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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 17TH 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 only 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. This year's race was contested without any runners from abroad.

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.

Last year's champion **Apollo Maverick**, who won the race with an overwhelming five-length margin, was named the 2014 Best Steeplechase Horse for the second consecutive year. The son of *Apollo Kingdom* was runner-up in the Nakayama Daishogai last December, being overtaken in the stretch run by **Red Kingdom**, who went on to claim a 3-1/2-length victory in this year's Pegasus Jump Stakes (3,350m) held on March 29, whereas **Apollo Maverick** was fifth in the race. **Shiny Black**, who was fourth in both J-G1 races last year, finished third in the Pegasus Jump Stakes.

Sanrei Duke, third-place finisher in last year's Nakayama Daishogai, captured his second J-G2 title in the Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m) held on March 14. **Sombrero**, for whom this race was his first J-G1 challenge, came off a third-place finish in the Hanshin Spring Jump while **Riki-ai Kurofune**, winner of the 2013 Pegasus Jump Stakes and runner-up to *Blackstairmountain* in the Nakayama Grand Jump the same year, came off an 11th-place finish in a flat turf race (1,800m) held three weeks ago.

THE 17TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

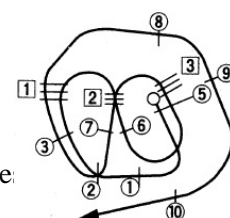
4-year-old & up, 4,250 meters (about 2 and 2/3 miles), turf

Saturday, April 18, 2015 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 135,000,000 (about US\$ 1,125,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

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

Safety factor: 16 runners



FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin	Odds (Fav)
1	7	12	Up to Date (JPN)	H5	63.0	Kurofune Linear Muse	M. Hayashi S. Sasaki	Kazuo Imanishi North Hills Co., Ltd.	4:46.6	12.0 (4)
2	7	13	Sombrero (JPN)	H5	63.0	Tanino Gimlet Tanino Rose	J. Takada K. Matsuda	Y. Tanimizu Yuzo Tanimizu	DS	15.7 (5)
3	4	7	Sanrei Duke (JPN)	H7	63.0	Durandal San Lake Queen	Y. Namba Y. Takahashi	Keiji Nagai Keiji Nagai	2-1/2	7.9 (3)
4	4	6	Shiny Black (JPN)	G8	63.0	Dance in the Dark Daitaku Azumit	N. Hamanoya S. Ito	Masashi Kobayashi Masashi Kobayashi	10	29.6 (6)
5	3	5	Apollo Maverick (JPN)	H6	63.0	Apollo Kingdom Omega Fastar	Y. Igarashi M. Horii	Apollo Thoroughbred Club Apollo Thoroughbred Club	2-1/2	4.7 (2)
6	2	2	Tyrian Purple (JPN)	M5	61.0	Jungle Pocket Make History	K. Yamamoto T. Kanari	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	Neck	196.3 (11)
7	3	4	Red Kingdom (JPN)	H6	63.0	Deep Impact Proud Beauty	M. Nishitani M. Matsunaga	TokyoHorseRacingCo.,Ltd Hidetoshi Yamamoto	4	1.5 (1)
8	2	3	Biko Pililani (JPN)	H5	63.0	King Kamehameha Biko Sophia	T. Tamura H. Tadokoro	U. Legend Kayo Yoshida	3-1/2	259.5 (14)

9	5	8 B	Miyako Deluxe (JPN)	H6	63.0	Tanino Gimlet Last Partner	Y. Onodera Y. Sugawara	Kiyoji Yoshida Hakutsu Bokujo	DS	223.6 (12)
10	6	10	Sammaru Boss (JPN)	H8	63.0	Admire Boss Tapis Vert	K. Takano Y. Sato	Isamu Soma Tabata Bokujo	DS	313.5 (15)
/	1	1	Fire (JPN)	H7	63.0	Agnes Tachyon Hoshino Kamikochi	K. Mori M. Honda	Tomiro Fukami Masayuki Terakoshi	FF	39.9 (7)
/	5	9	Country Snow (JPN)	G8	63.0	Timber Country Snow Style	K. Harada H. Kurita	Yoshio Suzuki Okada Stud	FF	246.0 (13)
/	6	11	Rikiai Kurofune (JPN)	H8	63.0	Kurofune Eidai Heroine	M. Kaneko T. Tanaka	Takahiro Okada Toshin Bokujo	FF	117.0 (9)
/	8	14	Shonan Coming (JPN)	H7	63.0	Taiki Shuttle Maltese Breeze	T. Kusano T. Tanaka	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Koki Hayashi	FF	161.5 (10)
/	8	15	Tenjin Kiyomori (JPN)	H5	63.0	Grass Wonder Yushima Mizuki	Y. Eda R. Takei	Takeshi Shirai Tenjin Corporation	FF	83.5 (8)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / B=Blinker / 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: 4:46.6 (course/race record) GOING: Firm WEATHER: Fine
 TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 1,712,511,600
 TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 7,651,744,500 ATTENDANCE: 26,114

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.12	¥1,200	BRACKET QUINELLA	7-7	¥5,290	QUINELLA	12-13	¥4,640
PLACE	No.12	¥440	QUINELLA PLACE	12-13	¥1,170	EXACTA	12-13	¥11,490
	No.13	¥500		7-12	¥1,010	TRIO	7-12-13	¥6,450
	No.7	¥340		7-13	¥1,030	TRIFECTA	12-13-7	¥69,700

1. Up to Date (JPN), gray, horse, 5-year-old

Kurofune / Linear Muse (Tony Bin)

Breeder: North Hills Co., Ltd. Owner: Kazuo Imanishi

Trainer: Shozo Sasaki Jockey: Mitsuaki Hayashi

21 Starts, 5 Wins (6 Starts, 3 Wins *steeplechases only)

Added money: ¥ 65,525,000 Career earnings: ¥ 130,471,000 (¥ 99,423,000 *steeplechases only)

2. Sombrero (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old

Tanino Gimlet / Tanino Rose (Generous)

Breeder: Yuzo Tanimizu Owner: Y. Tanimizu

Trainer: Kunihide Matsuda Jockey: Jun Takada

3. Sanrei Duke (JPN), bay, horse, 7-year-old

Durandal / San Lake Queen (Cozzene)

Breeder: Keiji Nagai Owner: Keiji Nagai

Trainer: Yoshitada Takahashi Jockey: Yoshiyasu Namba

Up to Date Beats Favorites in Nakayama Grand Jump in Record Time

Fourth pick **Up to Date** captured this year's Nakayama Grand Jump in 4:46.6, renewing the record time set by *Blandices (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O)* in 2004 by 0.4 seconds. The son of *Kurofune* was switched to steeplechase last September, being winless since marking two wins in his two-year-old debut season in 2012. Registering a win in his second steeplechase outing, the gray went on to mark another win in the following open-class race and was fourth in his first grade-race challenge in the previous Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m).

Trainer Shozo Sasaki added his first J-G1 steeplechase victory to his five JRA-G1 flat-race wins, which include the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) title with *Kizuna (JPN, by Deep Impact)* in 2013. This win marked the first J-G1 title for Mitsuaki Hayashi, a veteran steeplechase jockey with three J-G2 titles, who has been partnering with the

