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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 71ST 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. 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.

Last year’s winner **Admire Mars** (JPN, by **Daiwa Major**) was named 2018 Best Two-Year-Old Colt and continued with G1 successes in the NHK Mile Cup and the Hong Kong Mile this year.

This year’s lineup featured **Salios** who came off his second consecutive win in the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (G3, 1,600m; Oct.5). **Red Bel Jour** also came into the race undefeated in two career starts including the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m; Nov.9) in which **Win Greatest**, **Pale Ale** and **Triple Ace** finished second, third and fourth, respectively. **Taisei Vision** who finished second to **Bien Fait** in the Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,200m; Jul.21) turned the tables on that rival in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m; Nov.2). The field also included **Prince Return**, **Lauda Sion** and **Egremni**, respective winners of the Kikyo Stakes (1,400m; Sep.21), the Momiji Stakes (1,400m; Oct.12) and the Shumeigiku Sho (1,400m; Nov.17).

**THE 71ST ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)**

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

Sunday, December 15, 2019 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,324,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	3	6	Salios (JPN)	C2	55.0	Heart’s Cry Salomina	R. Moore N. Hori	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing	1:33.0 (35.4)	2.0 (1)
2	4	8	Taisei Vision (JPN)	C2	55.0	Turtle Bowl Somnia	Y. Take M. Nishimura	Seiho Tanaka Northern Farm	2-1/2 (35.3)	5.8 (2)
3	5	9	Gran Rey (JPN)	C2	55.0	Rulership Miracle Berry	K. Ikezoe M. Ikezoe	Nagoya Yuho Kazuyoshi Yamagami	1-1/4 (34.9)	229.3 (14)
4	7	14	Tagano Beauty (JPN)	C2	55.0	Henny Hughes Special Dinner	R. Wada M. Nishizono	Ryoji Yagi Ryoji Yagi	Neck (35.2)	61.6 (9)
5	7	13	Prince Return (JPN)	C2	55.0	Strong Return Princess Pride	K. Harada T. Kayo	Cosmo View Farm Co., Ltd. Nakadate Bokujo	1-1/4 (35.7)	347.1 (15)
6	1	1	Jun Light Bolt (JPN)	C2	55.0	King Kamehameha Special Groove	Y. Iwata Y. Tomomichi	Junji Kawai Northern Racing	Neck (35.6)	66.8 (10)
7	1	2	Bien Fait (JPN)	C2	55.0	Kizuna Le Sucre	Y. Fujioka K. Nakatake	Koki Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd.	Head (36.7)	12.6 (5)
8	8	16	Lauda Sion (JPN)	C2	55.0	Real Impact Antiphona	C. Lemaire T. Saito	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida	1/2 (36.1)	18.0 (6)
9	4	7	Win Greatest (JPN)	C2	55.0	Screen Hero Great Catty	M. Matsuoka T. Aoki	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm	2 (36.5)	43.5 (8)
10	6	12	Red Bel Jour (JPN)	C2	55.0	Deep Impact Red Fantasia	C. Soumillon H. Fujiwara	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Mint Co.	Nose (36.0)	5.9 (3)

11	2	4	Triple Ace (IRE)	C2	55.0	Shamardal Triple Pirouette	W. Buick T. Saito	Godolphin Godolphin	Neck (36.9)	37.9 (7)
12	6	11	Carinito (JPN)	C2	55.0	Rulership K S Akari	H. Miyuki H. Oneda	Hirotsugu Oku Takao Takayanagi	3 (35.8)	453.0 (16)
13	3	5	Meiner Grit (JPN)	C2	55.0	Screen Hero Meine Schokolade	Y. Kokubun N. Yoshida	K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Big Red Farm	5 (37.7)	174.2 (13)
14	5	10	Egremni (JPN)	C2	55.0	Kizuna Beach Idle	Y. Fukunaga T. Kayo	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm	Neck (38.1)	146.8 (12)
15	8	15	Meisho Titan (JPN)	C2	55.0	Lord Kanaloa L'Artista	K. Matsuyama M. Honda	Yoshio Matsumoto Matsuda Bokujo	4 (39.1)	117.0 (11)
16	2	3	Pale Ale (JPN)	C2	55.0	Daiwa Major Appeal	O. Murphy T. Yasuda	Masamichi Hayashi Northern Farm	3 (39.0)	8.8 (4)

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: 1:33.0

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 14,038,953,400

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 23,283,087,400

ATTENDANCE: 26,670

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.6	¥ 200	BRACKET QUINELLA	3-4	¥ 530	QUINELLA	6-8	¥ 660
PLACE	No.6	¥ 120	QUINELLA PLACE	6-8	¥ 310	EXACTA	6-8	¥ 950
	No.8	¥ 190		6-9	¥ 6,240	TRIO	6-8-9	¥ 38,080
	No.9	¥ 2,360		8-9	¥ 13,830	TRIFECTA	6-8-9	¥ 90,260

**1. Salios (JPN)**, chestnut, colt, 2-year-olds

Heart's Cry / Salomina (Lomitas)

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

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori Jockey: Ryan Moore

3 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 71,134,000 Career earnings: ¥ 111,449,000

**2. Taisei Vision (JPN)**, chestnut, colt, 2-year-olds

Turtle Bowl / Somnia (Special Week)

Owner: Seiho Tanaka Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Masayuki Nishimura Jockey: Yutaka Take

**3. Gran Rey (JPN)**, bay, colt, 2-year-olds

Rulership / Miracle Berry (Falbrav)

Owner: Nagoya Yuhō Breeder: Kazuyoshi Yamagami

Trainer: Manabu Ikezoe Jockey: Kenichi Ikezoe

**Salios Delivers as Favorite in Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes**

Heavy favorite **Salios** captured the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes title undefeated in three starts since his debut in June and did so in record 1:33.0, 0.3 second faster than the previous record set by Danon Premium in 2017. After breaking his maiden in his debut start over 1,600 meters, the Heart's Cry colt renewed the course record in his grade-race debut, the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (G3, 1,600m) in which he stopped the clock in 1:32.7. Trainer Noriyuki Hori won his 12th JRA-G1 title, his latest being the 2017 Takarazuka Kinen with Satono Crown. Ryan Moore who has been riding under a short-term license since November 16 won his eighth G1 victory—his first since the 2017 Champions Cup with Gold Dream and second in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes after his victory with Asia Express in 2013.

**Salios** slid into a nice spot from a good draw and chased the leader who set a rapid pace, in fourth position and off the rails and outside a rival, and edged closer to the front before the last turn as the field began to gather speed for the stretch run. The chestnut made use of his big strides to make an early start and take command at the head of the stretch as the front runners began to tire and was in full gear when **Taisei Vision** came with great force from behind, maintaining a clear lead right up to the wire for a 2-1/2-length victory.

“He was a lovely horse. The track ran very fast, but he’s a colt that’s not short-paced and he was still very green on the turn so he should run even faster in the future. He’s a big powerful colt and when I sat on him you get the impression that he’s very strong already, but he should improve and be even better as he gets older being the size that he is and hopefully he’ll carry on,” commented Ryan Moore.

**Taisei Vision** sat well off the pace two to three wide in 12th position, had to turn wide for the stretch run and made ground rapidly to close in on the eventual winner but was unable to cause a serious threat while besting the rest of the field by more than a length.

Lightly regarded **Gran Rey**, who had just debuted in early October and had come off a win in his second career start later that month, traveled second from last along the rails and loomed to contention with the fastest finish (last 3F) to make ground along the outside for third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (14) **Tagano Beauty**—raced in 14th, turned wide, showed 2nd fastest late drive but overtaken by third-place finisher just before wire

5th: (13) **Prince Return**—wide trip around 11th early, further out in early stretch, showed belated charge

6th: (1) **Jun Light Bolt**—took economic trip around 10th, lacked needed kick

7th: (2) **Bien Fait**—set rapid pace, maintained lead until 300m out, weakened in last 100m

8th: (16) **Lauda Sion**—traveled 2-wide around 8th, showed brief effort, even paced in last 200m

9th: (7) **Win Greatest**—settled behind winner around 6th, checked 300m out, lost momentum

10th: (12) **Red Bel Jour**—was off a bit slow, ran around 12th, unable to reach contention

11th: (4) **Triple Ace**—raced inside winner, gradually fell back after final corner

12th: (11) **Carinito**—trailed in rear, circled wide, passed tired rivals

13th: (5) **Meiner Grit**—traveled around 9th, never threatened

14th: (10) **Egremni**—sat behind winner in 5th, checked at early stretch, dropped back

15th: (15) **Meisho Titan**—chased leader in 2nd, tired from early efforts

16th: (3) **Pale Ale**—saved ground in 7th, faded in stretch

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 10.5 - 11.1 - 11.6 - 11.8 - 11.8 - 11.6 - 12.4

Last 4 furlongs: 47.6 Last 3 furlongs: 35.8

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

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

**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.