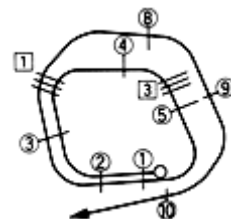


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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 7TH PEGASUS JUMP STAKES

The Pegasus Jump Stakes was established in 2001 to serve as a step-up race towards the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1) and was designated an international event to accommodate foreign contenders included in the preliminary nominations for the Nakayama Grand Jump (maximum eight foreign horses). Many of the foreign contenders who had success in the past Nakayama Grand Jump took advantage of their experience in this race, which is raced over the same course.

St. Steven was sixth in the 2003 Pegasus Jump before becoming the first foreign contender to capture the richest international jump race in the world. Also, Karasi won two consecutive Nakayama Grand Jump titles in 2005 and 2006, finishing third and second in the Pegasus Jump prior to each respective victories.

The race features 11 jumps and three ups-and-downs over banks and covers 3,350 meters. The latter part of the race will make a shift to the outside turf track where hurdles are set up, just as in the Nakayama Grand Jump, which will add to the great excitement in the final furlongs before the finish.

Telegenic (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O) won last year, three lengths in front of a field of 12 headed by Karasi and proceeded to fare well in the following Nakayama Grand Jump finishing third.

THE 7TH PEGASUS JUMP STAKES:

4-year-old & up, 3,350 meters, turf

Saturday, March 24, 2007 Nakayama Racecourse 8th Race Post time: 13:55

Total prize money: ¥ JPY 37,800,000 (about US\$ 328,000: US\$ 1 = ¥ 115)

4-y-o 62kg (about 137lbs), 5-y-o & up 63kg (about 139lbs), 2kg allowance for fillies & mares

Allowance for Japanese horse with no J-G1 or J-G2 wins: 3kg. J-G2 wins but no J-G1 wins; 1kg,

Safety factor: 14 runners

FP	BK T	PP	Horse	S& A	Weight (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin	Odds (win)
1	3	4	Merci A Time (JPN)	H5	60.0	Chief Bearhart Machikane Carmen	T. Kosaka K. Take	Y. Nagai H. Tanaka	3:44. 2	5.5
2	7	11	Agnes Hat (JPN)	G5	60.0	Dance in the Dark Nocona	T. Tanaka H. Nagahama	T. Watanabe Nakagami Farm	1/2	6.6
3	2	2B	Karasi* (IRE)	G12	63.0	Kahyasi Karamita	B. Scott E. Musgrove	Pearse Morgan His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.	Neck	5.0
4	6	9	Storm Seiko (USA)	H6	60.0	Charismatic Micheline	T. Hokari S. Masuzawa	H. Takekuni P. Van AnDEL	Neck	20.2
5	6	10	Telegenic (JPN)	G7	60.0	Sakura Bakushin O Show Up	M. Kaneko S. Yano	Shadai Race H. Oiwake Farm	1/2	10.2
6	1	1	Palace Champion (JPN)	H8	60.0	Timber Country Mild Eyes	N. Hamanoya S. Oehara	Y. Nishimura E. Kawakami	1	19.3
7	8	14	Shaftesbury (JPN)	H8	60.0	Mejiro Ryan Kello Mello	Y. Yokoyama H. Kurita	Turf Sport Tanikawa Stud	3-1/2	42.6
8	4	6B	Tosho Trick (JPN)	H7	60.0	Black Tie Affair Sovereigna Tosho	Y. Eda N. Abe	Tosho Sangyo Tosho Bokujo	6	225.1
9	5	8	Athleta (JPN)	H8	60.0	Tenby Arrow Roseate	K. Yamamoto K. Takamatsu	H. Date Sunshine Bokujo	1-3/4	159.2
10	3	3	Capital Gain (JPN)	M7	58.0	Tight Spot Sunday Rich	K. Oba K. Sakamoto	M. Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	1/2	165.6
11	5	7	Personal Drum* (NZ)	G10	63.0	Personal Escort Tympanum	C. Durden E. Musgrove	I. Stephenson Mr B J & Mrs L E Anderton	Nose	40.4
12	4	5	No Hero* (NZ)	G11	63.0	Heroicity Fair And Square	I. Lupton P. Nelson	C. Nelson Mrs C & Mr P S Nelson	1-1/2	36.1
13	8	13B	Real Tonic* (NZ)	G11	63.0	Victory Dance Bantan	J. Riddell J. Wheeler	J. Wheeler Paramount Lodge Ltd	Neck	21.7
FF	7	12	Fumino Tokimeki (JPN)	H6	60.0	Dance in the Dark Picaresque Novel	S. Kumazawa T. Meno	T. Tani T. Sakakibara	-	2.6

FP=Final Position, BKT=Bracket Number, PP=Post Position, B=Blinkers *=Foreign contenders

FF=Fail to Finish

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

WINNING TIME: 3:44.2

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Cloudy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE ¥ 451,046,500

ATTENDANCE: 23,856 (as of 2:00PM)

PAY—OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.4	¥550	PLACE	No.4	¥190
BRACKET QUINELLA	3-7	¥500		No.11	¥200
QUINELLA	4-11	¥1,270		No. 2	¥170
EXACTA	4-11	¥2,360	QUINELLA PLACE	4-11	¥560
TRIO	2-4-11	¥2,070		2-4	¥430
				2-11	¥560

- MERCI A TIME (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old
 Chief Bearhart / Machikane Carmen (Thrill Show)
 Breeder: Hiroyuki Tanaka Owner: Yasuo Nagai
 Trainer: Kohei Take Jockey: Tadashi Kosaka
 23 Starts, 4 Wins
 Added money: ¥18,322,000 Career earnings: ¥148,347,000
- AGNES HAT (JPN), bay, gelding, 5-year-old
 Dance in the Dark / Nocona (Fairy King)
 Breeder: Nakagami Farm Owner: Takao Watanabe
 Trainer: Hiroyuki Nagahama Jockey: Tsuyoshi Tanaka
- KARASI (IRE), bay, gelding, 12-year-old
 Kahyasi / Karamita (Shantung)
 Breeder: His Highness the Aga Khan's Stud S.C. Owner: Pearse Morgan
 Trainer: Eric Musgrove Jockey: Brett Scott

Merci A Time continued to prove in good form since his runner-up effort in the Nakayama Daishogai (J-G1) in December last year. The son of Chief Bearhart, although still without a grade-race victory, is considerably consistent now having scored two seconds in this race as well as a fourth place to Karasi in the 2006 Nakayama Grand Jump.

Merci A Time made a good start but allowed **Palace Champion** to set the pace and settled in third to fourth position while **Storm Seiko** and **Shaftesbury** rushed forth from the outside. **Karasi** was also in hand in fifth in the inside and just behind **Merci A Time**. **Fumino Tokimeki** tripped at the landing of the first water jump while five to six horses that included **Agnes Hat**, **Telegenic**, **Personal Drum**, **No Hero** and **Real Tonic** barely managed to avoid both horse and rider to continue their race. **Palace Champion** continued to maintain a clear lead with **Shaftesbury** and **Storm Seiko** closing the gap after obstacle 8. Last year's winner **Telegenic** also advanced to draw even with **Karasi** and **Merci A Time** before fence 9 and the field began their race in earnest coming around the last turn towards the last jump.

12-year-old **Karasi** gave his top quality acceleration under Brett Scott splitting the two rivals in front for the bid but **Merci A Time** had a clear run on the outside to win by 1/2 length. Meanwhile, **Agnes Hat** who made a steady advance from traveling well behind gave a terrific late charge in the last 100 meters to overtake **Karasi** for second place.

Brett Scott who rode Karasi in the past two Pegasus Jump Stakes in which he finished third and second in '05 and '06 respectively, as well as their double victories in the Nakayama Grand Jump, commented after his third run in the Pegasus that the 12-year-old gelding's first jump race outing since the international GI in Japan last year went just as good as his last start and that with the extra distance in his next big race would suit him even better.

Real Tonic, after settled in mid-division outside throughout most of the journey, advanced to sixth position after the last jump but was used up by the fast pace and finished 13th. Jonathan Riddell hopes that the longer distance in the Nakayama Grand Jump will work better for the gelding.

Personal Drum saved ground in mid-division and made a brief attempt to improve position after obstacle 8 but was outrun before the last jump and finished 11th. Craig Durden believes that he was unable to give his best today and that his second experience over the course will prove better.

No Hero was slow at the gate and had trouble keeping up with the fast pace traveling near last throughout the journey.

Fractional Time (sec.): Last 4 furlongs – 50.4 Last 3 furlongs – 38.0 (1 mile – 1:42.8)

Positions at each corner (2nd lap):	1st corner	1-(14,9)4(2,13,11,6)10,7,8,5-3
	2nd corner	1,14,9,4,(2,13,11,6)10,7-(5,8)-3
	3rd corner	(*1,14)9-(2,4,10)-(7,13)(11,6)8,5-3
	4th corner	(*1,14,9)-2(4,10)-(7,11)-13(8,6)-5-3

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.