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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 139TH NAKAYAMA DAISHOGAI (J-G1)



The history of the Nakayama Daishogai dates back to 1934 when the biggest jump race in Japan was established in the aim of providing equal excitement to the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), which was the most popular race in flat racing. The highest level of steeplechase racing was originally held as a biannual event held in April and December until the spring version was renamed the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1, 4,250m) in 1999. Still, the two jump races continued to position itself as the only two obstacle races of J-G1 level of equal standard and its results serving as a decisive factor in the selection of the seasonal JRA Award for Best Steeplechase Horse. In addition to the Nakayama Grand Jump, which was designated an international race in 2000, the Nakayama Daishogai became an international steeplechase event open to foreign contenders in 2011.

The Nakayama Daishogai features 11 jumps over the figure-of-eight-shaped course which includes six up-and-downs over the banks. The first half resembles that of the Nakayama Grand Jump while the Nakayama Daishogai does not include the movable hurdles along the outside turf track and the total distance being 150 meters shorter. The 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 winner **Up to Date** concluded his prosperous season notching the 2015 Best Steeplechase Horse title, however due to a popped splint in his left foreleg earlier this season, he was forced to pass up the Nakayama Grand Jump in the spring. The defending champion was entered off a Hanshin Jump Stakes (J-G3, 3,140m) runner-up finish in September.

After dominating this year's Nakayama Grand Jump, **Oju Chosan** went on to capture consecutive wins in the Tokyo Jump Stakes (J-G3, 3,110m) in June, and the Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m) in which he put away 2014 Nakayama Daishogai and 2015 Nakayama Grand Jump third-place finisher **Sanrei Duke** who finished sixth. **Dream Sailing** came off a victory in the Kyoto Jump Stakes (J-G3, 3,170m) in November.

Also among the line-up were Shuyo Jump Stakes (3,110m) finishers; runner-up **Le Pere Noel**, seventh-placed **Tosen Hanamizuki** and ninth-place **Kau Wela**. Coming off their Illumination Jump Stakes (3,570m) starts were; **Ludwig Code**, **Tyrian Purple** and **Win il Sole**, in fifth, sixth and ninth, respectively. **Kurino Daikokuten** was at the gate after finishing sixth in his previous open class steeplechase race (3,300m). Kokura Summer Jump (J-G3, 3,390m) winner Makio Bowler was scratched due to lameness in his right shoulder.

Symboli Montreux (JPN, by *Mogami*) set the record when winning the 1991 Nakayama Daishogai (Autumn) in 4:37.2.

THE 139TH NAKAYAMA DAISHOGAI (J-G1)

3-year-old & up, 4,100 meters (about 2.56 miles), turf

Friday, December 23, 2016

Nakayama Racecourse

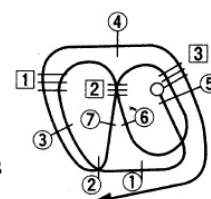
10th Race

Post time: 14:45

Total prize money: ¥ 142,660,000 (about US\$ 1,188,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 61kg (about 135 lbs), 4-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	Odds (Fav)
1	7	9	Oju Chosan (JPN)	H5	63.0	Stay Gold Shadow Silhouette	S. Ishigami S. Wada	Chosan Co., Ltd. Naoyoshi Nagayama	4:45.6	1.4 (1)
2	8	12	Up to Date (JPN)	H6	63.0	Kurofune Linear Muse	M. Hayashi S. Sasaki	Kazuo Imanishi North Hills Co., Ltd.	9	3.2 (2)
3	8	11	Le Pere Noel (JPN)	H6	63.0	Admire Moon Santa Mama	J. Takada H. Fujiwara	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Daiten Farm	5	11.1 (3)
4	3	3	Sanrei Duke (JPN)	H8	63.0	Durandal San Lake Queen	Y. Namba Y. Takahashi	Keiji Nagai Keiji Nagai	DS	19.1 (5)
5	5	6	Tyrian Purple (JPN)	M6	61.0	Jungle Pocket Make History	K. Yamamoto T. Kanari	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	7	83.1 (8)
6	1	1	Dream Sailing (JPN)	H9	63.0	Kurofune Global Peace	Y. Igarashi T. Tajima	Lion Race Horse Co., Ltd. Chiyoda Farm Shizunai	1-1/2	16.5 (4)

7	6	7	Kau Wela (JPN)	H6	63.0	King Kamehameha Memorial Summer	N. Hamanoya H. Toda	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm	2-1/2	135.4 (10)
8	4	4	Ludwig Code (JPN)	C4	63.0	Deep Impact Little Harmony	T. Kosaka H. Nagahama	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	5	58.4 (6)
9	6	8	Kurino Daikokuten (JPN)	H5	63.0	Heart's Cry Megami Guerlain	T. Ueno K. Tani	Hiroharu Kurimoto Shirai Stud Farm	Neck	74.9 (7)
10	2	2	Tosen Hanamizuki (JPN)	M6	61.0	Taiki Shuttle Claret Punch	K. Oba H. Narishima	Takaya Shimakawa Northern Farm	DS	114.6 (9)
11	7	10	Win il Sole (JPN)	H5	63.0	Fasliyev Umbrella	Y. Minoshima Y. Takahashi	Win Co., Ltd. Hokusei Murata Bokujo	DS	212.2 (11)
	5	5	Makio Bowler (JPN)	H6	63.0	Meisho Bowler Partition	K. Hirasawa T. Igarashi	Masato Inoke Shigeki Umamichi	Scratched	

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / Wgt=Weight / 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: 4:45.6

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Cloudy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥1,511,241,000

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥8,689,762,400

ATTENDANCE: 27,713

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.9	¥140	BRACKET QUINELLA	7-8	¥160	QUINELLA	9-12	¥190
PLACE	No.9	¥100	QUINELLA PLACE	9-12	¥130	EXACTA	9-12	¥280
	No.12	¥100		9-11	¥230	TRIO	9-11-12	¥450
	No.11	¥140		11-12	¥320	TRIFECTA	9-12-11	¥890

1. Oju Chosan (JPN), bay, horse, 5-year-old

Stay Gold / Shadow Silhouette (Symboli Kris S)

Owner: Chosan Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Naoyoshi Nagayama

Trainer: Shoichiro Wada

Jockey: Shinichi Ishigami

17 Starts, 7 Wins (15 Starts, 7 Wins *steeplechases only)

Added money: ¥ 66,420,000

Career earnings: ¥ 250,924,000 (¥ 250,924,000 *steeplechases only)

Principal Race Performances:

'16 Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1, 4,250m) 1st

'16 Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m) 1st

'16 Tokyo Jump Stakes (J-G3, 3,110m) 1st

2. Up to Date (JPN), gray, horse, 6-year-old

Kurofune / Linear Muse (Tony Bin)

Owner: Kazuo Imanishi

Breeder: North Hills Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Shozo Sasaki

Jockey: Mitsuaki Hayashi

3. Le Pere Noel (JPN), dark bay or brown, horse, 6-year-old

Admire Moon / Santa Mama (Lear Fan)

Owner: K. Hidaka Breeders Union

Breeder: Daiten Farm

Trainer: Hideaki Fujiwara

Jockey: Jun Takada

Oju Chosan Dominates both J-G1 Jump Titles by Claiming the Nakayama Daishogai

This year's Nakayama Grand Jump victor and race favorite **Oju Chosan** demonstrated a sound performance in capturing the only other JRA-G1 steeplechase event on the calendar, the Nakayama Daishogai by a remarkable nine lengths, extending his grade-race winning streak to four, and has most likely secured his JRA Best Steeplechase Horse of 2016 title. The Stay Gold horse has become the second to win both JRA-G1 races in the same year, following last season's winner **Up to Date**, and has provided both trainer Shoichiro Wada and jockey Shinichi Ishigami with their second G1 title. Already guaranteed the JRA Champion Jump Jockey Award of 2016, Ishigami is now tied with Tadashi Kosaka in 2006 in capturing the most seasonal graded jump victories (a total of

five), landing four graded titles with **Oju Chosan** and also the Kyoto Jump Stakes with Dream Sailing in November.

The race was off with **Dream Sailing** taking the lead, the defending champion **Up to Date** stalking the pace and **Oju Chosan** a couple of lengths from that in third as the field cleared the water jump (fence 2) the first time around. The front runner enhanced his lead to two to three lengths as the heavily favored winner was reserved seven lengths from **Up to Date** as they cleared the brush fence (fence 5) and changed hands while the rest of the field also trailed several lengths from that.

Second pick **Up to Date** made his move by closing in on **Dream Sailing** at the eighth obstacle and finally took over the lead in the backstretch by the tenth jump (fence 4) as **Oju Chosan**, in close pursuit, also pinned the tiring pace setter going through the last dip. **Up to Date** desperately tried to hold on to his brief lead but was caught by **Oju Chosan** at the final fence (fence 11) and had nothing left turning the last corner as the five-year-old bay displayed his outstanding stamina to romp to a most convincing nine-length victory.

“His strength was amazing. It was the plan to keep our eyes on Up to Date, but my horse had a different gear. I just sat on him and didn’t have to do anything. I’m already looking forward to his next season,” commented jockey Shinichi Ishigami. “He was placed well during the trip and was steady in jumping the fences. He responded very well and was wonderful today. Our further plans will be to start him in the Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m; Mar.11) and then head on to the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1, 4,250m; Apr.15),” added trainer Shoichiro Wada.

Other Horses:

3rd: (11) **Le Pere Noel**—raced in 6th early, advanced to 5th at 2nd corner (1st lap), then to 4th at 5th obstacle (fence 6), passed pacesetter after final obstacle (fence 5)

4th: (3) **Sanrei Duke**—settled 3rd from rear, gradually made headway, passed tired rivals at stretch

5th: (6) **Tyrian Purple**—sat 7th, improved position after 5th obstacle (fence 6), never a threat

6th: (1) **Dream Sailing**—set pace, led until 10th obstacle (fence 4), outrun thereafter

7th: (7) **Kau Wela**—raced toward rear early, gradually advanced, lacked needed kick

8th: (4) **Ludwig Code**—traveled near rear, passed tired rival at stretch

9th: (8) **Kurino Daikokuten**—rated in middle of field, unable to reach contention

10th: (2) **Tosen Hanamizuki**—ran in 4th early, gradually dropped back

11th: (10) **Win il Sole**—in rear throughout, no factor

Scratched: (5) **Makio Bowler**—due to lameness in right shoulder

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): Last 4 furlongs: 52.0 Last 3 furlongs: 38.8 (1 mile: 1:47.8)

Positions at each corner (2nd lap): 1st corner 1,12-**9**-(11,6)=7-8-3-2,4-10

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

3rd corner (*12,**9**)-1-11-7,6=3=8-4=2,10

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

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.