

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 38TH MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1)

The Mile Championship is one of the most prestigious autumn grade-one events for milers together with the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) in spring. Horse racing in Japan had been focusing on long distance racing for a long time, regarding stamina and strength as the most important quality of horses. However, with modern racing having increased its attention to speed horses suited to a mile or shorter distance races, the Mile Championship was established in 1984 in conjunction with Japanese races adopting the grading system. The current racing program now provides races for short, middle and long-distance racehorses. The race was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse due to renovations taking place at Kyoto Racecourse since last year.

After being designated an international race in 1998, the race welcomed several foreign contestants, including Sahpresa (USA, by Sahm) who ran three consecutive years—third in 2009 and 2011, fourth in 2010—but none has taken part since 2012.

This year, the defending champion **Gran Alegria** had come off a third-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m, Oct.31) and 2019 victor **Indy Champ** commenced his autumn season with this race after a fourth in the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m, Jun.6). **Catedral** scored his first graded title in the Keisei Hai Autumn Handicap (G3, 1,600m, Sep.12) in which 2020 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) champion **Grenadier Guards** was third. This year's NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) winner **Schnell Meister** claimed the Mainichi Okan (G2, 1,800m, Oct.10) while three-time graded victor **Cadence Call** finished behind that in ninth. 2020 Best Two-Year-Old Colt **Danon the Kid** came off a fourth in the Fuji Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Oct.23). This year's field also included **Salios**, winner of 2019 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes, and **Sound Chiara** who came off a second in the Swan Stakes (G2, 1,400m, Oct.30).

THE 38TH MILE CHAMPIONSHIP (G1) – Japan Autumn International -

3-year-olds & up, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), right-handed, turf

Sunday, November 21, 2021 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 281,800,000 (about US\$ 2,683,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

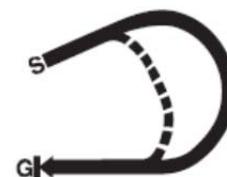
Course Record: 1:31.9

Race Record: 1:31.5 [Danon Shark (JPN, by Deep Impact), *Kyoto*, 2014]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	6	12	Gran Alegria (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 b. 55.0	1.7 (1)	1:32.6 (32.7)	Deep Impact Tapitsfly (Tapit)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Kazuo Fujisawa
2	2	3	Schnell Meister (GER) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 b. 56.0	4.6 (2)	3/4 (32.9)	Kingman Serienholde (Soldier Hollow)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takahisa Tezuka
3	7	13	Danon the Kid (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 56.0	16.1 (5)	1/2 (33.0)	Just a Way Epic Love (Dansili)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takayuki Yasuda
4	4	7	Indy Champ (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	H6 b. 57.0	16.7 (6)	Nose (33.2)	Stay Gold Will Power (King Kamehameha)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidetaka Otonashi
5	1	1	Ho O Amazon (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 ch. 56.0	31.5 (7)	1-1/4 (33.7)	King Kamehameha Hikaru Amaranthus (Agnes Tachyon)	Yoshihisa Ozasa Northern Racing Yoshito Yahagi
6	2	4 B	Salios (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C4 ch. 57.0	9.5 (3)	Neck (33.7)	Heart's Cry Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
7	4	8	Darlington Hall (GB)	C4	57.7	1/2	New Approach	Godolphin

			Ryuji Wada	b. 57.0	(10)	(33.4)	Miss Kenton (Pivotal)	Canning Bloodstock Ltd Tetsuya Kimura
8	3	5	Sound Chiara (JPN) Yutaka Take	M6 b. 55.0	65.9 (11)	Neck (33.6)	Deep Impact Sound Barrier (Agnes Digital)	Yuichi Masuda Yuichi Masuda Akio Adachi
9	6	11	Catedral (JPN) Keita Tosaki	H5 b. 57.0	35.2 (8)	Neck (33.1)	Heart's Cry Abyla (Rock of Gibraltar)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe
10	3	6	Cadence Call (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H5 b. 57.0	83.7 (12)	Neck (33.2)	Lord Kanaloa Inductee (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takayuki Yasuda
11	8	16	Rainbow Flag (JPN) Ryoya Kozaki	H8 b. 57.0	326.9 (16)	1/2 (33.1)	Jungle Pocket Rainbow Seeker (Dance in the Dark)	Green Farm Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Ken Kozaki
12	5	10	Lotus Land (USA) Hironobu Tanabe	F4 b. 55.0	48.5 (9)	3/4 (33.9)	Point of Entry Little Miss Muffet (Scat Daddy)	Kobayashi Eiichi Holdings LLC. Dr. Aaron Sones & Dr. Naoya Yoshida Yasuyuki Tsujino
13	5	9	Grenadier Guards (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 b. 56.0	10.1 (4)	1-3/4 (34.4)	Frankel Wavell Avenue (Harlington)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
14	1	2	Kurino Gaudi (JPN) Mirai Iwata	H5 ch. 57.0	175.0 (14)	Neck (34.4)	Screen Hero Kurino Billionaire (Diablo)	Hiroharu Kurimoto Hiroharu Kurimoto Norio Fujisawa
15	7	14	Ripresa (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	C3 b. 56.0	159.2 (13)	5 (34.9)	Leontes South Empirical (Manhattan Cafe)	Hirotsugu Oku Junichi Takagishi Hiroyuki Oneda
16	8	15 B	Sound Kanaloa (JPN) Kota Fujioka	H5 b. 57.0	308.9 (15)	3 (35.1)	Lord Kanaloa Midnight Dance (Dance in the Dark)	Yuichi Masuda Yuichi Masuda Akira Murayama

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: ¥ 17,731,602,200

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,375,250,100

Attendance: 5,951

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.12	¥ 170	Bracket Quinella	2-6	¥ 270	Quinella	3-12	¥ 370
Place	No.12	¥ 110	Quinella Place	3-12	¥ 190	Exacta	12-3	¥ 540
	No.3	¥ 140		12-13	¥ 630	Trio	3-12-13	¥ 1,960
	No.13	¥ 300		3-13	¥ 970	Trifecta	12-3-13	¥ 5,460

Winner= 15 starts, 9 wins, 2 seconds, 2 thirds / Added money: ¥ 133,444,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 1,073,813,000

Gran Alegria Defends Mile Championship Title in Final Career Start

Race favorite **Gran Alegria** successfully defended her Mile Championship title to become the first back-to-back winner since Daiwa Major (2006-07) and sixth overall. The classy daughter of Deep Impact ended her stellar racing career which saw her win six G1 titles—she won the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) as a three-year-old; the Yasuda Kinen, the Sprinters Stakes and the Mile Championship when four; the Victoria Mile and the Mile Championship this year as a five-year-old—while also becoming the sixth female runner to exceed a career earning of ¥1.0 billion. Trainer Kazuo Fujisawa scored his 34th JRA-G1 victory—his first since the Victoria Mile with Gran Alegria—while the Mile Championship title was the sixth after with Shinko Lovely (1993), Taiki Shuttle (1997, 98), Zenno El Cid (2001) and Gran Alegria (2020), rewriting his own record for most Mile Championship titles won. Jockey Christophe Lemaire who also enjoyed consecutive Mile Championship victories along with Gran Alegria was last seen winning a G1 title in the Takarazuka Kinen with Chrono Genesis and has today reached a duo of milestones of 40 JRA-G1 victories and 1,500 JRA wins.

