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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 20TH CENTAUR STAKES (GII-JPN)

THE CENTAUR STAKES, named after the statue of Centaur of the Greek mythology which stands on top of the fountain within the park area of Hanshin Racecourse, was initially established as a 2,200-meter open race before being designated as a GIII event and shortened to 1,400 meters in conjunction with the start of the grading system in 1987. Since 1995, the race became a major step race for local horses outside JRA circles to qualify for the GI Mile Championship then for the GI Sprinters Stakes after shortened again to 1,200 meters in 2000.

In 2005, the race was designated as an international race, and, together with the Sprinters Stakes (GI), has become a part of the Global Sprint Challenge, a new opportunity for sprinters around the world seeking to test their abilities at an international level. This year, the race was upgraded from GIII to GII.

The only international sprint series on turf, which consisted of six races (Australia-2, United Kingdom-2, Japan-2) including The Lightning Stakes (G1 1,000m: Flemington, Australia), the Golden Jubilee Stakes (G1 1,200m: Royal Ascot, United Kingdom) and Sprinters Stakes (GI 1,200m, Nakayama, Japan) in its inaugural year, is joined by another prestigious sprint G1 held by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,000m) to form a seven-race series. The CENTAUR STAKES is the fifth leg of the newly established series.

Takeover Target (AUS, by Celtic Swing), who is the closest in line for this year's GSC champion title with 28 points prior to his visit to Japan, is the first foreign contender of the CENTAUR STAKES race as no foreign-trained horses took part last year. Golden Cast (JPN, by Taiki Shuttle) claimed his second consecutive title last year, crossing the wire in 1:08.3. The race record holder, Believe (JPN, by Sunday Silence), marked 1:07.1 at Hanshin racecourse in 2002.

Due to an ongoing construction work at Hanshin Racecourse, the CENTAUR STAKES temporarily transferred its venue to Chukyo racecourse this year.

THE 20TH CENTAUR STAKES (GII-JPN): 3-year-old & up, 1,200 meters (about 6f), left-handed, turf
 Sunday, September 10, 2006 Chukyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:45

Total prize money: ¥127,800,000 (about US\$1,111,000; US\$1 = ¥115)

3-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for fillies & mares,

2kg allowance for southern hemisphere horses born in 2003

Penalties: Winners ^{*1} of GI races ... 2kg (1kg^{*2}), GII races ... 1kg (0kg^{*2}) (after Sep.10, 2005)
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^{*1}= Excluding 2-year-old race results, ^{*2}= Penalties for grade races limited to Fillies/Mares

Safety Factor: 18 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 5)

FP	BKT	PP	Horse	S&A	Weight (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (win)
1	8	18	She is Tosho (JPN)	M6	55.0	Sakura Bakushin O Jane Tosho	K. Ikezoe A. Tsurudome	Tosho Sangyo Tosho Bokujo	1:08.6 (34.9)	4.4
2	6	11	*Takeover Target (AUS)	G7	59.0	Celtic Swing Shady Stream	J. Ford J. Janiak	J. Janiak Meringo Stud Farm	3 (35.6)	5.3
3	6	12B	Native Heart (JPN)	H8	57.0	Star of Cozzene Potomac Cherry	H. Uchida N. Sakamoto	S. Ikeda Meiwa Bokujo	1/2 (35.2)	7.2
4	4	8	Limitless Bid (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sunday Silence Elizabeth Rose	Y. Iwata T. Kayo	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	1/2 (35.6)	14.2
5	2	3	Maruka Kiseki (JPN)	H5	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Flying Colors	S. Kumazawa T. Setoguchi	Kawacho Sangyo Shadai Farm	Nose (34.8)	21.4
6	3	6	Sachino Sweetie (JPN)	F3	53.0	Kalista Glory Per Favore	N. Suzuki Y. Hirai	S. Sato Shin Ikusei Bokujo	1/2 (35.1)	18.6
7	2	4	Meisho Bowler (JPN)	H5	58.0	Taiki Shuttle Nice Raise	Y. Fukunaga T. Shirai	Y. Matsumoto Hinode Bokujo	1/2 (35.4)	11.4
8	1	2	Golden Cast (JPN)	H6	57.0	Taiki Shuttle Return Bandam	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	K. Maeda Bandam Bokujo	Head (35.1)	18.6
9	7	14	Cosmo Fortune (JPN)	F4	55.0	Meiner Love Grace Maria	K. Tsunoda T. Miya	Big Red Farm Arai Farm	1/2 (36.2)	14.1
10	8	17	Win Legend (JPN)	C3	55.0	Sunday Silence Shinko Nobby	Y. Kawada T. Setoguchi	Win Co. Ltd. Shinkoh Farm	1/2 (36.4)	32.9
11	5	10	Ribbon Art (JPN)	M5	55.0	Sunday Silence Scarlet Ribbon	M. Ishibashi T. Setoguchi	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Neck (35.7)	43.4
12	5	9B	Precious Café (JPN)	H7	57.0	Heart Lake Air Incense	K. Akagi F. Kojima	K. Nishikawa Shadai Farm	Nose (35.8)	55.8
13	1	1	M S World (JPN)	C3	55.0	Stay Gold Top World	S. Akiyama S. Yukubo	S. Matsuoka K. Sadahiro	1/2 (35.3)	32.7

14	7	15	Eishin Hebe (JPN)	M5	55.0	Eishin Washington Eishin Open	R. Sameshima K. Fujioka	T. Hirai Eishin Bokujo	Neck (35.4)	175.2
15	8	16	Ceres Dynamic (CAN)	C3	55.0	More Than Ready Jolly Ginny	R. Wada H. Fukunaga	K. Oka Stonyfield Farm	Nose (35.4)	100.9
16	3	5	Lord Ultima (USA)	H6	57.0	Seeking the Gold Secrettame	Y. Take K. Yamauchi	Lord Horse Club Dr. W. Reed	1/2 (35.7)	5.7
17	7	13B	Keeneland Swan (USA)	H7	57.0	Distant View To Act	H. Shii H. Mori	T. Hirai J. Ryan & G. Ryan	1/2 (35.8)	128.8
18	4	7	Gallant Arrow (JPN)	H6	57.0	Lindo Shaver Chorus Jo O	H. Miyuki H. Sakiyama	A. Tomizawa T. Fujimoto	5 (37.2)	46.5

BKT = Bracket Number **PP** = Post Position **B** = Blinkers **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: *= Foreign contender **NOTE 2:** Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen)

WINNING TIME: 1:08.6

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Rain

PAY - OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.18	¥440	PLACE	No.18	¥160
BRACKET QUINELLA	6-8	¥580		No.11	¥220
QUINELLA	11-18	¥1,320		No.12	¥240
EXACTA	18-11	¥2,470	QUINELLA PLACE	11-18	¥550
TRIO	11-12-18	¥2,520		12-18	¥550
TRIFECTA	18-11-12	¥10,420		11-12	¥890

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥4,672,666,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥10,595,786,900

ATTENDANCE: 20,114

- SHE IS TOSHO (JPN), mare, bay, 6-year-old
Sakura Bakushin O / Jane Tosho (Tosho Fleet)
Breeder: Tosho Bokujo Owner: Tosho Sangyo
Trainer: Akio Tsurudome Jockey: Kenichi Ikezoe
35 Starts, 7 Wins
Added money: ¥61,288,000 Career earnings: ¥504,499,000
- TAKEOVER TARGET (AUS), gelding bay, 7-year-old
Celtic Swing / Shady Stream (Archregent)
Breeder: Meringo Stud Farm Owner: Joseph Janiak
Trainer: Joseph Janiak Jockey: Jay Ford
- NATIVE HEART (JPN), horse, bay, 8-year-old
Star of Cozzene / Potomac Cherry (Northern Taste)
Breeder: Meiwa Bokujo Owner: Sotatsu Ikeda
Trainer: Noboru Sakamoto Jockey: Hiroyuki Uchida

Race favorite SHE IS TOSHO claimed this year's CENTAUR STAKES to land his fifth grade-race victory (incl. two GII and three GIII wins).

The race broke off with WIN LEGEND, COSMO FORTUNE and TAKEOVER TARGET saving ground to bid for the front. WIN LEGEND eventually took the lead followed by TAKEOVER TARGET on the inside and COSMO FORTUNE on the outside, rallying for second position. SHE IS TOSHO partnered with Kenichi Ikezoe traveled wide and settled around fifth position while fourth-pick NATIVE HEART stalked right behind on the outside.

As the field turned for home, Jay Ford steered second favorite TAKEOVER TARGET to the outside and overtook the frontrunner right after the 300-meter line. Meanwhile, SHE IS TOSHO, coming from far wide, exerted a magnificent kick in the homestretch to capture the front 200 meters out. Although TAKEOVER TARGET held on well, SHE IS TOSHO further widened the gap in the last furlong to cross the wire 3 lengths in front. NATIVE HEART also showed a great turn of speed and closed in on the runner-up but was 1/2 length short in third.

TAKEOVER TARGET, acquiring 5 points in this race, stands on top with 33 points, with two more races remaining in the GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE.

SHE IS TOSHO became the first champion of the SUMMER SPRINT SERIES established this year, by acquiring a total of 22 points from a win (Centaur Stakes; GII) and two runner-up efforts (Hakodate Sprint Stakes and Keeneland Cup; both GIII) out of five grade races comprising the Series, and will receive a bonus of 50 million yen.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.0 - 10.2 - 11.1 - 11.7 - 12.0 - 11.6

Last 4 furlongs 46.4 Last 3 furlongs 35.3

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

4th corner 17(11,14)(8,18)(7,9,12)(4,6,10)(2,5,13)(1,15)(3,16)

Note: 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.