

**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 52ND 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.

**Resistencia**, last year's runner-up of this race and the Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m), commenced the current season in this race, as did last year's Hanshin Cup (G2, 1,400m, Dec.25) winner **Grenadier Guards**.

Coming off their respective wins earlier this year were **Meikei Yell** (Silk Road Stakes [G3, 1,200m, Jan.30]), **Lotus Land** (Kyoto Himba Stakes [G3, 1,400m, Feb.19]), **Diatonic** (Hankyu Hai [G3, 1,400m, Feb.27]) and **Gendarme** (Ocean Stakes [G3, 1,200m, Mar.5]). The field also included last year's G3 sprint winners—**First Force** (CBC Sho), **Lei Halia** (Keeneland Cup) and **Eighteen Girl** (Keihan Hai)—and 2019 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) victor **Salios**.

**THE 52ND TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)**

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

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Chukyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 368,200,000 (about US\$ 3,202,000 &lt;US\$1=¥115&gt;)

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

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

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: 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	Naran Huleg (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	H6 ch. 57.0	27.8 (8)	1:08.3 (33.9)	Gold Allure Kelley's Beauty (Brian's Time)	Katsushige Muraki Mrs Setsuko Sakato Yoshitada Munakata
2	5	9	Lotus Land (USA) Mirai Iwata	M5 b. 55.0	12.9 (5)	Neck (34.3)	Point of Entry Little Miss Muffet (Scat Daddy)	Kobayashi Eiichi Holdings LLC. Dr. Aaron Sones & Dr. Naoya Yoshida Yasuyuki Tsujino
3	5	10 B	Kir Lord (JPN) Kazuki Kikuzawa	G7 b. 57.0	225.8 (17)	Nose (34.7)	Lord Kanaloa Kirschwasser (Sakura Bakushin O)	Angel Racing Co., Ltd. Reiji Amaba Yasuhito Tamura
4	7	13	Travesura (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H7 b. 57.0	27.0 (7)	Neck (34.2)	Dream Journey Jaja Machan (Admire Cozzene)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Takahashi
5	8	17	Meikei Yell (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F4 b. 55.0	5.2 (2)	Neck (34.4)	Mikki Isle Shiroinger (Harbinger)	Nagoya Keiba Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidenori Take
6	4	7	Resistencia (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	M5 b. 55.0	2.2 (1)	1 (35.2)	Daiwa Major Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takeshi Matsushita
7	2	3	Shine Garnet (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	M5 ch. 57.0	30.0 (9)	Nose (34.5)	Orfevre Velvet Robe	Koichiro Yamaguchi Northern Farm

				55.0			(Gone West)	Toru Kurita
8	6	12	Eighteen Girl (JPN) Shinichiro Akiyama	M6 br. 55.0	128.0 (15)	Nose (33.8)	Johannesburg Center Gran Tasse (Agnes Tachyon)	Yasushi Nakayama Shono Bokujo Yuji Iida
9	3	6	Sunrise Honest (JPN) Yutaka Take	H5 d.b. 57.0	60.7 (11)	Neck (34.1)	Daiwa Major Saimon Dolce (Jungle Pocket)	Takao Matsuoka Yanagawa Bokujo Hiroshi Kawachi
9	7	15 B	First Force (JPN) Yuichi Shibayama	H6 d.b. 57.0	204.0 (16)	Dead Heat (34.7)	Lord Kanaloa Rush Life (Sakura Bakushin O)	Koji Yasuhara Koji Yasuhara Masayuki Nishimura
11	4	8 B	Gendarme (USA) Kiwamu Ogino	H7 d.b. 57.0	65.0 (13)	Neck (35.3)	Kitten's Joy Believe (Sunday Silence)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Limited Yasutoshi Ikee
12	8	18	Grenadier Guards (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C4 b. 57.0	5.6 (3)	1/2 (34.3)	Frankel Wavell Avenue (Harlington)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
13	2	4 B	Right on Cue (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	H7 b. 57.0	80.5 (14)	1/2 (35.2)	Shamardal Great Timing (Raven's Pass)	Godolphin Darley Japan K. K Mitsugu Kon
14	7	14	Diatonic (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H7 b. 57.0	18.4 (6)	Neck (34.0)	Lord Kanaloa To Harmony (Sunday Silence)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Sakai Bokujo Takayuki Yasuda
15	1	1 B	Salios (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	H5 ch. 57.0	10.7 (4)	Nose (35.0)	Heart's Cry Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
16	6	11	Kurino Gaudi (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	H6 ch. 57.0	64.8 (12)	1-3/4 (35.0)	Screen Hero Kurino Billionaire (Diablo)	Hiroharu Kurimoto Hiroharu Kurimoto Norio Fujisawa
17	3	5	Lei Halia (JPN) Heart Kameda	F4 b. 55.0	47.2 (10)	1/2 (35.4)	Lord Kanaloa Lightly Tune (Manhattan Cafe)	Hidaka Breeders Union Co., Ltd. Tanioka Stud Toshiaki Tajima
18	8	16	Daimei Fuji (JPN) Daito Ozawa	H8 b. 57.0	389.8 (18)	Neck (35.1)	Agnes Digital Daimei Dark (Dance in the Dark)	Noboru Miyamoto Koichi Miyamoto Naoyuki Morita

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: ¥ 15,683,782,900

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 22,950,751,900

Attendance: 5,931

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.2	¥ 2,780	Bracket Quinella	1-5	¥ 4,150	Quinella	2-9	¥ 13,560
Place	No.2	¥ 660	Quinella Place	2-9	¥ 3,490	Exacta	2-9	¥ 34,720
	No.9	¥ 420		2-10	¥ 40,170	Trio	2-9-10	¥ 525,080
	No.10	¥ 4,500		9-10	¥ 28,390	Trifecta	2-9-10	¥ 2,784,560

Winner= 29 starts: 6 wins, 5 seconds, 3 thirds / Added money: ¥ 173,780,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 330,657,000

### **Naran Huleg Captures His First Graded Victory in G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen**

Eighth pick **Naran Huleg** claimed this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen to register his first graded victory in his first G1 attempt. While the son of dirt champion Gold Allure was run mostly over dirt during his two-year-old debut season and in his early three-year-old campaign, during which he marked only one win, he has been run over 1,000-1,400m turf races since July of his three-year-old season. The six-year-old chestnut has marked four wins on turf, the most recent being the Tanzanite Stakes (1,200m) last December. His best performance at the graded level was a second in the previous Ocean Stakes (G3, 1,200m) on March 5. This win gave trainer Yoshitada Munakata his 22nd graded victory and first G1 title since he opened his stable in 1993. Jockey Kyosuke Maruta also registered his first G1 title and ninth graded win in his 16th season.

**Naran Huleg** broke smoothly from stall 2 and eased back to travel third from the rear. The chestnut edged forward entering the lane, taking the innermost route by the rails, threaded through a narrow opening outside tiring **Resistencia** and unleashed a powerful late charge after taking the front 100 meters out for his first G1 victory while managing to hold off the strong charges by his rivals by a neck.

“Racing from the rear is his usual style so I just concentrated on keeping the horse’s rhythm. He has never experienced heavy ground before but handled it well. I took him through the inner course with confidence as I did in the Tanzanite Stakes. I was really happy when we were able to break free before the wire,” commented jockey Kyosuke Maruta. “I’m very happy and a bit relieved to have been able to win a G1 race, thanks to Naran Huleg. Though we would have preferred a better ground, he showed his usual strong charge in the stretch against a strong field,” added trainer Yoshitada Munakata.

Fifth choice **Lotus Land** settled around eighth, was boxed in at the final corners but soon found an opening and, although meeting traffic again 300 meters out, switched to the outside where he accelerated to join a four-horse rally to secure a runner-up position.

Seventeenth pick **Kir Lord** stalked the leaders in third and passed tiring frontrunners 100 meters out to lead briefly but was soon challenged by the late chargers. Though weakening in final strides, he registered a respectable third, crossing the wire a nose behind the runner-up and a neck ahead of the rest of the field.

Odds-on-favorite and last year’s runner-up **Resistencia** rushed out and immediately took the front for a wire-to-wire victory but weakened in the last 200 meters to finish sixth

Other Horses:

4th: (13) **Travesura**—saved ground around 12th, showed effort to join rally for lead, weakened in final strides

5th: (17) **Meikei Yell**—ran 4-wide around 7th, lacked needed kick at stretch

7th: (3) **Shine Garnet**—settled around 10th, met traffic 300m out, showed turn of foot thereafter

8th: (12) **Eighteen Girl**—sat in 17th, showed fastest late drive but was too late

9th: (6) **Sunrise Honest**—traveled around 15th, struggled to find clear path, quickened in last 200m

9th: (15) **First Force**—positioned 3-wide around 5th, dropped back turning final corner, even paced

11th: (8) **Gendarme**—pressed pace in 2nd, remained in contention until 100m out

12th: (18) **Grenadier Guards**—settled in 14th, circled wide, passed tired rivals

13th: (4) **Right on Cue**—chased leaders around 3rd, ran gamely up to 200m pole

14th: (14) **Diatonic**—was off a bit slowly, trailed in rear, showed belated charge at stretch

15th: (1) **Salios**—took economic trip around 7th, angled out to lane, showed little

16th: (11) **Kurino Gaudi**—raced 3-wide around 10th, never threatened

17th: (5) **Lei Halia**—sat around 5th near pace, faded after 200m pole

18th: (16) **Daimei Fuji**—traveled 3-wide around 12th, unable to reach contention

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 10.3 - 11.0 - 11.0 - 11.5 - 12.4

Last 4 furlongs: 45.9 Last 3 furlongs: 34.9

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

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

**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.