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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 26TH 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. Horse racing in Japan had been focusing on long distance racing for a long time, regarding stamina and strength as the most important quality of horses. 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 MILE CHAMPIONSHIP welcomed several foreign contestants; *Special Kaldoun* (IRE, 9th), *Tout Seul* (IRE, 16th) in 2003—the first time since it was designated as an international race in 1998—, and *Rakti* (GBR, 14th) in 2004, *Court Masterpiece* (GBR, 7th) in 2006, *Becrux* (ITA, 8th) in 2007 and *Rahy's Attorney* (CAN, 9th) in 2008. This year, *Eva's Request* (IRE) from England and *Sahpresa* (USA) from France made their bid to challenge *Company*, who had come off his first G1 victory in the Tenno Sho Autumn (G1, 2,000m) and picked the MILE CHAMPIONSHIP as his last start before his retirement.

The race record was set by *Hat Trick* who covered the mile distance at 1:32.1 in 2005.

**THE 26TH MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)**

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

Sunday, November 22, 2009 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥213,000,000 (US\$2,366,000; US\$1= ¥90)

3-y-o 56kg (about 123-124lbs), 4-y-o & up 57kg (about 126lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2006

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



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	2	4	Company (JPN)	H8	57.0	Miracle Admire Brilliant Very	N. Yokoyama H. Otonashi	H. Kondo H. Kondo	1:33.2 (33.5)	2.3 (1)
2	7	13	Meiner Falke (JPN)	C4	57.0	Mutafaweq Bingo Hanako	R. Wada K. Kayano	K.Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Big Red Farm	1-1/4 (34.7)	39.8 (14)
3	7	15	Sahpresa* (USA)	F4	55.0	Sahm Sorpresa	O. Peslier R. Collet	D. McIntyre D. Owen McIntyre	Neck (34.0)	8.7 (2)
4	5	9	Captain Thule (JPN)	C4	57.0	Agnes Tachyon Air Thule	Y. Kawada H. Mori	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Nose (34.4)	8.8 (3)
5	4	7	Absolute (JPN)	H5	57.0	Tanino Gimlet Prime Stage	K. Tanaka Y. Munakata	H. Sonobe Shadai Farm	3/4 (33.0)	14.3 (6)
6	3	5	Smile Jack (JPN)	C4	57.0	Tanino Gimlet She C'est Moi	K. Miura S. Kobiyama	Y. Saito Uemizu Bokujo	Neck (33.6)	10.3 (4)
7	6	12	Hikaru Ozora (JPN)	H5	57.0	Manhattan Cafe Cry with Joy	C. Soumillon Y. Ikee	H. Takahashi Shadai Corporation Inc.	Nose (34.4)	18.5 (7)
8	4	8	Fifth Petal (JPN)	C3	56.0	King Kamehameha Lilac Lane	C. Lemaire Y. Kato	U.Carrot Farm Shadai Corporation Inc.	1/2 (33.9)	35.2 (12)
9	8	17	Live Concert (IRE)	G5	57.0	Singspiel Dance Lively	Y. Iwata T. Shirai	Green Fields Co. Ltd. J. Chandris	Nose (34.1)	36.8 (13)
10	1	1	Eva's Request* (IRE)	F4	55.0	Soviet Star Ingabelle	A. Munro M. Channon	L. Mulryan Ballylinch Stud	Neck (34.4)	32.9 (10)
11	6	11	Zarema (JPN)	M5	55.0	Dance in the Dark Shenck	H. Uchida H. Otonashi	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	Neck (34.3)	13.8 (5)
12	8	16	San Carlo (JPN)	C3	56.0	Symboli Kris S NoData	Y. Yoshida Y. Okubo	Shadai Race H. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Nose (33.6)	43.9 (15)
13	1	2	Toreno Jubilee (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O Tenzan Kirari	A. Suborics H. Fujiwara	T. Hirosaki Fujiwara Breeding Stud	Neck (33.5)	78.8 (18)
14	7	14	Strong Garuda (JPN)	C3	56.0	Dance in the Dark Phoenix Bird	Y. Fukunaga T. Kubota	A.Muraki Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	1-1/2 (34.1)	33.3 (11)
15	3	6	Fine Grain (JPN)	H6	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Mill Grain	H. Miyuki H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	1/2 (34.2)	59.8 (16)
16	5	10	Suzuka Causeway (JPN)	H5	57.0	Giant's Causeway French Riviera	H. Goto M. Hashida	K. Nagai Grand Stud	1/2 (33.9)	24.3 (9)



