

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 51ST TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)

The Takamatsunomiya Kinen, one of two G1 championship events for sprinters held by the JRA together with the Sprinters Stakes (G1, 1,200m) in autumn, was formerly named Takamatsunomiya Cup in honor of Prince Takamatsunomiya who presented the trophy to the winner in 1971. The race was shortened from 2,000 meters to 1,200 meters and granted a Japanese G1 status in 1996, then renamed Takamatsunomiya Kinen in 1998. The first of flat turf G1 events held annually, the race was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse in 2011 and was contested over the newly renovated track back at Chukyo in the following year with added challenges of an uphill and a longer homestretch exceeding 400 meters.

The Takamatsunomiya Kinen was designated an international race in 2001 and welcomed its first two foreign participants—Disturbingthepeace (13th) and Echo Eddie (17th)—from the U.S. in 2003 and was part of the Global Sprint Challenge, the international championship series for sprinters between 2011 and 2017. Aerovelocity (NZ, by Pins) from Hong Kong became the first foreign horse to win the race in 2015 and Blizzard (AUS, by Starcraft), also from Hong Kong, finished fifth in 2018.

This year's race featured defending champion **Moju Superflare** who came off a disappointing 17th in the Silk Road Stakes (G3, 1,200m, Jan.31) where **Right on Cue**, last year's NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) winner **Lauda Sion** and 2017 Takamatsunomiya Kinen champion **Seiun Kosei** finished second, third and fifth, respectively. Coming off the Hankyu Hai (G3, 1,400m, Feb.28) were 2019 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Resistencia** who won the race in record time, with two-time G1 winner **Indy Champ** and 2018 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Danon Fantasy** finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. The field also included Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m) winner **Danon Smash** who commenced his 2021 season with this race and **Maltese Diosa**, coming off a runner-up effort behind **Danon Fantasy** in last year's Hanshin Cup (G2, 1,400m, Dec.26).

THE 51ST TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)

4-year-olds & up, 1,200 meters (about 6 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, March 28, 2021 Chukyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 248,000,000 (about US\$ 2,362,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Course Record: 1:06.7 Race Record: 1:06.7 [Big Arthur (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O), 2016]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Yielding Weather: Rainy

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	7	14	Danon Smash (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H6 b. 57.0	6.0 (2)	1:09.2 (34.3)	Lord Kanaloa Spinning Wildcat (Hard Spun)	Danox Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Takayuki Yasuda
2	8	16	Resistencia (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F4 b. 55.0	2.9 (1)	Neck (34.5)	Daiwa Major Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Takeshi Matsushita
3	5	9	Indy Champ (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	H6 b. 57.0	6.3 (3)	Neck (34.5)	Stay Gold Will Power (King Kamehameha)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidetaka Otonashi
4	7	13	Travesura (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H6 b. 57.0	138.4 (16)	3/4 (34.4)	Dream Journey Jaja Machan (Admire Cozzene)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Takahashi
5	2	4	Moju Superflare (USA) Fuma Matsuwaka	M6 ch. 55.0	13.5 (6)	1/2 (35.4)	Speightstown Christies Treasure (Belong to Me)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Alpha Delta Stables LLC Hidetaka Otonashi
6	8	17	Sound Chiara (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	M6 b. 55.0	23.8 (7)	3/4 (34.8)	Deep Impact Sound Barrier (Agnes Digital)	Yuichi Masuda Yuichi Masuda Akio Adachi
7	4	8	Eighteen Girl (JPN) Manabu Sakai	M5 br. 55.0	85.4 (12)	Neck (34.3)	Johannesburg Center Gran Tasse (Agnes Tachyon)	Yasushi Nakayama Shono Bokujo Yuji Iida

8	7	15	Maltese Diosa (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	F4 br. 55.0	31.5 (9)	Head (34.5)	Kizuna Top of Dora (Grand Slam)	Nagako Fujita Nagako Fujita Takahisa Tezuka
9	6	12	Seiun Kosei (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	H8 ch. 57.0	88.0 (13)	Neck (35.2)	Admire Moon Observant (Capote)	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Sakurai Bokujo Hiroyuki Uehara
10	8	18	Mikki Brillante (JPN) Ryuji Wada	H5 b. 57.0	50.3 (11)	3/4 (34.7)	Deep Brillante Epic Love (Dansili)	Mizuki Noda Northern Farm Yoshito Yahagi
11	3	5	Daimei Fuji (JPN) Yuji Hishida	H7 b. 57.0	164.2 (18)	Nose (34.6)	Agnes Digital Daimei Dark (Dance in the Dark)	Noboru Miyamoto Koichi Miyamoto Naoyuki Morita
12	3	6	Danon Fantasy (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	M5 b. 55.0	24.2 (8)	1 (35.6)	Deep Impact Life For Sale (Not For Sale)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
13	4	7	Astra Emblem (JPN) Makoto Sugihara	G8 b. 57.0	157.8 (17)	1/2 (34.9)	Daiwa Major Black Emblem (War Emblem)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Shigeyuki Kojima
14	5	10	Lauda Sion (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C4 b. 57.0	7.1 (5)	Head (35.6)	Real Impact Antiphona (Songandaprayer)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Takashi Saito
15	6	11	Katsuji (JPN) Yuji Nakai	H6 b. 57.0	113.0 (14)	3/4 (35.5)	Deep Impact Melissa (White Muzzle)	Kanayama Holdings Co., Ltd. Okada Stud Kaneo Ikezoe
16	1	1	A Will a Way (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	M5 b. 55.0	114.1 (15)	1-1/4 (35.0)	Just a Way Will Power (King Kamehameha)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Racing Tomokazu Takano
17	2	3	Right on Cue (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	H6 b. 57.0	6.5 (4)	3 (36.3)	Shamardal Great Timing (Raven's Pass)	Godolphin Darley Japan K. K Mitsugu Kon
18	1	2 B	Red en Ciel (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H7 br. 57.0	39.4 (10)	2-1/2 (36.7)	Manhattan Cafe Stylelistick (Storm Cat)	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Northern Farm Yasushi Shono

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / 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: ¥ 13,383,756,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 20,413,688,400

Attendance: 1,939

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No. 14	¥ 600	Bracket Quinella	7-8	¥ 710	Quinella	14-16	¥ 1,010
Place	No. 14	¥ 210	Quinella Place	14-16	¥ 430	Exacta	14-16	¥ 2,170
	No. 16	¥ 140		9-14	¥ 680	Trio	9-14-16	¥ 2,200
	No. 9	¥ 190		9-16	¥ 450	Trifecta	14-16-9	¥ 9,770

Winner= 23 starts, 11 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 133,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 759,148,300

Danon Smash Marks Another Father-Son Victory in Takamatsunomiya Kinen

Danon Smash, the son of Lord Kanaloa, claimed this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen to register his first JRA-G1 victory in his eighth attempt while accomplishing another father-son victory following the previous Hong Kong Sprint. This is the second father-son victory in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen since the race was promoted to G1 in 1996, the first accomplished by King Halo (2000) and Laurel Guerreiro (2009). The connections of **Danon Smash** has accepted an invitation to race in the Chairman's Sprint Prize at Sha Tin on April 25. This win marked trainer Takayuki Yasuda's 13th JRA-G1 victory following his Hopeful Stakes win with Danon the Kid at the end of last year and his third Takamatsunomiya Kinen victory following his title with Curren Chan (2012) and Lord Kanaloa (2013). Jockey Yuga Kawada registered his 16th JRA-G1 win and his second Takamatsunomiya Kinen victory since his triumph with Fine Needle in 2018.

This year's race commenced with defending champion **Mozu Superflare** immediately assuming command and setting a fast pace despite the yielding going due to rain. Six-year-old **Danon Smash**, breaking from stall 14, traveled around 9-10th from the front while eyeing race favorite **Resistencia** on the outside. Turning the corners wide, the Hong Kong Sprint champion weaved his way between horses entering the stretch and outdueled the race favorite in the last 100 meters to claim his first JRA-G1 title.

"I knew that the ground condition was going to be the key factor but I decided not to make any plan and let the horse race where he wants to. We were able to race while eyeing Resistencia in the front. He responded really well at the fourth corner and, although there was a long duel (with the race favorite) at the stretch, he showed his strength at the end. Last year's result (10th) was very disappointing so I'm really glad he was able to register his first G1 title in Japan," commented Yuga Kawada.

Race favorite **Resistencia** traveled wide around 6-7th from the front, surged out from the pack at the 200-meter pole and, although outdueled by **Danon Smash**, overtook the front two horses before the wire to pass the wire a neck behind in second.

Third choice **Indy Champ** raced two wide in mid-division, broke loose from the pack after threading through horses in the early stretch and nailed the frontrunner **Mozu Superflare** passing 100m marker but was overtaken by the subsequent winner and runner-up before the wire to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (13) **Travesura**—settled around 11th, struggled to find clear path, quickened in last 200m

5th: (4) **Mozu Superflare**—set pace, showed tenacity along rails, weakened in final strides

6th: (17) **Sound Chiara**—advanced to 6th from wide draw, sustained bid while checked by rival 300m out

7th: (8) **Eighteen Girl**—sat near rear around 16-17th, circled wide and showed tied fastest late kick

8th: (15) **Maltese Diosa**—raced 4-wide around 13th, accelerated on outer stretch, never a threat

9th: (12) **Seiun Kosei**—chased leader around 3rd, showed tenacity, weakened in last 100m

10th: (18) **Mikki Brillante**—was off slow, ran 3-wide around 13th, switched to outside, improved position

11th: (5) **Daimei Fuji**—positioned around 15th, passed tired rivals at stretch

12th: (6) **Danon Fantasy**—tracked leader in 2nd, tired and outrun in last 200m

13th: (7) **Astra Emblem**—hugged rails around 16th, failed to respond on inner stretch

14th: (10) **Lauda Sion**—chased leader in 2nd or 3rd, drifted to outside slightly before 200m pole, showed little thereafter

15th: (11) **Katsuji**—raced 3-4wide around 6th, sustained to reach contention until 200m pole

16th: (1) **A Will a Way**—trailed in rear, angled out, never fired

17th: (3) **Right on Cue**—traveled around 6th, showed brief effort, outrun in last 200m

18th: (2) **Red en Ciel**—took economic trip around 5th, faded after 300m marker

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 10.7 - 11.2 - 11.5 - 11.6 - 12.0

Last 4 furlongs: 46.3 Last 3 furlongs: 35.1

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner 4(6,10,12)2(3,11,16,17)**14**(9,13)(18,15)5(7,8)1

4th corner 4,6(10,12)(2,3)(11,16)(9,**14**,17)13(18,15)(7,5)8,1

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.