## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 74TH 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.

Last year's victor Do Deuce (JPN, by Heart's Cry) was named Best Two-Year-Old Colt and went on to prove his strength, claiming the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) this year.

In this year's version, three graded winners were among the lineup: **Dolce More** scored his second career victory undefeated in the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (G3, 1,600m, Oct.8) with **Granite** next in second; **Obamburumai** came off his second consecutive win in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m, Nov.5) start, followed by **From Dusk** in second; and **All Parfait** marked a wire-to-wire victory in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Nov.12), holding off runner-up **Danon Touchdown** by half a length. The field also included **Dondengaeshi**, **Ume Musubi** and **Corpus Christi** who came off their respective wins in the Aster Sho (1 Win Class, 1,600m, Sep.10), the Canna Stakes (Open Class, 1,200m, Sep.24) and the Shumeigiku Sho (1 Win Class, 1,400m, Nov.20).

### THE 74TH ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

2-year-olds, Colts & Fillies, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, right-handed
Sunday, December 18, 2022   Hanshin Racecourse   11th Race   Post time: 15:40
Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US$ 1,324,000 <US$1=¥115>)
2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs),
1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020
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<br>Jockey | S&A<br>Color<br>Wgt | Odds<br>(Fav) | Margin<br>(L3F) | Sire<br>Dam<br>(Dam's Sire) | Owner<br>Breeder<br>Trainer |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | Dolce More (JPN)<br>Ryusei Sakai | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 3.1<br>(1) | 1:33.9<br>(35.8) | Rulership<br>Ayusan<br>(Deep Impact) | Three H Racing Co., Ltd.<br>Shimokobe Farm<br>Naosuke Sugai |
| 2 | 6 | 12 | Danon Touchdown (JPN)<br>Yuga Kawada | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 3.6<br>(2) | Neck<br>(35.2) | Lord Kanaloa<br>Epic Love<br>(Dansili) | Danox Co., Ltd.<br>Northern Farm<br>Takayuki Yasuda |
| 3 | 7 | 14 | Labeling (GB)<br>Takeshi Yokoyama | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 6.5<br>(3) | Neck<br>(35.8) | Frankel<br>Noyelles<br>(Docksider) | Big Red Farm<br>Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent<br>Yuichi Shikato |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | Kyoei Brisa (JPN)<br>Haruhiko Kawasu | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 202.3<br>(16) | 1-1/4<br>(35.7) | Greater London<br>Kyoei Poznan<br>(Rulership) | Haruo Tanaka<br>Haruo Tanaka<br>Yasuo Takeichi |
| 5 | 3 | 5 | Bagradas (JPN)<br>Hayato Yoshida | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 24.8<br>(8) | 3/4<br>(36.0) | Majestic Warrior<br>Medjerda<br>(Deep Impact) | Murata B.<br>Murata Bokujo<br>Takayuki Kato |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | All Parfait (JPN)<br>Takuya Ono | C2<br>b.<br>55.0 | 8.0<br>(4) | 3/4<br>(36.6) | Real Steel<br>Queen Grace<br>(Rulership) | Ryoichi Endo<br>Ryoichi Endo<br>Yuji Wada |

| FP | BK | PP | Horse / Jockey | S&A Color Wgt | Odds (Fav) | Margin (L3F) | Sire / Dam / (Broodmare Sire) | Owner / Breeder |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 4 | 7 | Obamburumai (JPN) / Christophe Lemaire | C2 b. 55.0 | 14.0 (5) | 1/2 (35.5) | Discreet Cat / Pink Gerbera / (Deep Impact) | Koji Oka / Sunday Hills / Keiji Yoshimura |
| 8 | 6 | 11 | Tinia (IRE) / Yuichi Fukunaga | C2 d.b. 55.0 | 23.2 (7) | 1 (36.2) | Frankel / Follow a Dream / (Giant's Causeway) | Koji Maeda / North Hills Co. Ltd / Yasutoshi Ikee |
| 9 | 8 | 16 | Corpus Christi (JPN) / David Egan | C2 ch. 55.0 | 16.6 (6) | 1/2 (36.1) | Epiphaneia / Red Sombrero / (King Kamehameha) | Katsumi Yoshida / Northern Racing / Mitsumasa Nakauchida |
| 10 | 4 | 8 | Granite (JPN) / Kohei Matsuyama | C2 b. 55.0 | 42.6 (9) | 1/2 (37.0) | Danon Ballade / Intiwatana / (Fusaichi Concorde) | Mill Farm Co., Ltd. / Mill Farm / Naru Owada |
| 11 | 5 | 9 | Nishino Best One (JPN) / Yusuke Fujioka | C2 d.b. 55.0 | 135.8 (15) | Neck (35.4) | Epiphaneia / Nishino One / (War Emblem) | Shigeyuki Nishiyama / Nishiyama Stud / Koichi Shintani |
| 12 | 2 | 4 | Dondengaeshi (JPN) / Norihiro Yokoyama | C2 b. 55.0 | 54.0 (11) | 1/2 (35.7) | Drefong / To the Happiness / (Symboli Kris S) | Iwakirikikaku Co., Ltd. / Northern Racing / Tomohito Ozeki |
| 13 | 7 | 13 | Suzuka Double (JPN) / Katsuma Sameshima | C2 ch. 55.0 | 94.0 (12) | 1/2 (36.5) | Bago / Double Fantasy / (Giant Wrecker) | Keiji Nagai / Tsuji Bokujo / Masayuki Nishimura |
| 14 | 3 | 6 | Miscela Dorata (JPN) / Manabu Sakai | C2 b. 55.0 | 405.4 (17) | Neck (36.6) | Kinshasa no Kiseki / Courir Soleil / (French Deputy) | Toshiyuki Fukumori / Marumura Murashita Farm / Hisashi Shimizu |
| 15 | 5 | 10 | Ume Musubi (JPN) / Taiga Tsunoda | C2 d.b. 55.0 | 127.3 (14) | 2 (37.4) | Fine Needle / Violetta / (Symboli Kris S) | Kishu Hosokawa Equine Suppliments Co., Ltd. / Okuyama Farm / Koichi Shintani |
| 16 | 8 | 15 | From Dusk (USA) / Yutaka Take | C2 d.b. 55.0 | 98.1 (13) | 1/2 (36.3) | Bolt d'Oro / Foolish Cause / (Giant's Causeway) | Susumu Fujita / Springhouse Farm / Hideyuki Mori |
| 17 | 8 | 17 | Emphasize (JPN) / Kota Fujioka | C2 b. 55.0 | 47.8 (10) | Neck (36.9) | Real Steel / Fabulous Sense / (Grass Wonder) | Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. / Shadai Farm / Hirofumi Shii |

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / 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: ¥ 14,658,680,100    Turnover for the Day: ¥ 23,767,919,100    Attendance: 11,106

Pay-off (for ¥100)

| Win | No.2 | ¥ 310 | Bracket Quinella | 1-6 | ¥ 560 | Quinella | 2-12 | ¥ 550 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Place | No.2 | ¥ 130 | | 2-12 | ¥ 260 | Exacta | 2-12 | ¥ 1,070 |
| | No.12 | ¥ 140 | Quinella Place | 2-14 | ¥ 520 | Trio | 2-12-14 | ¥ 1,280 |
| | No.14 | ¥ 210 | | 12-14 | ¥ 490 | Trifecta | 2-12-14 | ¥ 4,570 |

Winner= 3 starts: 3 wins / Added money: ¥ 71,218,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 111,540,000

## *First Pick Dolce More Claims Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes*

Race favorite **Dolce More** dominated this year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes, marking his third consecutive win in as many career starts. Foaled out of 2013 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) victor Ayusan, the bay colt broke his maiden in his debut race in August (Sapporo, 1,500m) before scoring his first graded victory in his next Saudi Arabia Royal Cup (Tokyo, G3, 1,600m) start on October 8. This victory becomes trainer Naosuke Sugai's 15th JRA-G1 win—his latest was with Sodashi in the Victoria Mile in May this year—while jockey Ryusei Sakai celebrates his second JRA-G1 win just after notching his first in October with Stunning Rose in the Shuka Sho.

Breaking from the second inner stall, **Dolce More** gunned for the lead but was eased back to third and saved ground behind **All Parfait** and **Granite**. Coming into the straight still behind the pacesetter, the Rulership colt was shifted away from the rails for running room, edged clear under left-hand urging while taking over the lead right after the 200-meter marker and held off a strong challenge from the second favorite to prevail by a neck.

"It all went as planned with the trainer, just as I had pictured. I expected the pace to be fast since there were runners coming off short-distanced races. My colt ran in a good position and responded and held on well. I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to ride him today," commented Ryusei Sakai after the race.

Second pick **Danon Touchdown**, who came off a runner-up effort in his previous Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) start, settled around 10th on the rails and switched to the outside at the top of the stretch, then launched the fastest late speed to overtake **Labeling** around 50 meters out but failed to make up ground to reach the winner and was second.

In his second career start, third choice **Labeling** moved up in the backstretch to camp wide in fifth from the front, kicked into gear in the straight and chased the eventual winner to the wire while caught by **Danon Touchdown** in the final strides for a neck third.

Other Horses:
4th: (1) **Kyoei Brisa**—hugged rails around 7th, showed effort to pass one by one in last 300m
5th: (5) **Bagradas**—settled near winner around 5th, ran gamely until 100m out
6th: (3) **All Parfait**—set pace, showed tenacity after surrendering lead, weakened in last 100m
7th: (7) **Obamburumai**—traveled 3-wide in 15th, passed tiring rivals at stretch
8th: (11) **Tinia**—sat around 7th, angled out for stretch run, even paced
9th: (16) **Corpus Christi**—unhurried in 13th early, needed more to reach contention
10th: (8) **Granite**—stalked pace in 2nd, sustained bid up to 200m pole, outrun thereafter
11th: (9) **Nishino Best One**—trailed in rear, showed belated charge while timed 2nd fastest over last 600m
12th: (4) **Dondengaeshi**—saved ground in 14th, struggled to find clear path on inner route
13th: (13) **Suzuka Double**—ran 3-wide in 9th, unable to respond after final corner
14th: (6) **Miscela Dorata**—positioned around 10th, showed little at stretch
15th: (10) **Ume Musubi**—advanced to 3rd outside winner, faded after 300m out
16th: (15) **From Dusk**—was off slow, raced near rear, no factor
17th: (17) **Emphasize**—traveled 3-wide around 10th, never fired

Fractional time (sec./furlong):　　12.4 - 10.4 - 11.3 - 11.6 - 12.1 - 11.7 - 12.0 - 12.4
　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　Last 4 furlongs: 48.2　　Last 3 furlongs: 36.1

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