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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 21ST 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 first 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.

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.

2016-18 Best Steeplechase Horse **Oju Chosan** switched to flat racing after becoming the second horse in history to capture three consecutive Nakayama Grand Jump titles last year, but started his 2019 season once again in steeplechase racing and immediately claimed the Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m; Mar.9) where 2018 Nakayama Daishogai runner-up **Taisei Dream** and fourth-place finisher **Thinking Dancer** followed in second and third, respectively. **Meiner Prompt** came off a win in the Pegasus Jump Stakes (3,350m; Mar.23) while Nakayama Daishogai fifth-place **Miyaji Taiga** was fourth. Last year's third-place finisher **Nihonpiro Baron** went on to claim his first J-G1 title in the Nakayama Daishogai last December and this was his first start since then. The field also included **Le Pere Noel** who has a record of two thirds, a fourth and a fifth in five J-G1 events.

Oju Chosan renewed the race record of 4:43.0 last year.

THE 21ST NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

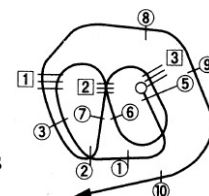
4-year-old & up, 4,250 meters (about 2 and 2/3 miles), turf

Saturday, April 13, 2019 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 142,660,000 (about US\$ 1,240,500 <US\$1=¥115>)

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

Safety factor: 16 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	5	5	Oju Chosan (JPN)	H8	63.0	Stay Gold Shadow Silhouette	S. Ishigami S. Wada	Chosan Co., Ltd. Naoyoshi Nagayama	4:47.6	1.1 (1)
2	3	3	Thinking Dancer (JPN)	H6	63.0	Conduit Spring Board	M. Kaneko Y. Takeichi	Yuji Sato Okada Stud	2-1/2	44.0 (6)
3	4	4	Meiner Prompt (JPN)	G7	63.0	Maturida Gogh Cosmo Krabbe	K. Mori T. Sakaguchi	Takefumi Okada Cosmo View Farm	7	16.6 (4)
4	6	6	Rapid Ship (JPN)	H5	63.0	Rulership Change Yourself	S. Kitazawa H. Take	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck	109.7 (8)
5	8	10	Taisei Dream (JPN)	H9	63.0	Deep Impact More Than Best	K. Hirasawa Y. Yahagi	Seiho Tanaka Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck	9.6 (3)
6	1	1	Nihonpiro Baron (JPN)	H9	63.0	Fusaichi Richard Nihonpillow Annika	Y. Shirahama H. Tadokoro	Hyakutaro Kobayashi Hyakutaro Kobayashi	3-1/2	9.0 (2)
7	7	8	Le Pere Noel (JPN)	H9	63.0	Admire Moon Santa Mama	J. Takada H. Fujiwara	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Daiten Farm	7	78.3 (7)
8	2	2	Miyaji Taiga (JPN)	H9	63.0	Neo Universe Florence Girl	M. Nishitani K. Take	Tsukasa Soga Maple·V·Alliance	DS	38.8 (5)

9	8	11	Yamanin Sylphe (JPN)	H6	63.0	Daiwa Major Yamanin Carrefour	T. Kosaka K. Yamauchi	H. Doi Hajime Doi	7	149.2 (11)
	6	7	Toa Tsukihikari (JPN)	G5	63.0	Rulership Toa Tsuki Akari	Y. Igarashi T. Fujiwara	Takayama Land Co., Ltd. Toa Bokujo	FF	144.8 (10)
	7	9	Shigeru Boss Zaru (JPN)	H5	63.0	Precise End It's About Silver	T. Ueno K. Tani	S. Morinaka Marumura Murashita Farm	FF	137.7 (9)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / 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: 4:47.6

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥2,216,554,300

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥8,202,749,300

ATTENDANCE: 29,329

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.5	¥110	BRACKET QUINELLA	3-5	¥1,430	QUINELLA	3-5	¥1,390
PLACE	No.5	¥110	QUINELLA PLACE	3-5	¥580	EXACTA	5-3	¥1,660
	No.3	¥320		4-5	¥280	TRIO	3-4-5	¥2,430
	No.4	¥200		3-4	¥1,580	TRIFECTA	5-3-4	¥7,270

1. Oju Chosan (JPN), bay, horse, 8-year-old

Stay Gold / Shadow Silhouette (Symboli Kris S)

Owner: Chosan Co., Ltd. Breeder: Naoyoshi Nagayama

Trainer: Shoichiro Wada Jockey: Shinichi Ishigami

27 Starts, 16 Wins (22 Starts, 14 Wins *steeplechases only)

Added money: ¥66,385,000 Career earnings: ¥666,805,000 (¥640,885,000 *steeplechases only)

2. Thinking Dancer (JPN), chestnut, horse, 6-year-old

Conduit / Spring Board (Assatis)

Owner: Yuji Sato Breeder: Okada Stud

Trainer: Yasuo Takeichi Jockey: Mitsuki Kaneko

3. Meiner Prompt (JPN), dark bay or brown, gelding, 7-year-old

Maturida Gogh / Cosmo Krabbe (Meiner Love)

Owner: Takefumi Okada Breeder: Cosmo View Farm

Trainer: Tomoyasu Sakaguchi Jockey: Kazuma Mori

Oju Chosan Sets New Record Landing Fourth Consecutive Nakayama Grand Jump Title

Overwhelming favorite **Oju Chosan** renewed *Karasi's* 2005-2007 record and claimed his fourth back-to-back Nakayama Grand Jump victory. This marks his 11th consecutive graded steeplechase win, and sixth J-G1 triumph which include two Nakayama Daishogai titles. Following his 2018 Nakayama Grand Jump victory, the son of *Stay Gold* was briefly switched to flat racing where he marked two wins out of three starts and finished ninth in the year-end Arima Kinen. Sent back to challenge the jumps, he kicked off this season in good form immediately claiming the Hanshin Spring Jump win. **Oju Chosan** has given trainer Shoichiro Wada all of his six J-G1 titles and jockey Shinichi Ishigami, who grabbed an additional one in the Nakayama Daishogai with **Nihonpiro Baron** last year, now celebrates his seventh.

The eleven-horse field broke evenly before **Miyaji Taiga** took the lead after the first jump (obstacle no. 5), followed by **Meiner Prompt** in second and **Oju Chosan** in third. Challenged by **Nihonpiro Baron** from the outside coming out of the first dip, **Oju Chosan** swiftly advanced to threaten the leader before the brush fence (no. 6) but settled in second and eventually behind **Nihonpiro Baron** in third at the sixth jump (no.5). As the three climbed out of the dip together and cleared the seventh jump (grand hedge no.7) side by side, **Miyaji Taiga** once

again paved the way but was caught in the backstretch and was through while **Oju Chosan** approached the 11th jump (no.9) next to **Thinking Dancer** in front of the others. The heavy favorite saved ground rounding the final turn and held off the challenge from the eventual runner-up to secure his fourth title by a good 2-1/2-length margin.

“The pressure from the other runners during the run was enormous—this was definitely the toughest race I’ve ever experienced. Besides one, we cleared all of the jumps well and he stretched to the line beautifully. I had no doubts about his strength and it’s a real joy to win four in a row,” commented Shinichi Ishigami after the ceremony.

Thinking Dancer was settled in around sixth and mid-pack most of the journey, made headway after the 10th jump (no.8) and caught up with the eventual winner at the 11th obstacle (no.9). Although the sixth-pick chestnut was no match against the defending champion despite a good challenge up to the final jump (no.10), **Thinking Dancer** showed good stayer talent clearing the wire seven lengths ahead of the next finisher.

Fourth favorite **Meiner Prompt** tracked the leaders in second, then fourth near the pace and dropped back a bit after the seventh jump (no.7). However, after clearing the final jump in fifth, the seven-year-old gelding emerged with another gear and overtook two tiring runners down the stretch for third.

Other Horses:

4th: (6) **Rapid Ship**—traveled around 8th, gradually advanced after 7th jump (no.7), responded well after final jump (no.10)

5th: (10) **Taisei Dream**—settled in 5th, made headway to close in on leaders after 10th jump (no.8), weakened after final jump (no.10)

6th: (1) **Nihonpiro Baron**—raced behind **Oju Chosan**, advanced to 2nd after 5th jump (no.6), gradually fell back after 7th jump (no.7)

7th: (8) **Le Pere Noel**—raced around 8th, unable to reach contention

8th: (2) **Miyaji Taiga**—set pace, faded after 10th jump (no.8)

9th: (11) **Yamanin Sylphe**—sat 3rd form rear, no factor

FF: (7) **Toa Tsukihikari**—trailed in rear throughout, unseated rider after final jump (no.10)

FF: (9) **Shigeru Boss Zaru**—ran 2nd from rear throughout, unseated rider after final jump (no.10)

Fractional time: Last 1 mile: 1:44.7 Last 4 furlongs: 51.6 Last 3 furlongs: 38.9

Positions at each corner (2nd lap): 1st corner 2-5-1-4,10,3-6=8=11-(9,7)
2nd corner 2,5-1,4(3,10)-6=8=11(9,7)
3rd corner (5,*3,10)1-(2,4)-6=8=11-7,9
4th corner (*5,3)-10,1-4-6=2,8=11=(9,7)

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.