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## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 68TH HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

Races for two-year-olds were held for the first time in 1946 at Tokyo. As the number of contenders increased, championship races—the Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes) and the Hanshin Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies)—which determined the top two-year-olds of the season in eastern and western Japan, respectively, were established in 1949. In conjunction with the new grading system implemented, the two races were designated G1 status in 1984. In 1991, the two races were divided by gender into two separate G1 events; the Hanshin Sansai Himba Stakes for two-year-old fillies and the Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes for two-year-old colts and geldings, then renamed “Hanshin Juvenile Fillies” and “Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes”, respectively, in 2001. The race, which started off initially as a 1,200-meter sprint, was extended to 1,400 meters in 1960 and to 1,600 meters in 1962. In 2010, the race was opened to foreign runners.

Recent winners of the race include many successful G1 champions such as two-time Horse of the Year *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*) who won seven G1 titles; *Buena Vista* (JPN, by *Special Week*), also Horse of the Year of 2010 and subsequent winner of six G1 races; and 2009 champion *Apapane* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*) who subsequently won the Triple Crown titles for three-year-old fillies—the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m), the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m)—in 2010. Last year’s winner, Major Emblem (JPN, by Daiwa Major) also became a successful G1 winner of the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) in May this year.

**Jeune Ecole** came off her victory against colts in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) on November 12 with **Dipavamsa** finishing fourth in the same race. **Reine Minoru** finished second against colts in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m) on November 5 following her victory in the Kokura Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,200m) in September. Meanwhile, **Show Way** was runner-up in the Fantasy Stakes (G3, 1,400m), also on November 5, the race in which **Queen’s Sarina** finished fourth and **Black Onyx** eighth.

**Lys Gracieux** claimed her first grade-race title in the Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on October 29 prior to her G1 challenge with **Sigrun** following in third and **Satono Alicia** in fifth.

**Vous Etes Jolie** was another grade-race winner against male rivals in the Niigata Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on August 28 while **Soul Stirring** made her G1 debut coming off two undefeated starts and carrying high expectations as one of the first-crop filly by legendary Frankel.

Other runners included **Arinna** who won the Shumeigiku Sho (1,400m) on November 20 and **Gold Cape** who claimed the Shiragiku Sho (1,600m) on November 27.

*Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*) is the current race record holder at 1:33.1 over the mile distance.

## THE 68TH HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

2-year-old Fillies, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, December 11, 2016 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 140,200,000 (about US\$ 1,168,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

2yo: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2014

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	1	2	Soul Stirring (JPN)	F2	54.0	Frankel Stacelita	C. Lemaire K. Fujisawa	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1:34.0 (34.8)	2.8 (1)
2	8	18	Lys Gracieux (JPN)	F2	54.0	Heart’s Cry Liliside	K. Tosaki Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1-1/4 (34.5)	3.0 (2)
3	2	4	Reine Minoru (JPN)	F2	54.0	Daiwa Major Daiwa Angel	M. Ebina M. Honda	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm	1-3/4 (35.2)	6.9 (3)
4	1	1	Dipavamsa (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Brillante Polonnaruwa	A. Starke T. Matsushita	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	2 (35.3)	13.0 (5)
5	8	17	Vous Etes Jolie (JPN)	F2	54.0	Lohengrin French Bikini	R. Wada M. Nakauchida	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1/2 (35.2)	17.2 (6)
6	7	13	Gold Cape (JPN)	F2	54.0	Workforce Jewel of Nile	G. Maruyama Y. Arakawa	Green Farm Shadai Farm	Neck (35.9)	177.3 (14)
7	4	8	Satono Alicia	F2	54.0	Harbinger	K. Ikezoe	Hajime Satomi	1/2	36.3

			(JPN)			La Luce	O. Hirata	Northern Farm	(35.0)	(7)
8	6	12 B	Arinna (JPN)	F2	54.0	Matsurida Gogh Wunder Sonne	H. Tanabe S. Matsumoto	Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co., Ltd. Okada Stud	Nose (36.3)	51.6 (8)
9	7	15	Feldberg (JPN)	F2	54.0	Black Tide Princess Blue	S. Kawashima Y. Arakawa	Toru Kato Mishima Bokujo	1-3/4 (35.0)	462.1 (18)
10	7	14	Suzukaze (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Brillante Valensole	D. Matsuda M. Ito	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Fujiwara Breeding Stud	1/2 (36.2)	288.8 (17)
11	6	11	Jeune Ecole (JPN)	F2	54.0	Kurofune Luminous Point	M. Barzalona T. Yasuda	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	3/4 (36.3)	8.0 (4)
12	4	7	Black Onyx (JPN)	F2	54.0	Black Tide Larimar	Y. Kido K. Kato	Makio Okada Hirotomi Bokujo	1/2 (36.1)	145.9 (13)
13	3	6	Show Way (JPN)	F2	54.0	Meisho Bowler Realmente	F. Matsuwaka T. Saito	Manabu Yoshitomi Mitsuru Nakawaki	1-1/4 (36.9)	94.1 (10)
14	8	16	Sigrun (JPN)	F2	54.0	I'll Have Another Walkure	K. Fujioka T. Miya	Makio Okada Okada Stud	1/2 (36.4)	69.8 (9)
15	5	10	Queen's Sarina (JPN)	F2	54.0	Danon Chantilly Keiai Gallery	V. Cheminaud M. Nishimura	Kazuhiro Kameda Junior Stud Ltd	7 (37.5)	119.8 (12)
16	5	9	Just the Marine (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Brillante Love as Gift	H. Shii M. Makiura	Just Time Club Nasuno Bokujo	1-1/4 (38.0)	100.8 (11)
17	3	5	Pompon (JPN)	F2	54.0	Black Tide Popochan	T. Kato K. Tanaka	Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Hakutsu Bokujo	Neck (37.5)	261.1 (15)
18	2	3	M O Venus (JPN)	F2	54.0	Grass Wonder M O Miracle	H. Kowata Y. Shikato	Mitsugu Oasa Mitsugu Oasa	7 (38.3)	282.8 (16)

**FP**=Final Position / **BK**=Bracket Number / **PP**=Post Position / **B**=Blinker / **Wgt**=Weight / **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

**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: 1:34.0

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 11,495,966,800

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 19,102,903,200

ATTENDANCE: 28,819

#### PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.2	¥280	BRACKET QUINELLA	1-8	¥300	QUINELLA	2-18	¥510
PLACE	No.2	¥120	QUINELLA PLACE	2-18	¥240	EXACTA	2-18	¥900
	No.18	¥120		2-4	¥430	TRIO	2-4-18	¥1,210
	No.4	¥170		4-18	¥350	TRIFECTA	2-18-4	¥4,250

#### 1. Soul Stirring (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 2-year-old

Frankel / Stacelita (Monsun)

Owner: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Kazuo Fujisawa

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

3 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 66,288,000

Career earnings: ¥ 89,498,000

#### 2. Lys Gracieux (JPN), dark bay or brown, filly, 2-year-old

Heart's Cry / Liliside (American Post)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi

Jockey: Keita Tosaki

#### 3. Reine Minoru (JPN), chestnut, filly, 2-year-old

Daiwa Major / Daiwa Angel (Taiki Shuttle)

Owner: Minoru Yoshioka

Breeder: Fujiwara Farm

Trainer: Masaru Honda

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

#### Soul Stirring Becomes First G1 Winner for Frankel

Race Favorite **Soul Stirring** remained undefeated in her third career win that stamped her claim as a strong

candidate for the season's champion two-year-old filly title and a Grade One winner of the 2016 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. Winning her debut in July, she proceeded to win the Ivy Stakes (1,800m) on October 22 prior to her first grade-race challenge. She becomes the tenth filly to claim the G1 title undefeated—the first since 2013 when Red Reveur won the race. Trainer Kazuo Fujisawa marked his 23rd JRA-G1 victory—his last G1 win was with Spielberg in the 2014 Tenno Sho (Autumn)—while Christophe Lemaire, who also won the same race last year with Major Emblem, is now just one short of reaching a milestone of ten JRA-G1 wins. Lemaire's most recent G1 victory before today was in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) with Satono Diamond.

Unfazed by the filly beside her rearing in the starting gate, **Soul Stirring** made a clean break and took advantage of her inside draw, staying near the pace around fourth or fifth along the rails up to the last corner, edged closer to the leader approaching the 200-meter pole then pulled away with ease while managing to hold off a strong charging **Lys Gracieux** for a 1-1/4-length victory, covering the mile distance in 1:34.0.

"I'm ecstatic. It's so special because I used to also ride her dam Stacelita (winner of six G1 titles in Europe and USA) and Soul Stirring is out of her and by that great horse Frankel. I was confident from the beginning and we were in a good position and she was relaxed. She easily hit the front at the stretch and with her big strides and stamina; I think she can go a little bit further in distance," commented Christophe Lemaire.

**Lys Gracieux** bided her time outside a rival, sitting well off the pace among the rear group, and made headway along the outside rounding the third corner. Staying wide into the homestretch, the Heart's Cry filly edged past her rivals then responded well to Keita Tosaki's left-hand urgings passing the furlong pole, switched into top gear which clocked the fastest 600-meter finish, and overtook **Reine Minoru** within the last 50 meters with increasing speed but was unable to reach the winner for second.

**Reine Minoru** was the quickest out of the gate and settled outside and about half a length behind the eventual winner in the front group. Surrounded by horses rounding the final turn, Masayoshi Ebina angled the Daiwa Major filly slightly to the outside for a clear run down the center lane and the filly ran gamely while never a threat to the winner and caught by **Lys Gracieux** in the final stages for third.

Other Horses:

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4th: (1) **Dipavamsa**—stalked winner, ran gamely until 100m out, then outrun by 2nd and 3rd finishers

5th: (17) **Vous Etes Jolie**—traveled near rear, accelerated along rails at stretch

6th: (13) **Gold Cape**—ran outside winner, sustained bid until 200m out, outrun thereafter

7th: (8) **Satono Alicia**—trailed in rear, turned wide, accelerated, but belatedly

8th: (12) **Arinna**—set pace, led until 200m marker, weakened in last 100m

9th: (15) **Feldberg**—sat 2nd from rear, showed belated charge at stretch

10th: (14) **Suzukaze**—raced wide in mid group, checked at early stretch, passed tired rivals

11th: (11) **Jeune Ecole**—eased back in mid-pack, ran gamely until 200m pole, weakened thereafter

12th: (7) **Black Onyx**—settled in mid-division, failed to respond at stretch

13th: (6) **Show Way**—chased leader in 2nd, used up 300m out

14th: (16) **Sigrun**—ran 3-wide in mid-group, switched to outside at early stretch, lacked needed kick

15th: (10) **Queen's Sarina**—raced in mid-pack, unable to reach contention

16th: (9) **Just the Marine**—traveled 4-wide in mid-division, never fired at stretch

17th: (5) **Pompon**—took economic trip toward rear, never a threat

18th: (3) **M O Venus**—rank at start, missed break, 3rd-4th from rear, no factor

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 11.0 - 11.3 - 12.0 - 12.1 - 11.5 - 11.5 - 12.2

Last 4 furlongs: 47.3    Last 3 furlongs: 35.2

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

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

**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.