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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 11TH JAPAN CUP DIRT (G1)**



The Japan Cup Dirt, which has established itself as the dirt version of the Japan Cup international race, commemorates its 11th anniversary this year since *Wing Arrow (JPN)* won the race in 2000, the inaugural year. *Lord Sterling (USA)* who finished third that year was one of the first foreign contenders, while *Fleetstreet Dancer (USA)* became the first foreign winner in 2003. In the past, 26 runners from not only North America but also from France, Germany, Great Britain and Hong Kong, have participated in the race.

Last year, *Tizway (USA)* from the U.S was the lone foreign contestant and finished 12th to *Espoir City (JPN)*, who was subsequently named Best Dirt Horse of 2009. After his dominant 3-1/2 length victory, *Espoir City (JPN)* continued to extend his G1 winning streak to five, capturing the February Stakes (G1, dirt, 1,600m) and the Kashiwa Kinen (dirt, 1,600m). However, his conditioning towards the 2010 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1, dirt, 2,000m), which included prep race in Japan, did not go as expected. After finishing a disappointing 10th in the Breeders' Cup, the 2009 Japan Cup Dirt champion returned to Japan still below form and his connection decided to withdraw him from starting this year.

The grade-one race, which had traditionally been held at Tokyo Racecourse on the same weekend as the Japan Cup (turf) race, is now being held on the following Sunday at Hanshin Racecourse since 2008, as one of four G1 events comprising Japan Autumn International (JAI) along with the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup (G1, 2,200m), the Mile Championship (G1, 1,600m) and the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m). The distance was also changed from 2,100m to 1,800m and the race is run clockwise (right-handed).

This year, the Japan Cup Dirt did not involve any foreign runners for the second time following the 2006 running and was contested among an all-Japanese field. While the field lacked the defending champion, it included 2007 Japan Cup Dirt champion **Vermilion**, who made his fifth consecutive start in this race, and **King's Emblem**, a half-brother to **Vermilion** who registered his first grade-race win two starts back since switching from turf racing in May last year. **Oro Meister** was one of two grade-one winners among the field, having captured the Mile Championship Nambu Hai (dirt, 1,600m) while defeating *Espoir City* by three lengths. **Silk Mobius**, who bested the three-year-old group in his runner-up effort in the 2009 Japan Cup Dirt, also ran again this year.

*Kane Hekili (JPN)* won the inaugural run at Hanshin, which was also his second Japan Cup Dirt title since 2005 when the race was run at Tokyo Racecourse.

**THE 11TH JAPAN CUP DIRT (G1) – Japan Autumn International -**

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

Sunday, December 5, 2010 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race

Total prize money: ¥ 275,300,000 (about US\$3,058,000 < US\$1 = ¥90 >)

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

2 kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2007

Safety Factor: 16 runners



Post Time: 15:40



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margi n	Odds (Fav)
1	2	3	Transcend (JPN)	C4	57.0	Wild Rush Cinema Scope	S. Fujita T. Yasuda	Koji Maeda North Hills Management	1:48.9 (36.6)	3.5 (1)
2	7	14	Glorious Noah (JPN)	C4	57.0	Precise End Love Robbery	S. Kobayashi Y. Yahagi	Yoko Takano Samekawa Bokujo	Neck (36.1)	24.2 (8)
3	6	12	Admire Subaru (JPN)	H7	57.0	Admire Boss Admire Yell	F. Komaki H. Nakao	Riichi Kondo Tsuji Bokujo	1-1/4 (36.5)	31.6 (11)
4	4	8	Birdie Birdie (JPN)	C3	56.0	Brian's Time Home Sweet Home	K. Ikezoe Y. Ikee	Mieko Satomi Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Nose (36.7)	25.8 (10)
5	1	1	Silk Mobius (JPN)	C4	57.0	Stay Gold Channel One	H. Tanaka M. Ryoke	Silk Co.Ltd Morimoto Bokujo	2 (36.3)	4.1 (2)
6	6	11	Courir Passion (JPN)	H5	57.0	Wild Rush Imagination	A. Tsumura I. Aizawa	Shuji Yokoyama Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck (36.5)	59.4 (13)
7	3	5	La Verita (USA)	F4	55.0	Unbridled's Song Go Classic	Y. Iwata S. Matsumoto	Koji Maeda Dell Ridge Farm	Neck (36.9)	15.7 (6)

8	7	13	Daishin Orange (JPN)	H5	57.0	Agnes Digital Ashiya Madam	Y. Kawada Y. Shono	Nobuyuki Oyagi Togawa Bokujo	1/2 (37.1)	20.6 (7)
9	1	2	King's Emblem (JPN)	H5	57.0	War Emblem Scarlet Lady	Y. Fukunaga S. Ishizaka	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	5 (37.7)	5.3 (3)
10	2	4	Maruka Shenck (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sunday Silence Shenck	H. Yoshida H. Kawachi	Kawacho Sangyo Shadai Farm	1-3/4 (37.5)	40.9 (12)
11	8	16	Oro Meister (JPN)	H5	57.0	Gold Allure Fairy Waltz	Y. Yoshida Y. Okubo	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Oiwake Farm	Neck (38.3)	25.6 (9)
12	3	6	Daisho Jet (JPN)	H7	57.0	Cryptic Rascal Duty Echo	Y. Shibayama H. Oneda	Yoshiaki Baba Yamada Farm	2 (38.5)	127.2 (15)
13	5	9	Tosen Bright (JPN)	H9	57.0	Brian's Time Asahi Bright	M. Katsuura Y. Kato	Takaya Shimakawa Okada Stud	Neck (38.2)	212.3 (16)
14	5	10	Vermilion (JPN)	H8	57.0	El Condor Pasa Scarlet Lady	Y. Take S. Ishizaka	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	5 (39.1)	9.2 (4)
15	8	15	Makani Bisty (JPN)	C3	56.0	Zenno Rob Roy Success Witch	M. Demuro Y. Yahagi	Toshiko Bizenjima Masahiro Yamada	1-3/4 (39.2)	81.9 (14)
16	4	7	Aliseo (JPN)	C3	56.0	Symboli Kris S Square Away	C. Lemaire N. Hori	Shadai Race H. Shadai Corporation Inc.	10 (41.0)	9.6 (5)

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

NOTE1: No foreign contenders.

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: 1:48.9

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 12,746,468,900

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 19,354,137,700

ATTENDANCE: 31,137

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.3	¥350	PLACE	No.3	¥160
BRACKET QUINELLA	2-7	¥1,600		No.14	¥660
QUINELLA	3-14	¥4,350		No.12	¥530
EXACTA	3-14	¥6,310	QUINELLA PLACE	3-14	¥1,500
TRIO	3-12-14	¥20,840		3-12	¥1,140
TRIFECTA	3-14-12	¥94,860		12-14	¥5,270

**1. Transcend (JPN), bay, colt, 4-year-old**

Wild Rush / Cinema Scope (Tony Bin)

Breeder: North Hills Management

Owner: Koji Maeda

Trainer: Takayuki Yasuda

Jockey: Shinji Fujita

14 Starts, 7 Wins

Added money: ¥ 133,486,000

Career earnings: ¥ 310,230,000

Principal Races Performances:

2010 Miyako Stakes (G3) 1st

2010 Tokai Stakes (G2) 2nd

2010 Nippon TV Hai 2nd

2009 Leopard Stakes 1st

**2. Glorious Noah (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old**

Precise End / Love Robbery (Jade Robbery)

Breeder: Samekawa Bokujo

Owner: Yoko Takano

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Shinichiro Kobayashi

**3. Admire Subaru (JPN), dark bay or brown, horse, 7-year-old**

Admire Boss / Admire Yell (Generous)

Breeder: Tsuji Bokujo

Owner: Riichi Kondo

Trainer: Hidemasa Nakao

Jockey: Futoshi Komaki

**Transcend** gave a dominating performance in this year's Japan Cup Dirt to claim his first G1 victory after coming off his second career grade-race victory in the Miyako Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,800m) last month. The popular four-year-old, who had constantly been well-backed in his races throughout his career, was sent to post favorite for the invitational G1 event which did not involve any foreign runners this year and did not fail to provide another exciting finish to prevail by a neck margin for a wire-to-wire victory. Covering the 1800 meter distance over the dirt track rated "Good" in 1:48.9, the Wild Rush colt also renewed the race record previously held by *Kane Hekili* by 0.3 seconds. It was the first G1 victory for trainer Takayuki Yasuda while Shinji Fujita, the jockey, landed his first G1 of this season and 13th overall—first in the Japan Cup Dirt.

Fujita expressed his joy after the race saying that "Racing against most of the runner's that we ran against in our last start, and without the addition of any foreign contestants in the race, I was determined to prove that we were the best in this field and worthy of the G1 title. Transcend is a colt with big strides so he has more speed than what meets the eye. I am looking forward to more big titles with this him."

**Transcend** shot out of stall three to make the pace while **Birdie Birdie** chased the leader about 1-1/2 length behind with **La Verita** and **Daishin Orange** close at his heels. The three runners; **King's Emblem**, **Vermilion** and **Oro Meister**, racing in Sunday Racing colors, followed side by side with **Admire Subaru** creeping up between them as **Glorious Noah** sat outside **Courir Passion** and **Tosen Bright** in mid-division. Last year's runner-up **Silk Mobius** saved ground fourth from the rear.

**Transcend** maintained his lead as the field closed up and rounded the third corner towards the last turn as **Birdie Birdie** was the first out to challenge for the lead. As the two dueled past the 200-meter mark, **Glorious Noah** found another gear to come charging through with **Admire Subaru** close behind on his inside. **Birdie Birdie**, worn out from his battle finally gave way as **Glorious Noah** and **Admire Subaru** in the final strides but held on for fourth while **Silk Mobius**, although impressive in his late charge but from way behind and outside just made it on the board in fifth, but **Transcend** continued to speed away to hold off **Glorious Noah** to finish first.

**OTHER HORSES:**

6th: (11) **Courir Passion**—off the pace in mid-pack, stretched well at straight caught by Silk Mobius just before the wire.

7th: (5) **La Verita**—always prominent, while saving ground, failed to fire while held well

8th: (13) **Daishin Orange**—quick from gate, prominent most of the way, used up 200 meters out.

9th: (2) **King's Emblem**—hugged rail mid-pack, failed to threaten

