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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 25TH MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)

The MILE CHAMPIONSHIP is one of the most prestigious autumn grade-one events for milers together with the Yasuda Kinen in spring. History of horse racing in Japan was based on the development and training of horses for war, thus stamina and strength were the vital factors required and races over longer distances were the mainstream of the sport. However, with modern racing having increased its attention to speed horses suited to a mile or shorter distance races, the MILE CHAMPIONSHIP was established in 1984 in conjunction with Japanese races adopting the grading system. The current racing program now provides races for short, middle, and long distance racehorses. The race welcomed several foreign contestants; Special Kaldoune (IRE, 9th), Tout Seul (IRE, 16th) in 2003—the first time since it was designated as an international race in 1998, Rakti (GBR, 14th) in 2004, Court Masterpiece (GBR, 7th) in 2006, and Becrux (ITA, 8th) in 2007. This year, Rahy's Attorney (CAN) took part as the first Canadian-trained runner to run in this race after coming off a grade-one win in the Woodbine Mile Stakes (CAN, G1) in September. The Japanese field featured proven G1 sprinters such as Fine Grain (JPN) and Suzuka Phoenix (JPN) while last year's runner-up Super Hornet (JPN) and Blumenblatt (JPN) have both come off a victory in their previous grade-race starts. Daiwa Major succeeded in defending his champion title in this race before retiring with a career record of four grade-one titles last year, while Super Hornet finished second by a neck and Suzuka Phoenix another 1/2-length behind in third. The race record was set by Hat Trick who covered the mile distance at 1:32.1 in 2005.

THE 25TH MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)

3-year-old & up, 1,600 meters (about 1 mile), right-handed, turf

Sunday, November 23, 2008 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥213,000,000 (US\$1,852,000; US\$1=¥115)

3-y-o 56kg (about 123 or 124lbs), 4-y-o & up 57kg (about 126lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg 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	4	7	Blumenblatt (JPN)	M5	55.0	Admire Vega My Wild Flower	Y. Yoshida S. Ishizaka	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1:32.6 (33.9)	10.6 (4)
2	8	17	Super Hornet (JPN)	H5	57.0	Rodrigo de Triano You Sun Polish	Y. Fujioka Y. Yahagi	T. Morimoto Gerbera Park Stud	3/4 (33.9)	2.3 (1)
3	1	2	Fine Grain (JPN)	H5	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Mill Grain	H. Miyuki H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	3/4 (34.4)	26.5 (10)
4	8	16	Company (JPN)	H7	57.0	Miracle Admire Brilliant Very	N. Yokoyama H. Otonashi	H. Kondo Northen Farm	1/2 (34.1)	6.7 (2)
5	1	1	Laurel Guerreiro (JPN)	C4	57.0	King Halo Big Tenby	H. Shii M. Kon	Laurel Racing Co. Ltd. Murata Bokujo	1/2 (34.8)	10.1 (3)
6	5	9	Maruka Shenck (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Shenck	Y. Fukunaga H. Kawachi	Kawacho Sangyo Shadai Farm	Nose (33.9)	29.9 (11)
7	4	8	Admire Subaru (JPN)	H5	57.0	Admire Boss Admire Yell	Y. Kawada H. Nakao	R. Kondo Tsuji Bokujo	Head (34.0)	142.4 (18)
8	2	3	Suzuka Phoenix (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Rose of Suzuka	K. Ando M. Hashida	K. Nagai Inahara Bokujo	3/4 (34.2)	11.0 (5)
9	5	10 B	Rahy's Attorney* (CAN)	G4	57.0	Crown Attorney Rahy's Hope	S. Callaghan I. Black	J. MacLellan Ellie-Boje Farm	Neck (34.9)	44.5 (14)
10	6	11	Reserve Card (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O Dinner Time	Y. Shibayama H. Kurita	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	Nose (34.6)	64.2 (15)
11	7	15	Smile Jack (JPN)	C3	56.0	Tanino Gimlet She C'est Moi	Y. Iwata S. Kobiyama	Y. Saito Uemizu Bokujo	Head (34.9)	26.1 (8)
12	3	6	Shonan Alba (JPN)	C3	56.0	War Emblem Xianlang	M. Ebina Y. Ninomiya	T. Kunimoto Kuwata Bokujo	Neck (34.7)	26.4 (9)
13	6	12	Kiss to Heaven (JPN)	M5	55.0	Admire Vega Long Virgin	S. Fujita H. Toda	K. Yoshida Showa Yamamoto Bokujo	1/2 (34.7)	36.8 (12)
14	7	13	Silent Pride (JPN)	H5	57.0	French Deputy Silent Prayer	H. Goto S. Kunieda	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Nose (35.3)	16.5 (6)
15	3	5 B	Jolly Dance (JPN)	M7	55.0	Dance in the Dark Peterhof's Patea	S. Akiyama N. Hori	K. Kobayashi Nishikioka Farm	Neck (34.3)	91.3 (17)
16	8	18	Eishin Dover (USA)	H6	57.0	Victory Gallop Eishin Georgia	H. Uchida K. Kozaki	T. Hirai Columbiana Farm	Neck (35.0)	38.9 (13)

opening in the inside coming out of the turn, and distributed a blasting charge. **Blumenblatt** who gained the lead with 100 meters to go, took advantage of the economic route as well as the energy saved during the early stages to hold off the powerful late charge by **Super Hornet** who traveled much wider and was unable to reach the winner by 3/4 lengths. The rest of the field was not far behind with Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) winner **Fine Grain** claiming third place. **Rahy's Attorney** stayed well with the pace in the early stages and ran gamely at the stretch finishing 3-1/2 lengths behind the winner in ninth.

“The Japanese horses were just fast faster than us. My horse gave his best and I’m happy with that.” commented his jockey, Slade Callaghan.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 10.6 - 11.3 - 11.9 - 11.6 - 11.4 - 11.6 - 11.7
Last 4 furlongs: 46.3 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner 4,13(1,14)(10,15,18)(2,6)(11,12)**7**,16(3,8,17)9,5
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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.