

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 28TH SHUKA SHO (G1)

The Shuka Sho, established in 1996, is run over 2,000 meters at Kyoto Racecourse as the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown following the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) held in spring. The Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m) was formally regarded as the third leg of the fillies' Triple Crown until the race was opened to older fillies and mares; hence the Shuka Sho was established to take its place. Acquiring international G1 status in 2009, the Shuka Sho is open to foreign runners. The race was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse during 2021-2022 due to the renovation of Kyoto Racecourse, which has hosted the race since its establishment. Past fillies' Triple Crown winners include Mejiro Ramonu (JPN, by Mogami; 1986), Still in Love (JPN, by Sunday Silence; 2003), Apapane (JPN, by King Kamehameha; 2010), Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact; 2012), Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa; 2018) and Daring Tact (JPN, by Epiphaneia; 2020) who was the first filly in JRA history to do so undefeated.

This year, **Liberty Island** aimed to become the seventh Triple Crown winner in her autumn kick-off start. Also, those who commenced their fall campaign with this race were **Kona Coast** and **Harper**, respective runner-ups in the Oka Sho and the Yushun Himba. The top three finishers in each of the two trial races who earned their tickets to the Shuka Sho were: **Moryana** (1st), **Hip Hop Soul** (2nd) and Shirankedo (JPN, by Declaration of War; 3rd) in the Shion Stakes (G2, 2,000m, Sep.9), and **Masked Diva**, Brede Weg (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) and **Malaki Naia** in that order in the Rose Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Sep.17), though Shirankedo withdrew the entry due to her poor condition and Brede Weg will head to the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m, Nov.12) to compete against older fillies/mares. The field also included **Dura**, who came off her second graded victory in the Queen Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Jul.30), **Pipiola** and **Festes Band**, respective winners in the 2-win class races, the Saikai Sho (2,000m, Aug.26) and the World All-Star Jockeys 4th Leg (1,800m, Aug.27).

THE 28TH SHUKA SHO (G1)

3-year-olds, Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Kyoto Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 238,600,000 (about US\$ 1,822,000 <US\$1=¥131>)

3-y-o: 55 kg (about 121 lbs), 2 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020

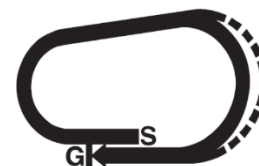
Course Record: 1:56.8

Race Record: 1:56.9 [Mikki Queen (JPN, by Deep Impact), 2015]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good

Weather: Fine



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	3	6	Liberty Island (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F3 b. 55.0	1.1 (1)	2:01.1 (33.6)	Duramente Yankee Rose (All American)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
2	4	7	Masked Diva (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F3 d.b. 55.0	13.0 (3)	1 (33.5)	Rulership Mask Off (Deep Impact)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Tsujino
3	1	2	Harper (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 b. 55.0	12.9 (2)	2-1/2 (34.3)	Heart's Cry Seresta (Jump Start)	M's Racing Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
4	3	5	Dura (JPN) Arata Saito	F3 d.b. 55.0	26.5 (5)	Nose (34.1)	Duramente Isis (King Halo)	Cypress Holdings LLC. Grande Farm Yasuyuki Takahashi
5	4	8	Moryana (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	F3 b. 55.0	29.0 (7)	Neck (33.9)	Epiphaneia Garder le Sourire (Daiwa Major)	Fumio Takahashi Northern Racing Yoshinori Muto
6	2	3	Malaki Naia (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F3 d.b. 55.0	107.3 (11)	1/2 (34.2)	Just a Way Kauai Lane (King Kamehameha)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Tatsuya Yoshioka
7	8	18	Emu (JPN)	F3 b.	201.8	Neck	Harbinger Sourire	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd.

			Mirco Demuro	55.0	(15)	(33.8)	(Special Week)	Shoichiro Wada
8	2	4	Kona Coast (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	F3 br. 55.0	18.6 (4)	1-1/2 (35.0)	Kitasan Black Kona Brewers (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hisashi Shimizu
9	7	15	Hip Hop Soul (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F3 b. 55.0	27.9 (6)	Head (34.0)	Kitasan Black Dance Fantasia (Falbrav)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Tetsuya Kimura
10	6	12	Doe Eyes (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	F3 b. 55.0	76.6 (10)	Neck (34.4)	Rulership Roseman Bridge (Deep Impact)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasushi Shono
11	7	13	Ravel (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F3 b. 55.0	57.8 (8)	Neck (35.0)	Kitasan Black Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yoshito Yahagi
12	6	11	Kita Wing (JPN) Teruo Eda	F3 d.b. 55.0	216.2 (17)	Neck (34.1)	Danon Ballade Kitano Ritsumei (I'll Have Another)	Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Mill Farm Shigeyuki Kojima
13	5	9	Mississippi Tesoro (JPN) Yukito Ishikawa	F3 b. 55.0	290.2 (18)	3/4 (35.3)	Danon Ballade Happiness for You (A.P. Indy)	Ryotokuji Kenji Holdings Co., Ltd. Ryoken Farm Yoshihiro Hatakeyama
14	8	16	Pipiola (JPN) Kota Fujioka	F3 d.b. 55.0	118.3 (12)	Neck (34.7)	Maurice Through the Air (Dance in the Dark)	Straight Racing Northern Farm Koshiro Take
15	5	10	Grand Bernadette (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F3 b. 55.0	69.6 (9)	Neck (34.4)	Kizuna Lovely Bernadette (Wilburn)	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Masahiro Otake
16	1	1	Festes Band (JPN) Manabu Sakai	F3 b. 55.0	215.7 (16)	1-1/4 (35.3)	Kizuna Feodora (Lord of England)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Kenichi Fujioka
17	8	17	Soleil Vita (JPN) Yutaka Take	F3 b. 55.0	156.0 (14)	1-1/4 (35.5)	Screen Hero Stapes Mitsuko (Carnegie)	Tadakuni Sugiyama Masatsugu Kamada Haruki Sugiyama
18	7	14 B	Conch Shell (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F3 d.b. 55.0	139.6 (13)	1 (35.0)	Kizuna Xanas (Galileo)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Hisashi Shimizu

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 18,980,432,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,636,103,000

Attendance: 45,601

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.6	¥ 110	Bracket Quinella	3-4	¥ 390	Quinella	6-7	¥ 560
Place	No.6	¥ 100	Quinella Place	6-7	¥ 310	Exacta	6-7	¥ 700
	No.7	¥ 230		2-6	¥ 240	Trio	2-6-7	¥ 1,210
	No.2	¥ 170		2-7	¥ 1,090	Trifecta	6-7-2	¥ 3,240

Winner= 6 starts: 5 wins & 1 second / Added & stakes money: ¥ 113,864,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 543,336,000

Liberty Island Wins the Shuka Sho and Crowned Triple Crown Champion

Overwhelming favorite **Liberty Island** claimed this year's Shuka Sho to sweep the Triple Crown races for fillies including the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, 1,600m) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, 2,400m) held in spring. She is the seventh filly to dominate all fillies' Triple Crown races following Mejiro Ramonu (1986), Still in Love (2003), Apapane (2010), Gentildonna (2012), Almond Eye (2018) and Daring Tact (2020). She also extended her G1-winning streak to four including last year's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (1,600m), which earned her the JRA Award's Best Two-Year-Old Filly title. With this race, trainer Mitsumasa Nakauchida captured his eighth JRA-G1 victory following his Yushun Himba title with this filly, while jockey Yuga Kawada marked his 25th JRA-G1 win following the Sprinters

Stakes with Mama Cocha two weeks earlier and also conquered all seven G1 races for three-year-olds. Starting this year, Japanese-bred horse that achieves the fillies' Triple Crown title will receive a bonus of 100 million yen.

Liberty Island broke smoothly and settled two-wide in good position behind the leaders, around seventh along the backstretch, and made headway 600 meters out while turning the last corners wide. After taking command around the 400-meter pole, the Duramente filly found another gear to exert a strong drive along the stretch and, although threatened by the fast-closing chase by **Masked Diva** before the wire, managed to hold off the Rulership filly by a length margin for her Triple Crown title.

"I'm grateful that we were able to achieve the Triple Crown. She is a horse with great ability, so I placed top priority on letting her run comfortably and finding a good path for her. I was confident of her victory when we had an open space at the third corner. She has great potential, and her dreams for the future are wide open, but first of all, I would like to praise her for achieving the Triple Crown," commented Yuga Kawada.

Third pick **Masked Diva** broke sharply and eased back to settle around 13th. Though meeting traffic at the top of the stretch, the filly found an opening 300 meters out and dislodged a powerful late charge that timed the fastest last three furlongs to close in on the leader but was a length short at the wire to finish second.

Second pick **Harper** sat around fifth in front of the winner, angled out slightly turning the final corner and, while unable to keep up with the winner's speed, managed to pass the tiring frontrunners 100 meters out but missed the runner-up spot before the wire for third.

Other Horses:

4th: (5) **Dura**—sat around 8th behind winner, passed one by one at stretch, nose short of 3rd place

5th: (8) **Moryana**—saved ground around 14th, quickened between horses until 50m out

6th: (3) **Malaki Naia**—hugged rails around 7th, showed effort but never threatened

7th: (18) **Emu**—broke poorly, trailed in rear, launched 3rd fastest late kick, belatedly

8th: (4) **Kona Coast**—set pace, showed tenacity until 100m out

9th: (15) **Hip Hop Soul**—traveled around 15th, circled wide, showed belated charge

10th: (12) **Doe Eyes**—settled 3-wide around 9th, lacked needed kick

11th: (13) **Ravel**—tracked leaders around 3rd, remained in contention until 100m out

12th: (11) **Kita Wing**—sat 2nd from rear, passed tired rivals

13th: (9) **Mississippi Tesoro**—chased leader in 2nd, faded after 200m pole

14th: (16) **Pipiola**—ran 4-wide around 9th, showed little at stretch

15th: (10) **Grand Bernadette**—positioned around 15th, even paced

16th: (1) **Festes Band**—tracked leaders around 3rd on rails, met traffic 100m out, dropped back

17th: (17) **Soleil Vita**—raced around 5th outside winner, outrun after final corner

18th: (14) **Conch Shell**—traveled 3-wide around 13th, unable to reach contention

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 11.1 - 13.1 - 13.0 - 12.5 - 12.9 - 12.3 - 11.6 - 11.0 - 11.4
Last 4 furlongs: 46.3 Last 3 furlongs: 34.0

Positions at each corner:	1st corner	(*4,9)(1,2,13)(<u>6</u> ,17)(3,5,12,16)(7,14)(8,10,15)11-18
	2nd corner	4,9(1,13)(2,17)(3, <u>6</u>)(8,5,12,16)(10,7,14)(11,15)-18
	3rd corner	(*4,9)13(1,2,17)(3,5, <u>6</u>)(7,12,16)(8,14)(10,15,18)11
	4th corner	(*4,9)(13, <u>6</u>)(1,2)(5,17)(3,12,16)7(8,10,14,18)(11,15)

NOTE 1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

NOTE 2: 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.