nd: Asahi Rising (Yoshitomi Shibata, 55.0kg) b.f.4,  
Royal Touch – Asahi Mercury by Minagawa Manna,  
3rd: Daring Heart (Shinji Fujita, 55.0kg) dch.m.5,  
Sunday Silence – Daring Danzig by Danzig

## 68th The Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 20, 2007  
Value of race: ¥228,990,000  
F&M, 3-year-olds  
2400m, Turf Firm, Fine  
2:25:3 (Course record 2:22:1)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥29,049,867,900  
On-course 5.8%  
Off-course 94.2%  
Yushun Himba only: ¥20,376,829,300  
Attendance: 100,112  
1st: Robe Decollete (Yuichi Fukunaga, 55.0kg) g.f.3,  
Cozzene – Color of Gold by Seeking the Gold,  
O-Koji Maeda T-Shigeki Matsumoto B-Mr. & Mrs.  
Larry D. Williams  
Winning money: 128,003,000  
2nd: Bella Rheia (Shinichiro Akiyama, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
Narita Top Road – Malli Star by Baldski,  
3rd: Love Caerna (Takanori Kikuzawa, 55.0kg) br.f.3,  
Oath – Caerna by Caerleon

## 74th The Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 27, 2007  
Value of race: ¥343,300,000  
C&F, 3-year-olds  
2400m, Turf Firm, Fine  
2:24:5 (Course record 2:22:1)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥45,199,313,200  
On-course 6.4%  
Off-course 93.6%  
Tokyo Yushun only: ¥30,802,901,700  
Attendance: 131,185  
1st: Vodka (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
Tanino Gimlet – Tanimo Sister by Rousillon,  
O-Yuzo Tanimizu T-Katsuhiko Sumii B-Country  
Bokujo  
Winning money: ¥190,110,000  
2nd: Asakusa Kings (Yuichi Fukunaga, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
White Muzzle – Croupier Star by Sunday Silence,  
3rd: Admire Aura (Yasunari Iwata, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Agnes Tachyon – Biwa Heidi by Caerleon

## 57th The Yasuda Kinen (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, June 3, 2007  
Value of race: ¥195,580,000  
International, 3-year-olds & up  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:32:3 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥31,340,374,600  
On-course 5.7%  
Off-course 94.3%  
Yasuda Kinen only: ¥21,203,431,200  
Attendance: 82,047  
1st: Daiwa Major (Katsumi Ando, 58.0kg) ch.h.6,  
Sunday Silence – Scarlet Bouquet by Northern Taste,  
O-Keizo Oshiro T-Hirofumi Uehara B-Shadai Farm  
Winning money: ¥103,906,000  
2nd: Kongo Rikishio (Shinji Fujita, 58.0kg) b.h.5,  
Stravinsky – Principium by Hansel,  
3rd: Jolly Dance (Shinichiro Akiyama, 56.0kg) g.m.6,  
Dance in the Dark – Peterhof's Patea by Peterhof



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