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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 68TH ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (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. Since 2004, the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes has been limited to non-gelded colts and fillies in view of the race being positioned as the two-year-old “classics”. The race, which started off as a 1,100-meter sprint, was extended to 1,200 meters in 1959 and again to 1,600 meters in 1962. In 2010, the race was opened to foreign runners. Due to the restructured racing program for two-year-olds, the venue was transferred from Nakayama to Hanshin Racecourse, the same location as the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, in 2014 while no changes were made in the distance.

Mi Suerte, one of the two fillies in the field who opted to challenge in this race instead of contesting in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies held a week ago after claiming her graded title in the Fantasy Stakes (G3, 1,400m) on November 5, faced against potential male contenders coming off graded lead-up races: **Monde Can Know** who captured his first grade-race title in the the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m) on November 5; Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,200m) champion **Levante Lion** who was 11th in the Keio Hai; **Danburite**, runner-up in the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (G3, 1,600m) on October 8; Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) champion **Trust** who came off a fifth in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) on November 19; and **Bom Servico** who finished second in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) on November 12. Runners that came off a win in the allowance races were: **America's Cup** who won the Nojigiku Stakes (1,800m) on September 17; **Red en Ciel**, winner of the Momiji Stakes (1,400m) on October 16; **Tagano Asura** who claimed the Kigiku Sho (2,000m) on November 13; and **Satono Ares**, victor of the Begonia Sho (1,600m) on November 27.

The 2004 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes winner *Meiner Recolte* (JPN, by *Chief Bearhart*) had held the race record for almost a decade, having covered the mile distance at Nakayama in 1:33.4, until the race was transferred to Hanshin Racecourse in 2014. Last year, *Leontes* (JPN, by King Kamehameha) marked a record time of 1:34.4 at the new racecourse.

THE 68TH ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 18, 2016 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,268,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1 kg allowance for Fillies, 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	8	17	Satono Ares (JPN)	C2	55.0	Deep Impact Satono Amazones	H. Shii K. Fujisawa	Hajime Satomi Hajime Satomi	1:35.4 (34.1)	14.2 (6)
2	5	10	Monde Can Know (JPN)	C2	55.0	Kinshasa no Kiseki Raise and Call	M. Barzalona T. Yasuda	Your Story Northern Farm	1/2 (34.0)	15.8 (7)
3	2	4	Bom Servico (JPN)	C2	55.0	Daiwa Major Baimoyuri	K. Matsuyama M. Ikezoe	Nagoya Yuho Nagoyayuhco Co. Ltd.	2 (35.2)	72.7 (12)
4	7	13	Mi Suerte (JPN)	F2	54.0	Frankel Mi Sueno	Y. Kawada Y. Ikee	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Head (34.7)	2.4 (1)
5	8	18	Trust (JPN)	C2	55.0	Screen Hero Glory Sandy	D. Shibata H. Nakamura	Shigeyuki Okada Nakamoto Bokujo	2 (35.4)	21.3 (8)
6	6	11	Trillionaire (GB)	C2	55.0	Dubawi Many Colours	D. Matsuda F. Kojima	HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Darley	Neck (34.9)	46.7 (10)
7	3	6	Clear the Track (JPN)	C2	55.0	Deep Impact Crow Canyon	M. Demuro K. Sumii	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.	Neck (35.4)	7.7 (3)

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8	7	15	Red en Ciel (JPN)	C2	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Stylelistick	V. Cheminaud Y. Shono	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Northern Farm	1/2 (35.3)	11.7 (4)
9	8	16	America's Cup (JPN)	C2	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Vegas Night	F. Matsuwaka H. Otonashi	Tatsuo Tanikake Shadai Farm	Neck (35.4)	37.1 (9)
10	4	7	Bee Kali (JPN)	F2	54.0	Admire Max Medetai Medetai	R. Wada M. Nishimura	Yoshiaki Baba Teruaki Numata	3/4 (35.2)	368.0 (18)
11	5	9	Daiichi Terminal (JPN)	C2	55.0	Conduit Berg Ticket	Y. Kitamura K. Takaichi	Mill Farm Co., Ltd. Mill Farm	Neck (34.9)	353.7 (17)
12	1	2	Ashaka Lien (JPN)	C2	55.0	Summer Bird Chic Fighter	Y. Kokubun H. Oneda	Manabu Yoshitomi Hoyo Farm	Neck (34.6)	332.0 (15)
13	4	8	Danburite (JPN)	C2	55.0	Rulership Tanzanite	C. Lemaire H. Otonashi	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Nose (35.5)	4.5 (2)
14	3	5	Tagano Asura (JPN)	C2	55.0	Manhattan Cafe Ray Sash	Y. Take T. Igarashi	Ryoji Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd	1-1/4 (35.2)	14.0 (5)
15	6	12	Toho Domingo (JPN)	C2	55.0	Neo Universe Toho Rich	K. Ikezoe K. Tani	Toho Bussan Co., Ltd. Toho Bussan Co., Ltd.	Neck (34.9)	270.8 (14)
16	2	3	Links Zero (JPN)	C2	55.0	Admire Max Chame	A. Starke H. Mori	Kazuyuki Meya Meiwa Iwami Bokujo	4 (36.3)	206.9 (13)
17	1	1	Levante Lion (USA)	C2	55.0	Pioneerof the Nile Ghostly Darkness	H. Uchida Y. Yahagi	Lion Race Horse Co., Ltd. Hargus Sexton Sandra Sexton Tom Bozarth & Silver Fern Farm LLC	Neck (36.6)	58.4 (11)
18	7	14	Bullbear Baboon (JPN)	C2	55.0	Precise End Silk Versailles	H. Miyuki N. Fujisawa	Bull and Bear Co., Ltd. Koki Abe	1 (36.5)	347.1 (16)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / 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: 1:35.4

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 13,137,453,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 21,676,927,000

ATTENDANCE: 26,513

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.17	¥1,420	BRACKET QUINELLA	5-8	¥3,140	QUINELLA	10-17	¥5,980
PLACE	No.17	¥390	QUINELLA PLACE	10-17	¥1,690	EXACTA	17-10	¥11,430
	No.10	¥410		4-17	¥4,240	TRIO	4-10-17	¥42,820
	No.4	¥910		4-10	¥4,090	TRIFECTA	17-10-4	¥221,200

1. Satono Ares (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 2-year-old

Deep Impact / Satono Amazones (Danehill)

Owner: Hajime Satomi

Breeder: Hajime Satomi

Trainer: Kazuo Fujisawa

Jockey: Hirofumi Shii

5 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 71,260,000

Career earnings: ¥ 91,347,000

2. Monde Can Know (JPN), bay, colt, 2-year-old

Kinshasa no Kiseki / Raise and Call (Sakura Bakushin O)

Owner: Your Story

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Takayuki Yasuda

Jockey: Mickael Barzalona

3. Bom Servico (JPN), chestnut, colt, 2-year-old

Daiwa Major / Baimoyuri (Sakura Laurel)

Owner: Nagoya Yuho

Breeder: Nagoyayuho Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Manabu Ikezoe

Jockey: Kohei Matsuyama

Sixth Pick Satono Ares Claims Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes to Reign as Two-Year-Old Champion Colt

Deep Impact colt **Satono Ares** captured this year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes to become the season's two-year-old

champion colt. Runner-up in his first two starts in August, the dark bay promptly broke his maiden in his third start in September, marked another win in the Begonia Sho (Tokyo Racecourse, 1,600m) in November and extended his winning streak to three in his first grade-race challenge. He is the third colt that came off a win in the Begonia Sho to win this race in the past five years, the first two being Logotype in 2012 and Danon Platina in 2014. Trainer Kazuo Fujisawa registered his 24th JRA-G1 title following the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies with Soul Stirring just last week and became the first trainer to capture both two-year-old G1 titles in the same year. Veteran jockey Hirofumi Shii marked his 15th JRA-G1 victory following the 2010 Takamatsunomiya Kinen with Kinshasa no Kiseki.

Satono Ares broke smoothly from stall 17 and settled toward the back of the field, around sixth from the rear. Gradually making headway circling wide around the corners, the dark bay colt produced a powerful turn of speed after entering the homestretch, passing tiring rivals from the outside with the second fastest final three-furlong time, nailed the front 100 meters out and further accelerated while holding off the strong challenge by **Monde Can Know** for his first G1 victory.

“I rode him for the first time but was told by the trainer that he has a strong late charge. So I decided to race him toward the rear and he responded really well in the stretch. I think his strong point is indeed his turn of foot. I think he will definitely be able to aim for the big titles going forward,” commented Hirofumi Shii.

Seventh choice **Monde Can Know** was rated fourth from the rear, surged out behind **Satono Ares** when facing the homestretch and threatened the winner with his explosive late drive that timed the fastest of the field to cross the wire half a length behind in second.

Twelfth pick **Bom Servico**, rushing out from stall four, immediately took command to set the pace and continued to run persistently in the stretch. Though overtaken by the first two finishers in the last 100 meters, the Daiwa Major colt managed to fend off **Mi Suerte** to come in third.

Mi Suerte traveled in mid-division, around seventh from the front, and demonstrated an impressive late charge in the lane but was a head short of nailing **Bom Servico** to finish fourth.

Other Horses:

5th: (18) **Trust**—chased leaders in 2nd from widest stall, held well until 100m out, outrun thereafter

6th: (11) **Trillionaire**—settled in mid-pack, turned behind favorite, quickened in last 200m

7th: (6) **Clear the Track**—stalked leaders in 3rd, sustained bid until 100m out then weakened

8th: (15) **Red en Ciel**—advanced to 5th from wide draw, found little room 300m out, even paced

9th: (16) **America’s Cup**—slow break, took wide trip in mid-group, ran gamely until furlong pole

10th: (7) **Bee Kali**—rated in mid-division, met traffic at top of stretch then accelerated

11th: (9) **Daiichi Terminal**—eased back to near rear, angled out, improved position at stretch

12th: (2) **Ashaka Lien**—trailed in rear, switched to outside for clear path after final corner, passed tired rivals

13th: (8) **Danburite**—raced in mid-pack, boxed in at early stretch, showed brief effort in last 200m

14th: (5) **Tagano Asura**—sat toward rear, found little room at top of stretch, never fired

15th: (12) **Toho Domingo**—broke poorly, ran near rear, turned wide, unable to reach contention

16th: (3) **Links Zero**—saved ground in mid-group, checked at early stretch, never a threat

17th: (1) **Levante Lion**—tracked leaders in 3rd or 4th, failed to respond and outrun after 300m out

18th: (14) **Bullbear Baboon**—traveled in mid-division, advanced before 3rd corner but no factor

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 11.2 - 11.6 - 12.7 - 12.3 - 11.5 - 11.2 - 12.1

Last 4 furlongs: 47.1 Last 3 furlongs: 34.8

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

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

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.