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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 69TH 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. *Soul Stirring* (JPN), offspring of undefeated star horse *Frankel* (GB, by *Galileo*), claimed last year’s version and went on to capture the Yushun Himba title this year.

Two *Orfevre* (JPN, by *Stay Gold*) fillies were featured in this year’s line-up, **Rock This Town** and **Lucky Lilac** who came off their wins in the Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m; Sep.2) and the Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m; Oct.28), respectively, both scoring two wins out of two career starts. Other prominent runners were the Artemis Stakes runner-up **Sayakachan**, the Fantasy Stakes (G3, 1,400m; Nov.3) second-place finisher **Cordierite**, **Social Club** out of *Buena Vista*, the allowance-race victors such as **Mademoiselle** [Rindo Sho (1,400m; Oct.8)], **Molto Allegro** [Kurumi Sho (1,400m; Oct.22)], **Mau Lea** [Akamatsu Sho (1,600m; Nov.19)], **Lily Noble** [Shiragiku Sho (1,600m; Nov.26)] and **Regle d’Or** [Himawari Sho (1,200m; Aug.26)].

Vodka is the current race record holder at 1:33.1 over the mile distance.

THE 69TH HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 10, 2017 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 140,200,000 (about US\$ 1,219,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

2yo: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2015

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	6	11	Lucky Lilac (JPN)	F2	54.0	Orfevre Lilacs and Lace	S. Ishibashi M. Matsunaga	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1:34.3 (33.7)	4.1 (2)
2	4	7	Lily Noble (JPN)	F2	54.0	Rulership Pure Chaplet	Y. Kawada K. Fujioka	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	3/4 (33.9)	5.5 (3)
3	2	4	Mau Lea (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Impact Buy the Cat	K. Tosaki T. Tezuka	Yukihiko Ochiai Shimokobe Farm	1/2 (33.9)	9.1 (4)
4	4	8	Tosen Bless (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Impact Bloomin’ Bar	Y. Shibata Y. Kato	Takaya Shimakawa Yukihiko Moroe	2-1/2 (33.7)	22.5 (7)
5	8	16	Molto Allegro (USA)	F2	54.0	Speightstown Mo Chuisle	H. Yoshida R. Takei	Chizu Yoshida Town And Country Horse Farms LLC & Frank & Kim Taylor	3/4 (34.1)	65.2 (10)
6	1	2	Lathyros (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Impact Sweet Hearth	Y. Kitamura T. Takano	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	1-1/4 (35.0)	27.8 (9)
7	2	3	Gulielma (JPN)	F2	54.0	Lord Kanaloa Azuma Sanders	F. Komaki Y. Yahagi	Masao Ogawa Hidaka Taiyo Bokujo	Nose (34.4)	124.6 (13)
8	6	12	Social Club (JPN)	F2	54.0	King Kamehameha Buena Vista	Y. Fukunaga M. Ikezoe	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1/2 (34.3)	9.5 (5)
9	8	18	Rock This Town	F2	54.0	Orfevre	C. Lemaire	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.	3/4	3.1

			(JPN)			Stray Cat	Y. Ninomiya	Shadai Corporation Inc.	(35.3)	(1)
10	3	6	Mademoiselle (JPN)	F2	54.0	Black Tide Pole Position	D. Matsuda M. Saito	KT Racing Co., Ltd. Mishima Bokujo	Neck (35.1)	75.2 (11)
11	7	14	Noble Earth (JPN)	F2	54.0	Heart's Cry Pisa no Ruby	R. Sameshima M. Makiura	Nobuhiko Yoshiki Tobino Bokujo	Neck (34.3)	245.1 (15)
12	7	13	Tosen Amber (JPN)	F2	54.0	Deep Impact Waltz of Cat	K. Yokoyama T. Kikuzawa	Takaya Shimakawa Takaya Shimakawa	1/2 (34.4)	155.3 (14)
13	8	17	Cordierite (JPN)	F2	54.0	Daiwa Major Dark Sapphire	R. Wada S. Sasaki	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	1 (35.8)	21.6 (6)
14	1	1	Sayakachan (JPN)	F2	54.0	Reach the Crown Apple Toshio	M. Matsuoka H. Tadokoro	Takao Seya Mitsuo Tanagawa	Neck (35.3)	24.7 (8)
15	5	9	Regle d'Or (JPN)	F2	54.0	Admire Max Cosmo Palme d'Or	R. Takakura H. Sugiyama	Grande Owners Co., Ltd. Grande Farm	1 (34.6)	340.9 (18)
16	5	10	High Heel (JPN)	F2	54.0	Tosen Homareboshi Dreamscape	Y. Fujioka H. Shimizu	Tatsue Ishikawa Northern Farm	Neck (34.9)	329.1 (17)
17	3	5	Las Emociones (IRE)	F2	54.0	Fastnet Rock Dahlia's Krissy	H. Miyuki Y. Takahashi	Shoji Nojima M. Phelan	1 (36.3)	296.5 (16)
18	7	15	Nadia (JPN)	F2	54.0	Novellist Casque d'Or	H. Shii K. Sasada	North Hills Co., Ltd. North Hills Co., Ltd.	2 (35.7)	99.1 (12)

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: 1:34.3

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 11,908,939,200

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 19,386,150,900

ATTENDANCE: 30,063

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.11	¥410	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-6	¥720	QUINELLA	7-11	¥920
PLACE	No.11	¥140	QUINELLA PLACE	7-11	¥390	EXACTA	11-7	¥1,820
	No.7	¥180		4-11	¥560	TRIO	4-7-11	¥2,160
	No.4	¥240		4-7	¥800	TRIFECTA	11-7-4	¥8,560

1. Lucky Lilac (JPN), chestnut, filly, 2-year-old

Orfevre / Lilacs and Lace (Flower Alley)

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Racing

Trainer: Mikio Matsunaga Jockey: Syu Ishibashi

3 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 66,288,000 Career earnings: ¥ 102,820,000

Principal race performances: '17 Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m) 1st

2. Lily Noble (JPN), bay, filly, 2-year-old

Rulership / Pure Chaplet (Kurofune)

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Kenichi Fujioka Jockey: Yuga Kawada

3. Mau Lea (JPN), bay, filly, 2-year-old

Deep Impact / Buy the Cat (Storm Cat)

Owner: Yukihiro Ochiai Breeder: Shimokobe Farm

Trainer: Takahisa Tezuka Jockey: Keita Tosaki

Lucky Lilac Is Top Two-Year-Old Filly Claiming Hanshin Juvenile Fillies Title

Second favorite **Lucky Lilac** conquered the field of 18 starlets in their first competition at the highest level and stretched her winning streak to three. After promptly breaking her maiden in her debut start, the chestnut filly claimed her first graded win in the Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on October 28 that followed. This marks trainer Mikio Matsunaga's second flat JRA-G1 title since his Shuka Sho victory with *Red Desire* in 2009 while jockey

Syu Ishibashi also celebrates his second JRA-G1 win since claiming the 2012 Tenno Sho (Spring) with *Beat Black*. As the first crop of *Orfevre*, who concluded his racing career at the end of the 2013 season, **Lucky Lilac** has given the new stallion his first G1 victory as a sire.

The gates sprung open with **Las Emociones** taking the lead while **Cordierite** chased the pace from the outside in second. After briefly struggling to find room in the early going, **Lucky Lilac** was reserved about a half-length in front and on the outside of **Mau Lea** in mid-field, and was edged to a wider position making the final turns chasing **Lily Noble** on her heels into the stretch. With a clear path in front of her, the chestnut filly ran powerfully down the lane, finally catching the eventual runner-up 100 meters out and cleared the wire a 3/4-length winner as a result of a time-tied fastest last-three-furlong drive.

“She was a bit keen in her last start but was very relaxed today. We were in a good striking position at the top of the stretch which gave me all the confidence I needed. Her physical ability is extremely high and she is very intelligent too. Although she has room to improve, I just hope she can start the next season in good form,” commented Syu Ishibashi.

Third pick **Lily Noble** settled off the pace in a mid-field position around sixth to seventh and made a wide bid at the last corner for her attack. Easily taking over the front from the tiring leaders before the furlong pole, the *Rulership* filly showed a tenacious late drive but succumbed to the tremendous speed of **Lucky Lilac** in the last half furlong while holding off a fast-closing **Mau Lea** for second.

Mau Lea, one of the four *Deep Impact* fillies in the field, was unhurried in mid-division racing on the rails beside **Lucky Lilac** through the backstretch. Making headway rounding the turns, the fourth pick stalked the eventual winner in early stretch and powered home but failed to emerge as a serious threat, finishing a half-length from runner-up **Lily Noble** in third.

Race favorite **Rock This Town** rushed to third after breaking from the widest stall and was keen to go in the early stages but showed little at the straight, weakening in the last furlong to finish ninth.

Other Horses:

4th: (8) **Tosen Bless**—positioned towards rear, tied fastest over last 3 furlongs, failed to threaten top 3 finishers

5th: (16) **Molto Allegro**—ran 3-wide behind winner, showed belated charge in last 200m

6th: (2) **Lathyros**—chased leaders in 3rd, sustained bid until 100m out, weakened thereafter

7th: (3) **Gulielma**—sat along rails in mid-pack, accelerated in last 200m, was too late

8th: (12) **Social Club**—raced 3-wide in mid-group, improved position at stretch but never a threat

10th: (6) **Mademoiselle**—traveled around 5th, ran gamely until 200m marker, lacked needed kick

11th: (14) **Noble Earth**—ran near rear, turned wide, passed tired rivals at stretch

12th: (13) **Tosen Amber**—was off slow, took economic trip near rear, failed to find clear path 200m out

13th: (17) **Cordierite**—pressed pace in 2nd from wide draw, ran willingly until 200m pole, then weakened

14th: (1) **Sayakachan**—hugged rails around 6th, checked after 200m marker, lost momentum

15th: (9) **Regle d’Or**—trailed in rear, showed brief effort at early stretch, failed to sustain bid

16th: (10) **High Heel**—raced in mid-division, gradually fell back, faded

17th: (5) **Las Emociones**—set pace, sustained lead until mid-stretch, outrun thereafter

18th: (15) **Nadia**—sat towards rear early, advanced after 3rd corner, showed little at stretch

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 11.3 - 11.6 - 12.4 - 12.2 - 11.9 - 11.0 - 11.5

Last 4 furlongs: 46.6 Last 3 furlongs: 34.4

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

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

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.