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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 26TH JAPAN CUP (GI)

The Japan Cup, which has reached its 26th anniversary, is recognized as one of the prime international GI events. Although this year's Japan Cup marked the smallest field in history, the race welcomed two foreign contenders – two-time Breeders' Cup winner and two-time Cartier Horse of the Year, Ouija Board (by Cape Cross, GB) from Great Britain and Freedomia (by Selkirk, GB) from France who continues to show consistent performance with a title in the Prix de Pomone (G2, FRA). Meanwhile, Japanese horses also included high profile runners such as JRA Horse of the Year and Champion Three-Year-Old in 2005, Deep Impact (by Sunday Silence), this year's Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, UAE) champion, Heart's Cry (by Sunday Silence), and Meisho Samson (By Opera House) who captured the first two legs of this year's Triple Crown, Satsuki Sho (GI, Japanese 2000 Guineas) and Tokyo Yushun (GI, Japanese Derby). Last year's winner Alkaased (by Kingmanbo, USA) ridden by Lanfranco Dettori marked the race record 02:22.1.

THE 26TH JAPAN CUP (GI): 3-year-old & up, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
 Sunday, November 26, 2006 Tokyo Racecourse 10th Race Post Time: 15:20
 Total prize money: ¥ 533,500,000 (about US\$4,639,000 < US\$1 = ¥115 >)
 Winner's prize: ¥ 250,000,000 (about US\$2,381,000 < US\$1 = ¥115 >)
 3-y-o 55 kgs (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up 57 kgs (about 126 lbs), 2 kgs allowance for Fillies & Mares
 2 kgs allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2003
 Safety Factor: 18 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 10)

FP	BK T	PP	Horse	S& A	Weight (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (win)
1	6	6	Deep Impact (JPN)	C4	57.0	Sunday Silence Wind In Her Hair	Y. Take Y. Ikee	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	2:25.1 (33.5)	1.3
2	6	7	Dream Passport (JPN)	C3	55.0	Fuji Kiseki Grace Land	Y. Iwata H. Matsuda	Joy RaceHorse K. Shiraoi Farm	2 (34.1)	16.2
3	3	3	Ouija Board* (GB)	M5	55.0	Cape Cross Selection Board	L. Dettori E. Dunlop	Lord Derby Stanley Estate and Stud Co	1/2 (33.9)	9.5
4	8	10	Cosmo Bulk (JPN)	H5	57.0	Zagreb Iseno Toshio	F. Igarashi K. Tabe	Big Red Farm Kano Bokujo	1 (34.9)	40.9
5	7	8	Fusaichi Pandora (JPN)	F3	53.0	Sunday Silence Lotta Lace	Y. Fukunaga T. Shirai	F. Sekiguchi Northern Farm	1-1/2 (34.8)	52.6
6	8	11	Meisho Samson (JPN)	C3	55.0	Opera House My Vivien	M. Ishibashi T. Setoguchi	Y. Matsumoto K. Hayashi	NOS E (34.5)	16.0
7	7	9	Freedomia* (GB)	F4	55.0	Selkirk Forest Rain	T. Gillet J. Hammond	Niarchos Family The Niarchos Family	1/2 (34.3)	90.2
8	2	2	Swift Current (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Whitewater Affair	N. Yokoyama H. Mori	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	3/4 (34.6)	43.3
9	5	5	Tosen Shana O (JPN)	C3	55.0	Sunday Silence Jono Angel	H. Goto H. Mori	T. Shimakawa Sanjo Bokujo	3-1/2 (35.8)	151.1
10	1	1	Heart's Cry (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Irish Dance	C. Lemaire K. Hashiguchi	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	6 (36.4)	5.8
11	4	4	Yukino Sun Royal (JPN)	H9	57.0	Sunday Silence Miami Gulch	K. Tanaka S. Masuzawa	M. Inoue E. Kawakami	3-1/2 (36.8)	217.8

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

NOTE 1: *= Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen).

WINNING TIME: 2:25.1 GOING: Firm WEATHER: Rain
TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥20,669,938,900
TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥31,209,407,300 ATTENDANCE: 120,182

PAY—OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.6	¥130	PLACE	No.6	¥110
BRACKET QUINELLA	6-6	¥750		No.7	¥210
QUINELLA	6-7	¥750		No.3	¥190
EXACTA	6-7	¥860	QUINELLA PLACE	6-7	¥270
TRIO	3-6-7	¥1,400		3-6	¥280
TRIFECTA	6-7-3	¥3,830		3-7	¥840

1. DEEP IMPACT (JPN), colt, bay, 4-year-old
Sunday Silence / Wind In Her Hair (Alzao)
Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.
Trainer: Yasuo Ikee Jockey: Yutaka Take
13 Starts, 11 Wins
Added money: ¥252,352,000
Career earnings: ¥1,271,527,000
2. DREAM PASSPORT (JPN), colt, dark bay or brown, 3-year-old
Fuji Kiseki / Grace Land (Tony Bin)
Breeder: Shiraoi Farm Owner: Joy RaceHorse K.
Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda Jockey: Yasunari Iwata
3. OUIJA BOARD (GB), mare, dark bay, 5-year-old
Cape Cross / Selection Board (Welsh Pageant)
Breeder: Stanley Estate and Stud Co. Owner: Lord Derby
Trainer: Edward Dunlop Jockey: Lanfranco Dettori

Race favorite DEEP IMPACT exerted his powerful kick in the homestretch to win this year's JAPAN CUP, claiming his 6th GI title (9th Grade race victory). Two lengths behind in second was DREAM PASSPORT with British raider OUIJA BOARD another 1/2 length behind in third.

As the field broke well with 6th pick COSMO BULK saving ground to set a slow pace, DEEP IMPACT was slow out of the gate as usual and was eased back in the very rear, waiting for the right moment. L. Dettori also eased OUIJA BOARD well behind, second from last, while fifth pick DREAM PASSPORT mounted by Yasunari Iwata hugged the rail in fifth position. DEEP IMPACT traveled wide and edged forward behind OUIJA BOARD through the last two corners. Exerting his usual incredible turn of foot, the colt flew past frontrunner COSMO BULK then DREAM PASSPORT, who had surged out from the inside in the beginning of the homestretch, and drew off to a two-length victory. OUIJA BOARD also gave a good kick chasing DEEP IMPACT for the bid and closed in on DREAM PASSPORT in the last furlong, finishing

1/2 length short in third.

Lanfranco Dettori aboard OUIJA BOARD commented: “She ran really well. She exerted her best but the long uphill stretch was a bit too tough for her. She seemed to tire in the last 100 meters. She is still the best mare in the world and so the winner would naturally be the best horse in the world.”

Ninth pick FREEDONIA partnered with Thierry Gillet traveled third from last, fell back to the very rear through the last corner, but improved position in the last furlong to finish 7th. “We lost time trying to find a clearing through the last corner, but the filly stretched well in the homestretch. I think she will progress into a strong mare,” commented Thierry Gillet.

10 COSMO BULK—set the pace until 300 meters, held out well in homestretch to finish 4th.

8 FUSAICHI PANDORA—traveled 2 wide around 4th position, sustained position in homestretch.

11 MEISHO SAMSON—traveled wide in midfield, even paced in homestretch.

2 SWIFT CURRENT—hugged rail in midpack, fell back through last and weakened in homestretch.

5 TOSEN SHANA O—ran off the pace in 2nd, flattened in stretch.

1 HEART’S CRY—hugged rail 3rd from front, flattened in stretch.

4 YUKINO SUN ROYAL—rated in midfield, never a contender.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 13.1-11.5-12.4-12.1-12.0-12.7-12.7-12.4-11.9-11.5-11.3-11.5
Last 4 furlongs - 46.2 Last 3 furlongs - 34.3

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 10-(1,5)8,7,11,2,4,9-3-6
2nd corner 10-5-1-(7,8)(2,11)4,9,3,6
3rd corner 10,5(1,8)7(2,11,4)(9,3)6
4th corner 10,5,8(7,1,11)(2,3,4,6)9

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.

The 26th running of the Japan Cup Post race Conference of the connections of the winner DEEP IMPACT

Although I had won a number of GI races before, I had never felt like I did when Deep Impact gave his usual “flying” charge after the last furlong pole—I felt so much gratitude towards him and I was greatly moved by his performance today. I was also grateful to his fans that have stood by him all this time and I would like to thank them too. Coming back from France and going through quarantine, he may have not have put as much weight back on, and training towards this race, he came to this race at his lightest weight (436 kilos). But he had the necessary muscle and was fit.

Since the Arc, we’ve been through a lot and it was a testing time for us. But seeing Deep Impact—who had no knowledge of what was happening around him—being his usual self, gave me the energy to carry on and I have learned that even if you are at your lowest, things can turn up again. Although the time remaining between myself and Deep Impact is short, I will go on just as always, doing my best to condition him to his best for his finale in the Arima Kinen.

(Trainer: Yasuo Ikee)

I am just overwhelmed—hearing the fans appreciating his victory today and genuinely happy, I feel happy to have done my job as a jockey and answering to their expectations.

Not being able to succeed in the Arc was a disappointment for the fans of course, but even more for the stable staff that had put so much effort for this race. Knowing how they felt, I was determined to show our fans, once again, his true form in this race. He is usually a nervous horse before the race, but probably

benefited from his experience in France because he settled quite well. Slow as usual coming out of the starting stall, he was positioned well back of the field but that didn't worry me. I was able to see the positions of the whole field in front of me and I was conscious of Ouija Board who traveled close before me. I concentrated on keeping him relaxed and not fighting him during the journey. Coming around the turn for home, Frankie Dettori shifted the mare a little to the inside which gave me the opportunity to make my intended move to the outside for my charge—every thing worked out my way. When I asked him for the effort in the last 700 meters, he responded well and gave that “flying” charge—then I knew I had won the race. Though I would love to ride him in many more starts, the decision of his retirement is made and my job is to give my best ride in the Arima Kinen.

(Jockey: Yutaka Take)

RESULTS OF OTHER RACES RIDDEN BY VISITING FOREIGN JOCKEYS

November 26, 2006 (Sun)

At TOKYO RACECOURSE (Weather: Cloudy - Rain / Turf - Firm, Dirt - Standard)

Lanfranco Dettori

5th race: Two-Year-Olds (dirt, 1,600m)-16 ran

9th on High Society (JPN), 3rd favorite

9th race: Capital Stakes, Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 1,600m)-14 ran

9th on Black Cafe (JPN), 3rd favorite

11th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 1,600m)-15 ran

15th on Air del Sole (JPN), 7th favorite

Thierry Gillet

8th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (dirt, 1,400m)-15 ran

8th on Engel Sieg (JPN), 14th favorite

9th race: Capital Stakes, Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 1,600m)-14 ran

12th on Top of World (JPN), 11th favorite
