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Japan Autumn International Series 2009

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The horse racing fans in Japan enjoyed thoroughly the 2009 renewal of the Japan Autumn International Series, as strong contenders flew into Japan in November and December to represent their home nations in the international races.

The number of foreign-trained horses contesting in the four-race series came up to nine, and eight of them were winners of Graded/Group One stakes. Moreover, five of them had won G1 in their previous starts, so it was a wonderful opportunity for us to see many exciting and fashionable runners from overseas competing at the racecourses in our country.

I understand we should give thanks to the staffs at JRA's foreign offices, who are working very hard to keep excellent relationships with owners and trainers of top horses at their re-

The field of G1/Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup on November 15 at Kyoto Racecourse, for fillies and mares of three-years-old and up with a total purse of 192,700,000 yen, approximately 2.03 million US dollars, included Shalanaya from France. The 3-y-o filly was eligible for the extra bonus of 90 million yen, as she was the winner of G1/Prix de l'Opera on October 4 at Longchamp. It was the first time for us in Japan to see the historic green silk of His Highness the Aga Khan, who bred and owns the filly, since 1997, when Aga Khan's Astarabad, who previously placed in the French Derby, participated in the Japan Cup. It is reported Christophe Lemaire, who will start to ride for Aga Kahn as the first jockey in 2010 and has plenty of experience riding in Japan, recommended this race to Mikel Delzangles, the trainer of Shalanaya, as the suitable race for the filly.

The 2009 running of G1/Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup proved to be a rather strange race and created a big upset. The race was led by two front runners, Queen Spumante and T M Precure, both of whom were long shots. While the pace was not strong, the runners fancied by punters, such as Buena Vista, 3-y-o filly who won the first and second legs of the triple crown for fillies earlier the year, and Broad Street, another 3-y-o filly who placed both in the second and third legs of the fillies' triple crown, were settled at the rear of the pack. As almost all jockeys recognized Buena Vista and Broad Street were the horses to beat and did not pay attention to the front runners, there was too much



Queen Spumante, went wire-to-wire to win the 2009 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup.

spective areas, and should give them credit for having such strong field of international races in Japan this autumn.

In addition, it looks like the bonus system for overseas horses should have worked well. Though the extra bonus for horses who have won major races abroad has been in place since 2003, the announcement to enrich the bonus was made prior to this year's series and it looked very attractive. To put it concretely, while it was awarded only to the winner of Japan Cup and Japan Cup Dirt in the past, the extra bonus is now allocated to the second and third-place finishers in all four races in the Japan Autumn International Series. And the second-place finishers in some major races, such as Breeders Cup Classic and Dubai World Cup, are also eligible for the bonus now, and the list of major races in foreign countries, which are designated as the subject of bonus, has expanded as well.

Under the new extra bonus system, many horse owners overseas are given the chance to earn more than 4 million US dollars, should their horse win the Japan Cup, which is a big prize!!

ground to make for closers as the field came into the 400m-long homestretch, and the 76-to-1 longshot Queen Spumante, a 5-y-o mare by Jungle Pocket who had never won a Graded race before, completed the wire-to-wire victory. T M Precure, 6-y-o mare by Paradise Creek and a 90-to-1 outsider, finished second, and Buena Vista, the 3-to-5 odds-on favorite who delivered the strongest challenge on the homestretch, finished third.

And Shalanaya, who ran bravely at the closing stage of the race, covered the last three furlongs in 33.4 seconds and finished fourth to earn 14,000,000 yen, approximately 148,000 US dollars. While she failed to stand equal to Tiger Tail, a French-trained filly who finished third in this race in 2003, the best finish by a foreign-trained horse in the history of the race, it was certainly a regrettable result for Shalanaya's connections. However, I think she ran well and it was not a dishonorable performance from a European Group One winner. As Shalanaya is kept in training in 2010, we hope to see her again in Japan to compete in a truly-run race.

G1/Mile Championship for three-year-olds and up with a total

purse of 213,000,000 yen, approximately 2.24 million US dollars, on the following weekend at Kyoto Racecourse was a race where the runners displayed their true ability. Two of eighteen runners in the field of the 26th running of this mile race were shipped from foreign countries.

Sahpresa, 4-y-o filly from France, was the winner of G1/Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket on October 3, where she held off Ghanaati, highly-regarded filly which has won the G1/1000 Guineas at Newmarket and G1/Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. Rodolphe Collet, Sahpresa's trainer based at Chantilly, is in fact the trainer of Tiger Tail, the third-place finisher in the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup six years ago, and his father Robert Collet, the successful trainer based also in Chantilly, trained Le Glorieux, the globetrotter who won five Graded Stakes in three different countries, including the Japan Cup in 1987. And as the connection of Sahpresa took into the service by Olivier Peslier, the top French jockey who has ridden in Japan almost every winter since the mid 90's, Sahpresa was representing a team which was very familiar with Japanese racing.

For Eva's Request, trained by Mick Channon based at Berkshire in the United Kingdom, Japan was the seventh country in which the 4-y-o filly ran in, as she had travelled to Ireland, UAE, France, Turkey, and Italy, in addition to her 16 showings at her home nation. The experienced traveler has been enjoying her best season in 2009, picking up four wins in three countries, including the G1/Premio Lydia Tesio at Capannelle in Rome on October 25. The Lydia Tesio attracted a very competitive field, which included Magic Night, the winner of G1/German Oaks, and Lady Marian, the winner of G1/Prix de l'Opera of the previous year. Therefore, the winning performance by Eva's Request in the 10-furlong race was highly regarded by experts.

And it was a joyful moment for racing fans in Japan to see Alan Munro, who was appointed as the jockey for Eva's Request. Munro was the first jockey from Europe to obtain the temporary license to ride in Japan in 1994, when he collected 14 wins from 143 rides, including the G3/Fuchu Himba Stakes. He came back to the country with rising sun in 1995 and 1999, however, had not made a trip to the Far East to ride ever since. Japanese fans welcomed the return of Munro, who brought the 10-year absence in Japan to an end.

After all, the Kyoto Racecourse on November 22 became the site of a "Farewell Party" for Company, the 8-y-o horse who was supported as the 13-to-10 favorite.

Company by Miracle Admire has already rewritten the record books, as he won the G1/Tenno Sho (Autumn) on November 1 to become the first eight-year-old thoroughbred to win a Grade 1 title in the history of horse racing in Japan. Company is going to start his stud duty at Shadai Stallion Station, the neighbor of Northern Farm where he was born, in the spring of 2010, and it was announced in advance that the Mile Championship would be his swan song.

It was a perfect finale for Company, who devastated the field and picked up his second Grade 1 victory.

The heavy rain which started to fall an hour before the race may have harmed the performance of Sahpresa, who hates the

cutting ground. However, she ran well and finished well in third, earning 25,000,000 yen, approximately 263,000 US dollars, while Eva's Request was well beaten, finishing tenth in a field of 18.

As the standard of European fillies and mares have been highly recognized the last couple of years, the fact that the top filly from Europe ran well both in the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup and the Mile Championship stands to reason.

The outcome of those races are pleasing for the Japan Racing Association (JRA) as the organizer of international races in Japan, because Miki Horse Land Park at Hyogo Prefecture, which was used as the quarantine facility for the runners from Europe for the first time, was well received by the trainers.

In the past, the foreign-trained horses who came to run in the international races at Kyoto Racecourse and Hanshin Racecourse, located in the Kansai Area, the western part of Japan, had arrived at Narita Airport near Tokyo and spent their quarantine period at the JRA Horseracing School Quarantine Center near Narita in Chiba Prefecture, the same quarantine facility used for foreign runners in the international races in the eastern area of Japan, such as the Japan Cup at Tokyo.

Miki Horse Land Park, located near Kansai Airport, the principal international airport in western Japan, was built in April



Company, the winner of 2009 Mile Championship. He also won the Grade 1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) three weeks before this race.

1999 and is a facility where visitors can enjoy horseback riding in natural surroundings and some equestrian events are organized. JRA recommended the runners from overseas who took part in the international races at Hanshin and Kyoto to fly into Kansai Airport and spend quarantine period at Miki, because Kansai Airport, Miki, Hanshin, and Kyoto are all in the same area and provided easy transportation to and from the airport and the racecourses. However, nobody wanted to take this procedure until 2009 because the trainers found Miki was not an ideal place to keep horses in training for five days, as the oval track at Miki is only 880m long and the bend is very sharp, while JRA Horseracing School Quarantine Center near Narita Airport has a track of seven furlongs.

It was a couple of years ago that JRA asked Yukio Okabe, legendary jockey in Japan who won 2,943 races and retired from race riding in 2005, for suggestions on how to improve the track at Miki. Okabe, who is currently working for JRA as an advisor, visited Miki to ride on racehorses several times, and JRA made changes to improve the track, according to the suggestions made by Okabe.

The new oval track at Miki, which was completed prior to the 2009 season, is still small. However, it is much safer than before and easier for horses to run at top speed. Full training on racehorses were conducted and films and DVD of the training scenery were distributed to the trainers in Europe and United States. As a result, three horses from Europe, which had entered to run in the international races at Kyoto Racecourse in November, entered Miki after arriving at Kansai Airport.

All trainers of the three horses, who stayed at Miki for five days, were happy with the facilities, including the training track. And brave performance by Shalanaya in the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup and Sahpresa in the Mile Championship should be good advertisement for JRA, who wants to attract more runners from abroad in the international races held in western part of Japan.

It is interesting to see both Summer Bird and Tizway, the American entries in the G1/Japan Cup Dirt at Hanshin Racecourse in western Japan on December 6, took the old route. Both of them flew into Narita, spent the quarantine period at JRA Horseracing School Quarantine Center near Narita, and were transported to Hanshin, taking nine hours. I think it is practical and useful for horses and trainers to have options in how to prepare for a race in Japan.



Vodka, the winner of the historical race, 2009 Japan Cup.

Both of the turf and dirt divisions of the Japan Cup in 2009 had a big name on the list of invitees.

The 18 runners' field of the 29th running of Japan Cup at Tokyo Racecourse on November 29 included Conduit, 4-y-o colt from the United Kingdom, who completed the back-to-back victory of the Breeders Cup Turf on November 7 at Santa Anita in California. Conduit is no doubt the second best turf horse of middle distance in the world in 2009, second only to Sea the Stars, the monster which we can see only once in two decades or perhaps once in a lifetime. And Conduit, trained by Sir Michael Stoute who has won the Japan Cup twice, in 1996 with Singspiel and in 1997 with Pilsudski, was recognized as a runner who should suit the style of racing in Japan, because he prefers firm going track and has excellent turn of foot.

Scintillo, 4-y-o colt from the United Kingdom who won three Graded Stakes including the G1/Grand Criterium at Milan, and three other starters from the United States, namely Interpatation, 7-y-o gelding who won the G1/Turf Classic on October 3 at Belmont Park, Just As Well, 6-y-o horse who captured the

G1/Northern Dancer Turf Stakes at Woodbine on September 20, and 6-y-o horse Marsh Side, the winner of the G1/Canadian International in 2008, took part in the race with a total purse of 533,500,000 yen, approximately 5.61 million US dollars.

It was exactly what Zenyatta did in the United States three weeks ago. Vodka, 5-y-o mare representing Japan as the 13-to-5 favorite, won the Japan Cup, the most prestigious race in the country, by beating males and foreign raiders. It was her seventh Grade 1 Stakes victory, which is a JRA record, standing equal to Symboli Rudolf, T.M.Opera O, and Deep Impact.

While Conduit ran well, finishing fourth, the rest of the foreign-trained horses were out of frame.

Japan Cup Dirt, inaugurated in 2000, has had some notable runners from overseas, such as Lido Palace, the Chilean-bred winner of seven Grade 1 Stakes, who finished eighth in the second running in 2001, and Lava Man, the King of California, who won seven Graded Stakes as well, in the sixth running in 2005, where he finished eleventh.

After looking back at the fields of this race in the past, I was convinced that Summer Bird, representing the United States in the 10th running of G1/Japan Cup Dirt, should be the horse with the highest profile ever participated in this race, because he had won three Grade 1 Stakes including the Belmont Stakes in June 2009 and would have been the first Japan Cup Dirt starter with

a US Triple Crown victory. It was analyzed by experts that the 3-y-o colt should have every chance to earn 100,000,000 yen as the extra bonus for the winner of Belmont Stakes, in addition to the 130,000,000 yen first-place prize money, provided he handles the sandy surface and the clock-wise bend at Hanshin Racecourse well.

However, Summer Bird wasn't given the chance to run for the big money. It was only a week before the race that the withdrawal of Summer Bird was announced by JRA, as he was found to have a chip in his right front ankle after he came back from training in the morning at Hanshin.

Tizway, another representative of the United States in the international race on dirt, is the late-developed horse as like his sire Tiznow. The 4-y-o colt

tried to compete with top-caliber runners for the first time in the G1/Whitney Handicap on August 8 and finished fourth. And his performance in the G1/Jockey Club Gold Cup on October 3 was more encouraging, as he finished third after Summer Bird and Quality Road. While Tiznow's performance was below par, finishing 12th in a field of 16 runners in the Japan Cup Dirt, Espoir City, 4-y-o colt by Gold Allure, supported as 21-to-10 favorite by the local punters, was unbeatable on December 6 at Hanshin anyway. A rising star at the dirt division in Japan, Espoir City, a four-length winner of *Mile Championship Nambu Hai held at Morioka Racecourse on October 12, hit the front immediately after breaking the gate and easily handled his rivals. The winning margin, 3 1/2 lengths, should have dropped a hint that Espoir City is the horse to compete in the first Dubai World Cup at Meydan on March 27, carrying the Japanese flag.

The World Super Jockeys Series<WSJS> on December 5 and 6 at Hanshin, another feature event in the Japan Autumn International Series, put together very interesting faces from all over the world.

Calvin Borel, who was featured as the rider of Mine That Bird and Rachel Alexandra, the top 3-y-o colt and filly in the United States in 2009, was invited to ride in this series for the first time. And it is surprising for many, including myself, that this is the first time for Garrett Gomez from the United States and Christophe Lemaire from France to compete in the WSJS as well.

On the other hand, this is the thirteenth time for Michael Kinane from Ireland, whose name came under the spotlight as the jockey of Sea the Stars in 2009, to participate in this international event and many of the audience at Hanshin thought this might be the last time to see him riding in Japan, as the rumor

of his retirement was spreading out in the racing world.

The winning jockey of the 2009 World Super Jockeys Series was Norihiro Yokoyama, representing Japan, who picked up one win from four rides and collected 47 points in total.

JRA has announced the WSJS will be transferred to Tokyo Racecourse in 2010 and organized on November 27 and 28, the weekend which will also feature the 30th running of the Japan Cup.

※ Mile Championship Nambu Hai is one of the top class races held by National Association of Racing (NAR; operated by Local Governments in Japan).

Dr. Koike, President & CEO, JAIR, visits Saigon Racing Club in Vietnam.



Dr. Koike (right), earnestly listening to the presentation by an executive of the Saigon Racing Club.

Dr. Naoaki Koike, President & CEO, JAIR visited Ho Chi Minh City of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on October 15th to the 17th, 2009 and exchanged his views with the executives and officials of the Saigon Racing Club on horseracing there.

During the afternoon on October 16th, he met with executives and officials of the Saigon Racing Club to exchange information on horseracing and make presentations.

First, an executive of the Saigon Racing Club made a presentation about overviews on their club as well as the history of horseracing in Vietnam with a question-and-answer session after the presentation. Then Dr. Koike extended his thanks to the Club and explained the outline of JAIR's business operations. Furthermore, he talked about the details about four big purposes of visiting Vietnam, that is (1) "Establishment of personal relationships with racing connections in Vietnam" (2) "Future policy of bilateral information exchange, the personnel interchange as well as mutual cooperation and support between Vietnam and Japan" (3) "Recognition of the current situation on the registry of pedigrees for thoroughbred horses in Vietnam and importance of a registry of all pedigrees for thoroughbred horses" (4) "Research on the current situation of horseracing in Vietnam."

Next, Dr. Koike then made a presentation on (1) "The current situation of the world's horseracing industry" (2) "Characteristics

of horseracing industry (horseracing requirements for a variety of infrastructures, facilities and machines etc., and horseracing as an aggregation of various industries)" (3) "Necessity and importance of systems and models to maintain the fairness and integrity of horseracing", expressing his own ideas and views on these topics as well as his unique comments.

After Dr. Koike's presentation, opinions were exchanged in a question-and-answer session and discussion between executives and officials of the Saigon Racing Club and Dr. Koike.

On the last day of his visiting, October 17th, Dr. Koike attended racing at Phu Tho Racecourse and visited various facilities in the racecourse. Furthermore, he was able to observe operations carried out by Officials of the Meeting (such as Racing Stewards, Clerk of the Scale and Placing Judges) and had the opportunity to discuss their roles in racing with them.

This was the second time Dr. Koike has visited Vietnam since September 2007. Through these exchanges, JAIR hopes to contribute to the further development of horseracing in both Vietnam and Japan and thus help to cultivate friendship between the two countries as an essential part of JAIR's business and for the benefit of racing in Asia.



Dr. Koike (right), asking and answering questions with executives and officials of the Saigon Racing Club.

(Notes) Saigon Racing Club became an associate member of ARF at the 32nd ARC Tokyo held in 2008.



El Dorado, running through the goal.
(C) Singapore Turf Club

Japanese-bred El Dorado wins the Singapore Gold Cup for the second consecutive year!

Japanese-bred El Dorado (5YO Gelding, by Stay Gold), achieved a second consecutive win in the Singapore Gold Cup on November the 8th, 2009. The Gold Cup is a S-G1 for 3YO & up, over 2200m on turf, with total prize money 1.35 million Singapore dollars at the Singapore (Kranji) Racecourse. El Dorado negotiated the course in a record time of 2 minutes 14.8 under the eye of his Japanese Trainer Hideyuki Takaoka, who has transferred from Hokkaido Municipal Horseracing in Japan to the Singapore Turf Club. After El Dorado came first, charging dynamically out of the mid pack. Takaoka said “I only half believed it because his recent performances have not been good, but he did a great job today,” as he smiled in relief.

Takaoka got the Triple Crown of Singapore races with Japanese-bred Jolie's Shinju (4YO filly by Jolie's Halo) winning all three races of Singapore 4YO Challenge this year. “I want El Dorado to try the Japan Cup (G1) or Dubai Sheema Classic (G1) next year” said Takaoka, who has accomplished some

pretty notable results with Japanese-bred horses during the short seven years since he relocated to Singapore. It is only right that he now is setting his sights on other world-famous G1 races.

We will continue to keep our eyes on the Japanese “Horsemen and horses” that are making their marks in Singapore.



El Dorado, celebrated by the people involved.
(C) Singapore Turf Club

Dr. Sue McDonnell Ph.D, brings new light on equine behavior, physiology to Japanese horsemen

The Japan Association for International Horse Racing (JAIR) invited Dr. Sue McDonnell Ph.D, a specialist in stallion behavior and breeding management at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (New Bolton Center), to conduct lectures on horse behavior and physiology for Japanese racing connections, such as equine veterinarians, trainers, jockeys, exercise riders, grooms and breeders.

Dr. McDonnell arrived in Osaka on Tuesday, December 1, and met with Dr. Naoaki Koike, President & CEO, JAIR, to discuss her recent studies, one of them being the renowned treatment of War Emblem, the 2002 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner, as a successful stallion. Dr. McDonnell's lectures were held at the JRA Ritto Training Center (Shiga Prefecture), JRA Miho Training Center (Ibaraki Prefecture) and the Shizunai Wellington Hotel (Hokkaido) between December 2 and December 4.

Based on behavioral study results of semi-feral ponies at New Bolton Center, Dr. McDonnell provided insight on how

to treat racehorses and stallions with habits and on how horses react to specific circumstances under natural conditions.



Dr. Sue McDonnell, giving a lecture to a large audience.

In the lectures held at the three venues, she touched on the following agendas related to horseracing:

1. Do horses enjoy racing?
2. Does a horse know when it has won a race?
3. Are horses really sensitive to sound? If so, what type of sounds do horses react most? Is there a way to mentally cure horses that over-react to sound and help them to relax?
4. Is there a way to cure the horses that have standing still or entering the gates?
5. What are some ways to not bore the horses inside the stalls? Are there efficient tools (toys) that can relieve mental stress?
6. Why would a great race winning colt be a slow starting breeding stallion? Why would he like some mares and not others?

After the lectures at each venue, Dr. McDonnell and participants made a lively Q&A discussion and consequently, Dr. McDonnell's presentation turned out to be a great opportunity for Japanese horsemen to learn new ideas and input on racehorses through the eyes of one of the most renowned



Dr. Sue McDonnell (right), answering questions from the audience kindly and politely.

equine psychology/physiology scholars in the world, giving the participants plenty of hints to further develop horseracing in Japan.



The audience listened to Dr. Sue McDonnell's lecture sometimes taking notes.

Profile of Dr. Sue McDonnell, Ph. D

Dr. Sue McDonnell is a Pennsylvanian, raised in a dairy farming family in the anthracite coal regions north of Scranton. She holds a 1985 PhD in Reproductive Physiology and Behavior from the University of Delaware. She completed postdoctoral study in clinical veterinary reproduction at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in 1987 and became board certified in Applied Animal Behavior in 1991. She is the founding head of the Equine Behavior Program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. McDonnell's research interests include several areas within equine physiology, behavior and welfare. In addition to laboratory and field studies, she maintains a semi-feral herd of ponies specifically for the study of their physiology and behavior under semi-natural conditions. She is also the author of "Understanding Horse Behavior".

2009 JRA Leading Jockeys (Best 20, as of November 29th, 2009)

	Jockey	Number of Wins	Number of 2nd Place	Number of Rides	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Total Wins
1	Hiroyuki Uchida	136	96	896	0.152	0.259	388
2	Yutaka Take	127	95	695	0.183	0.319	3295
3	Yasunari Iwata	103	98	823	0.125	0.244	616
4	Shinji Fujita	102	91	701	0.146	0.275	1629
5	Norihiro Yokoyama	101	89	669	0.151	0.284	2036
6	Eiji Nakadate	96	80	822	0.117	0.214	1581
7	Masami Matsuoka	96	78	799	0.120	0.218	367
8	Yuichi Fukunaga	93	80	798	0.117	0.217	1101
9	Masayoshi Ebina	88	81	719	0.122	0.235	1764
10	Katsumi Ando	82	59	383	0.214	0.368	990
11	Hiroshi Kitamura	80	69	766	0.104	0.195	647
12	Kosei Miura	72	73	781	0.092	0.186	163
13	Futoshi Komaki	69	68	754	0.092	0.182	449
14	Hiroki Goto	68	81	766	0.089	0.195	1186
15	Ryuji Wada	67	63	818	0.082	0.159	592
16	Yusuke Fujioka	62	64	689	0.090	0.183	342
17	Katsuharu Tanaka	61	52	686	0.089	0.165	1393
18	Yuga Kawada	60	54	655	0.092	0.174	305
19	Hirofumi Shii	50	29	404	0.124	0.196	1221
20	Hideaki Miyuki	48	66	897	0.054	0.127	778

*Note: The above "Total Wins" means how many times a jockey, who is licensed to ride by JRA, has won in JRA races.

2009 JRA Leading Trainers (Best 20, as of November 29th, 2009)

	Trainer	Number of Wins	Number of 2nd Place	Number of Races	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Total Wins
1	Kazuo Fujisawa	52	37	313	0.166	0.284	1011
2	Hidetaka Otonashi	44	26	290	0.152	0.241	411
3	Yoshito Yahagi	42	33	418	0.100	0.179	148
4	Katsuhiko Sumii	40	23	259	0.154	0.243	254
5	Yasuo Ikee	38	25	299	0.127	0.211	790
6	Takayuki Yasuda	37	26	257	0.144	0.284	373
7	Yasutoshi Ikee	36	25	230	0.157	0.265	183
8	Kazuya Nakatake	34	28	300	0.113	0.207	220
9	Takashi Kubota	34	26	232	0.147	0.259	165
10	Hiro Yoshi Matsuda	33	31	248	0.133	0.258	555
11	Yukihiro Kato	33	19	272	0.121	0.191	225
12	Kojiro Hashiguchi	32	35	270	0.119	0.248	813
13	Sei Ishizaka	32	19	219	0.146	0.233	320
14	Mitsuhiro Ogata	32	12	252	0.127	0.175	637
15	Yoshitaka Ninomiya	31	28	275	0.113	0.215	485
16	Masato Nishizono	30	31	283	0.106	0.216	239
17	Hideaki Fujiwara	30	29	217	0.138	0.272	244
18	Yoshitada Munakata	30	27	269	0.112	0.212	371
19	Masazo Ryoke	29	24	252	0.115	0.210	685
20	Kazuhiro Seishi	29	24	207	0.140	0.256	192

Japanese Principal Race Results

14th The Shuka Sho

Kyoto Racecourse, October 18, 2009
 Value of race: ¥174,420,000
 3-year-olds, F&M
 2000m, Turf Firm, Fine
 1:58.2 (Course record 1:57.5)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥21,699,964,700
 On-course 4.2%
 Off-course 95.8%
 Shuka Sho only: ¥14,626,951,600
 Attendance: 51,251
 1st: Red Desire (Hirofumi Shii, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
 Manhattan Cafe - Great Sunrise by Caerleon,
 O- Tokyo Horse Racing Co.Ltd.
 T-Mikio Matsunaga B-Shadai Farm,
 Winning money: ¥92,864,000
 2nd: Broad Street (Shinji Fujita, 55.0kg) b.f.3,
 Agnes Tachyon - Phila Street by Cozzene
 3rd: Buena Vista (Katsumi Ando, 55.0kg) db.f.3,
 Special Week - Biwa Heidi by Caerleon

70th The Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger)

Kyoto Racecourse, October 25, 2009
 Value of race: ¥268,940,000
 C&F, 3-year-olds,
 3000m, Turf Firm, Fine
 3:03.5 (Course record 3:02.7)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥25,207,390,400
 On-course 4.5%
 Off-course 95.5%
 Kikuka Sho only: ¥18,769,276,800
 Attendance: 62,613
 1st: Three Rolls (Suguru Hamanaka, 57.0kg) b.c.3,
 Dance in the Dark - Three Roman by Brian's Time,
 O- Nagai Shoji T- Kohei Take
 B- Nagai Shoji Co. Ltd.,
 Winning money: ¥151,018,000
 2nd: Forgettable (Hayato Yoshida, 57.0kg) db.c.3,
 Dance in the Dark - Air Groove by Tony Bin
 3rd: Seiun Wonder (Yuichi Fukunaga, 57.0kg) bl.c.3,
 Grass Wonder - Seiun Kunoichi by Sunday Silence

140th The Tenno Sho (Autumn) (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, November 1, 2009
 Value of race: ¥256,660,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 2000m, Turf Firm, Fine
 1:57.2 (same as course-record time)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥29,772,252,700
 On-course 5.8%
 Off-course 94.2%
 Tenno Sho only: ¥22,039,435,400
 Attendance: 107,783
 1st: Company (Norihiko Yokoyama, 58.0kg) b.h.8,
 Miracle Admire - Brilliant Very by Northern Taste,
 O-Hideko Kondo T- Hidetaka Otonashi
 B- Hideko Kondo,
 Winning money: ¥135,822,000
 2nd: Screen Hero (Hiroshi Kitamura, 58.0kg) ch.h.5,
 Grass Wonder - Running Heroine by Sunday Silence
 3rd: Vodka (Yutaka Take, 56.0kg) b.m.5,
 Tanino Gimlet - Tanino Sister by Rousillon

Japan Autumn International 34th The Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup (GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, November 15, 2009
 Value of race: ¥177,580,000
 3-year-olds & Up, F&M, International,
 2200m, Turf Firm, Fine
 2:13.6 (Course record 2:10.2)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥22,509,986,800
 On-course 4.2%
 Off-course 95.8%
 The Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup only:
 ¥16,536,375,300
 Attendance: 58,944
 1st: Queen Spumante (Hiroyasu Tanaka, 56.0kg) ch.m.5,
 Jungle Pocket - Sembon Zakura by Sakura Yutaka O,
 O-Green Farm T- Shigeyuki Kojima B- Shadai Farm,
 Winning money: ¥93,906,000
 2nd: T M Precure (Shigefumi Kumazawa, 56.0kg) db.m.6,
 Paradise Creek - Feriado by Stately Don
 3rd: Buena Vista (Katsumi Ando, 54.0kg) db.f.3,
 Special Week - Biwa Heidi by Caerleon

Japan Autumn International 26th The Mile Championship(GI)

Kyoto Racecourse, November 22, 2009
 Value of race: ¥195,940,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 1600m, Turf Firm, Drizzle
 1:33.2 (Course record 1:32.1)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥20,387,689,600
 On-course 4.0%
 Off-course 96.0%
 Mile Championship only: ¥14,054,043,600
 Attendance: 40,783
 1st: Company (Norihiko Yokoyama, 57.0kg) b.h.8,
 Miracle Admire - Brilliant Very by Northern Taste,
 O-Hideko Kondo T- Hidetaka Otonashi B- Hideko Kondo,
 Winning money: ¥104,158,000
 2nd: Meiner Falke (Ryuji Wada, 57.0kg) b.c.4,
 Mutafaweq - Bingo Hanako by Park Regent
 3rd: Sahpresa (Olivier Peslier, 55.0kg) b.f.4,
 Sahn - Sorpresa by Pleasant Tap

Japan Autumn International 29th The Japan Cup (GI)

Tokyo Racecourse, November 29, 2009
 Value of race: ¥481,520,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 2400m, Turf Firm, Cloudy
 2:22.4 (Course record 2:22.1)
 18 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥27,493,258,000
 On-course 6.0%
 Off-course 94.0%
 Japan Cup only: ¥19,162,550,600
 Attendance: 98,811
 1st: Vodka (Christophe Lemaire, 55.0kg) b.m.5,
 Tanino Gimlet - Tanino Sister by Rousillon,
 O-Yuzo Tanimizu T-Katsuhiko Sumii B-Country Bokujo
 Winning money: ¥253,864,000
 2nd: Oken Bruce Lee (Hiroyuki Uchida, 57.0kg) ch.c.4,
 Jungle Pocket - Silver Joy by Silver Deputy
 3rd: Red Desire (Hirofumi Shii, 53.0kg) b.f.3,
 Manhattan Cafe - Great Sunrise by Caerleon

Japan Autumn International 10th The Japan Cup Dirt (GI)

Hanshin Racecourse, December 6, 2009
 Value of race: ¥253,100,000
 3-year-olds & Up, International,
 1800m, Dirt Standard, Fine
 1:49.9 (Course record 1:48.5)
 16 runners
 Pari-mutuel handle: ¥23,241,578,100
 On-course 3.4%
 Off-course 96.6%
 Japan Cup Dirt only: ¥15,180,947,600
 Attendance: 40,226
 1st: Espoir City (Tetsuzo Sato, 57.0kg) ch.c.4,
 Good Allure - Eminent City by Brian's Time,
 O-Yushun Horse T- Akio Adachi B- Ikuchise Bokujo,
 Winning money: ¥133,570,000
 2nd: Silk Mobius (Hiroyasu Tanaka, 56.0kg) b.c.3,
 Stay Gold - Channel One by Polish Navy
 3rd: Golden Ticket (Christophe Lemaire, 56.0kg) db.c.3,
 King Kamehameha - Agnes Chocolat by Sunday Silence

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