

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 73RD HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

Races for two-year-olds were held for the first time in 1946 at Tokyo. As the number of contenders increased, championship races that determine the top two-year-olds of the season—the Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes) and the Hanshin Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies)—were established in eastern and western Japan, respectively, in 1949. The two races were designated G1 status in conjunction with the new grading system implemented 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. The Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, which initially started as a 1,200-meter sprint race, was extended to 1,400 meters in 1960 and to 1,600 meters in 1962. In 2010, the race was opened to foreign runners.

Past winners of the race include many successful G1 champions such as 2006 winner and 2008 & 2009 Horse of the Year *Vodka* (JPN, by *Tanino Gimlet*); 2008 champion and 2010 Horse of the Year *Buena Vista* (JPN, by *Special Week*); and 2009 champion *Apapane* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*) who subsequently won the Triple Crown titles for three-year-old fillies—the *Oka Sho* (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m), the *Yushun Himba* (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and the *Shuka Sho* (G1, 2,000m)—in 2010. Last year’s champion *Sodashi* (JPN, by *Kurofune*) became the first white horse to claim JRA-G1 title and validated her win in her *Oka Sho* victory this year.

Circle of Life won the *Artemis Stakes* (G3, 1,600m, Oct.30) with **Belle Cresta** following in second. **Water Navillera** remained undefeated in three career starts by claiming the *Fantasy Stakes* (G3, 1,400m, Nov.6) where *Kokura Nisai Stakes* (G3, 1,200m) victor **Namura Clair** was 3/4-length second. **Sternatia** and **Lovely Your Eyes** finished second and third in the *Saudi Arabia Royal Cup* (G3, 1,600m, Oct.9) and *Keio Hai Nisai Stakes* (G2, 1,400m, Nov.6), respectively, against male counterparts. This year’s line-up also included **Namura Lycoris**, victor of the *Hakodate Nisai Stakes* (G3, 1,200m, Jul.17) as well as **Dark Page** and **Namur** who both came off their second win in as many starts in the *Rindo Sho* (1,400m, Oct.9) and the *Akamatsu Sho* (1,600m, Nov.21), respectively.

THE 73RD HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 12, 2021 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 140,200,000 (about US\$ 1,335,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

2yo: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

Course Record: 1:32.3

Race Record: 1:32.7 [*Resistencia* (JPN, by *Daiwa Major*), 2019]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to 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	5	10	Circle of Life (JPN) Mirco Demuro	F2 b. 54.0	5.6 (3)	1:33.8 (33.9)	Epiphaneia Sea Breeze Life (Admire Japan)	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Sakae Kunieda
2	6	11	Lovely Your Eyes (JPN) Taisei Danno	F2 bl. 54.0	51.2 (8)	1/2 (34.2)	Logotype Open Your Eyes (Victoire Pisa)	Yasuyuki Iuchi Shadai Farm Yoichi Kuroiwa
3	7	13	Water Navillera (JPN) Yutaka Take	F2 br. 54.0	6.6 (4)	1/2 (34.5)	Silver State Shining Sayaka (King Halo)	Masato Yamaoka Fushikida Bokujo Koshiro Take
4	8	17	Namur (JPN) Cristian Demuro	F2 b. 54.0	2.9 (1)	Neck (33.6)	Harbinger Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
5	1	1	Namura Clair (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F2 br. 54.0	11.9 (6)	1-3/4 (34.1)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
6	8	16	Belle Cresta (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F2 b. 54.0	8.3 (5)	3/4 (34.7)	Duramente Belle Allure (Numerous)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Naosuke Sugai
7	4	8	Sternatia (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F2 b. 54.0	4.9 (2)	Nose (34.6)	Lord Kanaloa L'Archetto (Falbrav)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura

8	3	5	Statistics (JPN) Ryuji Wada	F2 d.b. 54.0	76.3 (9)	Nose (34.0)	Heart's Cry Top Decile (Congrats)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Koichi Ishizaka
9	6	12	Anegohada (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F2 br. 54.0	97.6 (11)	1/2 (34.9)	Kizuna Initial W (War Emblem)	Koji Oka Koji Oka Shojo Sasaki
10	4	7	Kimiwa Queen (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida	F2 b. 54.0	80.9 (10)	1-3/4 (35.1)	Lord Kanaloa Cherry Petals (Daiwa Major)	Terumi Urabe Oiwake Farm Takeshi Okumura
11	7	14	Saku (JPN) Manabu Sakai	F2 b. 54.0	145.6 (15)	1-1/4 (34.9)	Leontes Copano Marcolini (Mayano Top Gun)	LEVEL-K Co., Ltd. Maeno Bokujo Yoshihito Kitade
12	5	9	Sea Cruise (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F2 b. 54.0	141.8 (14)	3/4 (34.9)	Maurice Best Cruise (Kurofune)	Yoshie Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Haruki Sugiyama
13	2	4	Toho la Vie en (JPN) Keisuke Dazai	F2 b. 54.0	325.9 (18)	1-1/4 (36.1)	Toho Jackal Dancing Queen (Giant's Causeway)	Toho Bussan Co., Ltd. Yoshida Farm Yoshihiko Kawamura
14	7	15	Dark Page (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	F2 d.b. 54.0	104.4 (12)	Neck (36.4)	Dark Angel Great Page (Roderic O'Connor)	KR Japan Taihei Stud Farm Co., Ltd Keiji Yoshimura
15	3	6	Tana the Wing (JPN) Kyosuke Kokubun	F2 ch. 54.0	175.6 (16)	1-1/4 (35.5)	Epiphaneia Kyoei Tachyon (Agnes Tachyon)	Toshiaki Tanaka Miyouchi Bokujo Hisashi Shimizu
16	8	18	Personal High (JPN) Kota Fujioka	F2 b. 54.0	41.7 (7)	1/2 (36.1)	Deep Impact Personal Diary (City Zip)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yoshito Yahagi
17	1	2	Namura Lycoris (JPN) Fuma Izumiya	F2 g. 54.0	111.3 (13)	1-1/4 (36.0)	Jo Cappuccino Namura Kiss (Matsurida Gogh)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Yuki Ohashi
18	2	3 B	Hinokuni (JPN) Yoshihito Nagaoka	F2 d.b. 54.0	261.2 (17)	Head (35.9)	Curren Black Hill Twice Up (Rock Hard Ten)	Kentaro Yui Tsuchitoshi Honda Masashi Fukayama

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: ¥ 13,970,342,000

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 22,688,827,000

Attendance: 6,115

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.10	¥ 560	Bracket	Quinella	5-6	¥ 7,580	Quinella	10-11	¥ 12,470
Place	No.10	¥ 190	Quinella	Place	10-11	¥ 2,580	Exacta	10-11	¥ 16,540
	No.11	¥ 770			10-13	¥ 620	Trio	10-11-13	¥ 16,850
	No.13	¥ 240			11-13	¥ 3,440	Trifecta	10-11-13	¥ 114,300

Winner= 4 starts, 3 wins, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 66,288,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 102,573,000

Circle of Life Becomes Two-Year-Old Champion in Hanshin Juvenile Fillies

Third favorite **Circle of Life** marked her first G1 victory in this year's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, her third win in a row from four career starts to become the champion two-year-old filly of 2021. Kicking off her career in August with a third over 1,800 meters, the filly broke her maiden in her following start at a mile and landed her first grade-race title in her next Artemis Stakes (G3, 1,600m) on October 30. Trainer Sakae Kunieda picked up his 21st JRA-G1 title, the first since with Akaitorino Musume (the Shuka Sho) in October, and his second victory in this race after with Apapane in 2009. Jockey Mirco Demuro, whose last G1 victory this year was in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) with Uberleben, is now a winner of 34 JRA-G1 titles.

Circle of Life, after a smooth break, was unhurried while the race opened with a rush of horses scuffling for a good position in front and traveled in mid-field and three-wide throughout most of the trip. Still way behind turning for home, the Epiphaneia filly still had plenty of energy left to carry her further out for a

clear path and mow down the stretch to reach contention after the furlong pole and engaged in a four-horse rally in the last 100 meters. While still having to brush off her foes once taking command with just 50 meters to the wire, the improving filly prevailed to a half a length victory.

“She was great today, she had a good break, and we had a smooth trip. We went wide at the stretch but the track was really good on the outside and the horses (in previous races of the day) seemed to stretch well along that path. My filly was closed well over the smooth track so I trusted her to make it and indeed she exhibited strong finishing speed. I was certain in the last 200 meters that she would win. I’ve ridden her since her debut and she really takes it in her stride in new surroundings and unfamiliar tracks so she has plenty of energy to use in the race. I’m sure she can further extend her distance in future races so I’m really looking forward that too,” commented jockey Mirco Demuro in the post-race interview.

Eight favorite **Lovely Your Eyes** was smooth out of the gate and was checked briefly as the horses in front disputed for the lead. Settling between rivals in mid-division around sixth along the backstretch, the Logotype filly met traffic into the stretch but escaped smartly for a clear run along the center lane inside **Water Navillera** who assumed command before the furlong pole. Joined by the eventual winner and **Namur** who loomed to contention from the inside, **Lovely Your Eyes** gave her all stretching her legs to out-finishing **Water Navillera** by 1/2 lengths while short of the winner by the same margin for second.

Water Navillera was smartly positioned in third along the rails and had a smooth trip and a clear run at the homestretch where she assumed command at early stretch. She continued gamely while joined by foes in the last 100 and while sustaining her bid to the end, was outrun by the first two finishers for third.

Race favorite **Namur** broke poorly and cost her the race as she traveled well behind the pace while saving ground. Her jockey smartly guided her along the inside route after turning for home and the filly showed a good turn of speed to reach contention in the critical stages but was unable to sustain her bid in the last strides and finished fourth, one-plus lengths from the winner.

Other Horses:

5th: (1) **Namura Clair**—hugged rails around 11th, switched to outside at early stretch, showed effort but no match for top finishers

6th: (16) **Belle Cresta**—settled 4-wide around 13th early, advanced after 3rd corner, failed to sustain bid

7th: (8) **Sternatia**—traveled 3-wide around 6th, lacked needed kick

8th: (5) **Statistics**—sat 2nd from rear, angled out, passed tired rivals

9th: (12) **Anegohada**—ran 3-wide around 4th, remained in contention up to 200m pole

10th: (7) **Kimiwa Queen**—took economic trip around 4th, showed response up to 200m pole

11th: (14) **Saku**—made headway from last to 13th, circled wide, never fired

12th: (9) **Sea Cruise**—positioned 3-wide around 13th, showed little at stretch

13th: (4) **Toho la Vie en**—chased leader in 2nd, faded after 300m out

14th: (15) **Dark Page**—set pace from wide draw, maintained lead until early stretch

15th: (6) **Tana the Wing**—raced around 13th, never threatened

16th: (18) **Personal High**—sat 4-wide around 6th, outrun at stretch

17th: (2) **Namura Lycoris**—saved ground around 6th, gradually fell back

18th: (3) **Hinokuni**—traveled around 10th, unable to reach contention

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 10.4 - 11.5 - 12.3 - 12.6 - 12.1 - 10.9 - 11.8

Last 4 furlongs: 47.4 Last 3 furlongs: 34.8

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

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

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.