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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 33RD QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP (G1)**

The QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP was established in 1976 to promote friendly relations between Japan and England, in commemoration of Her Excellency's visit to Japan in 1975. The race initially started as a 2,400-meter race for 3 year-old fillies but became a 2,200-meter race for fillies and mares of 3 year-old and up from 1996 and has become an international G1 race beginning this year.

Tigertail (by Priolo, FRA) and Anna Marie (by Anabaa, FRA) were the first two foreign contestants to run in 2003—four years after its designation as an international event in 1999—and finished third and eighth respectively. Whortelberry (by Starborough, FRA) finished 15th in the following year and Summitville (Grand Lodge, USA) was 16th in 2005. This year, Henri-Alex Pantall-trained Tres Rapide (IRE, by Anabaa Blue) from France and Fair Breeze (GER, by Silvano) trained by Mario Hofer of Germany joined the field of top female turf runners including this year's winner of the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas), Reginetta and '06 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) winner Kawakami Princess.

Last year's title went to Daiwa Scarlet (JPN, by Agnes Tachyon) who came into this race with three grade-race titles including two of three major grade-one titles for three-year-old fillies and accomplished a four-race winning streak including this race before proving second best among the top G1 runners in the Arima Kinen in December. Her outstanding achievement won her the JRA Award for Best-Three-Year-Old Filly in 2007.

The record holder of this race is To the Victory (by Sunday Silence, JPN) who marked 2:11.2 over the 2,200-meter distance in 2001.

**THE 33RD QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP (G1)**

3-year-old & up, Fillies & Mares, 2,200 meters (about 11 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, November 16 2008

Kyoto Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥192,700,000 (about US\$1,675,000 US\$1 = ¥115)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119lbs), 4-y-o & up: 56kg (about 123 or 124lbs),

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2005

Safety Factor: 18runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 9)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	8	16	Little Amapola (JPN)	F3	54.0	Agnes Tachyon Little Harmony	C. Lemaire H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Corporation. Inc	2:12.1 (34.4)	13.2 (4)
2	7	15	Kawakami Princess (JPN)	M5	56.0	King Halo Takano Secretary	N. Yokoyama K. Nishiura	Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo Co. Ltd Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo	1-1/2 (34.5)	1.8 (1)
3	7	13	Bella Rheia (JPN)	F4	56.0	Narita Top Road Malli Star	S. Akiyama O. Hirata	K. Yoshida Northern Farm	3/4 (34.4)	7.2 (2)
4	4	7	Meine Ratsel (JPN)	F3	54.0	Stay Gold Keiai Veil	Y. Kawada T. Igarashi	K.Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Sasaki Bokujo	2-1/2 (34.9)	57.1 (14)
5	1	1	Rain Dance (JPN)	F4	56.0	Dance in the Dark Wren	K. Take T. Miya	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	Neck (34.7)	34.9 (9)
6	6	11	Mood Indigo (JPN)	F3	54.0	Dance in the Dark Leap for Joy	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co. Ltd. Shadai Corporation. Inc	1/2 (34.7)	16.3 (5)
7	5	9	Arco Senora (JPN)	F4	56.0	Stay Gold Siren	T. Bushizawa S. Hatakeyama	M. Nakamura Hatakeyama Stud Farm	Neck (34.3)	48.2 (12)
8	1	2	Red Agate (JPN)	F3	54.0	Manhattan Cafe Second Chance	S. Fujita Y. Tamura	Dearest Kojima Bokujo	Neck (34.5)	78.6 (17)
9	6	12	Ask Deputy (JPN)	F4	56.0	French Deputy Maruka Komachi	Y. Iwata M. Ito	T. Hirosaki Shadai Farm	1-3/4 (34.9)	46.9 (11)
10	3	6	Tres Rapide* (IRE)	F3	54.0	Anabaa Blue Tres Ravi	D. Boeuf H. Pantall	H. Rapp H. Chevotel	1/2 (35.2)	48.6 (13)
11	8	17	Tokai Luna (JPN)	M6	56.0	El Condor Pasa Tokai Pastel	H. Shii H. Tadokoro	M. Uchimura Biratori Bokujo	Neck (34.9)	74.3 (16)
12	8	18	Reginetta (JPN)	F3	54.0	French Deputy Aspen Leaf	F. Komaki H. Asami	Shadai Race H. Oiwake Farm	Neck (35.2)	28.2 (7)
13	4	8	F T Maia (JPN)	F3	54.0	Fuji Kiseki Katsura Driver	M. Ebina Y. Shikato	E. Yoshino Northern Farm	3/4 (35.6)	27.3 (6)
14	2	3	Biennale (JPN)	M5	56.0	Stay Gold Focal Plane	K. Miura M. Kono	T. Matsumoto M. Kamigaki	1-1/2 (36.6)	34.3 (8)

15	5	10	Pisa no Juban (JPN)	F3	54.0	Special Week Pisa no Galle	S. Hamanaka H. Matsuda	Y. Ichikawa K. Nakamura	3-1/2 (36.9)	156.7 (18)
16	2	4	Fair Breeze* (GER)	M5	56.0	Silvano Fairwind	A. Helfenbein M. Hofer	Stall Margarethe M. Wetzel	4 (37.5)	46.8 (10)
17	7	14	Cosmo Platina (JPN)	M5	56.0	Stay Gold Grace Maria	S. Ishibashi T. Miya	Big Red Farm Arai Farm	3-1/2 (38.8)	60.3 (15)
FF	3	5	Portofino (JPN)	F3	54.0	Kurofune Air Groove	Y. Take K. Sumii	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	/	7.9 (3)

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

NOTE 1: \*=Foreign Horse

NOTE 2: 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: 2:12.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:

¥16,891,153,100

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

¥23,691,429,400

ATTENDANCE: 54,922

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.16	¥1,320	PLACE	No.16	¥250
BRACKET QUINELLA	7-8	¥560		No.15	¥110
QUINELLA	15-16	¥1,010		No.13	¥170
EXACTA	16-15	¥3,450	QUINELLA PLACE	15-16	¥410
TRIO	13-15-16	¥1,660		13-16	¥1,030
TRIFECTA	16-15-13	¥12,690		13-15	¥210

- LITTLE AMAPOLA (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, filly, 3-year-old  
Agnes Tachyon / Little Harmony (Commander in Chief)  
Breeder: Shadai Corporation Inc. Owner: Shadai Race H.  
Trainer: Hiroyuki Nagahama Jockey: Christophe Lemaire  
8 Starts, 4 Wins  
Added money: ¥93,906,000 Career earnings: ¥161,436,000
- KAWAKAMI PRINCESS (JPN)**, bay, mare, 5-year-old  
King Halo / Takano Secretary (Seattle Slew)  
Breeder: Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo Owner: Mitsubishi Kawakami Bokujo Co., Ltd.  
Trainer: Katsuichi Nishiura Jockey: Norihiro Yokoyama
- BELLA RHEIA (JPN)**, bay, filly, 4-year-old  
Narita Top Road / Malli Star (Baldski)  
Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Katsumi Yoshida  
Trainer: Osamu Hirata Jockey: Shinichiro Akiyama

Fourth pick **LITTLE AMAPOLA** partnered with Christophe Lemaire claimed this year's QUEEN ELIZABETH II COMMEMORATIVE CUP to capture her first G1 victory by easily holding off the challenge of **KAWAKAMI PRINCESS** who came back to reclaim her title—which she was unable to do last year due to injury—in the race, in which she finished first but was demoted to 12th place due to interference two years ago.

The race started off with third pick **PORTOFINO** stumbling and unseating his rider, Yutaka Take, immediately after the break. Despite the disturbing start, the remaining field made a clean start with **COSMO PLATINA** rushing out to set the pace. The frontrunner widened the lead to 3-4 lengths through the backstretch with **BIENNALE** following in second and the remaining contenders forming a long line. Lemaire settled **LITTLE AMAPOLA** in fifth position, followed by **KAWAKAMI PRINCESS** and **BELLA RHEIA** traveling wide on the outside in sixth and seventh positions, respectively.

As the field swung for home, **LITTLE AMAPOLA** was quick to launch his bid, overtaking the lead around the 200-meter pole and displaying an impressive burst of speed in the last furlong to claim the race. "The pace was fast and the filly kept on going. She's a tough filly with much stamina and big stride," commented Lemaire. Turning wide through the last corner, race favorite **KAWAKAMI PRINCESS** accelerated tenaciously to challenge the leader but finished 1-1/2 length behind in second. Second pick **BELLA RHEIA** stalked the race favorite all the way to the goal to finish another 3/4 length behind.

**TRES RAPID** partnered with Dominique Boeuf traveled wide in the rear pack and was unable to improve position in the homestretch and finished 10th. “The filly was in good condition but she broke slowly and was unable to keep up with the pace”, commented Boeuf.

**FAIR BREEZE** mounted by Andreas Helfenbein hugged the rail in good position, fourth from the front, but flattened out in the homestretch to finish 16th. “I was able to settle her in good position but the pace was too fast and she had nothing left in the homestretch”, commented Helfenbein.

Fractional Time (sec/furlong): 12.5 - 10.7 - 11.9 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 12.4 - 12.8 - 12.4 - 11.5 - 12.0 - 11.7  
Last 4 furlongs: 47.6                      Last 3 furlongs: 35.2

Positions at each corner:            1st corner    14-3,10,4,16(7,15)(13,18)(8,11)6(1,17)(2,9)12  
   2nd corner    14=3,10,4,16,7,15(8,13)(1,11,6,18)(2,17)9,12  
   3rd corner    14-3(4,10)-16(7,15)(8,13)(1,11,6)18(12,2,17)9  
   4th corner    (\*14,3)-(10,16)(4,15)7(1,8,13)(11,6,18)(12,2)17,9

Note1: **Bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: 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.