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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 17TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)



The Nakayama Grand Jump, the biggest steeplechase event in spring, span off from the biannual Nakayama Daishogai (J-G1, 4,100m) steeplechase races in 1999. The history of the Nakayama Daishogai dates back to 1934 when the two races, one each in spring and autumn, were created for the purpose of making them the most prestigious and attractive races in steeplechase racing, just like the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in flat racing. In 2000, one year after the Nakayama Grand Jump received its current name, the race also became an international event. In the same year, seven foreign runners from five countries took part. *Boca Boca (IRE, by Mandalus)* from France finished second to *Gokai (JPN, by Judge Angelucci)*. Between 2000 and 2010 when the Nakayama Grand Jump was an invitational event, *St. Steven (NZ, by Hula Town)* became the first foreign contingent to claim the title in 2002. He finished third in the following year while Australian contender *Karasi (IRE, by Kahyasi)* became the only horse to win three consecutive titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2013, eighth favorite Irish raider *Blackstairmountain (IRE, by Imperial Ballet)* became the first European contender to claim the title. This year's race was contested without any runners from abroad.

The Nakayama Grand Jump features 12 jumps over the figure-of-eight-shaped course, which includes five up-and-downs over the banks and three hurdles set on the outside turf towards the final stretch. The 310-meter uphill stretch before the wire also is quite a test for many of the runners especially after running at a solid pace throughout the race.

Last year's champion **Apollo Maverick**, who won the race with an overwhelming five-length margin, was named the 2014 Best Steeplechase Horse for the second consecutive year. The son of *Apollo Kingdom* was runner-up in the Nakayama Daishogai last December, being overtaken in the stretch run by **Red Kingdom**, who went on to claim a 3-1/2-length victory in this year's Pegasus Jump Stakes (3,350m) held on March 29, whereas **Apollo Maverick** was fifth in the race. **Shiny Black**, who was fourth in both J-G1 races last year, finished third in the Pegasus Jump Stakes.

Sanrei Duke, third-place finisher in last year's Nakayama Daishogai, captured his second J-G2 title in the Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m) held on March 14. **Sombrero**, for whom this race was his first J-G1 challenge, came off a third-place finish in the Hanshin Spring Jump while **Rikiai Kurofune**, winner of the 2013 Pegasus Jump Stakes and runner-up to *Blackstairmountain* in the Nakayama Grand Jump the same year, came off an 11th-place finish in a flat turf race (1,800m) held three weeks ago.

THE 17TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

4-year-old & up, 4,250 meters (about 2 and 2/3 miles), turf

Saturday, April 18, 2015 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: \(\pm\) 135,000,000 (about US\(\pm\) 1,125,000 \(<\US\(\pm\)1=\(\pm\)120>)

4-y-o: 62kg (about 137 lbs), 5-y-o & up: 63kg (about 139 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mare

Safety factor: 16 runners

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FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin	Odds (Fav)	
1	7	12	Up to Date (JPN)	Н5	63.0	Kurofune	M. Hayashi	Kazuo Imanishi	4:46.6	12.0	
1	/			113	03.0	Linear Muse	S. Sasaki	North Hills Co,. Ltd.	4.40.0	(4)	
2	7	13	Sombrero (JPN)	Н5	63.0	Tanino Gimlet	J. Takada	Y. Tanimizu	DS	15.7	
2	′	13				Tanino Rose	K. Matsuda	Yuzo Tanimizu	DS	(5)	
3	4	7	Sanrei Duke	H7	63.0	Durandal	Y. Namba	Keiji Nagai	2-1/2	7.9	
3	3 4		(JPN)	п/	03.0	San Lake Queen	Y. Takahashi	Keiji Nagai	2-1/2	(3)	
4	4	6	Shiny Black	G8	63.0	Dance in the Dark	N. Hamanoya	Masashi Kobayashi	10	29.6	
4	4	Ü	(JPN)			Daitaku Azumit	S. Ito	Masashi Kobayashi	10	(6)	
5	3	5	Apollo Maverick	Н6	63.0	Apollo Kingdom	Y. Igarashi	Apollo Thoroughbred Club	2-1/2	4.7	
3	3		(JPN)	по		Omega Fastar	M. Horii	Apollo Thoroughbred Club	2-1/2	(2)	
6	2	2 2	Tyrian Purple (JPN)	M5	61.0	Jungle Pocket	K. Yamamoto	Masatake Iida	Neck	196.3	
Ü						Make History	T. Kanari	Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck	(11)	
7	3	4	Red Kingdom (JPN)	Н6	63.0	Deep Impact	M. Nishitani	TokyoHorseRacingCo.,Ltd	4	1.5	
	3					Proud Beauty	M. Matsunaga	Hidetoshi Yamamoto	4	(1)	
8	2	3	Biko Pililani (JPN)	Н5	63.0	King Kamehameha	T. Tamura	U. Legend	3-1/2	259.5	
ð						Biko Sophia	H. Tadokoro	Kayo Yoshida	3-1/2	(14)	

9	5	8 B	Miyako Deluxe	Н6	63.0	Tanino Gimlet	Y. Onodera	Kiyoji Yoshida	DS	223.6
9			(JPN)	по	03.0	Last Partner	Y. Sugawara	Hakutsu Bokujo	טט	(12)
10	6	10	Sammaru Boss	Н8	63.0	Admire Boss	K. Takano	Isamu Soma	DS	313.5
			(JPN)			Tapis Vert	Y. Sato	Tabata Bokujo	טט	(15)
	1	1	Fire (JPN)	H7	63.0	Agnes Tachyon	K. Mori	Tomiro Fukami	FF	39.9
				п/		Hoshino Kamikochi	M. Honda	Masayuki Terakoshi	ГГ	(7)
/	5	9	Country Snow	G8	63.0	Timber Country	K. Harada	Yoshio Suzuki	FF	246.0
			(JPN)			Snow Style	H. Kurita	Okada Stud	I'I'	(13)
/	6	11	Rikiai Kurofune	Н8	63.0	Kurofune	M. Kaneko	Takahiro Okada	FF	117.0
	U		(JPN)			Eidai Heroine	T. Tanaka	Toshin Bokujo	I'I'	(9)
/	8	14	Shonan Coming	~ I H /	63.0	Taiki Shuttle	T. Kusano	Tetsuhide Kunimoto	FF	161.5
			(JPN)			Maltese Breeze	T. Tanaka	Koki Hayashi	I'I'	(10)
	8	15	Tenjin Kiyomori (JPN)	Н5	63.0	Grass Wonder	Y. Eda	Takeshi Shirai	FF	83.5
	0			пЭ	03.0	Yushima Mizuki	R. Takei	Tenjin Corporation	ГГ	(8)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / B=Blinker / Wgt=Weight / DS=Distance / FF=Fail to Finish

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: 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: 4:46.6 (course/race record) GOING: Firm WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 1,712,511,600

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 7,651,744,500 ATTENDANCE: 26,114

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.12	¥1,200	BRACKET QUINELLA	7-7	¥5,290	QUINELLA	12-13	¥4,640
	No.12	¥440	QUINELLA PLACE	12-13	¥1,170	EXACTA	12-13	¥11,490
PLACE	No.13	¥500		7-12	¥1,010	TRIO	7-12-13	¥6,450
	No.7	¥340		7-13	¥1,030	TRIFECTA	12-13-7	¥69,700

1. Up to Date (JPN), gray, horse, 5-year-old

Kurofune / Linear Muse (Tony Bin)

Breeder: North Hills Co., Ltd. Owner: Kazuo Imanishi Trainer: Shozo Sasaki Jockey: Mitsuaki Hayashi

21 Starts, 5 Wins (6 Starts, 3 Wins *steeplechases only)

Added money: ¥ 65,525,000 Career earnings: ¥ 130,471,000 (¥ 99,423,000 *steeplechases only)

2. Sombrero (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old

Tanino Gimlet / Tanino Rose (Generous)

Breeder: Yuzo Tanimizu Owner: Y. Tanimizu Trainer: Kunihide Matsuda Jockey: Jun Takada

3. Sanrei Duke (JPN), bay, horse, 7-year-old

Durandal / San Lake Queen (Cozzene)

Breeder: Keiji Nagai Owner: Keiji Nagai

Trainer: Yoshitada Takahashi Jockey: Yoshiyasu Namba

Up to Date Beats Favorites in Nakayama Grand Jump in Record Time

Fourth pick Up to Date captured this year's Nakayama Grand Jump in 4:46.6, renewing the record time set by Blandices (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O) in 2004 by 0.4 seconds. The son of Kurofune was switched to steeplechase last September, being winless since marking two wins in his two-year-old debut season in 2012. Registering a win in his second steeplechase outing, the gray went on to mark another win in the following open-class race and was fourth in his first grade-race challenge in the previous Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m).

Trainer Shozo Sasaki added his first J-G1 steeplechase victory to his five JRA-G1 flat-race wins, which include the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) title with Kizuna (JPN, by Deep Impact) in 2013. This win marked the first J-G1 title for Mitsuaki Hayashi, a veteran steeplechase jockey with three J-G2 titles, who has been partnering with the

gray in all his steeplechase races.

Up to Date, breaking out from stall 12, settled behind second favorite **Apollo Maverick** who set the pace for most of the trip. Sitting just off the pace in second to third position, the five-year-old gray drew even with the frontrunner around the tenth obstacle, and once taking the lead, steadily widened the gap to 5-6 lengths by the last obstacle and easily won his first J-G1 race in record time.

"I raced him while marking Apollo Maverick and urged him to go early with an image of the last corner being the wire. I think that this style of racing suits the bay. I wasn't aware of the gap between the rest of the field as I was desperately trying to keep him going until the wire. He has a strong heart and has a prominent future ahead. Although it took me close to thirty years to capture my first G1 title, I am very happy because I've been wanting to win a G1 race before retiring," commented Mitsuaki Hayashi.

Fifth pick **Sombrero** traveled 7-8th from the front, improved position through the last corner and after jumping the last obstacle in **forthfourth**, disputed with **Sanrei Duke** in the straight before pulling away in the last 100 meters for a runner-up position.

Third choice **Sanrei Duke** sat towards the back in mid-division and gradually gained ground after the ninth obstacle, advancing to second at the last obstacle, but succumbed to **Sombrero** after dueling with the five-year-old in the straight.

Race favorite **Red Kingdom** traveled fifth from the front and advanced to forth coming into the last corner, but the winner of the 2014 Nakayama Daishogai and 2015 Pegasus Jump Stakes did not have the needed accelerating force in the stretch and fell back to seventh.

Defending champion **Apollo Maverick** led the field for most of the trip but was outrun by the winner in the backstretch, by **Sanrei Duke** and **Sombrero** before the last obstacle and by **Shiny Black** in the last 100 meters.

Other Horses:

4th: (6) **Shiny Black**—traveled in 4th, advanced to 3rd after 8th obstacle (no.2), outrun by **Sanrei Duke** at final corner and **Sombrero** at top of stretch, passed **Apollo Maverick** 100m out

6th: (2) Tyrian Purple—sat in middle of field, gradually improved position, lacked needed kick

8th: (3) Biko Pililani—ran 4th from last until Country Snow lost his rider, failed to advance position

9th: (8) Miyako Deluxe—traveled 2nd from last, unable to reach contention

10th: (10) Sammaru Boss—trailed in rear, never threatened

FF: (1) Fire—raced toward rear, pulled up around final corner

FF: (9) **Country Snow**—ran in rear group, lost unseated rider at 8th obstacle (no.2)

FF: (11) **Rikiai Kurofune**—raced toward rear, <u>unseated lost</u> rider around 2nd corner (2nd lap)

FF: (14) **Shonan Coming**—traveled near pace in 1st half of race, <u>unseated lost rider after 11th obstacle</u> (no.9)

FF: (15) **Tenjin Kiyomori**—ran in 5th early, gradually dropped back, <u>unseated lost</u> rider at 7th obstacle (no.7)

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): Last 4 furlongs: 51.5 Last 3 furlongs: 38.1 (1 mile: 1:44.2)

Positions at each corner (2nd lap): 1st corner (*5,12)-(6,14)4-2,13-7-(11,1)=3=8=10

2nd corner (*5,<u>12</u>)-6,14,4=(2,13)-(7,11)-1=3=8=10 3rd corner (5,*<u>12</u>)-6,4-7-13,14,2,1=3=8=10

4th corner $\underline{12}$ -5-(6,7)-(13,4)=2=3=8=10

NOTE 1: <u>Underlined bold number</u> 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.