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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 35TH HOPEFUL STAKES (G1)



Established in 1984 under the name of Radio Tampa Hai Sansai Himba Stakes as a G3 race for two-year-old fillies run over 1,600 meters at Hanshin Racecourse, the race held in December has made various changes in its status over the years. The distance was extended to 2,000 meters while the runners were limited to colts and geldings in 1991, opened its doors once again to fillies and mares in 2000 and acquired international status in 2010. In 2014, the race was given the Hopeful Stakes name, upgraded to G2, excluded geldings and was shifted to a new venue, the Nakayama Racecourse where the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1), is held over the same distance. Last year, the race made its final elevation in grade and has become JRA's 24th G1 flat race.

Even before becoming a G1 race, the Hopeful Stakes was highly regarded as the championship event for two-year-old middle-distance prospects aiming for the three-year-old classics and chosen as the main target in place of the traditional two-year-old G1 championships, the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes and the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies run over 1,600 meters. As a result, the 2,000-meter race attracted many talented runners and subsequent G1 winners such as 2010 Satsuki Sho and 2011 Dubai World Cup (G1, AW, 2,000m) winner *Victoire Pisa* (JPN, by *Neo Universe*), 2013 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) and 2014 Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) victor *Epiphaneia* (JPN, by *Symboli Kris S*), and last year's Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) champion *Rey de Oro* (JPN, by King Kamehameha).

Nishino Daisy who claimed the Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m; Sep.1) and the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m; Nov.17) was the only graded winner among this year's field while notable open-class/allowance race winners included **Saturnalia** [Hagi Stakes (1,800m; Oct.27)], **Admire Justa** [Shigiku Sho (2,000m; Oct.13)] and **Cosmo Calendula** [Kigiku Sho (2,000m; Nov.11)]. **Breaking Dawn** and the Fuyo Stakes (2,000m, Sep.23) victor **Mikki Black** came off second and fourth-place finishes, respectively, in the Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m; Nov.24). The field also included the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes third-place finisher **Vin de Garde**.

Rey de Oro set the record of 2:01.3 in 2016 while *Agnes Tachyon* (JPN, by *Sunday Silence*) marked 2:00.8 at Hanshin Racecourse in 2000.

THE 35TH HOPEFUL STAKES (G1)

2-year-old Colts & Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Friday, December 28, 2018 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:30

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,384,000 <US\$1=¥110>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	4	5	Saturnalia (JPN)	C2	55.0	Lord Kanaloa Cesario	M. Demuro K. Nakatake	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	2:01.6 (35.3)	1.8 (1)
2	6	8	Admire Justa (JPN)	C2	55.0	Just a Way Admire Teresa	C. Lemaire N. Sugai	Riichi Kondo Northern Racing	1-1/2 (35.6)	6.2 (2)
3	1	1	Nishino Daisy (JPN)	C2	55.0	Harbinger Nishino Hinagiku	M. Katsuura N. Takagi	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Nishiyama Stud	3/4 (35.3)	6.6 (3)
4	8	13	Cosmo Calendula (JPN)	C2	55.0	Novellist Mill Luteus	K. Tosaki H. Tanaka	Big Red Farm Big Red Farm	1-1/2 (36.1)	41.6 (8)
5	2	2	Breaking Dawn (JPN)	C2	55.0	Victoire Pisa Agnes Sakura	Y. Fukunaga K. Nakatake	Koki Maeda Kosho Bokujo	Nose (35.9)	9.9 (4)
6	7	11	Vin de Garde (JPN)	C2	55.0	Deep Impact Skia	C. Demuro H. Fujiwara	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	Head (35.4)	10.4 (5)
7	4	4	Hiruno Dakar (JPN)	C2	55.0	Victoire Pisa Time Fair Lady	D. Matsuda Y. Kitade	Hiruno Co., Ltd. Niikappu Hashimoto Bokujo	1/2 (35.8)	68.7 (9)
8	3	3	King Listeia (JPN)	C2	55.0	Belshazzar Listeia Asli	H. Uchida H. Kawachi	Toshihiro Hirosaki Kawakami Bokujo	Nose (35.3)	24.4 (6)

9	5	7	Mikki Black (JPN)	C2	55.0	Black Tide Malacostumbrada	O. Murphy H. Otonashi	Mizuki Noda Northern Farm	2-1/2 (36.1)	35.8 (7)
10	7	10	Madre Voice (JPN)	C2	55.0	Daiwa Major Soulful Voice	K. Miura Y. Tamura	Dearest Club Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1-1/2 (36.2)	436.3 (13)
11	6	9	Just a Gigolo (JPN)	C2	55.0	Novellist Puma Cafe	H. Tanabe N. Owada	Reiko Hara Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (36.5)	70.3 (10)
12	5	6	Hakusan Taiyo (JPN)	C2	55.0	Black Tide Krumpholz	M. Matsuoka Y. Asano	Tsuneo Shinozaki Maekawa Planning Inc.	2-1/2 (36.7)	430.9 (12)
13	8	12	Tanino Drama (JPN)	C2	55.0	Tanino Gimlet Bridal Veil	K. Ikezoe K. Matsuda	Y. Tanimizu Tanino M R Ltd	DS (39.1)	171.0 (11)

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

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: 2:01.6

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 12,382,866,400

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 20,657,399,400

ATTENDANCE: 29,766

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥180	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-6	¥550	QUINELLA	5-8	¥640
PLACE	No.5	¥110	QUINELLA PLACE	5-8	¥260	EXACTA	5-8	¥840
	No.8	¥150		1-5	¥250	TRIO	1-5-8	¥1,130
	No.1	¥140		1-8	¥560	TRIFECTA	5-8-1	¥3,650

1. **Saturnalia (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, colt, 2-year-old

Lord Kanaloo / Cesario (Special Week)

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Kazuya Nakatake

Jockey: Mirco Demuro

3 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 70,966,000

Career earnings: ¥ 94,141,000

2. **Admire Justa (JPN)**, bay, colt, 2-year-old

Just a Way / Admire Teresa (Helissio)

Owner: Riichi Kondo

Breeder: Northern Racing

Trainer: Naosuke Sugai

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

3. **Nishino Daisy (JPN)**, bay, colt, 2-year-old

Harbinger / Nishino Hinagiku (Agnes Tachyon)

Owner: Shigeyuki Nishiyama

Breeder: Nishiyama Stud

Trainer: Noboru Takagi

Jockey: Masaki Katsuura

Saturnalia Continues Undefeated with G1 Hopeful Stakes Win

Heavy favorite **Saturnalia** won his first G1 title while undefeated in three career starts since debuting in June and coming off his latest victory in the Hagi Stakes in October. The son of legendary sprinter *Lord Kanaloo* is out of *Cesario*, winner of the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks)-American Oaks double in 2005, who has also produced two previous G1 winners, *Epiphaneia* [2013 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), 2014 Japan Cup] and *Leontes* [2015 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes]. Trainer Kazuya Nakatake claimed his second career JRA-G1 title after saddling *Jo Cappuccino* to victory in the 2009 NHK Mile Cup. Jockey Mirco Demuro landed his fourth G1 victory of the season and 28th overall—his latest being the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes with Admire Mars.

Saturnalia broke sharply to secure a good position among the front group, allowed **Cosmo Calendula** to set a considerably slow pace while settling well a length behind in second position early. Still unhurried as the field began to close in before the final turn, the *Lord Kanaloo* colt found another gear passing the furlong pole, instantly

dislodged **Admire Justa** 100 meters out and drew away easily to a 1-1/2-length victory to conclude his two-year-old debut season with three wins in as many starts.

“I feel great. I knew I was riding the strongest two-year-old of the season but it was his first time over 2,000 meters so I was a little worried. He really showed his strength though squeezing his way through the narrow opening. I am really looking forward to his three-year-old season,” commented Mirco Demuro.

Admire Justa broke smoothly and was positioned smartly outside the eventual winner in third, moved up to close in on the leader rounding the third corner, sprinted out to take command in the early stretch but was unable to sustain his bid as the winner flew past his outside while holding well for second.

Nishino Daisy took advantage of an inside draw and saved ground inside at the heel of the eventual winner as the three top favorites formed the front group chasing **Cosmo Calendula**. The *Harbinger* colt dropped back briefly as the runners outside began to make headway approaching the last corner but showed impressive turn of speed to come out from between horses and track the winner once again, just short of pinning **Admire Justa**.

Other Horses:

4th: (13) **Cosmo Calendula**—set slow pace, showed tenacity until 100m pole, weakened in final strides

5th: (2) **Breaking Dawn**—raced in 6th behind winner, in contention with leaders at top of stretch, weakened in last 200m

6th: (11) **Vin de Garde**—sat 2nd from rear, checked at early stretch, met traffic 200m out, quickened thereafter

7th: (4) **Hiruno Dakar**—ran 3-wide in 7th, turned to straight in good striking position, failed to respond

8th: (3) **King Listeia**—was off slow, trailed in rear, advanced on outer route, passed tired rivals

9th: (7) **Mikki Black**—settled in 10th, made headway after 3rd corner, found little room at early stretch, even paced

10th: (10) **Madre Voice**—traveled in 11th, lacked needed kick

11th: (9) **Just a Gigolo**—raced 4-wide in 9th, checked at final corner, lost momentum

12th: (6) **Hakusan Taiyo**—hugged rails in 8th, outrun after 3rd corner

13th: (12) **Tanino Drama**—sat 4-wide in 5th, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 12.0 - 13.0 - 12.5 - 12.2 - 11.8 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 11.5 - 11.8

Last 4 furlongs: 47.3 Last 3 furlongs: 35.5

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 13(5,8)(1,12)(2,4)(6,9)7,10,11-3

2nd corner 13(5,8)(1,12)(2,4)(6,9)7(10,11)-3

3rd corner 13,8(5,2)4(1,7,9)10(6,11,12)3

4th corner (*13,8,2)(5,4,9)(7,11)1(10,3)6-12

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.