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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 39TH TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)**



The Takamatsunomiya Kinen was initially named Takamatsunomiya Cup in honor of His Imperial Highness Prince Takamatsunomiya, who was present to give the trophy at its inaugural race in 1971. The distance of the race was altered to 1,200 meters in 1996 and was designated as a Japanese Grade 1 event, positioning the race as one of JRA's two prominent short distance races together with the Sprinters Stakes (G1), which became an international event in 1994. The race was renamed Takamatsunomiya Kinen in 1998 and was designated an international race in 2001.

*Disturbing the Peace* and *Echo Eddie* both from USA were the first two foreign participants, contesting the race in 2003 and finished 13th and 17th respectively.

However, no foreign horses have since run in the race including this year. Last year's race was won by *Fine Grain* (JPN, by Fuji Kiseki) who landed his first G1 victory in this race and setting a new race record at 1:07.1 at the same time.

**THE 39TH TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)**

4-year-old & up, 1,200 meters (about 6 furlongs), left-handed, turf

Sunday, March 29, 2009 Chukyo Racecourse 11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 202,350,000 (about US\$ 2,248,000 US\$ 1 = ¥ 90)

Weights: 57kg (about 126lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere horses born in 2005

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	7	13	Laurel Guerreiro (JPN)	H5	57.0	King Halo Big Tenby	S. Fujita M. Kon	Laurel Racing Co .Ltd. Murata Bokujo	1:08.0 (34.9)	7.6 (3)
2	2	4	Sleepless Night (JPN)	M5	55.0	Kurofune What Katy Did	H. Uemura K. Hashiguchi	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1/2 (34.8)	3.5 (1)
3	1	2	Soldier's Song (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sunday Silence Irish Caerley	Y. Kitamura I. Sameshima	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Shiraoi Farm	1-1/4 (34.8)	52.0 (15)
4	3	5	Tosho Courage (JPN)	H7	57.0	Last Tycoon Rose Tosho	H. Uchida K. Ikezoe	Tosho Sangyo Tosho Sangyo Corporation Tosho Bokujo	Nose (34.5)	21.2 (10)
5	1	1	Cosmo Bell (USA)	M5	55.0	Formal Dinner Blue Sword	T. Sato M. Nishizono	Big Red Farm Dr. D. W. Frazier	1/2 (34.8)	43.9 (12)
6	4	8	Faridat (USA)	C4	57.0	Kingmambo Believe	H. Shii S. Matsumoto	K. Maeda North Hills Management	Neck (34.4)	6.2 (2)
7	2	3	Apollo Dolce (USA)	C4	57.0	Officer Summertime Val	M. Katsuura M. Horii	Apollo Thoroughbred Club Clarkland Farm	1-3/4 (34.5)	48.3 (14)
8	4	7	Urban Street (JPN)	H5	57.0	Swept Overboard Taiki Christie	Y. Fukunaga A. Nomura	S. Goto Soda Noen	Head (34.9)	15.4 (7)
9	8	17	Spring Song (JPN)	C4	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O Spring Ticket	K. Ikezoe A. Tsurudome	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	Head (35.2)	42.1 (11)
10	5	9 B	Kinshasa no Kiseki (AUS)	H6	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Keltshaan	Y. Iwata N. Horii	K. Yoshida Arrowleave Joint Venture	Neck (35.5)	9.0 (5)
11	7	14	Dragon Fang (JPN)	C4	57.0	Taiki Shuttle Taiki Mobius	Y. Fujioka Y. Yahagi	M. Kato Paka Paka Farm	Neck (35.6)	18.5 (9)
12	3	6	Western Dancer (JPN)	M5	55.0	Dehere Western Rose	Y. Kawada H. Sakiyama	K. Nishikawa Hokusei Bokujo	1/2 (35.6)	45.1 (13)
13	6	11	I'll Love Again (JPN)	H7	57.0	El Condor Pasa Tokio Reality	A. Tsumura T. Tezuka	Y. Saito Northern Farm	Nose (35.0)	174.8 (17)
14	7	15	Urbanity (JPN)	H5	57.0	Manhattan Cafe Legacy of Strength	N. Yokoyama M. Koga	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Neck (35.5)	11.1 (6)
15	6	12	Halo Fuji (JPN)	M6	55.0	King Halo Asaka Fuji	Y. Iida A. Iida	Kyowa Farm Co. Ltd. Kyowa Farm Co. Ltd.	Neck (34.9)	82.7 (16)
16	8	16 B	B B Guldán (JPN)	H5	57.0	Chief Bearhart All the Chat	K. Take M. Ryoke	Bando Bokujo Bando Bokujo	1-1/2 (35.9)	7.9 (4)
17	5	10	Fine Grain (JPN)	H6	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Mill Grain	H. Miyuki H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	1 (36.0)	17.4 (8)
18	8	18	Joyful Heart (JPN)	H8	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O My Wild Flower	K. Dazai Y. Ono	Nagoya Yuho Northern Farm	DS (38.2)	187.7 (18)



As the field fanned out turning for home, jockey Uemura steered **SLEEPLESS NIGHT** outside **LAUREL GUERREIRO** and asked for her run, however **LAUREL GUERREIRO** found another gear and repelled the star sprinter's bid to prevail by a half length. Trapped behind a wall of horses around the turn, **SOLDIER'S SONG** found an opening in tight quarters and quickly accelerated into the clear, driving down the stretch alongside **TOSHO COURAGE** who also kicked into gear down the lane.

The two battled to a photo finish which turned out in favor of long shot **SOLDIER'S SONG**, finishing a nose in front for fourth place. Traveling in mid pack earlier, twelfth favorite **COSMO BELL** closed the gap down the stretch clearing the wire a half length behind **TOSHO COURAGE** for fifth.

Also Ran:

6th **FARIDAT**: third from rear earlier, steered out, showed impressive response in stretch

7th **APOLLO DOLCE**: chased the field in rear, finished willingly

8th **URBAN STREET**: sat next to **TOSHO COURAGE**, made his bid in last turn, fought well but belatedly

9th **SPRING SONG**: lost ground throughout, lacked the needed response

10th **KINSHASA NO KISEKI**: raced in leading pack, came up empty

11th **DRAGON FANG**: in the leading batch till upper stretch, ran out of steam

12th **WESTERN DANCER**: blocked in final turn, failed to rally

13th **I'LL LOVE AGAIN**: lost ground to avoid traffic, was used up in stretch

14th **URBANITY**: cruised in mid pack, failed to threaten

15th **HALO FUJI**: second from rear throughout, never reached contention

16th **B B GULDAN**: sat in striking position on last turn, had nothing left

17th **FINE GRAIN**: edged up to make bid, never responded

18th **JOYFUL HEART**: dueled for the lead in back stretch, last to turn for home, stopped

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 11.9-10.3-10.9-11.5-11.4-12.0

Last 4 furlongs: 45.8 Last 3 furlongs: 34.9

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

Note1: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: 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.