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## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 72ND 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.

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

This year’s race featured four graded winners, **Shock Action** (the Niigata Nisai Stakes [G3, 1,600m, Aug.30]), **Stella Veloce** (the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup [G3, 1,600m, Oct.10]), **Mondreise** (the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes [G2, 1,400m, Nov.7]) and **Red Belle Aube** (the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes [G2, 1,600m, Nov.14]). Coming off their respective wins in other prep races were **Dura Mondo** (the Aster Sho [1,600m, Sep.12]), **Ascoltare** (the Momiji Stakes [1,400m, Oct.18]) and **Blue Spirit** (the Shumeigiku Sho [1,400m, Nov.23]). The field also included **Lord Max** and **Ho O Amazon**, runner-up of the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes and the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes, respectively.

### THE 72ND ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 20, 2020 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,410,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

Course Record: 1:32.3

Race Record: 1:32.3 [Grenadier Guards (JPN, by Frankel), 2020]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Firm

Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	1	2	Grenadier Guards (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C2 b. 55.0	17.5 (7)	1:32.3 (34.5)	Frankel Wavell Avenue (Harlington)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
2	4	7	Stella Veloce (JPN) Norihiko Yokoyama	C2 d.b. 55.0	5.1 (2)	3/4 (33.5)	Bago Oh My Baby (Deep Impact)	Tsuyoshi Ono Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai
3	4	8	Red Belle Aube (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C2 br. 55.0	2.5 (1)	1-1/2 (34.2)	Deep Impact Red Fantasia (Unbridled's Song)	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Mint Co. Hideaki Fujiwara
4	6	11	Bathrat Leon (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C2 b. 55.0	25.0 (8)	1/2 (34.8)	Kizuna Bathrat Amal (New Approach)	Hiroo Race Mishima Bokujo Yoshito Yahagi
5	3	6	Blue Spirit (IRE) Yusuke Fujioka	C2 b. 55.0	71.4 (13)	Neck (35.1)	Invincible Spirit Jasmine Blue (Galileo)	Godolphin Deerpark Stud & Irish National Stud Mitsumasa Nakauchida
6	8	15	Lord Max (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C2 b. 55.0	48.8 (11)	Neck (34.1)	Deep Impact Perfect Tribute (Dubawi)	Lord Horse Club K. I. Farm Hideaki Fujiwara
7	3	5	Dura Mondo (JPN) Yutaka Take	C2 d.b. 55.0	13.3 (5)	1/2 (34.5)	Duramente She's Included	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm

				55.0			(Include)	Takahisa Tezuka
8	1	1	Kaiser Nova (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C2 b. 55.0	151.5 (14)	Neck (33.5)	Maurice Stellar Lead (Special Week)	Hiroo Race Hiroo Race Co., Ltd. Yoshito Yahagi
9	7	13	Ho O Amazon (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C2 ch. 55.0	6.5 (3)	Neck (34.7)	King Kamehameha Hikaru Amaranthus (Agnes Tachyon)	Yoshihisa Ozasa Northern Racing Yoshito Yahagi
10	7	14	Mondreise (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C2 b. 55.0	11.2 (4)	Neck (36.2)	Daiwa Major Moonglow (Nayef)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Mikio Matsunaga
11	8	16	Super Hope (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C2 d.b. 55.0	34.4 (9)	1-1/4 (34.3)	Kizuna Kenhope (Kendargent)	Yoichi Aoyama Shadai Farm Kenichi Fujioka
12	6	12	Jun Blue Sky (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C2 b. 55.0	58.8 (12)	Neck (34.2)	Duramente Jun Top Hitomi (Zenno Rob Roy)	Junji Kawai Junji Kawai Yasuo Tomomichi
13	2	4	Shock Action (IRE) Keita Tosaki	C2 b. 55.0	15.9 (6)	3-1/2 (35.8)	Gleneagles Reset In Blue (Fastnet Rock)	Godolphin Scuderia Effevi Srl & Dioscuri Srl Ryuji Okubo
14	5	10	Ascoltare (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C2 d.b. 55.0	45.4 (10)	3 (35.0)	Duramente Ascolti (Danehill Dancer)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Masayuki Nishimura
15	2	3	Bisonte No Bufalo (JPN) Keishi Yamada	C2 b. 55.0	503.4 (16)	1/2 (35.2)	Precise End Terra no Christie (Admire Boss)	Pneuma Records Inc. Race Horse Bokujo Satoru Kobiyama
16	5	9	T O da Vinci (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	C2 ch. 55.0	156.9 (15)	5 (35.3)	Daiwa Major Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secrets)	Tomoya Ozasa Shadai Farm Inao Okada

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs(600m)

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 15,009,774,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,975,259,600

Attendance: 3,435

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.2	¥ 1,750	Bracket Quinella	1-4	¥ 1,520	Quinella	2-7	¥ 5,000
Place	No.2	¥ 320	Quinella Place	2-7	¥ 1,280	Exacta	2-7	¥ 14,610
	No.7	¥ 170		2-8	¥ 670	Trio	2-7-8	¥ 4,150
	No.8	¥ 130		7-8	¥ 380	Trifecta	2-7-8	¥ 51,360

Winner= 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 second / Added money: ¥ 71,148,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 79,818,000

### **Grenadier Guards Renews Track Record in Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes**

Seventh favorite **Grenadier Guards** renewed the track record with an impressive win in this year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes while covering the mile distance in 1:32.3. The Frankel colt was runner-up in his summer debut in July (Niigata, 1,400m) and fourth in his next start over a mile at Chukyo in September before registering his first career win in his last start at Hanshin (1,400m) on November 7. The talented two-year-old colt becomes the third JRA-G1 winner for sire Frankel, after Soul Stirring and Mozu Ascot. Trainer Mitsumasa Nakauchida landed his third JRA-G1 victory—his first victory was with Danon Premium in the same race in 2017 and his second title was with Danon Fantasy in the 2018 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. Yuga Kawada, who also scored his second Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes title after 2017 with Danon Premium, landed his 14th JRA-G1 title, his first since the 2019 Champions Cup with Chrysoberyl.

**Grenadier Guards** broke sharply from an inside draw to sit just off the rails in third, chasing **Mondreise** who advanced from an outside draw to take the lead and opening the gap to about five lengths from the rest of the field along the backstretch. Cruising in good rhythm behind a rapid pace, the Frankel colt easily closed in on the leader, assumed command soon after passing the furlong pole and still had plenty to hold off a fast-closing

