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# How to Enjoy JRA Racecourses and Their Surroundings, Characteristics of Each JRA Racecourse

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The Big Four

By Masanori Ariyoshi

JRA currently conducts horse races on a total of 288 days a year at 10 racecourses in Japan. Tokyo, Nakayama, Kyoto and Hanshin Racecourses, called "Big Four," of these ten and they each hold races for 40

days a year. These four racecourses are located in large densely populated urban areas and hold many high-quality and high-grade races. Almost all international Grade 1 races and the top-class races for Japan are held

at these four racecourses. Therefore, it can be said that most of JRA's big races are held at the Big Four. Last time, I introduced our local racecourses, so this time, I will discuss these major four racecourses.

## 1 Tokyo Racecourse

<http://japanracing.jp/course/j01.html>

Tokyo Racecourse has a view of Mt. Fuji, one of the most symbolic mountains of Japan. When you come to the grandstand, please look out to the right. Mt. Fuji, at 3,776m above sea level, comes into your view whenever the weather is fine. It is the highest mountain in Japan and will moves your heart not only by



Ginza, the representative city of Tokyo. There are a lot of art galleries and well-established stores.



Mt. Takao, not far from Tokyo Racecourse. Very popular for foreign people as a hiking mecca.



Nakamise Shopping Street in Asakusa, Taito-ku, Tokyo, carrying on the tradition of Tokyo.

its majestic height but also with its beautiful contours. In particular, there are many sunny days during the autumn race schedule in October and November and fans have many chances to view Mt. Fuji.

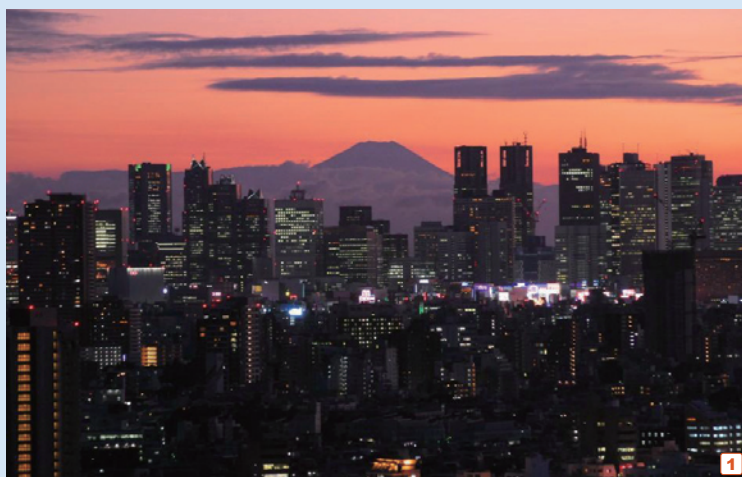
This year's Tokyo Yushun (76th Japanese Derby) was also held here at Tokyo Racecourse as it has been for the previous 74 races, since it was moved here

from the 3rd running in 1934. Tokyo Racecourse is now the unquestionable home of Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby).

The Tokyo Yushun is run at just over one round of turf course, which measures 2119.6 m (when using C Course). The homestretch is long at 525.9 m. This provides a fair course, which can see through any cheap tricks and maneu-



You should first try Sushi of Edo-mae, from bay of Tokyo.



Shinjuku sub-center in the twilight. Mt. Fuji seen far off in this photo can also be seen well from Tokyo Racecourse on a clear day.



2 Very famous place, Tokyo Disney Resort. Within one hour from Nakayama Racecourse by walk and train.



2 Yoro-keikoku (gorge) filled with pure water all the year. There is Yoro-onsen (hot spring) in the neighborhood.



2 There are many onsen (hot springs) with an ocean-view like this in Chiba having Nakayama Racecourse.

vering, making the race a true test of ability. Besides the Tokyo Yushun, Tokyo holds international Grade 1 races such as Japan Cup and Yasuda Kinen, which attract many runners from overseas to participate in these races.

The 30-minute access to the racecourse by train from Shinjuku, as the west center of Tokyo, is notable. Shinjuku is one of the famous downtown areas in Tokyo, where you can enjoy everything from shopping to meals. Your visit to Tokyo will be quite convenient if you are based in Shinjuku.

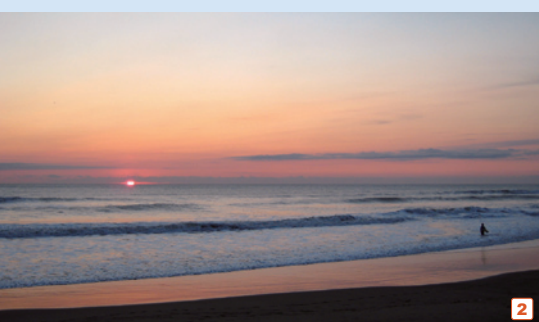
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<http://japanracing.jp/tour/index.html>

**2 Nakayama Racecourse**  
<http://japanracing.jp/course/j02.html>

Arima Kinen (Grand Prix) is a unique race whose runners are selected by a vote by racing fans. Mr. Yoriyasu Arima,



2 Mother Farm full of families through the year like Nakayama Racecourse. You can enjoy looking at various animals and flowers here.



2 Kujukuri Beach, about 70 km long. It is known as a surfing mecca.

the second president of JRA, whose name graces the race, founded this race, which was inspired by All-Star Game of Professional Baseball. The Arima Kinen (Grand Prix) is one of the most popular of JRA races. It recorded 87.5 billion yen of proceeds at one race in 1996. The name "Arima Kinen" has become a Japanese signature event of year's end beyond the world of horse races.

Nakayama Racecourse is famous for the Arima Kinen. The Racecourse has two courses, the inner course and the outer course, where various races are held on particularly challenging courses. The steep slope with difference of elevation of 5.3 m, along the homestretch of turf course brings extra racing excitement.

Chiba Prefecture, where Nakayama Racecourse is located, was formerly one of the famous breeding areas in Japan, although it has declined in recent years. Wakataka, which won the first Japanese Derby in 1932, was thoroughbred produced at Shimofusa Goryobokujo (breeding farm) in Chiba Prefecture. Part of New Tokyo International Airport, the gateway to Japan, is the former Shimofusa Goryobokujo.

About 15 km from Nakayama Racecourse, is the Tokyo Disney Resort, which has about 25 million visitors a year. You can easily visit there after watching races at Nakayama Racecourse.

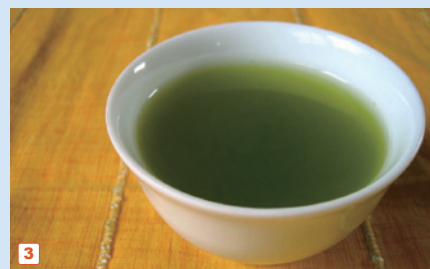
**3 Kyoto Racecourse**  
<http://japanracing.jp/course/j03.html>

A beautiful racecourse enhanced by a large pond in the infield. You can enjoy watching swans swimming in the pond.

Kyoto Racecourse holds the top-grade long-distance races such as Tenno Sho (Spring • G1 • 3200 m) and Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger • 3000 m). The feature of Kyoto Racecourse is the inclination at the third turn. The layout of up followed by down often upsets running rhythm of horses. The distance

aces, such as both the Tenno Sho (Spring • G1) and the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), the incline at the third turn must be negotiated twice. Kyoto Racecourse is known to the locals, as "Yodo Racecourse." This is the name of the locale where this racecourse is situated. "Going over the "Yodo Incline" has been the deciding factor of many great races.

Shinzan, which won the Triple Crown of Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), and Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) in 1964 for the first time after the war, had his racing stables at Kyoto Racecourse and it was known as his home racecourse. At the side of the paddock in Kyoto Racecourse, where Shinzan won Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), the third crown, there is the stone statue of Shinzan to honor his achievements. Also, one entrance gate is named "Shinzan Gate."



3 You can enjoy green tea (Uji tea), a special product in Uji city not so far from Kyoto Racecourse.



3 When tree leaves in Kinkakuji turn red, race season in Kyoto comes to a climax.



Kiyomizu-dera surrounded by beautiful colored leaves. In this season, a lot of big races are held in Kyoto Racecourse.



Sanzen-in temple in Ohara, a retreat of Kyoto. This shows us the meaning of quietness.



“Hozugawa Rafting” is romantic and exciting, going down by small boat along Hozugawa river lying between Kameoka and Arashiyama.

Kyoto has been the center of Japanese culture and politics for more than 1200 years, having a long history of heritage and traditions. There are 17 locations in Kyoto, including Kinkakuji (Kinkaku-Temple) and Kiyomizu-dera (Kiyomizu-Temple), which are designated as world cultural heritages.

#### 4 Hanshin Racecourse

<http://japanracing.jp/course/j04.html>

Hanshin Racecourse constructed in 1949 at its current location, marked its 60th anniversary this year and has come into its own as a famous racecourse for hosting the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000

Guineas), which marks the beginning each year, for classic races of Japan.

A new outer turf course was constructed during a major renovation of its courses in 2006, resulting in longest course circumference of 2,089 m (when using A Course) with 473.6 m straight among the right-handed racecourses in Japan.

Hanshin racecourse holds a competition full of international color on the first week of December each year. The 22nd running of this event, the “World Super Jockeys Series” was held last year. The race, in which top jockeys in Japan and abroad compete for the win based

on the points gained in four races, has become a feature of Hanshin Racecourse. Additionally, since last year, the course now hosts the Japan Cup Dirt (G1 • 1800m), which was previously held at Tokyo Racecourse. Three horses from the U.S. ran in this memorable race in 2008.

Hanshin Racecourse is located between Osaka and Kobe, which are considered the representative cities of Japan’s Kansai area. Both cities are suitable as a base for a trip. You can choose either of these excellent cities to stay based on your own preferences.



Chinatown in Motomachi area of Kobe. Popular spot for tourists coming to Kobe from all over the world.



Universal Studios Japan, a popular amusement park in Kansai area.



Osaka Castle, one of the representative castles in Japan. About one hour from Hanshin Racecourse by walk and train.



Kobe city area surrounded by mountain and sea. One of the largest foreign settlement areas, with exotic feeling.



World-class “Kobe Beef” from Kobe-city.

All JRA Racecourses located at the following site, if you click:

<http://japanracing.jp/course/j-racecourse.html>

All JRA Racing fixtures located at the following site, if you click:

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# 2009 Hokkaido Training Sale

**Good results with overall proceeds of 463,680,000 yen  
A 6.7% increase over 2008.**

The Hidaka Horse Breeder's Association (HBA) held the Hokkaido Training Sale at JRA Sapporo Racecourse in Sapporo City, Hokkaido on Monday, May the 11th. At the open workouts, most horses ran the final furlong in 11-12 seconds and 13 horses recorded times of 10-11 seconds. The fastest time was 10.68 seconds and recorded by a filly sired by Special Week and a filly sired by Tokai Teio. The 142 lots were offered (77 colts, 65 fillies) and 86 (45 colts, 41

fillies) were sold, for a 60.6% ratio. Overall proceeds were 463,680,000 JPY, which was a 6.7% increase over 2008. The average price was 5,391,627 JPY, which was also 1.7% higher. Big Red Farm Co. Ltd. in Niikappucho bought a filly by Special Week out of Diamond Core, for the highest price of 24,675,000 JPY. There were two highest priced colts; one by Mayano Top Gun out of Nom d'Amour (USA), purchased by Mr. Kunihide Suzuki from Shizuoka Prefecture

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and the other by Marvelous Sunday out of A. P. Royal, purchased by Mr. Haruki Motooka from Hiroshima Prefecture. Looking at buyers from abroad, Mr. Masatsugu Otani and trainer Mr. Hideyuki Takaoka from Singapore each purchased a colt. Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (JBBA) purchased 10 horses to be donated to Korean Racing Authority for the purpose of studying the adaptability of these horses to racing in Korea.

(Note: All sale prices are inclusive of consumption tax.)



Joint Highest Colt No.76 by Mayano Top Gun -10.7 million Yen



Joint Highest Colt No.159 by Marvelous Sunday - 10.7 million Yen



Sales Topping Filly No.44 by Special Week -24.7 Million Yen

# 2009 Hidaka Training Sale

**2009 proceeds hit 194,145,000 yen.  
Down 36.5% from 2008!**

The Hidaka-higashi Agricultural Co-operative Association held the Hidaka Training Sale at JRA Hidaka Yearling Training Farm in Urakawacho, Hokkaido on Tuesday, May the 12th. At the open workouts, 18 lots ran the final furlong in a fast 10-11 seconds. Many of lots offered ran in 11-12 seconds.

53 lots were offered (25 colts, 28 fillies), and 29 (19 colts, 10 fillies) were sold for a 54.7% ratio. Overall proceeds were



Highest Filly No.43 by Marienbard(IRE)-10.7 million Yen



Sales Topping Colt No.6 by Eishin Sandy-28 million Yen



Open training with snow-capped Hidaka Mountains in the background

194,145,000 JPY. This was a 36.5% decrease from 2008 and the average price was 6,694,655 JPY, which was also 1.5% lower. The highest-priced lot was a colt by Eishin Sandy out of Eishin Gracious, which recorded the fastest time of 10.0 seconds in the final furlong

at the open workouts. It was sold for 29,400,000 JPY to Big Red Farm Co. Ltd. in Niikappucho. Mr. Takaya Shimakawa from Miyagi Prefecture bought the highest priced filly, by Marienbard (IRE) out of Mermaid Gold, for 11,235,000 JPY.

Due to decreased number of lots offered, overall proceeds and average price were down, however, the sales ratio at 54.7% was higher than last year.

(Note: All sale prices are inclusive of consumption tax.)

# A Relationship between Hoof Wall Lesions and Contamination from Bedding Materials

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## Introduction

Fans of horseracing all over the world are aware that the ability of Japanese racehorses has reached the global level. A high athletic ability as a top athlete is necessary for Japanese racehorses in order to provide the powerful, dramatic and attractive races fans crave. This results in a constant heavy kinetic load on horseshoes during race periods. As those charged with maintaining these athletes, we have to pay

attention to abnormalities in the hooves, which are likely to be missed during busy racing days without breathing room. We know that healthy hooves are essential for horses to exert their full ability. As such, we always pay attention to foot condition and hoof wall lesions to hopefully eliminate any factors, which will have a bad effect on the foot horny structures. It is often said as anecdotal evidence that

many of horses bred by a poorly managed stall have seedy toe and white line disease. Therefore, we doubt that contaminated spreading materials used in bedding provide factors, which might make hooves brittle. However, there are no academically verified reports on the relationship between bedding materials and hooves. Do contaminated spreading materials used in bedding lead to problems in hooves?

## Types of bedding materials used in Japan

Soil and bedding materials in the stable are those objects which the hoof of a racehorse touches for the longest hours. Rice straw and wheat straw were mainly used as spreading materials for stable bedding in Japan in the past. However, rice cropping has been mechanized in recent years and the combine used for harvest, shatters the straw in to small unusable sizes. This makes it extremely difficult, JRA training centers and the horse riding centers located in sub-central areas to obtain straw that can be used as spreading material for bedding. Nowadays, various spreading materials in various shapes such as sawdust, wood fragments (chips), shavings of wood chips, ecolit made of flax shive,

paper bedding, organic husk made of coconut husk, as well as existing straw, are sold to be used for these purposes. Sawdust and wood shavings are most often used for racehorses. Riding horses often use sawdust, ecolit and organic husk. These spreading materials as stall bedding, provide a comfortable envi-

ronment for horses to relax, and they have an important role in absorbing the contamination from excreta at the same time. Different spreading materials may have a different influence of excreta to the hooves. Therefore, we examined how horseshoes were affected using several various bedding.



Fig 1. Each experimental stall



Fig 2. Spreading materials stuck in the sole

### Test horses and experimental method

We used 25 riding horses kept at the JRA Equine Research Institute. Each horse basically did training exercises in the morning and again in the afternoon. After the exercise, the body and the hooves of the horses were cleaned meaning the horses were usually washed twice a day. The experimental period was summer season from the end of June to the first of September (about two months), when their hooves grew faster than winter. During this period, cold shoeing was performed once a month and the condition of hooves was checked right after trimming the hoof and right before the shoeing. At the start of the experiment, only small lesions on their horny wall were noted on the horses.

During the experiment, five clean stalls were made using rice straw for bedding materials (rice straw stalls) as an ordinary management stall. These rice straw stalls were kept clean by exchanging the soiled part due to excreta with new material every day. Five sawdust stalls using regular sawdust, five ground husk stalls, using organic husks made by grinding coconut husks, five husk fiber stalls using organic fiber which contained more coconut husk fiber and five husk chip stalls using organic chip made by chipping coconut husks into 3 to 4 cm squares, were prepared as our experimental stalls (Fig. 1). The material for these experimental stalls, which was contaminated with urine and became “muddy” because of too much excreta to absorb, was removed when needed and other contaminated parts were removed (exchanged) once a week.

### Results

Before and after the experiment, from the evaluations of the hooves, we found no difference in the growth rate

of the hoof wall due to the different spreading materials used for bedding. We confirmed that the difference of spreading materials do not effect the growth of the hoof wall. Furthermore, for horses in ordinary management stalls (rice straw), lesions of hooves did not progress as we expected. On the contrary, these lesions of the horses in the experimental stalls progressed. Particularly, horse exposed to all spreading materials made from coconut husks, had lesions at the weight bearing border develop progressively and worsen daily. Coconut husk (excluding fiber) absorbs more than eight time its dry weight in moisture. As such, in stalls using coconut husks, these husks absorbed much urine and were stuck into the sole and this appearance was easily found in the morning (Fig 2). Wet husks might soften horny hooves and caused the progression in lesions to the weight-bearing border. Also, in the sawdust stalls, we noted sawdust, containing urine often stuck into the sole the same as coconut husk. However, in this instance, lesions on the frog tended to progress more rapidly when compared to lesions on the weight-bearing border. Since sawdust absorbs less water than coconut husk, it was stuck while keeping its hardness to some extent. Stuck sawdust pressed against the frog, or wore down the frog by friction, rather than softening the horny hoof. Therefore, these lesions might concentrate on the frog. Next, we inspected the moisture extracted from the spreading materials found stuck to the sole. We found that the moisture had high ammonia content, while the contaminated spreading materials were weakly alkalized and had some influence on the horny protein. Nonetheless, typical lesions observed were a partial defect of the frog, lunar crater appearance of the sole and partial defect on the edge of the bearing border (Fig 3). They did not, however, progress to pain or lameness. It is noteworthy that the phenomena observed

in this study shows that inadequate management of the bedding materials, may cause a healthy hoof to develop lesions or may cause lesions to deteriorate. If horses having lesions on the horny hoof are managed and kept inappropriately using the aforementioned materials that can be easily stuck to the sole, these lesions may quickly become worse. In the worst-case scenario, lesion with cavity may reach perceptual tissues and lameness may develop as a result of secondary infection. Based on these considerations, if horses have serious lesions of the horny structures consisting hoof, we would recommend bedding with straw, which cannot easily become stuck to the sole of the hoof. When lesions of the hoof get worse despite the use of straw, we recommend serious considerations of other possible causative factors than stall materials. Causes such as management of rangeland soil as well as appropriate exchange of straw Guards must be in place against the development of serious hoof disease such as laminitis.

Although this study was primarily focused on protecting hooves, dust from straw is not good for respiratory organs. Horses, which require considerations concerning the influence on, or protection of, respiratory organs, will need a different focus of stable management. Last but not least, I would have to say that the bedding materials of straw are also not always suitable for horses.



Fig 3. Lesions of the sole (typical case)  
★frog defect, ※lunar crater appearance of the sole, ↑hoof defect on the edge of bearing border

# Japanese Principal Race Results

## 69th The Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas)

Hanshin Racecourse, April 12, 2009  
Value of race: ¥210,670,000  
F&M, 3-year-olds,  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:34:0 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥27,141,313,500  
On-course 4.2%  
Off-course 95.8%  
Oka Sho only: ¥19,037,042,700  
Attendance: 72,734  
1st: Buena Vista (Katsumi Ando, 55.0kg) db.f.3,  
Special Week – Biwa Heidi by Caerleon,  
O- Sunday Racing Co.Ltd. T- Hiroyoshi Matsuda  
B- Northern Racing,  
Winning money: ¥118,239,000  
2nd: Red Desire (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
Manhattan Cafe – Great Sunrise by Caerleon  
3rd: Germinal (Yuichi Fukunaga, 55.0kg) db.f.3,  
Agnes Tachyon – Ombre Legere by Double Bed

## 11th The Nakayama Grand Jump (J.GI)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 18, 2009  
Value of race: ¥152,760,000  
International, 4-year-olds& up  
4250m, Jump Firm, Fine  
4:49:1 (Course record 4:47:0)  
15 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥7,947,871,200  
On-course 6.3%  
Off-course 93.7%  
Nakayama Grand Jump only: ¥1,655,362,700  
Attendance: 31,986  
1st: Spring Ghent (Yuzo Shirahama, 63.5kg) b.h.9,  
Opera House – Spring Madonna by Nippo Teio,  
O- Haruo Kato T- Akihiko Nomura B- Haruo Kato,  
Winning money: ¥80,532,000  
2nd: King Joy (Jun Takada, 63.5kg) b.h.7,  
Marvelous March – Princess Able by Jade Robbery  
3rd: Open Garden (Yusuke Eda, 63.5kg) b.h.5,  
Gokai – Dance Fontaine by Dance in the Dark

## 69th The Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas)

Nakayama Racecourse, April 19, 2009  
Value of race: ¥235,380,000  
C&F, 3-year-olds,  
2000m, Turf Firm, Fine  
1:58:7 (Course record 1:58:5)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥28,714,156,000  
On-course 5.0%  
Off-course 95.0%  
Satsuki Sho only: ¥20,747,836,000  
Attendance: 71,201  
1st: Unrivaled (Yasunari Iwata, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Neo Universe – Ballet Queen by Sadler's Wells,  
O- Sunday Racing Co.Ltd. T- Yasuo Tomomichi  
B- Northern Farm,  
Winning money: ¥132,476,000  
2nd: Triumph March (Koshiro Take, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Special Week – Kyohei March by Dancing Brave  
3rd: Seibun Wonder (Hiroyuki Uchida, 57.0kg) bl.c.3,  
Grass Wonder – Seibun Kunoichi by Sunday Silence

## 139th The Tenno Sho (Spring) (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, May 3, 2009  
Value of race: ¥256,780,000  
3200m, Turf Firm, Cloudy  
International, 4-year-olds&up,  
3:14:4 (Course record 3:13:4)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥29,311,692,300  
On-course 5.2%  
Off-course 94.8%  
Tenno Sho (Spring) only: ¥21,194,941,400  
Attendance: 82,477  
1st: Meiner Kitz (Masami Matsuoka, 58.0kg) ch.h.6,  
Chief Bearhart – Takara Kanna by Soccer Boy,  
O- K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian T- Sakae Kunieda  
B- Big Red Farm,  
Winning money: ¥135,906,000  
2nd: Al Nasrain (Masayoshi Ebina, 58.0kg) b.h.5,  
Admire Vega – Elatis by El Gran Senor  
3rd: Dream Journey (Kenichi Ikezoe, 58.0kg) b.h.5,  
Stay Gold – Oriental Art by Mejiro McQueen

## 14th The NHK Mile Cup (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 10, 2009  
Value of race: ¥180,660,000  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
International, C&F, 3-year-olds,  
1:32:4 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥22,916,015,600  
On-course 4.9%  
Off-course 95.1%  
NHK Mile Cup only: ¥15,496,179,700  
Attendance: 56,662  
1st: Jo Cappuccino (Kota Fujioka, 57.0kg) g.c.3,  
Manhattan Cafe – Jo Psykhe by Fusaichi Concorde,  
O- Keiko Ueda T- Kazuya Nakatake B- Keiko Ueda,  
Winning money: ¥95,822,000  
2nd: Red Spada (Norihiko Yokoyama, 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Taiki Shuttle – Barbicat by Storm Cat  
3rd: Grand Prix Angel (Hiroyuki Uchida, 55.0kg) dch.f.3,  
Agnes Digital – Andante by Sunday Silence

## 4th The Victoria Mile (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 17, 2009  
Value of race: ¥177,460,000  
1600m, Turf Firm, Cloudy  
International, F&M, 4-year-olds & Up,  
1:32:4 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥22,389,979,700  
On-course 4.5%  
Off-course 95.5%  
Victoria Mile only: ¥15,011,905,600  
Attendance: 50,465  
1st: Vodka (Yutaka Take, 55.0kg) b.m.5,  
Tanino Gimlet – Tanino Sister by Rousillon,  
O- Yuzo Tanimizu T- Katsuhiko Sumii B- Country Bokujo,  
Winning money: ¥93,822,000  
2nd: Bravo Daisy (Kenichi Syono, 55.0kg) g.f.4,  
Kurofune – Bravo Sunrise by Sunday Silence  
3rd: Shonan la Novia (Yoshitomi Shibata, 55.0kg) ch.m.6,  
French Deputy – Shonan Axia by Hector Protector

## 70th The Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 24, 2009  
Value of race: ¥227,420,000  
2400m, Turf Firm, Fine  
F&M, 3-year-olds,  
2:26:1 (Course record 2:22:1)  
17 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥25,521,781,300  
On-course 4.7%  
Off-course 95.3%  
Yushun Himba only: ¥18,162,845,200  
Attendance: 76,023  
1st: Buena Vista (Katsumi Ando, 55.0kg) db.f.3,  
Special Week – Biwa Heidi by Caerleon,  
O- Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. T- Hiroyoshi Matsuda  
B- Northern Racing,  
Winning money: ¥126,904,000  
2nd: Red Desire (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0kg) b.f.3,  
Manhattan Cafe – Great Sunrise by Caerleon  
3rd: Germinal (Yuichi Fukunaga, 55.0kg) db.f.3,  
Agnes Tachyon – Ombre Legere by Double Bed

## 76th The Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)

Tokyo Racecourse, May 31, 2009  
Value of race: ¥340,470,000  
2400m, Turf Soft, Cloudy  
C&F, 3-year-olds,  
2:33:7 (Course record 2:22:1)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥37,946,059,400  
On-course 5.9%  
Off-course 94.1%  
Tokyo Yushun only: ¥25,191,800,200  
Attendance: 111,891  
1st: Logi Universe (Norihiko Yokoyama 57.0kg) b.c.3,  
Neo Universe – Acoustics by Cape Cross,  
O- Masaaki Kumeta T- Kiyoshi Hagiwara B- Northern Farm,  
Winning money: ¥188,129,000  
2nd: Reach the Crown (Yutaka Take, 57.0kg) br.c.3,  
Special Week – Crownpiece by Seattle Slew  
3rd: Antonio Barows (Koichi Tsunoda, 57.0kg) br.c.3,  
Manhattan Cafe – Little Arrow by Kingmambo

## 59th The Yasuda Kinen (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, June 7, 2009  
Value of race: ¥195,460,000  
1600m, Turf Firm, Fine  
International, 3-year-olds & Up,  
1:33:5 (Course record 1:32:0)  
18 runners  
Pari-mutuel handle: ¥27,977,083,600  
On-course 5.5%  
Off-course 94.5%  
Yasuda Kinen only: ¥19,073,137,000  
Attendance: 83,135  
1st: Vodka (Yutaka Take, 56.0kg) b.m.5,  
Tanino Gimlet – Tanino Sister by Rousillon,  
O- Yuzo Tanimizu T- Katsuhiko Sumii B- Country Bokujo  
Winning money: ¥103,822,000  
2nd: Deep Sky (Hirofumi Shii, 58.0kg) ch.c.4,  
Agnes Tachyon – Abi by Chief's Crown  
3rd: Faridat (Katsumi Ando, 58.0kg) br.c.4  
Kingmambo – Believe by Sunday Silence

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