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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 41ST JAPAN CUP (G1)

The Japan Cup, in its 41st year, continues to attract some of the top turf horses from around the world—67 runners from North America, 147 from Europe, 26 from Oceania and five from Asia—while a number of runners have made this race their starting point towards further international success in following years.

Racing fans were mesmerized by last year’s historic version where three Triple Crown winners Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloe), **Contrail** and Daring Tact (JPN, F4, by Epiphaneia) showed a fascinating performance in dominating the top three places, in that order, while the sole foreign contender and Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Way To Paris (GB, by Champs Elysees) from France, finished 10th.

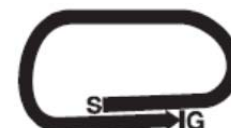
This year, the Japan Cup welcomed three European contenders: from Ireland, **Broome**, this year’s Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (G1, 2,400m) winner, and **Japan**, two-time G1 victor as a three-year-old, both of whom had come off a second and fourth, respectively, in the Breeders’ Cup Turf (G1, 2,400m, Nov.6); and from France, **Grand Glory** who claimed her first G1 title in the Prix Jean Romanet (G1, 2,000m) and marked a runner-up effort in the following Prix de l’Opera (G1, 2,000m, Oct.3).

The home team taking on the challenges included Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m; Oct.31) finishers; 2020 Triple Crown winner **Contrail** (2nd), 2021 Niigata Daishoten (G3, 2,000m) victor **Sanrei Pocket** (4th), three-time graded champion **You Can Smile** (9th), 2019 Copa Republica Argentina (G2, 2,500m) winner **Muito Obrigado** (10th), and this year’s Osaka Hai (G1, 2,000m) runner-up **Mozu Bello** (13th). The top three finishers of the Kyoto Daishoten (G2, 2,400m, Oct.10) were at the gate as well; 2016 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) champion **Makahiki**, this year’s American Jockey Club Cup (G2, 2,200m) victor **Aristoteles**, and 2017 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) winner **Kiseki**, in that order, along with two runners coming off their Copa Republica Argentina (Nov.7) starts; winner **Authority** who defended his title and 2019 Challenge Cup (G3, 2,000m) champion **Lord My Way** who was 13th.

Also among the field were; **Shahryar**, this year’s Tokyo Yushun victor who finished fourth in his latest Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2, 2,200m, Sep.26) start; **Shadow Diva**, winner of the Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Oct.16); this year’s Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) victor **Uberleben**, coming off a 13th in the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m, Oct.17); 2018 Tokyo Yushun champion **Wagnerian** who was sixth in his latest Fuji Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Oct.23) endeavor and **Windjammer** made his first attempt at the highest level in the Japan Cup.

The 41st Japan Cup (G1) in association with LONGINES – Japan Autumn International –

3-year-olds & up, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
 Sunday, November 28, 2021 Tokyo Racecourse 12th Race Post Time: 15:40
 Total prize money: ¥ 648,000,000 (about US\$ 6,172,000 <US\$1=¥105>)
 3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57 kg (about 126 lbs)
 2 kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018
 Course Record: 2:20.6 Race Record: 2:20.6 [Almond Eye (JPN), 2018]
 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	1	2	Contrail (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C4 br. 57.0	1.6 (1)	2:24.7 (33.7)	Deep Impact Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yoshito Yahagi
2	4	7	Authority (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C4 b. 57.0	7.1 (3)	2 (34.4)	Orfevre Rosalind (Symboli Kris S)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
3	2	4	Shahryar (JPN)	C3	3.7	1-1/2	Deep Impact	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

			Yuga Kawada	d.b. 55.0	(2)	(34.4)	Dubai Majesty (Essence of Dubai)	Northern Farm Hideaki Fujiwara
4	6	12	Sanrei Pocket (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H6 d.b. 57.0	70.5 (10)	3/4 (34.5)	Jungle Pocket Admire Punch (Wild Rush)	Keiji Nagai Samani Kyoei Bokujo Yoshitada Takahashi
5	3	6	Grand Glory (GB)* Cristian Demuro	M5 b. 55.0	56.6 (8)	3/4 (34.2)	Olympic Glory Madonna Lily (Daylami)	Albert Frassetto, John D'amato & Mike Pietrangelo Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville Gianluca Bietolini
6	7	14	Uberleben (JPN) Mirco Demuro	F3 br. 53.0	25.5 (5)	Neck (34.2)	Gold Ship Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Takahisa Tezuka
7	6	11	Shadow Diva (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	M5 d.b. 55.0	76.4 (11)	1/2 (34.8)	Heart's Cry Diamond Diva (Dansili)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Makoto Saito
8	8	18	Japan (GB)* Yutaka Take	H5 b. 57.0	59.3 (9)	Neck (34.3)	Galileo Shastye (Danehill)	M. Matsushima, Mrs. J. Magnier, M. Tabor & D. Smith Newsells Park Stud Aidan O'Brien
9	5	9	Aristoteles (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C4 b. 57.0	20.5 (4)	1 (35.3)	Epiphaneia Blue Diamond (Deep Impact)	Hideko Kondo Hideko Kondo Hidetaka Otonashi
10	3	5	Kiseki (JPN) Ryuji Wada	H7 d.b. 57.0	37.4 (7)	1 (36.6)	Rulership Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasuyuki Tsujino
11	2	3	Broome (IRE)* Ryan Moore	H5 b. 57.0	29.0 (6)	1/2 (34.8)	Australia Sweepstake (Acclamation)	M. Matsushima, Mrs. J. Magnier, M. Tabor & D. Smith Epona Bloodstock Ltd Aidan O'Brien
12	8	16	You Can Smile (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H6 b. 57.0	240.1 (14)	1 (34.7)	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo (Dance in the Dark)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
13	7	13	Mozu Bello (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H5 b. 57.0	278.8 (16)	1-1/2 (34.8)	Deep Brillante Harlan's Ruby (Harlan's Holiday)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Naoyuki Morita
14	7	15	Makahiki (JPN) Kota Fujioka	H8 b. 57.0	76.9 (12)	Neck (34.9)	Deep Impact Wikiwiki (French Deputy)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
15	5	10	Lord My Way (JPN) Kosei Miura	H5 b. 57.0	397.5 (18)	3 (35.5)	Just a Way Feliz (Jungle Pocket)	Lord Horse Club Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Haruki Sugiyama
16	1	1 B	Muito Obrigado (JPN) Yoshitomi Shibata	H7 b. 57.0	258.8 (15)	Neck (35.1)	Rulership Pisa no Graf (Sunday Silence)	Ichikawa Yoshimi Holdings Co., Ltd. Yoshimi Ichikawa Koichi Tsunoda
17	4	8 B	Windjammer (JPN) Hiroshi Kitamura	G4 b. 57.0	311.5 (17)	Head (35.4)	Spielberg Crown Athlete (Afleet)	Nobutaka Tada Terukatsu Fujisawa Kazuo Fujisawa
18	8	17	Wagnerian (JPN) Keita Tosaki	H6 b. 57.0	94.6 (13)	Neck (36.6)	Deep Impact Miss Encore (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi

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 1: *Foreign contender

NOTE 2: 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: ¥ 21,505,732,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 31,949,954,800

Attendance: 10,099

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.2	¥ 160	Bracket Quinella	1-4	¥ 530	Quinella	2-7	¥ 530
Place	No.2	¥ 110	Quinella Place	2-7	¥ 210	Exacta	2-7	¥ 670
	No.7	¥ 140		2-4	¥ 150	Trio	2-4-7	¥ 510
	No.4	¥ 120		4-7	¥ 330	Trifecta	2-7-4	¥ 1,780

Winner= 11 starts, 8 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 303,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 1,195,294,000

Contrail Signs Off Stellar Career with Strong Japan Cup Victory

Odds-on favorite **Contrail** romped to a two-length victory claiming this year's Japan Cup and fifth G1 triumph in his career-finale performance. After claiming the 2019 Hopeful Stakes (2,000m) as a two-year-old, the Deep Impact colt went on to sweep the Triple Crown—the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, 2,000m), the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, 2,400m) and the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, 3,000m) and, with the Japan Cup victory, is now tenth on the JRA list of career earnings with a total of JPY 1,195,294,000. Trainer Yoshito Yahagi is now the proud owner of 14 JRA-G1 wins—his latest victory was with the colt in last season's Kikuka Sho—while jockey Yuichi Fukunaga, following his recent Sprinters Stakes victory with Pixie Knight in October, has collected a total of 32 JRA-G1 wins.

Breaking well from the second most inner stall, **Contrail** was settled under Fukunaga in mid-pack and two-wide, while **Kiseki** made rapid headway in the backstretch from the rear, taking over the front at the third corner, extending his lead by six to seven lengths. By the time the field hit the top of the straight, the brown colt had shifted to the outside with clear running room in front of him and displayed his trademark explosive kick, shaking off **Shahryar** after a brief rally at the furlong pole then turned up an extra gear to easily put away **Authority** 100 meters out for a convincing two-length win.

“All I have now is mixed feelings of relief and lonesomeness. In the colt's latest start (Tenno Sho (Autumn)), he broke poorly so I told him, while he was walking in the paddock earlier, to stay calm at the start. It worried me a bit since the pace was slow and he wasn't in that good a position, but we had tuned him up to perfection and the colt gave us all he had in the straight. I have to admit I was under a lot of pressure during the two years he was at my stable, but I think it has helped me in becoming more mature, and I can't thank him enough. Wouldn't it be wonderful to win the Arc with an offspring of his someday?”, commented trainer Yoshito Yahagi.

“The colt had issues before his debut, so there were always concerns about his form, but I am so proud of how he proved himself today—I'm overwhelmed. All I did today was believe in him. He broke well and everything went just perfectly. He has given me every jockey's dream and I am utterly grateful. The colt shone a bright light over a gloomy year due to the pandemic last season. I'm relieved that we can send him off to his next career with this victory,” commented jockey Yuichi Fukunaga after the race.

Posted third favorite, four-year-old **Authority** sat in fourth behind **Shadow Diva**, turned wide into the lane while passing **Wagnerian** and ran strongly, inheriting the lead from the tired pacesetter 300 meters out, but was gunned down in the last half furlong by the eventual winner for second.

Second favored three-year-old colt **Shahryar** ran in fifth down the backstretch, entered the straight right behind **Authority** and in front of **Contrail**, ran willingly up the hill but was checked when rallying with the closing winner and had nothing left to tag the runner-up, finishing 1-1/2-lengths behind **Authority** in third.

French raider **Grand Glory** was the top finisher among the three foreign contingents. Unhurried after the break, the Olympic Glory mare saved ground along the rails in mid-division in ninth or tenth position. Angling out off the rails coming into the final turn, **Grand Glory** exerted an impressive turn of speed going up the long uphill stretch and geared up further from the 200-meter marker to make ground and finish fifth, five-lengths from the winner.

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.