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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 9TH PEGASUS JUMP STAKES

The Pegasus Jump Stakes was established in 2001 to serve as a step-up race towards the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1) and was designated an international event to accommodate foreign contenders included in the preliminary nominations for the Nakayama Grand Jump (maximum eight foreign horses). Many of the foreign contenders who succeeded in the past Nakayama Grand Jump took advantage of their experience in this race, which is raced over the same course.

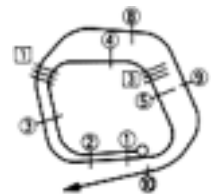
St. Steven was sixth in the 2002 Pegasus Jump before becoming the first foreign contender to capture the richest international jump race in the world. Also, **Karasi** the record holder of three consecutive Nakayama Grand Jump titles in 2005 thru 2007, finished third, second and third in the Pegasus Jump prior to each respective victories although he forced to withdraw from his fourth challenge due to tendon injury during training last year.

The race features 11 jumps and three ups-and-downs over banks and covers 3,350 meters. The latter part of the race will make a shift to the outside turf track where hurdles are set up, just as in the Nakayama Grand Jump, which will add to the great excitement in the final furlongs before the finish.

Ginolad who became the first horse in 27 years to claim the Warrnambool Grand Annual - Grand National Steeplechase double in Australia in 2008 and was invited to start in this year's Nakayama Grand Jump made his first start over obstacles in this race since his last steeplechase race back home in July last year to acclimate himself to the Nakayama course.

THE 9TH PEGASUS JUMP STAKES:

4-year-old & up, 3,350 meters (about 2 and 1/10 miles), turf
 Saturday, March 28, 2009 Nakayama Racecourse 8th Race Post time: 14:05
 Total prize money: ¥ JPY 37,440,000 (about US\$ 416,000: US\$ 1 = ¥ 90)
 4-y-o: 62kg (about 137lbs), 5-y-o & up: 63kg (about 139lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares
 Allowance for Japanese horse with no J-G1 nor J-G2 wins: 3kg; J-G2 wins but no J-G1 wins: 1kg
 Safety factor: 14 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin	Odds (Fav)
1	7	12	Open Garden (JPN)	H5	60.0	Gokai Dance Fontaine	Y. Eda H. Gohara	K. Yoshihashi F. Terai	3:44.9	28.1 (11)
2	3	4	Hishi Battle (JPN)	G7	60.0	King Halo Hishi Wonder	K. Yamamoto M. Ogasa	M. Abe T. Nakamura	3	6.6 (3)
3	1	1	Eishin Peking (USA)	H8	60.0	Affirmed Eishin Tennessee	M. Nishitani M. Sakaguchi	T. Hirai Belvedere Farm Inc.	Neck	13.8 (6)
4	2	2 B	Taiki Dynasty (USA)	H10	60.0	Kingmambo Villa Rose	T. Munakata M. Tsuchida	U. Taiki Farm Taiki Farm	1-1/4	27.0 (10)
5	3	3	Gran Turismo (JPN)	G5	60.0	Tayasu Tsuyoshi Purple Avenue	Y. Igarashi T. Fujiwara	M. Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck	16.9 (8)
6	8	14 B	Croisade (JPN)	H7	60.0	Tamamo Cross Takeno Pansy	S. Kitazawa S. Sakuta	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Takeoka Bokujo	1/2	8.7 (5)
7	5	7	Crotalaria (JPN)	M6	58.0	Dehere Blue Blossom	S. Ishigami Y. Asano	K. Iguchi Kawagoe Farm	1-1/2	124.2 (13)
8	6	9	Apollo No Satori (USA)	H6	60.0	Cozzene Mississippi Queen	K. Hirasawa M. Horii	T. Sugawara Robert Low & Lawana Low	Neck	2.9 (1)
9	4	6 B	Blue Beretta (JPN)	H7	60.0	Twining Star Shine	K. Oba M. Ogasa	Blue Management Co. Ltd. Kano Bokujo	2-1/2	14.0 (7)
10	7	11	Ginolad* (AUS)	G9	63.0	Perugino High Royale	C. Durden A. Purcell	J. Purcell Mayfields Proprietors	Neck	8.6 (4)
11	8	13	Silk Salamander (JPN)	H6	60.0	Stay Gold Towa Nagon	Y. Minoshima Y. Sato	Silk Co.Ltd Murakami Bokujo	1-3/4	82.6 (12)
12	5	8	Mejiro Rastaban (JPN)	H5	60.0	Tanino Gimlet Mejiro Ramonu	N. Hamanoya N. Takagi	Mejiro B. Mejiro Stud	3	18.5 (9)
13	4	5	Forest Dance (JPN)	H7	60.0	Marvelous Sunday Pia Fire	D. Shibata K. Suzuki	K. Maruoka Murakami Farm	9	139.5 (14)
	6	10	Penetrator (JPN)	H8	60.0	Opera House Arpeggi	M. Kaneko S. Ito	T. Date Sunshine Bokujo	FF	5.7 (2)

FP= Final Position **BK**= Bracket Number **PP**= Post Position **B**= Blinkers **FF**= Fail to Finish

*= Foreign contender

NOTE1: Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen).

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: 3:44.9

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE

¥ 454,509,900

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

¥ 8,767,670,000

ATTENDANCE: 26,591

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.12	¥2,810	PLACE	No.12	¥690
BRACKET QUINELLA	3 - 7	¥1,660		No.4	¥270
QUINELLA	4 - 12	¥8,970		No.1	¥540
EXACTA	12 - 4	¥20,270	QUINELLA PLACE	4 - 12	¥2,560
TRIO	1 - 4 - 12	¥34,310		1 - 12	¥4,490
TRIFECTA	12 - 4 - 1	¥308,970		1 - 4	¥1,210

1. **OPEN GARDEN (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old**

Gokai / Dance Fontaine (Dance in the Dark)

Breeder: Fumihida Terai

Owner: K. Yoshihashi

Trainer: Hiroyuki Gohara

Jockey: Yusuke Eda

20 Starts, 2 Wins (jump races: 18 Starts, 2 Wins)

Added money: ¥18,301,000

Career earnings: ¥51,224,000

2. **HISHI BATTLE (JPN), bay, gelding, 7-year-old**

King Halo / Hishi Wonder (Northern Taste)

Breeder: Toshiaki Nakamura

Owner: Yuichiro Abe

Trainer: Michihiro Ogasa

Jockey: Koshi Yamamoto

3. **EISHIN PEKING (USA), bay, horse, 8-year-old**

Affirmed / Eishin Tennessee (Vice Regent)

Breeder: Belvedere Farm, Inc.

Owner: Toyomitsu Hirai

Trainer: Masanori Sakaguchi

Jockey: Makoto Nishitani

Open Garden demonstrated a class performance winning this year's Pegasus Jump Stakes. The sixth-place finisher in Nakayama Daishogai (J-G1) in December last year also finished within the money in a J-G2 event in June last year and has made a steady progress towards his second J-G1 challenge in the coming Nakayama Grand Jump which his sire, Gokai won twice in 2000 and 2001. Gokai finished second in the J-G1 event in the following year and was also runner-up in the Nakayama Daishogai (J-G1), the same course run in December, three times from 1999 thru 2001 which led to two JRA Best Steeplechase Horse award in 2000 and 2001. Open Garden is out of the first crop by Gokai.

Ginolad, the lone foreign contender for the coming Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1) also kept up well with the pace and secured a good position for the rally after the last jump but was unable to fire at the stretch finishing tenth. Jockey Craig Durden commented after the race that he was pleased with Ginolad's overall performance in the race and that the gelding will have a better chance with the extended distance in his next time out in the Nakayama Grand Jump. Race favorite **Apollo No Satori** was also used up after his early efforts and faded to ninth in the last furlong.

The race broke off with **Gran Turismo** setting the pace and maintaining a comfortable margin in front of the rest of the pack for most of the journey. **Blue Beretta** followed a few lengths behind with **Hishi Battle** close at his heels on the inside and race favorite **Apollo No Satori** assuming fourth position on the outside. **Eishin Peking** advanced along the inside rail to join the front group while **Ginolad** and **Open Garden** settled well off the pace behind the middle pack.

While **Gran Turismo** continued to open the gap to four or five lengths, **Apollo No Satori** made his move to draw away from the rest to assume second position after jumping the hedge (No.2) for the second time around, while **Ginolad** emerged along the inside rail, stalking **Eishin Peking** around sixth position for the last half of the trip.

As the field entered the turf track coming out of the last dip (bank No. 1), **Open Garden** accelerated to make headway along the outside with 1000 meters to go and alongside **Apollo No Satori** in second position. With **Eishin Peking** also speeding up in the inside, the three quickly closed in on the pacesetter and the field made their last turn for home with **Eishin Peking** assuming command before the last brush fence (No.10).

While **Eishin Peking** exhibited an impressive run at the stretch, **Open Garden** exerted a bursting turn of speed along the outside and overtook the leader in the last 100 meters with **Hishi Battle** crossing the wire three-lengths behind, overtaking **Eishin Peking** in the last stride for second place.

Penetrater lost his rider after the obstacle No.5—both the horse and rider were not hurt.

Also Ran:

Taiki Dynasty raced two out mid-division, good effort at stretch—4th

Croisade overtook tired rivals—6th

Crotalaria trailed in rear, improved position at stretch—7th

Blue Beretta among the leaders early stages, tired from early efforts—9th

Silk Salamander never a contender—11th

Mejiro Rastaban from mid-division, brief effort before second last obstacle, faded—12th

Forest Dance dropped out of contention in latter half—13th

Fractional Time (sec.): Last 4 furlongs: 52.5 Last 3 furlongs: 38.9 (1 mile: 1:48.1)

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

Note1: **Underlined 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.