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Reflections on Fuji Kiseki

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Zenya Yoshida introduced Sunday Silence to Japan in the spring of 1991. Word has it that most Japanese breeders were skeptical about this horse's future as a sire.

Some said there was a problem with his overly stormy temperament being passed on. Some said they did not care for his cow hocks (a limb deformity in the gambrels called splay foot or knock knees). And some, imagining a muscular physique because he was said to be a dirt champion from America, voiced disappointment when at first sight, he appeared to be a fragile, gangly-legged horse.

Fuji Kiseki, debuted in summer 1994 as one of the first year's crop, utterly dispelled such talk and offered our first inkling that Sunday Silence was not just any horse and may well be a super sire. Fuji Kiseki reigned as champion two-year-old with three flawless, consecutive victories in a griffin race in Niigata, the Momiji Stakes, which he captured in a record time, followed by the Asahi Hai (GI, as of 1998). The next spring, following a crushing win in the Yayoi Sho (trial race for the Satsuki Sho, which is the Japanese 2000 Guineas), his body had grown by more than 30 kilograms since his debut. Then, symptoms of tendonitis were discovered in his left foreleg. The breeding industry was at that time in desperate need for new stallions. Since Fuji Kiseki could no longer race and his bloodline was already widely known for its excellence, it seemed only natural that he be rushed into stud service even though the breeding season had already begun. Fuji Kiseki instantly became a highly sought after stallion because his physique replicated his father's with the good breeding and his mother's line was also the superior. The historical European lineage from the great Mill Reef and there was also the merit that he was easy to pair because there was no trace of Northern Dancer in his lineage (The Northern Dancer line is very large in Japan and pairing can sometimes be difficult)

When Fuji Kiseki's first progeny reached racing age in 1998, Fuji



Fuji Kiseki (by Sunday Silence)

Kiseki became the 15th ranked stallion for two-year-olds and was ranked fourth among new sires. Although he produced Tosho Andre, who won the Chunichi Shimbun Hai (GIII, as of 1998) at the end of his fourth year and Air Pierre, winner of the Saga Kinen, a regional top-ranked race, in the spring of his seventh year, the truth that it was difficult to say whether his first crop in 1995, actually met expectations. He is felt that he may not have been mentally or physically prepared to be a sire.

However, this was dispelled when his second year's crop brought his first graded race crowns as a sire. These included Daitaku Riva, who won five graded races, including the 2000 Shinzan Kinen (GIII, as of 2000) and placed second in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and the Mile Championship (GI). Top horses regularly appeared in each subsequent generation. He has established a record in terms of stallion rankings of not having one year out of the top 10 sires after breaking into that select group at number six, for the first time when his third crop debuted in 2000.

The diversity of his progeny is one thing that sets Fuji Kiseki apart as a sire. While on the one hand there have been sprinters like Fine Grain, the 2008 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (GI)

winner and milers like Koiuta, who won the Victoria Mile (JRA's top-ranked race for mares only), there have also been horses that boasted stamina like Niigata Jump Stakes (J • GIII) winner Demolition Man. Along with fast starters like Grace Tiara, who won early with the Zen Nippon Nisai Yushun, a top-ranked regional race, as her father had also done, there were late bloomers like Yumeno Shirushi, who become champion of the Summer 2000 Series by achieving his first graded race crown in the summer of his fifth year. Finally, while he has produced top horses at champion distance races on turf, like Dream Passport, who placed second in the 2006 Japan Cup (GI), he has also produced dirt race champions like Kane Hekili, winner of two JRA GI dirt races and two top ranked NAR races pm dirt, including the 2005 Japan Cup Dirt (GI).

One point that deserves special note is that Fuji Kiseki achieved all this while standing during the same essential time frame and at the same location as his highly regarded father. So in terms of pedigree, the superior mares went to Sunday Silence as a matter of course while he still living. The mares that came to Fuji Kiseki during that same period might be considered to be from the B team, so

to speak. After the death of Sunday Silence, whose last crop is now five-years-olds, the quality of the broodmares brought to Fuji Kiseki have undoubtedly improved. We could then very easily say that the predictions are Fuji Kiseki's record as a stallion will also improve as we move into the future.

Sunday Silence's influence now literally extends worldwide. His son, Divine Light, traveled to France and produced Natagora, winner of One Thousand Guineas Stakes in the U.K., this spring. Tale of Ekati, whose dam's sire was Sunday Silence, won the Wood Memorial (GI) at Aqueduct in the USA. Finally, in the Middle East's Dubai as well, Fuji Kiseki filly Sun Classique won the Dubai Sheema Classic, a five million dollar World Cup turf event.

Fuji Kiseki has shuttled to Australia's Arrowfield Stud for five consecutive seasons between 1998 and 2002. He was paired with Elfenjer, a mare sired by Last Tycoon and owned by Lionel Cohen, in the fall of 2002, his last year. This coupling got the filly Sun Classique, born on October 12, 2003. Sun Classique subsequently traveled to South Africa, where breeder Cohen owns her jointly with Warne and Wendy Rippon, and debuted from Mike de Kock's stable, winning the Kenilworth's Avontuur Estate Cape Fillies Guineas (GI) in the spring of her third year and becoming a classic horse. This means that Fuji Kiseki is the sixth of sires by Sunday Silence to produce GI winners outside Japan, following Tayasu Tsuyoshi, who sired 2004 VRC

Oaks winner Hollow Bullet, Bubble Gum Fellow, who produced 2005 Bloodstock Breeders Stakes winner Rockabubble, Special Week, who fathered 2005 American Oaks victor Cesario, Dance in the Dark, who produced 2006 Melbourne Cup winner Delta Blues, and Genuine, who sired 2007 Australian Cup winner Pompeii Ruler.

Sun Classique later also won two GI events, the Majorca Stakes and Woolavington Stakes, and was chosen that year's champion three-year-old filly in South Africa. Turning four this season, she was added to the stable owned by trainer de Kock at Dubai's Nad al Sheba and had three consecutive wins from the season's first race and secured the Dubai Sheema Classic (GI). Word has it that Mr. de Kock will move to a training center in Newmarket in the U.K. from here on to take on the challenge of big European races and we anticipate good news will be delivered from Europe.

Still, that a Japan-bred horse whose sire came from the U.S. traveled to Australia as a sire, producing offspring that included a filly that became a South African champion and used a Dubai GI event as a stepping stone in pursuit of big European titles, is above anything else, a truly global trend. Sun Classique can truly be described as



Sunday Silence (by Halo)

symbolizing the new age of borderless horse racing.

I really felt that the road to a world class recognition for Japanese horses had gotten so much longer when Sunday Silence died. However, if Sunday's successor stallions are able to continue their production of these type of world champion-class runners, there is probably now a great chance of recognition than even when Sunday Silence was alive. It is that the dreamer of all of the racing community in Japan that the next horse to stand at the top of the world will appear from among the progeny of Japan-born Fuji Kiseki.

Finally, we also hope for an era when the world's major horse owners will gather at our Hokkaido's sales, seeking strong Japan-bred horses.

JAIR President & CEO Visits Korea's Busan Gyeongnam Race Park

As a part of JAIR's program of continuing exchanges with the Korea Racing Authority (KRA), President & CEO Dr. Naoaki Koike D.V.M., visited the Busan Gyeongnam Race Park on April 5 and 6, 2008 as an invited guest of KRA in conjunction with the KRA Cup Mile. Dr. Koike arrived at Gimhae International Airport and traveled to Busan Gyeongnam Race Park to renew old acquaintances with Executive Director, Eung Kee

Bae and General Manager, Seung Pyung Kim. There, wide-ranging discussions from recollections of the past visits to Japan, to mutual briefings on the most recent developments in Japanese and Korean horse racing and plans for future exchanges between Busan and Japan relating to the development of horseracing. Dr. Koike



Dr. Koike presented the winning jockey with a bouquet.

was then given a tour of the excellent facilities at Busan Gyeongnam Race Park. This included the stable area, racehorse clinic, the doping laboratory, the farriers' station and the racing operations area. A thorough briefing was provided by the staff members of each section.

The following day, Ms. Jeong Mi Byeon, Assistant Manager of the General Affairs team at Busan Gyeongnam Race Park took Dr. Koike on a visit to Jangsu Stud Farm in North Jeolla Province. Dr. Choi Gui Cheol, General Manager of the farm, provided an overview of the farm, with a detailed explanation regarding racehorse breeding and training in South Korea, which afforded a deeper understanding of breeding and training in that area. Touring the stud farm's facilities, Dr. Koike held various discussions with the

facility's veterinary and training staff based on his expertise and experience as a former JRA clinical veterinarian.

Dr. Koike returned to Busan Gyeongnam Race Park that afternoon and attended racing with other guests that had been invited that day, including the chairman of the breeders' association and local government leaders. Dr. Koike presented the winning jockey with a bouquet at the awards ceremony after the KRA Cup Mile and extended his congratulations to the connections of the winner. The visit to Busan lasted only two days, but for Dr. Koike, who advocates deeper understandings for the



Dr. Koike (Center) joined the awards ceremony of KRA Cup Mile.

advancement of horseracing in all its forms worldwide, it was an extremely meaningful and fruitful visit.



Dr. Koike also visited KRA Jangsu Stud Farm and discussed with officials in the farm.

Comments from Dr. Koike

The name "park" is truly appropriate to Busan Gyeongnam Race Park and the beautiful thoroughbreds coursing down the lovely track left a lasting impression with me. Also, the sight of Busan's people enjoying horse racing in a relaxed atmosphere resembled racing fans in Europe and the United States comfortably savoring horse racing amid abundant greenery.

Jangsu Stud Farm, located midway between Busan and Seoul, is a modern farm with no precedents around the world and has brought together superior aspects from breeding farms worldwide. I could deeply feel that it will not be long before horses bred and trained there will be performing on the biggest of the world's stages.

I hope that these kinds of exchanges this visit brought, will further advance both Japanese and South Korean horse racing, as well as contributing to the promotion of Asian and global horse racing. It also would bring me no greater happiness than if horse racing exchanges lead to an even closer and stronger relationship between South Korea and Japan.

Brian's Time Reaches 1,300 JRA Wins

This news is extracted from *Baji Tsushin*

Brian's Time (by Roberto out of Kelley's Day, from Graustark, USA), stabled at Arrow Stud in Shin Hidaka, has become the fourth horse in history to have progeny reach 1,300 JRA wins. This beautiful dark bay horse was born in 1985.

The milestone victory was achieved in the seventh race at Nakayama Racecourse for three-year-olds and up March the 30th. Favorite Tosen True, a four-year-old colt from Goto Stable in the JRA Miho Training Center, moved from good position into the lead in the homestretch. Pulling away from the pursuit, he presented his father with this significant and memorable victory.

Brian's Time had five wins, two second place finishes, and six third place finishes in 21 races between the ages of two and four. He won his first graded race in March of his third year, beating Forty Niner by a neck in the Florida Derby (GI). He later ran second in the Preakness Stakes, third in the Belmont Stakes, won the Jim Dandy Stakes (GII) and the fall Pegasus Handicap (GI).

He began his stud career in Niikappu in 1990. He quickly became one of the top stallions with debut progeny

that included Narita Brian and Chokai Carol. Later continuing to produce champions, he became known as one



Brian's Time, whose progeny have achieved 1,300 wins, looks ahead to the challenge of becoming champion sire (dirt) for an unprecedented fifth time

of the “top three” along with Tony Bin and Sunday Silence, who had started his stud career one year later.

He rose to fifth place in total wins with victory 1,259 on November the 24th of last year (Hindustan had 1,258). He passed Partholon on December the

16th with win number 1,273. The 1,300 victories leave him behind Sunday Silence with 2,711 (as of March 30, 2008), Northern Taste with 1,757, and Rising Flame with 1,379.

As the only horse of the top five still standing in service, he has shone

as champion sire of two-year-olds in 1996 and champion sire (dirt) for four consecutive years from 2004. Now at age 23, he continues to lead a vigorous stallion career and how far he can extend his records from here on will just have to be watched closely.

2008 Hidaka Training Sale

Agnes Tachyon Colt Brings Highest Price at ¥42 Million

Mr. Masayuki Itoh, The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

The Hidaka-Higashi Agricultural Cooperative Association hosted the Hidaka Training Sale at the JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm in Urakawa, Hokkaido on May 27. It was only held for one day this year, compared to the two day scheduled for last year. Workouts featured a series of fast times, with 33 horses in the 10-second final furlong range and a Miracle Admire colt topping all with a 9.9-second mark.

Forty-five (26 colts and 19 fillies)



Agnes Tachyon (JPN) colt brought highest price – ¥42 million



Fuji Kiseki daughter fetched highest price for filly – ¥14.7 million

of the 116 lots on offer (68 colts and 48 fillies) were sold, for a 38.8% sales ratio, 5.2 points down from last year. Total receipts came to ¥305,875,500, also down 37.1% compared to a year ago. The average sales price was ¥6,797,233 (7.8% lower 2007). The median price, the best indicator of the actual sales situation, was ¥4,305,000, down 31.7%. Big Red Farm Co., Ltd. Of Niikappu,

Hokkaido bought a colt by Agnes Tachyon out of Laurel Polaris for the high buy at ¥42 million. Takaya Shimakawa of Miyagi Prefecture made the highest bid for a filly by Fuji Kiseki out of Blushing Debutante for ¥14.7 million. A delegation from the Korean Racing Authority also bought seven lots (three colts and four fillies).

The median price declined broadly by about two million yen and the eight horses sold for over ¥10 million were half last year's number. Strangely, the colt with the fastest workout time went unsold resulting in the auction following an overall subdued tone.



Workout scene

2008 Hokkaido Training Sale

Total sales hit ¥434.595 million, 4.5% less than last year

Mr. Masayuki Itoh, The Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association

The Hidaka Horse Breeders' Association held its Hokkaido Training Sale at JRA Sapporo Racecourse on Monday, May the 26th, reverting to its usual May date. Most horses flew through workouts in the

11-second range and seven horses also recorded times in the 10-second range. A Paradise Creek (USA) colt had the fastest time, 10.52 seconds.

181 lots (94 colts and 87 fillies) were offered and 82 (46 colts and 36 fillies)

were sold, for a 45.3% sales ratio. Total receipts of ¥434.595 million were 4.5% down over the 2007 sale. The average price of ¥5,299,939 also fell 4.5%. Fukusaburo Takahashi of Iwate Prefecture bought a colt by



Highest price, ¥29.4 million, paid for Jungle Pocket colt

Jungle Pocket out of Tagano Blossom for the highest price, ¥29.4 million. The highest price for a filly was one by Swept Overboard (USA) out of Kurino Audrey bought by Kenji Yokose of Tokyo for ¥14.7 million.

The Kumamoto Prefecture Horse Owners' Association participated for the first time and bought three colts in

syndicate purchases, while the Iwate Prefecture Horse Owners' Association again attracted attention by enthusiastically buying 14 lots (six colts and eight fillies), as it did last year. Purchases by overseas buyers were led by the Korean Racing Authority bid for six lots (one colt and five fillies) and trainer Hideyuki Takaoka from Singapore also bought two fillies.

Sale representatives commented that they thought the results were reasonable, despite being down slightly from last year. This is

probably from the view of conditions in which there is fears that Japan's economy is worsening and with profits continuing to decline at other training sales.



Highest price for filly, ¥14.7 million, went for Swept Overboard (USA) daughter

Research on heart rate of race horses

Mr. Kazutaka Mukai, D.V.M., Ph. D. JRA Equine Reserch Institute

It is extremely important to recognize the type of capabilities racehorses require and train them efficiently in those required capabilities. First, there is a need to know about the physiological functions of Thoroughbreds during races; However, during actual races there are numerous limitations on measuring heart rates and other physiological variables and there have been few reports on this to date.

The anaerobic energy supply was previously thought to be a major energy source in short intense exercise like that of a horse race. However, Australian researchers have recently shown that the aerobic contribution to total energy expenditure in Thoroughbreds was more than 70% in exercise that is the equivalent of a 1,600-meter race. Therefore, it can be easily understood just how important the aerobic capacity is during a horse race.

The most reliable indicator in assessing the aerobic capacity is

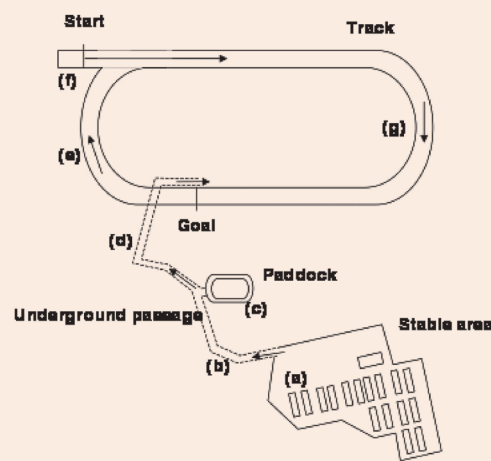
considered to be maximal oxygen uptake. That is, how much oxygen can be taken into the body and the extent, to which aerobic energy can be produced in the muscles are key. It is known that marathon runners and cross-country skiers actually show extremely high maximal oxygen uptake.

However, measuring maximal oxygen uptake of racehorses requires that the horse run on a treadmill in the lab and it cannot be measured in horses exercising in the field. Therefore the heart rate in that instance, is used to assess the ability to supply aerobic energy in the field because it is closely correlated to oxygen uptake during exercise and, moreover, can be easily measured. The Equine Research Institute and the JRA Training Centers' Racehorse Clinics also measure racehorses' heart rates

during exercise, using those data to determine running speed when the heart rate reaches 200 beat/min to evaluate a horse's aerobic capacity

Fig. 1 Diagram of JRA Nakayama Racecourse Route

(A) Stable area, (B) underground passage, (C) paddock, (D) underground passage (with jockeys aboard), (E) warm-ups (gallops), (F) starting gate, (G) track



and the effects of training. Training makes heart rates lower when running at the same speed. Further, the heart rate also reflects psychological status, enabling an understanding of a horse's psychological condition in the underground passage or the paddock.

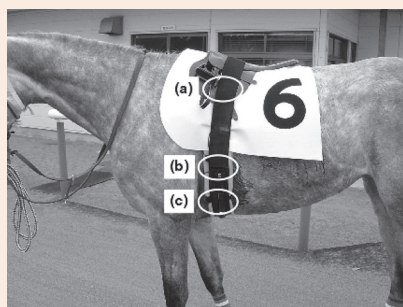
On the other hand, the rate of lactate accumulation in skeletal muscle and its release into blood is exponentially related to the exercise intensity. On the basis of this relationship, the lactate concentration in blood may provide valuable information about changes occurring in the blood and the working muscles.

Therefore, we monitored the heart rates and post-race blood lactate concentration and the changes that occurred in racehorses during races at a simulated 1,200-meter dirt race held at Nakayama Racecourse (Fig. 1).

We fitted each horse with a commercially available heart rate monitor during saddling about 50 minutes before the race (Fig. 2). The

Fig. 2 Horse Fitted with Heart Rate Monitor

- (A) Electrode positioned under saddle
- (B) Transmitter
- (C) Another electrode and receiver



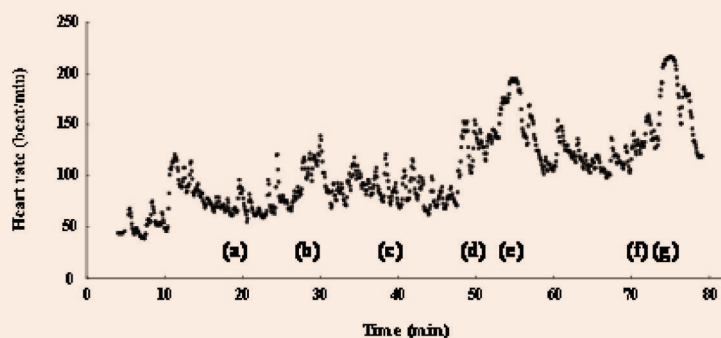
heart rates were similar for horses walking around the stable area and in the paddock. I had imagined that horses' heart rates would increase when they became nervous walking around in front of large numbers of spectators in the paddock, but this appears to be not necessarily the case. However, the heart rates rose while the horses were walking after jockeys mounted them in the paddock. We thought this might be due to the jockeys' weight load, but researchers overseas have reported that heart rates do not increase while walking due to a physical load of a jockey's weight, so it might be that the increased heart

rate is psychological, due to awareness of the race when a jockey mounts. Further, heart rates also went up by nearly 20 beat/min when the horses were walking in the underground passage (Fig. 3). Some horses actually lost their calm or reared while walking through the underground passage. Some horses apparently just do not like the underground passage.

This rapid increase in the heart rate indicates how excited the horses are immediately before the race starts and may be the preparation for the following intensive bout of sprint exercise. Further, some researchers reported that psychological stress before high-intensity exercise improved running performance and this is supposed to be related to the

Fig. 3 Typical Heart Rate Transition

- (A) Walking around stable area, (B) walking in underground passage, (C) walking around paddock, (D) walking in underground passage (with jockey aboard), (E) gallop to gate (warm-up), (F) in starting gate, (G) during race



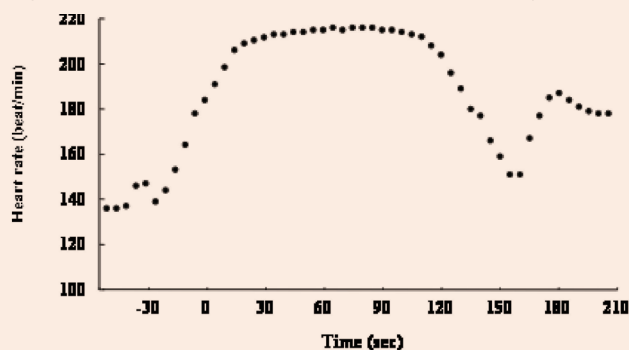
Heart rates reached a maximum of 194 ± 2 beat/min when horses entered the track and did warm-up exercises (gallops, Fig. 3), equal to $91.1 \pm 0.8\%$ of the maximum heart rate of 213.6 ± 1.7 beat/min during the race. From what I could tell they appeared to be cantering easily, but their speed was unexpectedly fast and the intensity of the exercise high. However, the warm-up period (< one minute) and distance (< 600 meters) were both short and the recovery period between warm-up and race was long (around 15 minutes). According to my unpublished data, the blood lactate concentration after the warm-up exercise in the present study is estimated to decrease to less than 2 mmol/l during the recovery time of 15 minutes; thus, this warm-up exercise is expected to have little effect on fatigue.

Heart rates were 97.7 ± 3.5 beat/min when walking in the enclosure near the starting line, but rose to 171.4 ± 5.3 beat/min in the starting gate immediately before the race started (Fig. 4).

higher ratio of aerobic energy supplied compared to total energy supplies due to higher heart rates and hematocrit during exercise. On the other hand, excess excitement can yield negative effects such as a delayed start or running at too quick a pace. Many representatives whose horses are not good at the start also dislike making the horse wait in the gate, but no differences were found between horses that were led into the gate first or later and heart rates conversely tended to calm the longer in the gate. However, it is difficult to judge whether this has a good effect on a race's outcome.

Heart rates reached 95% of their peak count 12.4 \pm 1.8 seconds from the start and subsequently remained at high levels (Fig. 4). Horses are animals

Fig. 4 Typical Heart Rate Transition during Race



whose oxygen transport system responds very rapidly to exercise in the first place. It can be seen that aerobic energy supplies are fully employed, promptly increasing the heart rate during an actual race. This is not to say, however, that only aerobic energy supplies are used during a race. The high blood lactate concentration (22.5 ± 0.6 mmol/l) in this study strongly reflects a dependence on anaerobic metabolic pathways during the race. Strengthening the glycolytic capacity and the ability to tolerate conditions of high lactate, and removing lactate

from the muscle by transport through the blood may be important in racing. Reaching the peak heart rate as quickly as possible is thought to preserve the limited anaerobic energy supply so that a race can be run strongly, but no relationship with race results could be found from these data.

In conclusion, we found that 1) horses' heart rates rose in the underground passage, in the paddock after jockeys had mounted, and in the gate immediately before the start of the race, 2) the intensity of pre-race warm-ups was comparatively high, 3)

aerobic and anaerobic energy supplies are both used fully during races, and 4) the time required to reach peak heart rates was extremely short. In what ways do the heart rates of horses that perform well in races change? Do horses that performed well in races have lower lactate concentration? We did not elicit clear conclusions for these and other questions we thought of before the experiment and more research is required, but we believe the data obtained will be useful to trainers and veterinarians when devising Thoroughbred training strategies.

Japanese Principal Race Results

68th The Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas)

Hanshin Racecourse, April 13, 2008
Value of race: ¥213,350,000
F&M, 3-year-olds, 1,600m, Turf Firm, Fine
1:34.4 (Course record 1:32:0) 17 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥24,954,682,800
On-course 4.0% Off-course 96.0%
Oka Sho only: ¥17,980,776,600
Attendance: 63,139
1st: Reginetta (Futoshi Komaki, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
French Deputy – Aspen Leaf by Sunday Silence,
O- Shadai Race H. T- Hidekazu Asami B- Oiwake Farm,
Winning money: ¥120,115,000
2nd: F T Maia (Masayoshi Ebina, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
Fuji Kiseki – Katsura Driver by Nihon Pillow Winner
3rd: So Magic (Hiroki Goto, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
Symboli Kris S – Xua by Fairy King

10th The Nakayama Grand Jump (J.GI)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 19, 2008
Value of race: ¥152,520,000
International, 4-year-olds & up
4,250m, Jump Yielding, Cloudy
4:57.7 (Course record 4:47:0) 10 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥7,522,402,100
On-course 6.2% Off-course 93.8%
Nakayama Grand Jump only: ¥1,516,405,100
Attendance: 28,230
1st: Maruka Rascal (Makoto Nishitani, 63.5kg) db.h.6,
Grass Wonder – Tre Ensemble by Tony Bin,
O- Kawacho Sangyo T- Yutaka Masumoto B- Shadai Farm,
Winning money: ¥80,364,000
2nd: Mercy A Time (Yoshiyuki Yokoyama, 63.5kg) b.h.6,
Chief Bearhart – Machikane Carmen by Thrill Show
3rd: T M Ace (Shogo Kikuchi, 63.5kg) Ch.h.5,
T.M.Opera O – T.M. Season by Cacoethes

68th The Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 20, 2008
Value of race: ¥234,350,000
C&F, 3-year-olds, 2,000m, Turf Firm, Cloudy
2:01.7 (Course record 1:58:5) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥29,802,329,200
On-course 4.7% Off-course 95.3%
Satsuki Sho only: ¥21,525,210,200
Attendance: 67,401
1st: Captain Thule (Yuga Kawada, 57.0kg) g.c.3,
Agnes Tachyon – Air Thule by Tony Bin,
O- Shadai Race H. T- Hideyuki Mori B- Shadai Farm,
Winning money: ¥131,860,000
2nd: Take Mikazuchi (Yoshitomi Shibata, 57.0kg) b.c.3,
Gold Allure – Kazumi Harukoma by Maruzensky
3rd: Meiner Charles (Masami Matsuo, 57.0kg) db.c.3,
Brian's Time – Meine Pretender by Zabeel

137th The Tenno Sho (Spring) (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, May 4, 2008
Value of race: ¥255,700,000
3,200m, Turf Firm, Fine
International, 4-year-olds & up,
3:15.1 (Course record 3:13:4) 14 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥29,453,438,500
On-course 5.1% Off-course 94.9%
Tenno Sho (Spring) only: ¥22,165,356,000
Attendance: 81,760
1st: Admire Jupiter (Yasunari Iwata, 58.0kg) ch.h.5,
French Deputy – J's Jewelry by Real Shadai,
O- Riichi Kondo T- Yasuo Tomomichi B- Northern Racing,
Winning money: ¥135,150,000
2nd: Meisho Samson (Yutaka Take, 58.0kg) b.h.5,
Opera House – My Vivien by Dancing Brave
3rd: Asakusa Kings (Hirofumi Shii, 58.0kg) b.c.4,
White Muzzle – Croupier Star by Sunday Silence

13th The NHK Mile Cup

Tokyo Racecourse, May 11, 2008
Value of race: ¥180,900,000
1,600m, Turf Good, Cloudy
C&F, 3-year-olds,
1:34.2 (Course record 1:32:0) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥25,733,609,700
On-course 4.4% Off-course 95.6%
NHK Mile Cup only: ¥17,532,417,700
Attendance: 51,015
1st: Deep Sky (Hirofumi Shii, 57.0kg) ch.c.3,
Agnes Tachyon – Abi by Chief's Crown,
O- Toshio Fukami T- Mitsugu Kon B- Kasamatsu Bokujo,
Winning money: ¥95,990,000
2nd: Black Shell (Hiroki Goto, 57.0kg) b.c.3,
Kurofune – Oyster Ticket by Winning Ticket
3rd: Danon Go Go (Yusuke Fujioka, 57.0kg) ch.c.3,
Aldebaran – Potrinner by Potrillazo

3rd The Victoria Mile

Tokyo Racecourse, May 18, 2008
Value of race: ¥177,640,000
1,600m, Turf Firm, Fine
International, F&M, 4-year-olds & Up,
1:33.7 (Course record 1:32:0) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥25,000,588,800
On-course 4.9% Off-course 95.1%
Victoria Mile only: ¥17,112,147,800
Attendance: 60,038
1st: Asian Winds (Shinji Fujita, 55.0kg) b.f.4,
Fuji Kiseki – Sakurasaku by Danehill,
O- Yosimi Ota T- Hideaki Fujiwara B- Shadai Farm,
Winning money: ¥93,948,000
2nd: Vodka (Yutaka take, 55.0kg) b.f.4,
Tanino Gimlet – Tanimo Sister by Rousillon
3rd: Blumenblatt (Hiroki Goto, 55.0kg) db.m.5,
Admire Vega – My Wild Flower by Topsider

69th The Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 25, 2008
Value of race: ¥231,300,000
2,400m, Turf Good, Cloudy
F&M, 3-year-olds,
2:28.8 (Course record 2:22:1) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥26,872,386,000
On-course 4.8% Off-course 95.2%
Yushun Himba only: ¥19,180,015,600
Attendance: 75,108
1st: Tall Poppy (Kenichi Ikezoe, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
Jungle Pocket – Admire Sunday by Sunday Silence,
O- U. Carrot Farm T- Katsuhiko Sumii B- Northern Farm,
Winning money: ¥129,620,000
2nd: F T Maia (Masayoshi Ebina, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
Fuji Kiseki – Katsura Driver by Nihon Pillow Winner
3rd: Reginetta (Futoshi Komaki, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
French Deputy – Aspen Leaf by Sunday Silence

75th The Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)

Tokyo Racecourse, June 1, 2008
Value of race: ¥342,950,000
2,400m, Turf Firm, Fine
C&F, 3-year-olds,
2:26.7 (Course record 2:22:1) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥42,246,118,200
On-course 6.1% Off-course 93.9%
Tokyo Yushun only: ¥27,991,879,400
Attendance: 124,951
1st: Deep Sky (Hirofumi Shii, 57.0kg) ch.c.3,
Agnes Tachyon – Abi by Chief's Crown,
O- Toshio Fukami T- Mitsugu Kon B- Kasamatsu Bokujo,
Winning money: ¥189,865,000
2nd: Smile Jack (Futoshi Komaki, 57.0kg) db.c.3,
Tanino Gimlet – She C'est Moi by Sunday Silence
3rd: Black Shell (Yutaka Take, 57.0kg) b.c.3,
Kurofune – Oyster Ticket by Winning Ticket

58th The Yasuda Kinen (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, June 8, 2008
Value of race: ¥195,520,000
1,600m, Turf Firm, Fine
International, 3-year-olds & Up,
1:32.7 (Course record 1:32:0) 18 runners
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥28,675,527,000
On-course 5.0% Off-course 95.0%
Yasuda Kinen only: ¥19,431,421,300
Attendance: 66,957
1st: Vodka (Yasunari Iwata, 56.0kg) b.f.3,
Tanino Gimlet – Tanimo Sister by Rousillon,
O- Yuzo Tanimizu T- Katsuhiko Sumii B- Country Bokujo
Winning money: 103,864,000
2nd: Armada (Douglas Whyte, 58.0kg) ch.g.7,
Towkay – Dance In Time by Red Tempo
3rd: Eishin Dover (Yuichi Fukunaga, 58.0kg) ch.h.6
Victory Gallop – Eishin Georgia by Kris S.



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