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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 22nd WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES

The WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES (WSJS), a popular annual event in Japan and throughout the world, is a championship that brings together fifteen outstanding jockeys from Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia and Japan. This year's Series, which celebrated its twenty-second occasion, included following jockeys.

EDGAR PRADO (USA) and **ALAN GARCIA** (USA) from North America; **IORITZ MENDIZABAL** (FRA), **ANDRASCH STARKE** (GER), and **JOHNNY MURTAGH** (IRE) representing Europe; **CRAIG WILLIAMS** (AUS) and **BLAKE SHINN** (AUS) from Oceania; **DOUGLAS WHYTE** (HK) representing Asia; **HIROYUKI UCHIDA**, **HIROKI GOTO**, **YASUNARI IWATA**, **ANDO KATSUMI**, **YUICHI FUKUNAGA**, and **FUTOSHI KOMAKI** from the Japan Racing Association, and **ISAO SUGAWARA** from the National Association of Racing.

Last year's championship was an exciting battle with **CRAIG WILLIAMS** acquiring a total of 47 points by winning the Golden Saddle Trophy and scoring a runner-up effort in the Golden Whip Trophy. Four points behind in second was **HIROKI GOTO**, who collected 43 points by a win in the Golden Boots Trophy. **SHUJI AKAOKA** who won the Golden Whip Trophy and **KATSUMI ANDO** who finished third in the Golden Boots Trophy and the Golden Whip Trophy came in third, having tied score with 35 points.

[Day One]
2008 GOLDEN SADDLE TROPHY

Saturday, December 6, 2008 Hanshin Racecourse 10th Race Post Time: 15:05
 3-year-old & up, 1,400 meters (about 7 furlongs), turf, right-handed
 3-y-o winner of ¥10 million or less, 4-y-o & up winner of ¥20 million or less
 3-y-o: 57kg, 4-y-o & up: 58kg, 2kg allowance for Fillies and Mares, 15 runners

FP	BKT	PP	Horse	Jockey	Weight (kg)	Margin	Odds (Fav)
1	3	5	A Shin Arrow (JPN)	Futoshi Komaki	58	1:22.1	7.5 (5)
2	7	13	A Shin B L (USA)	Ioritz Mendizabal	58	Nose	48.1 (11)
3	8	15	Chokai Fight (JPN)	John Murtagh	58	Nose	6.3 (4)
4	7	12	Tamamo Nice Play (JPN)	Craig Williams	57	Neck	3.6 (1)
5	3	4	Shuttle Tateyama (JPN)	Blake Shinn	56	1-1/4	11.7 (6)
6	6	10	Boston O (JPN)	Hiroyuki Uchida	57	1/2	20.6 (7)
7	5	8	Milk Toreru (JPN)	Hiroki Goto	56	Neck	5.9 (3)
8	6	11	Big Falcon (JPN)	Yasunari Iwata	58	3/4	78.2 (13)
9	4	6	Lunch Box (JPN)	Andrasch Starke	57	1/2	35.2 (8)
10	5	9	Right Grandeur (JPN)	Katsumi Ando	58	1/2	4.2 (2)
11	2	2	Tosho Quest (JPN)	Isao Sugawara	57	Neck	38.8 (9)
12	1	1	Meiner Oak Bay (JPN)	Edgar Prado	58	Neck	86.9 (14)
13	8	14	Machikane Hayate (JPN)	Alan Garcia	55	Neck	60.3 (12)
14	2	3	Namura Wish (JPN)	Douglas Whyte	55	3-1/2	89.3 (15)
15	4	7B	Run Throttle (JPN)	Yuichi Fukunaga	57	Nose	47.9 (10)

FP= Final Position BKT = Bracket Number PP = Post Position B = Blinkers

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

Fav indicates the order of favorite.

WINNING TIME: 1:22.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:

¥936,077,800

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 10.4 - 10.9 - 11.4 - 11.8 - 12.4 - 13.1
 Last 4 furlong: 48.7 Last 3 furlong: 37.3

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

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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.

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥750	PLACE	No.5	¥260
BRACKET QUINELLA	3-7	¥830		No.13	¥1,550
QUINELLA	5-13	¥23,350		No.15	¥250
EXACTA	5-13	¥34,780	QUINELLA PLACE	5-13	¥4,920
TRIO	5-13-15	¥48,270		5-15	¥880
TRIFECTA	5-13-15	¥363,490		13-15	¥5,710

2008 GOLDEN SADDLE TROPHY -Race Summary-

After a hard-fought finish at the wire by four contenders, **FUTOSHI KOMAKI** partnered with fifth favorite A Shin Arrow (JPN, c4) claimed the GOLDEN SPUR TROPHY, the first leg of the WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES, to acquire 20 points. **IORITZ MENDIZABAL** from France riding 11th choice A Shin B L (USA, c4) finished in second with 15 points, followed by Irish contender **JOHN MURTAGH** who earned 13 points on 4th pick Chokai Fight (JPN, h5).

The race broke off with **YUICHI FUKUNAGA** on Run Throttle (JPN, c3) who won out a rally for the lead with **CRAIG WILLIAMS** on board race favorite Tamamo Nice Play (JPN, c3), and **ALAN GARCIA** partnered with Machikane Hayate (JPN, f3) to set the pace. Breaking smoothly, **KOMAKI** settled his mount A Shin Arrow (JPN, c4) in good striking position in mid-pack, with **JOHN MURTAGH** sitting on Chokai Fight right on his outside. **MENDIZABAL** and his mount, breaking from the far outside, stall 15, raced second from last of the field of fifteen.

As the field made the final turn, **GARCIA** and **WILLIAMS**, who raced third and second respectively in the early stages, passed the tiring pace setter and briefly dueled for the lead with a furlong to go while **BLAKE SHINN**'s filly Shuttle Tateyama (JPN, f4) also displayed a good kick on the inside. However **KOMAKI** asked his colt for his run at the middle of the stretch as the pair split rivals in their bid to attack the leaders and got it. **MENDIZABAL**'s mount also closed in quickly from behind marking the fastest time over the last three furlongs, but **KOMAKI** managed to hold off **MENDIZABAL** to win by a nose. **MURTAGH** and his chestnut horse exerted a good turn of foot to finish another close nose behind in third, with **WILLIAMS** a neck behind that in fourth .

Comments by Foreign Jockeys:

EDGAR PRADO (USA) partnering 14th favorite Meiner Oak Bay (JPN, c4): "He was slow coming out of the gate so we had to race from behind, but he settled well during the trip and gave a good kick in the end. The distance was also just right for him."

DOUGLAS WHYTE (HKG) boarding 15th favorite Namura Wish (JPN, f3): "His start was good but it was a little tough for him because he was facing a field of upper class runners."

BLAKE SHINN (AUS) mounting 6th favorite Shuttle Tateyama (JPN, f4): "We had a good break and I positioned him in 6th as his trainer said that he didn't necessary have to lead. He was beaten in the end but I thought he ran well. A little extra distance could be better for this horse."

ANDRASCH STARKE (GER) partnered with 8th favorite Lunch Box (JPN, c3): "His start was good

and he was easy to handle so the journey went smoothly. The disadvantage at the homestretch was too bad..."

CRAIG WILLIAMS (AUS) on board race favorite Tamamo Nice Play (JPN, c3): "He responded well until the last turn and I thought we had a good chance, but he drifted at the stretch and was outrun by other horses. He'll go up a class as soon as he overcomes this habit."

IORITZ MENDIZABAL (FRA) mounting 11th favorite A Shin B L (USA, c4): "The horse lugged in a bit at the straight, but he was able to relax during the trip and finished well. We were nearly there and missed just by a nose, but I am happy as long as the connections are satisfied with him."

ALAN GARCIA (USA) riding 12th favorite Machikane Hayate (JPN, f3): "He bore out after the break and pulled a bit in the first half so he had nothing left at the straight. He could have run better if only he'd settle down a bit more."

JOHN MURTAGH (IRE) riding 4th favorite Chokai Fight (JPN, h5): "He ran well. He kept well up with the strong pace and was still able to give some more at the stretch. He could have won."

2008 GOLDEN SPUR TROPHY

Saturday, December 6, 2008 Hanshin Racecourse 12th Race Post Time: 16:15

3-year-old & up, 1,800 meters (about 9 furlongs), dirt, right-handed

3-y-o winner of ¥16 million or less, 4-y-o & up winner of ¥32 million or less

3-y-o: 57kg, 4-y-o & up: 58kg, 2kg allowance for Fillies and Mares, 15runners

FP	BKT	PP	Horse	Jockey	Weight (kg)	Margin	Odds (Fav)
1	3	4	Clean (JPN)	Alan Garcia	58	1:50.3	8.2 (4)
2	7	12	Tagano Marshal (JPN)	Hiroyuki Uchida	58	1-1/4	2.0 (1)
3	8	15B	Mendel (JPN)	Futoshi Komaki	58	Neck	6.8 (2)
4	1	1	Pisa No Deilani (USA)	Blake Shinn	58	1-1/4	7.6 (3)
5	2	3B	Fuori Classe (JPN)	Douglas Whyte	58	2-1/2	46.9 (10)
6	5	9	Full Blossom (JPN)	Craig Williams	58	3	254.7 (15)
7	6	11	Yamakatsu Brian (JPN)	John Murtagh	58	Nose	87.5 (12)
8	3	5	Wonder Poderio (JPN)	Yuichi Fukunaga	58	1	9.1 (5)
9	4	7	Namura Cook (JPN)	Edgar.Prado	58	2	69.0 (11)
10	7	13	Yamanin Ruban (JPN)	Ioritz Mendizabal	57	2-1/2	21.4 (7)
11	2	2	Courir Passion (JPN)	Isao Sugawara	57	1-3/4	23.2 (8)
12	6	10	Peace Design (JPN)	Andrasch Starke	58	3-1/2	20.4 (6)
13	5	8	Admire Million (JPN)	Yasunari Iwata	58	5	24.1 (9)
14	8	14	Sea Thunder (JPN)	Katsumi Ando	58	2	170.8 (14)
15	4	6B	B of the Bang (JPN)	Hiroki Goto	58	10	98.4 (13)

FP= Final Position

BKT = Bracket Number

PP = Post Position

B = Blinkers

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

Fav indicates the order of favorite.

WINNING TIME: 1:50.3

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

GOING: Muddy

¥1,456,363,500

¥9,572,512,700

WEATHER: Fine

ATTENDANCE: 21,243

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.4	¥820	PLACE	No.4	¥190
BRACKET QUINELLA	3-7	¥430		No.12	¥110
QUINELLA	4-12	¥730		No.15	¥170
EXACTA	4-12	¥2,300	QUINELLA PLACE	4-12	¥280
TRIO	4-12-15	¥1,280		4-15	¥720
TRIFECTA	4-12-15	¥8,410		12-15	¥240

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.4-11.2-12.3-11.8-12.4-12.3-12.3-12.7-12.9
 Last 4 furlong: 50.2 Last 3 furlong: 37.9

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 6(1,13)(2,12)(8,10)(3,15)(5,11,14)7(**4**,9)
 2nd corner 6,1(2,13)(8,12)10,3,15,5(11,14)7,9,**4**
 3rd corner 1, 6(2,13,12)10(8,15)(3,11)(7,5,9)-**4**,14
 4th corner (*1,12)13(2,10,15)(3,11)(6,8,9)(7,5,**4**)=14

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2008 GOLDEN SPUR TROPHY -Race Summary-

ALAN GARCIA (USA) and fourth favorite Clean (JPN, c4) displayed a powerful late spurt to claim the GOLDEN SPUR TROPHY, the second leg of the WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES. Runner-up of the race was **HIROYUKI UCHIDA** on board odds on favorite Tagano Marshal (JPN, h5), and **FUTOSHI KOMAKI**, who won the Golden Saddle Trophy, finished third with second pick Mendel (JPN, h6) to come on top of the first day of the Series with 33 points.

GARCIA and Clean broke slowly and was forced to travel in the rear of the field led by **HIROKI GOTO** and his mount B of the Bang (JPN, h5), with **BLAKE SHINN**'s Pisa No Deilani (USA, c4) pressing the pace in second. **UCHIDA** settled Tagano Marshal in good position around fifth from the front while **KOMAKI** and Mendel traveled in ninth position. As the field turned through the third corner now led by **SHINN**'s colt, **UCHIDA** moved his mount forward, drew close to the leader and overtook the front at the top of the homestretch. **GARCIA**, traveling second from the rear through the backstretch, steered his colt wide around the last two corners. The colt, responding easily to the jockey's urging despite his 602-kilo frame, stormed past his rivals in the homestretch, nailed the front before the 100-meter pole and stretched further to a 1-1/2-length victory to become the heaviest winner in JRA history. **KOMAKI**'s mount, also surging out behind **UCHIDA**, closed the gap tenaciously to cross the wire a neck behind the race favorite in third.

"The break wasn't as good as I expected and we had to race from behind. He's a big horse so I chose the outside route instead of splitting horses at the straight and he really stretched well. I've never ridden such a big horse before—even in the States," commented **GARCIA**.

Comments by Foreign Jockeys:

BLAKE SHINN (AUS) mounting 3rd favorite Pisa No Deilani (USA, c4): "He broke well and we were able to race in second as planned, but he didn't seem to concentrate and didn't fire at the stretch. He could use some blinkers."

DOUGLAS WHYTE (HKG) boarding 10th favorite Fuori Classe (JPN, h5): "I thought he gave a good effort against the upper class. I heard that he didn't like dirt kicked in his face so it didn't help starting from an inside stall, but despite this, he ran well."

CRAIG WILLIAMS (AUS) on board 15th favorite Full Blossom (JPN, h6): "The horse was conditioned well so he ran comfortably and gave a good show despite this being his first start after a long break. He was forced to

position a little further back but gave a good effort until the end.”

JOHN MURTAGH (IRE) riding 12th favorite Yamakatsu Brian (JPN, c4): “He gave a good run but a mile may suit him better. He was hyped up with dirt kicked into his face—he should perform better if he’s able to relax more.”

EDGAR PRADO (USA) partnering 11th favorite Namura Cook (JPN, h5): “His break wasn’t bad and he was smooth up to the last corner. I was able to angle out for the run at the stretch but he wasn’t able to gear-up.”

IORITZ MENDIZABAL (FRA) mounting 7th favorite Yamanin Ruban (JPN, c3): “I was able to drive him to the front as the trainer had instructed but he used up too much in the trip.”

ANDRASCH STARKE (GER) partnered with 6th favorite Peace Design (JPN, h6): “The pace was so fast for this horse that he had nothing left in the end there was nothing I could do.”

2008 WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES POINT CHART

Jockey	Dec. 6, 2008			Dec. 7, 2008			Total, Points for 4 Races	Final Standing
	Golden Saddle Trophy	Golden Spur Trophy	Total Points of Day 1	Golden Boots Trophy	Golden Whip Trophy	Total Points of Day 2		
Futoshi Komaki (JPN)	20	13	33					
Alan Garcia (USA)	1	20	21					
Blake Shinn (AUS)	10	11	21					
Hiroyuki Uchida (JPN)	6	15	21					
John Murtagh (IRE)	13	5	18					
Ioritz Mendizabal (FRA)	15	2	17					
Craig Williams (AUS)	11	6	17					
Douglas Whyte (HKG)	1	10	11					
Hiroki Goto (JPN)	5	1	6					
Yuichi Fukunaga (JPN)	1	4	5					
Yasunari Iwata (JPN)	4	1	5					
Edgar Prado (USA)	1	3	4					
Andrasch Starke (GER)	3	1	4					
Isao Sugawara (JPN)	2	2	4					
Katsumi Ando (JPN)	2	1	3					

*1st: 20 points 2nd: 15 points 3rd: 13 points 4th: 11 points 5th: 10 points 6th: 6 points 7th: 5 points 8th: 4 points 9th: 3 points 10th: 2 points 11th: 2 points 12th: 1 point 13th: 1 point 14th: 1 point 15th: 1 point

OTHER RACES RIDDEN BY FOREIGN JOCKEYS

[Day One] December 6, 2008 (Sat.)

EDGAR PRADO

7th race: 3-y-o & up, Allowance, 1,800 meters, turf, 18 runners—Winning horse & time:

Wakino Power (JPN), 1:48.5

16th-favorite: **Rikka Moment** (JPN, by Meisho Doto, f3), finished **18th** (1:51.4).

ALAN GARCIA

2nd race: 2-y-o, Maiden, 1,800 meters, dirt, 15 runners—Winning horse & time: Silk Fortune (JPN), 1:53.3

12th favorite: **Neo Gratia** (JPN, by Neo Universe, f2), finished **5th** (1:55.8).

3rd race: 2-y-o, Maiden, 2,000 meters, turf, 16 runners—Winning horse & time: Trionfare (JPN), 2:05.9

7th-favorite: **Meiner Mobius** (JPN, by Manhattan Cafe, c2), finished **6th** (2:06.4).

6th race: 2-y-o, Newcomer, 1,400 meters, turf, 18 runners—Winning horse & time: Meisho Vamos (JPN), 1:22.8

7th-favorite: **Summer Messiah** (JPN, by Agnes Digital, f2), finished **8th** (1:24.0)

7th race: 3-y-o & up, Allowance, 1,800 meters, turf, 18 runners—Winning horse & time:

Wakino Power (JPN), 1:48.5

12th-favorite: **Griffith** (JPN, by Admire Vega, c3), finished **9th** (1:49.5).

8th race: 3-y-o & up, Allowance, 2,000 meters, dirt, 15 runners—Winning horse & time:

Good Fromage (JPN), 2:04.7

8th-favorite: **Good Fromage** (JPN, by Commander in Chief, h5), finished **1st** (2:04.7)

9th race: 2-y-o, POINSETTIA SHO, 1,400 meters, dirt, 16 runners—Winning horse & time:

La Verita (USA), 1:23.5R

5th-favorite: **Ogon Shuttle** (JPN, by Ammirare, c2), finished **6th** (1:24.7).

11th race: 3-y-o & up, NARUO KINEN (G3), 1,800 meters, turf, 17 runners—Winning horse & time

Sakura Mega Wonder (JPN), 1:46.0

17th-favorite: **Gene Hunter** (JPN, by Tabasco Cat, h6), finished **14th** (1:48.1).

JOHN MURTAGH

2nd race: 2-y-o, Maiden, 1,800 meters, dirt, 15 runners—Winning horse & time: Silk Fortune (JPN), 1:53.3

7th favorite: **Wonderful Cafe** (JPN, by Special Week, c2), finished **14th** (1:58.3).

11th race: 3-y-o & up, NARUO KINEN (G3), 1,800 meters, turf, 17 runners—Winning horse & time

Sakura Mega Wonder (JPN), 1:46.0

16th-favorite: **Black Cafe** (JPN, by Sunday Silence, h8), finished **12th** (1:47.8).

BLAKE SHINN

3rd race: 2-y-o, Maiden, 2,000 meters, turf, 16 runners—Winning horse & time: Trionfare (JPN), 2:05.9

15th-favorite: **Mon Pure** (IRE, by Montjeu, f2), finished **15th** (2:07.6).

CRAIG WILLIAMS

3rd race: 2-y-o, Maiden, 2,000 meters, turf, 16 runners—Winning horse & time: Trionfare (JPN), 2:05.9

9th-favorite: **Danon Soma** (JPN, by Neo Universe, c2), finished **11th** (2:07.2).

7th race: 3-y-o & up, Allowance, 1,800 meters, turf, 18 runners—Winning horse & time:

Wakino Power (JPN), 1:48.5

Favorite: **Oceania Boss** (AUS, by Red Ransom, c3), finished **3rd** (1:48.6).

9th race: 2-y-o, POINSETTIA SHO, 1,400 meters, dirt, 16 runners—Winning horse & time:

La Verita (USA), 1:23.5R

15th-favorite: **Neo Very Berry** (JPN, by White Muzzle, f2), finished **11th** (1:25.5).

11th race: 3-y-o & up, NARUO KINEN (G3), 1,800 meters, turf, 17 runners—Winning horse & time

Sakura Mega Wonder (JPN), 1:46.0

10th-favorite: **Swift Current** (JPN, by Sunday Silence, h7), finished **5th** (1:47.3).

DOUGLAS WHYTE

5th race: 2-y-o, Newcomer, 1,400 meters, dirt, 16 runners—Winning horse & time: Laurisilva (JPN), 1:26.9

12th-favorite: **Safety Universe** (JPN, by Neo Universe, f2), finished **15th** (1:33.9)

6th race: 2-y-o, Newcomer, 1,400 meters, turf, 18 runners—Winning horse & time: Meisho Vamos (JPN), 1:22.8

17th-favorite: **Pisa no Rondofolle** (JPN, by Grass Wonder, f2), finished **17th** (1:26.0)

8th race: 3-y-o & up, Allowance, 2,000 meters, dirt, 15 runners— Good Fromage (JPN), 2:04.7
6th-favorite: **Machikane Minori** (JPN, by Sunday Silence, g5), finished **7th** (2:06.6)

9th race: 2-y-o, POINSETTIA SHO, 1,400 meters, dirt, 16 runners— Winning horse & time:
La Verita (USA), 1:23.5**R**
11th-favorite: **Hokuto Swan** (JPN, by Meiner Love, f2), finished **7th** (1:24.8).

11th race: 3-y-o & up, NARUO KINEN (G3), 1,800 meters, turf, 17 runners— Winning horse & time
Sakura Mega Wonder (JPN), 1:46.0
6th-favorite: **Flying Apple** (USA, by Rahy, c4), finished **8th** (1:47.4).
