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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 69TH YUSHUN HIMBA (Japanese Oaks)

The Japanese version of the prestigious British Oaks, the Yushun Himba was established in 1938 and contested among runners limited to home-bred three-year-old fillies. Initially called the "Hanshin Yushun Himba" and held during the fall season at Hanshin Racecourse, the race acquired its current status as the Japanese Oaks upon changing its venue to Tokyo Racecourse in 1946. The race was also shifted to the spring season and is the richest in prize money and longest in distance among the current JRA races limited to fillies/mares. While the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, 1,600m) serves in gauging the speed potentials in the future broodmares, the Yushun Himba is a championship race in which to discover the added quality of stamina as well as speed and winners of this race are highly rated as broodmares upon retirement to stud. Since 2003, the Yushun Himba began allowing participation of foreign-bred runners and Robe Decollete (USA, by Cozzene) became the first foreign-bred to capture the title last year and at the same time setting a new record at 2:25.3 over 12 furlongs.

THE 69TH YUSHUN HIMBA (Japanese Oaks):

3-year-old fillies, 2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, May 25, 2008 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 207,010,000 (about US\$1,800,000 < US\$1 = ¥115 >)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 3 kgs allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2005

Safety Factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	7	15	Tall Poppy (JPN)	F3	55.0	Jungle Pocket Admire Sunday	K. Ikezoe K. Sumii	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	2:28.8 (35.3)	9.7 (4)
2	3	6	F T Maia (JPN)	F3	55.0	Fuji Kiseki Katsura Driver	M. Ebina Y. Shikato	E. Yoshino Northern Farm	Head (35.4)	32.5 (13)
3	5	10	Reginetta (JPN)	F3	55.0	French Deputy Aspen Leaf	F. Komaki H. Asami	Shadai Race H. Oiwake Farm	1-1/2 (35.2)	12.1 (5)
4	4	7	Black Emblem (JPN)	F3	55.0	War Emblem Vin de Noir	M. Matsuoka S. Kojima	K. Tahara Northern Farm	Neck (35.8)	12.9 (6)
5	8	17	Odile (JPN)	F3	55.0	Kurofune Kynthia	K. Ando K. Hashiguchi	North Hills Management Co. Ltd. North Hills Management	1/2 (35.2)	27.0 (11)
6	2	4	Red Agate (JPN)	F3	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Second Chance	H. Uchida Y. Tamura	Dearest Kojima Bokujo	Neck (36.0)	5.3 (2)
7	8	18	Little Amapola (JPN)	F3	55.0	Agnes Tachyon Little Harmony	K. Take H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shiraoi Farm	Neck (35.4)	3.9 (1)
8	6	12	So Magic (JPN)	F3	55.0	Symboli Kris S Xua	H. Goto Y. Tamura	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	1/2 (35.7)	6.5 (3)
9	4	8	Meine Ratsel (JPN)	F3	55.0	Stay Gold Keiai Veil	Y. Take T. Igarashi	K.Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Sasaki Bokujo	Neck (35.3)	21.5 (9)
10	3	5	Mood Indigo (JPN)	F3	55.0	Dance in the Dark Leap for Joy	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Shiraoi Bokujo	1-1/4 (36.0)	17.7 (7)
11	2	3	Aroma Candle (JPN)	F3	55.0	French Deputy Air Incense	K. Tanaka M. Kono	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	4 (36.2)	18.7 (8)
12	5	9	Lime Candy (JPN)	F3	55.0	Tanino Gimlet Maruka Candy	H. Shii K. Fujioka	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Head (36.2)	25.4 (10)
13	1	2	Heart of Queen (JPN)	F3	55.0	Jolie's Halo My Secret	H. Miyuki T. Mizuno	S. Izumi Kimura Bokujo	4 (37.6)	52.0 (17)
14	6	11	Joyful Smile (JPN)	F3	55.0	Mayano Top Gun Go on My Way	Y. Yoshida Y. Yahagi	H. Kamichatani Northern farm	1-1/2 (36.9)	117.1 (18)
15	7	14	Karei Jasmine (JPN)	F3	55.0	Tayasu Tsuyoshi La Pucelle	Y. Shibata Y. Munakata	Dearest Maple Farm	Head (38.1)	35.6 (14)
16	7	13	Spellbind (JPN)	F3	55.0	Gold Allure Daneskaya	M. Katsuura H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Oiwake Farm	2-1/2 (37.6)	28.6 (12)
17	8	16	Air Pascale (JPN)	F3	55.0	War Emblem Raffica	Y. Fujioka Y. Ikee	Lucky Field Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1-1/4 (38.7)	47.5 (16)
18	1	1	Challenge (JPN)	F3	55.0	Tenby Repartee	N. Yokoyama S. Honma	T. Date Sunshine Bokujo	2 (37.8)	43.5 (15)

FP=Final Position BK=Bracket Number PP=Post Position B=Blinkers L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
 NOTE: 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: 2:28.8 GOING: Good WEATHER: Cloudy
 TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 19,180,015,600
 TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 26,761,546,200 ATTENDANCE: 75,108

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.15	¥970	PLACE	No.15	¥380
BRACKET QUINELLA	3 - 7	¥3,140		No.6	¥970
QUINELLA	6 - 15	¥24,080		No.10	¥420
EXACTA	15 - 6	¥39,320	QUINELLA PLACE	6 - 15	¥7,320
TRIO	6 - 10 - 15	¥61,600		10 - 15	¥2,050
TRIFECTA	15 - 6 - 10	¥440,360		6 - 10	¥4,480

- TALL POPPY (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old**
 Jungle Pocket / Admire Sunday (Sunday Silence)
 Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: U. Carrot Farm
 Trainer: Katsuhiko Sumii Jockey: Kenichi Ikezoe
 7 Starts, 3 Wins
 Added money: ¥129,620,000 Career earnings: ¥ 217,992,000
- F T MAIA (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old**
 Fuji Kiseki / Katsura Driver (Nihon Pillow Winner)
 Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Eiko Yoshino
 Trainer: Yuichi Shikato Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina
- REGINETTA (JPN), bay, filly, 3-year-old**
 French Deputy, Aspen Leaf (Sunday Silence)
 Breeder: Oiwake Farm Owner: Shadai Race H.
 Trainer: Hidckazu Asami Jockey: Futoshi Komaki

TALL POPPY conquered this year's field of top three-year-old fillies to claim her third win of seven career starts and her second grade one title following her victory last season in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (1,600m).

The race broke evenly with **Air Pascale** eventually taking command to set the pace. **Black Emblem** and **Karei Jasmine** followed side by side, two lengths behind the leader while **Tall Poppy** who had come off a disappointing eighth place in her previous start despite being the favorite in the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, 1600m, saved ground in mid-division behind **F T Maia** who was positioned in seventh. **Reginetta**, one of five runners entered in the race under the ownership of Shadai Race H., came off her first grade-one victory in the Oka Sho and was rated well off the pace outside a rival along the back stretch but made a steady advance overtaking her rivals along the outside and positioned for the attack before the turn for home. As the field went wide with each runner trying to secure a clear path, **FT Maia** angled out for the attack while Ikezoe steered **Tall Poppy** in towards a small opening near the inside, causing an inquiry which was later judged by the stewards as non-influential to the order of finish.

The two runners met up again for the final rally within the last 200 meters but **Tall Poppy** had the advantage of taking the economical route and landed a head in front of **F T Maia**. **F T Maia** who also missed the Oka Sho title by 1/2-lengths, crossed the wire 1-1/2 lengths in front of **Reginetta** who battled hard with **Black Emblem** for the share.

Little Amapola reputed for her sharp turn of foot and with a grade-race title under her belt, was sent to post race favorite for this race but she was unable to exert her usual late charge over the soft turf rated good after the heavy rain that continued overnight since Saturday afternoon.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 10.6 - 12.8 - 12.8 - 12.7 - 12.9 - 13.0 - 12.9 - 12.9 - 11.3 - 11.8 - 12.6
 Last 4 furlongs: 48.6 Last 3 furlongs: 35.7
 Positions at each corner:
 1st corner 16,7,14,2-4,5(12,6)(15,17)(9,10,18)(3,13)-8-11-1
 2nd corner 16(7,14)-2(12,4)(15,6,5)-17(9,10,18)-(3,13)8-11-1
 3rd corner (*16,14)(7,2,4)(12,6)(15,5)10(17,18)(9,3,13)-8-11-1
 4th corner (*16,14)(7,4)(2,6)15(12,5)(10,18)(17,13)(8,9,3)(11,1)

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.