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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 27TH JAPAN CUP (G1)

The Japan Cup has continued to attract some of the top turf horses from around the world while a number of runners have made Japan Cup their starting point towards further international success in following years. Last year marked the smallest field in Japan Cup history but still enjoyed the company of top European Mare and two-time Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf winner, Oujia Board (GB) who finished third behind Deep Impact in the 2006 Japan Cup.

This year, the field was joined by four outstanding turf runners from abroad. Artiste Royal (IRE) who had just come off his first G1 victory in the Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship Stakes represented USA, while Saddex (GB) from Germany faced the international G1 field after his impressive performance in the Arc. Three-year-old Halicarnassus (IRE) and Papal Bull (GB) came from Great Britain after a successful 2007 season back home. Meanwhile, the Japanese field consisted of former champion three-year-old of '06, Meisho Samson who continued to add two G1 titles (Tenno Sho Spring, Tenno Sho Autumn) this year towards the Japan Cup, Admire Moon, winner of this year's Duty Free (G1) in Dubai, and Vodka, the first female Japanese Derby winner in 64 years.

British-trained Alkaased (USA), who won the race in 2005, is the record holder of this race at 2:22.1.

THE 27TH JAPAN CUP (G1): 3-year-old & up, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
Sunday, November 25, 2007 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\$2,173,000 < US\$1 = ¥115 >)

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

2 kgs allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2004

Safety Factor: 18 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 10)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	2	4	Admire Moon (JPN)	C4	57.0	End Sweep My Katies	Y. Iwata H. Matsuda	Darley Japan Farm Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	2:24.7 (33.9)	10.9 (5)
2	1	2	Pop Rock (JPN)	H6	57.0	Helissio Pops	O. Peslier K. Sumii	K. Yoshida Northern Farm	Head (33.9)	10.5 (4)
3	5	10	Meisho Samson (JPN)	C4	57.0	Opera House My Vivien	Y. Take S. Takahashi	Y. Matsumoto K. Hayashi	Neck (33.9)	1.8 (1)
4	6	11	Vodka (JPN)	F3	53.0	Tanino Gimlet Tanino Sister	H. Shii K. Sumii	Y. Tanimizu Country Bokujo	1 (33.6)	6.1 (2)
5	8	18	Delta Blues (JPN)	H6	57.0	Dance in the Dark Dixie Splash	Y. Kawada K. Sumii	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/4 (34.4)	147.2 (14)
6	3	5	Chosan (JPN)	H5	57.0	Dance in the Dark Stay Young	N. Yokoyama T. Shimizu	N. Nagayama Bando Bokujo	Neck (34.8)	63.0 (10)
7	4	7	Papal Bull* (GB)	C4	57.0	Montjeu Mialuna	R. Moore M. Stoute	Mrs.J.Magnier Mr.D.Smith&Mr.M.Tabo r B. H. and C. F. D. Simpson	2 (34.3)	52.2 (9)
8	4	8B	Artiste Royal* (IRE)	H6	57.0	Danehill Agathe	J. Talamo N. Drysdale	D. Heerensperger Dayton Investments Ltd	3/4 (34.8)	37.2 (7)
9	6	12	Fusaichi Pandora (JPN)	F4	55.0	Sunday Silence Lotta Lace	S. Fujita T. Shirai	F. Sekiguchi Northern Farm	Neck (35.1)	74.8 (12)
10	5	9	Inti Raimi (JPN)	H5	57.0	Special Week Andes Lady	T. Sato S. Sasaki	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/2 (34.9)	7.4 (3)
11	8	16	Saddex* (GB)	C4	57.0	Sadler's Wells Remote Romance	T. Mundry P. Rau	Stall Avena The Niarchos Family	Head (34.6)	73.2 (11)
12	1	1	Erimo Harrier (JPN)	G7	57.0	Generous Erimo Hustler	K. Take H. Tadokoro	T. Yamamoto Erimo Nojo	1/2 (34.9)	205.1 (16)
13	2	3	Cosmo Bulk (JPN)	H6	57.0	Zagreb Iseno Tosho	M. Matsuoka K. Tabe	Big Red Farm Kano Bokujo	3/4 (35.5)	110.1 (13)

14	7	14	Dream Passport (JPN)	C4	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Grace Land	K. Ando H. Matsuda	Saison RaceHorse Co. Ltd Shiraoi Farm	1/2 (34.9)	16.0 (6)
15	7	15	Rosenkreuz (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Rose Colour	Y. Fujioka K. Hashiguchi	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1 (35.0)	224.5 (17)
16	7	13B	Hiraboku Royal (JPN)	C3	55.0	Tanino Gimlet Mars Violet	H. Goto R. Okubo	Hirata Farms Co. Ltd. Tsuji Bokujo	5 (36.4)	258.7 (18)
17	8	17	Halicarnassus* (IRE)	C3	55.0	Cape Cross Launch Time	D. Holland M. Channon	Box41 Yeomanstown Lodge Stud	3 (36.6)	165.9 (15)
18	3	6	Victory (JPN)	C3	55.0	Brian's Time Grace Admire	C. Lemaire H. Otonashi	H. Kondo Northern Farm	7 (37.8)	48.4 (8)

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

NOTE1: *=Foreign Horse

NOTE2: Figures quoted under **Odds** are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and **Fav** indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 2:24.7

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 21,026,221,200

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 29,286,687,900

ATTENDANCE: 103,545

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.4	¥1,090	PLACE	No.4	¥240
BRACKET QUINELLA	1 - 2	¥3,530		No.2	¥180
QUINELLA	2 - 4	¥3,660		No.10	¥110
EXACTA	4 - 2	¥8,100	QUINELLA PLACE	2 - 4	¥830
TRIO	2 - 4 - 10	¥1,450		4 - 10	¥360
TRIFECTA	4 - 2 - 10	¥15,980		2 - 10	¥230

1. ADMIRE MOON (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old

End Sweep / My Katies (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Northern Farm

Owner: Darley Japan Farm Co. Ltd.

Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

17 Starts, 10 Wins

Added money: ¥ 253,780,000

Career earnings: ¥ 1,187,727,000

2. POP ROCK (JPN), bay, horse, 6-year-old

Helissio / Pops (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Northern Farm

Owner: Katsumi Yoshida

Trainer: Katsuhiko Sumii

Jockey: Olivier Peslier

3. MEISHO SAMSON (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old

Opera House / My Vivien (Dancing Brave)

Breeder: Koki Hayashi

Owner: Yoshio Matsumoto

Trainer: Shigetada Takahashi

Jockey: Yutaka Take

The 27th running of the JAPAN CUP was claimed by fifth favorite **ADMIRE MOON** who marked his third G1 victory this year, following the Dubai Duty Free (G1, 1,777m, UAE) in March and the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) in June. This marks the first JRA win for the owner, Darley Japan Farm, who had acquired the colt this summer, and the colt's trainer, Hiroyoshi Matsuda became the first trainer to claim both the Japan Cup Dirt ('04 Time Paradox) and the Japan Cup titles.

ADMIRE MOON saved ground, settled in fifth position by the rail and advanced through the inside opening while most of the field spread wide around the last corner. Surging out behind frontrunner **CHOSAN** at the beginning of the homestretch, the End Sweep colt continued to accelerate strongly after inheriting the lead as the frontrunner finally started

to tire with 200 meters to go. Although challenged by three horses bursting out from the outside, he managed to cross the wire a head in front to claim the race.

The race broke smoothly with **CHOSAN** rallying to set the pace. **COSMO BULK** stalked 2 lengths behind, with **POP ROCK** and **FUSAICHI PANDORA** traveling another 2 length behind in a field that formed a long line through the backstretch. Race favorite **MEISHO SAMSON** hugged the rail in 9th position. While **CHOSAN** and **ADMIRE MOON** stormed out from the inside after the last corner, **MEISHO SAMSON** exploded from the outside to pursue the leaders. The pursuit was joined by **POP ROCK** who quickly drew even, and Japanese Derby-winning filly **VODKA** charging out with a powerful speed from the rear with the fastest speed of 33.6 sec. over the last three furlongs. The three horses—led by **POP ROCK** followed by **MEISHO SAMSON** then **VODKA**—exerted a tremendous chase in the stretch, coming in a head, a neck and one length behind, respectively.

PAPAL BULL broke slow, traveled near the rear and gradually moved forward through the backstretch and showed good effort in the homestretch to finish 7th. “Being fractious in the stall, the colt broke poorly and became quite excited before the large crowd,” said jockey Ryan Moore.

Joe Talamo settled **ARTISTE ROYAL** around 7th and steered him to a striking position at the root of the homestretch but gave way and dropped back after the 200-meter pole, finishing 8th. “The bay was unable to race smoothly and was one paced at the homestretch,” said Talamo.

SADDEX partnered with Torsten Mundry traveled near the rear and never reached contention. “We had to travel wide throughout the journey and was forced out by another horse barging at us. We were out of luck today,” commented Mundry.

HALICARNASSUS with Darryll Holland broke poorly, raced towards the rear of the mid-division and faded to second from last. “The colt showed good effort but was pinched back by the crowding horses at the first corner,” said Holland.

11 **VODKA**—trailed in rear, exerted an amazing kick in stretch to finish 4th.

18 **DELTA BLUES**—tracked behind winner, 4W through last corner, good effort in straight.

5 **CHOSAN**—led the field till 200 meters out, tired out, but held on well, finishing 6th.

12 **FUSAICHI PANDORA**—ran within pace in 3rd, failed to respond in stretch.

9 **INTI RAIMI**—reserved 4th from rear, advanced through last two corners, even paced at straight.

1 **ERIMO HARRIER**—Unhurried in rear, edged forward after 3rd corner, came up empty.

3 **COSMO BULK**— stalked frontrunner, weakened from early effort.

14 **DREAM PASSPORT**—raced in mid-pack, gradually fell back.

15 **ROSENKREUZ**—traveled wide towards rear, never reached contention.

13 **HIRABOKU ROYAL**—raced well in good position, gave way after 4th corner.

6 **VICTORY**—slow break, never a factor.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.9 - 10.7 - 12.0 - 12.3 - 12.2 - 12.7 - 12.8 - 12.6 - 12.2 - 11.3 - 11.1 - 11.9
Last 4 furlongs: 46.5 Last 3 furlongs: 34.3

Positions at each corner:

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

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.

The 27th running of the Japan Cup

Post Race Press Conference to the winning Owner/Trainer/Jockey (Admire Moon)

Winning Owner: Darley Japan Farm Co., Ltd., rep: Chikara Takahashi
Winning Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda
Winning Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

Owner: Darley Japan Farm Co., Ltd., rep: Chikara Takahashi

We had acquired Admire Moon with the idea that he was a 2,000-meter specialist. Therefore, being defeated in Tenno

Sho Autumn was a shock to us although we were aware that it was due to disadvantages that could happen in any race situation. As I wanted Admire Moon to end his career at a good note which would make a difference in the impact towards his potential breeders and owners, I discussed the matter with the trainer about his possibility of running over 2,400 meters at Tokyo Racecourse with my gut feeling that he would be able to handle the extra furlongs and extended his retirement to this day. As a result, thanks to the efforts of the trainer, jockey, the stable staff as well as the colt himself, my desire was granted and I am thoroughly grateful.

He will now concentrate on recovering from his fatigue after this race and be transferred to Hokkaido to begin his stud service.

Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda

I am greatly honored to be able to win this prestigious G1 race. He had come off an unlucky defeat in his last start but we just carried on towards his next start in this race and he responded well. After making a good start and rated in a good position in a pace that was neither fast nor slow, I thought that he may have made his move at the stretch too early, because he was often beaten in such cases. However, he held on well till the very end this time.

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

I am so overwhelmed I can't think of what to say! He made a good break but was quite keen after Pop Rock and Cosmo Bulk rushed by him in our inside. We never really settled but he ran on strongly till the very end. I was planning to keep my mark on Meisho Samson but was running behind Pop Rock. As most of the jockeys avoided the inside track, I took advantage of the opening and was able to save ground which worked perfectly for us. I have been racing at this racecourse since last year but I was unable to produce any results in grade races. Having won this race today will no doubt boost my confidence in my future rides.

RESULTS OF OTHER RACES RIDDEN BY VISITING FOREIGN JOCKEYS

November 25, 2007 (Sun)

At TOKYO RACECOURSE (Weather: Fine / Turf - Firm, Dirt – Standard)

Joe Talamo (USA)

6th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (dirt, 1,400m)-15 ran

6th on Calon Segur (USA), 6th favorite

9th race: Welcome Stakes, Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 2,000m)-16 ran

5th on Meine Luce (JPN), 7th favorite

Ryan Moore (GB)

7th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 2,400m)-13 ran

10th on Top Week (JPN), 3rd favorite

9th race: Welcome Stakes, Three-Year-Olds & Up (turf, 2,400m)-16 ran

8th on Air Sabbath (JPN), 10th favorite
