

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 73RD 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 in 2019.

This year's edition featured five undefeated colts who scored two or more wins; **Geoglyph** and **Dobune**, respective victors of the Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m, Sep.4) and the Kikyo Stakes (Open Class, 1,400m, Oct.2); **Do Deuce** and **Danon Scorpion** who came off their second win in the listed IVY Stakes (1,800m, Oct.23) and the Hagi Stakes (1,800m, Oct.30), respectively; and **Serifos**, the Niigata Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,600m) and the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Nov.13) champion. The field also included **Purpur Ray**, winner of the Aster Sho (1 Win Class, 1,600m), **Kaju Faith** and **Otaru Ever** who came off wins in the Momiji Stakes (Open Class, 1,400m, Oct.17) and the Shumeigiku Sho (1 Win Class, 1,400m, Nov.21), respectively, and **Toshin Macau**, runner-up of the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m, Nov.6).

THE 73RD ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 19, 2021 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,450,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs),

1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

Course Record: 1:32.3

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

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	9	Do Deuce (JPN) Yutaka Take	C2 b. 55.0	7.8 (3)	1:33.5 (34.5)	Heart's Cry Dust and Diamonds (Vindication)	Kieffers Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
2	3	4	Serifos (JPN) Cristian Demuro	C2 ch. 55.0	2.4 (1)	1/2 (34.8)	Daiwa Major Sea Front (Le Havre)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
3	4	7	Danon Scorpion (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C2 b. 55.0	9.7 (4)	1/2 (34.6)	Lord Kanaloa Lexie Lou (Sligo Bay)	Danox Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Takayuki Yasuda
4	2	3	Al Naseem (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C2 b. 55.0	29.0 (8)	1-3/4 (34.7)	Maurice Jebel Ali (Deep Impact)	Lion Race Horse Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Shinsuke Hashiguchi
5	7	13	Geoglyph (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C2 ch. 55.0	3.2 (2)	Nose (34.5)	Drefong Aromatico (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
6	7	12	Toshin Macau (JPN)	C2 ch.	46.9	Nose	Big Arthur Yukino Mermaid	Sato Co., Ltd. Hattori Bokujo

			Keita Tosaki	55.0	(9)	(35.4)	(Special Week)	Mizuki Takayanagi
7	6	11	Dobune (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	C2 bl. 55.0	21.3 (5)	3 (35.3)	Deep Impact Premier Steps (Footstepsinthesand)	Susumu Fujita Shadai Farm Koshiro Take
8	5	8 B	Purpur Ray (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C2 b. 55.0	21.8 (6)	1/2 (35.9)	Isla Bonita My Jen (Fusaichi Pegasus)	G Riviere Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Naosuke Sugai
9	8	14	Tudo de Bom (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	C2 b. 55.0	137.8 (13)	1/2 (36.3)	Isla Bonita Coppa (Yesbyjimmy)	Yoichi Aoyama Shadai Farm Hirofumi Shii
10	6	10	Sprit the Sea (JPN) Ryuji Wada	F2 b. 54.0	64.0 (12)	Neck (35.5)	Deep Impact Land Over Sea (Bellamy Road)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Masayuki Nishimura
11	3	5	Via Dolorosa (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	C2 b. 55.0	47.6 (10)	1-3/4 (35.6)	Lord Kanaloa Royal Street (Deep Impact)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Yukihiko Kato
12	4	6	Otaru Ever (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	C2 d.b. 55.0	24.1 (7)	Neck (36.2)	Leontes Rouge Coeur (Redoute's Choice)	Ikuko Sumitani Lake Villa Farm Kazuya Nakatake
13	2	2	Sekkachi Cane (JPN) Taisei Danno	C2 g. 55.0	275.5 (14)	Neck (36.1)	Jo Cappuccino Hurricane Tama (Kurofune)	Seiji Matsuda Kojima Bokujo Mizuki Takayanagi
14	1	1	Kaju Faith (JPN) Shinichiro Akiyama	C2 b. 55.0	55.1 (11)	1-1/2 (37.1)	A Shin Hikari Taiki Applause (Devil's Bag)	ST Racing Champions Farm Naoyuki Morita
15	8	15	Sin Limites (JPN) Yusaku Kokubun	C2 b. 55.0	371.7 (15)	DS (37.6)	Drefong Poliahu (King Kamehameha)	Hirotsugu Oku Shizunai Fujikawa Bokujo Hiroyuki Oneda

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)
DS: Distance

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: ¥ 15,173,632,000

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,656,000,000

Attendance: 6,124

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.9	¥ 780	Bracket Quinella	3-5	¥ 690	Quinella	4-9	¥ 1,060
Place	No.9	¥ 200	Quinella Place	4-9	¥ 420	Exacta	9-4	¥ 3,000
	No.4	¥ 120		7-9	¥ 1,070	Trio	4-7-9	¥ 2,350
	No.7	¥ 230		4-7	¥ 410	Trifecta	9-4-7	¥ 14,840

Winner= 3 starts, 3 wins / Added money: ¥ 71,106,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 95,274,000

Do Deuce Puts Away Favorite in Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes

Third favorite **Do Deuce** claimed this year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes and has become an undefeated champion two-year-old miler—the colt won his debut start (1,800m) in September and his next Ivy Stakes (Listed, 1,800m) start in October. For trainer Yasuo Tomomichi, this is his second Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes victory following the 2018 version with Admire Mars, and his 14th overall JRA-G1 win—his latest was with World Premiere in this year's Tenno Sho (Spring). Jockey Yutaka Take celebrates his first Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes title in his 22nd challenge, and his 78th JRA-G1 win—his latest was with World Premiere in the 2019 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). Among the 24 flat JRA-G1 races, Take is just one title short, the year-end Hopeful Stakes that was upgraded to G1 status in 2017.

Do Deuce traveled wide and in mid-pack after breaking from stall nine, ran down the middle of the straight with the tied fastest late speed tagging **Serifos** after the furlong marker and battled stride for stride finally shaking off the stubborn favorite in the final strides to win by half a length.

