

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 40TH HOPEFUL STAKES (G1)

Established in 1984 under the name of Radio Tampa Hai Sansai Himba Stakes as a G3 race for two-year-old fillies run over 1,600 meters at Hanshin Racecourse, the race held in December has undergone various changes in its status over the years. The distance was extended to 2,000 meters while the runners were limited to colts and geldings in 1991, opened its doors once again to fillies and mares in 2000 and acquired international status in 2010. In 2014, the race was given the Hopeful Stakes name, upgraded to G2, excluded geldings and shifted to a new venue, the Nakayama Racecourse where the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1), is held over the same distance. In 2017, the race made its final elevation in grade and has become JRA's 24th G1 flat race.

Even before becoming a G1 race, the Hopeful Stakes was highly regarded as the championship event for two-year-old middle-distance prospects aiming for the three-year-old classics and chosen as the main target in place of the traditional two-year-old G1 championships, the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes and the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies run over 1,600 meters. As a result, the 2,000-meter race attracted many talented runners and subsequent G1 title holders such as 2010 Satsuki Sho and 2011 Dubai World Cup (AW, 2,000m) winner Victoire Pisa (JPN, by Neo Universe), 2013 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, 3,000m) and 2014 Japan Cup (2,400m) victor Epiphaneia (JPN, by Symboli Kris S), 2017 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, 2,400m) champion Rey de Oro (JPN, by King Kamehameha), 2019 Satsuki Sho winner Saturnalia (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) and 2020 Triple Crown victor Contrail (JPN, by Deep Impact).

Coming off their respective second wins into this year's edition were **Velociraptor** (Nojigiku Stakes [Open Class, 1,800m, Sep.23]), **Sirius Colt** (Fuyo Stakes [Open Class, 2,000m, Sep.30]), **Ammothyella** (Mochinoki Sho [1 Win Class, dirt, 1,800m, Nov.5]), **Century Bond** (Kigiku Sho [1 Win Class, 2,000m, Nov.12]) and **Shin Emperor** (Kyoto Nisai Stakes [G3, 2,000m, Nov.25]). The field also included **Regaleira** and **Shonan la Punta**, who came off a third in the Ivy Stakes (Listed, 1,800m, Oct.21) and a fourth in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Nov.18), respectively.

THE 40TH HOPEFUL STAKES (G1)

2-year-olds, Colts & Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Thursday, December 28, 2023 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,324,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

2-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2021

Course Record: 1:58.9

Race Record: 2:00.2 [Regaleira (JPN, by Suave Richard), 2023]

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	7	13	Regaleira (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F2 b. 55.0	3.1 (1)	2:00.2 (35.0)	Suave Richard Roca (Harbinger)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
2	3	6	Shin Emperor (FR) Bauyrzhan Murzabayev	C2 ch. 56.0	3.1 (2)	3/4 (35.7)	Siyouni Starlet's Sister (Galileo)	Susumu Fujita Ecurie Des Monceaux Yoshito Yahagi
3	3	5	Sunrise Zipangu (JPN) Akira Sugawara	C2 b. 56.0	128.7 (13)	2 (35.9)	Kizuna Saimaa (Zoffany)	Life House Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Hidetaka Otonashi
4	2	4	Admiral Ship (JPN) Hollie Doyle	C2 b. 56.0	69.2 (11)	3/4 (35.4)	Gold Ship Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
5	8	18	Mr G T (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C2 b. 56.0	15.1 (7)	Head (35.4)	Duramente Listen (Sadler's Wells)	Toshihiko Tabata Northern Farm Yoshito Yahagi
6	5	10	Sirius Colt (JPN) Kosei Miura	C2 b. 56.0	29.7 (9)	Neck (35.8)	Makfi Old Flame	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai

				56.0			(Zenno Rob Roy)	Yoshitada Munakata
7	6	11	Shonan la Punta (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	C2 d.b. 56.0	9.0 (3)	1-1/4 (36.5)	Kizuna Furia Azteca (Zensational)	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano
8	4	8	In the Moment (JPN) Daisuke Sasaki	C2 d.b. 56.0	92.5 (12)	Neck (36.3)	Kizuna Dilga (Curlin)	Kodai Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Katsunori Tanaka
9	6	12	Di Speranza (JPN) Luke Morris	C2 b. 56.0	37.5 (10)	Neck (36.2)	Rulership Lupin (Medaglia d'Oro)	Turf Sport Co., Ltd. Tanikawa Stud Tatsuya Yoshioka
10	1	2	Velociraptor (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C2 ch. 56.0	14.3 (5)	2-1/2 (37.2)	Suave Richard Louve Imperiale (Giant's Causeway)	Yuji Kato Shadai Farm Tomokazu Takano
11	7	14	Hortobagy (JPN) Seina Imamura	C2 b. 56.0	322.7 (16)	1-1/2 (36.3)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Plainswoman (Zensational)	YGG Horse Club Co., Ltd. Tanikawa Stud Ryo Terashima
12	7	15	Win Maximum (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	C2 b. 56.0	14.5 (6)	1-1/4 (37.1)	Kitasan Black Cosmo Access (Roses in May)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yoshihiro Hatakeyama
13	4	7	Ten Ace One (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C2 ch. 56.0	236.6 (15)	Neck (36.4)	World Ace Daiwa Ondine (Kurofune)	Yasushi Tenpaku Northern Farm Ryuji Okubo
14	8	16	Century Bond (JPN) Yutaka Take	C2 b. 56.0	10.2 (4)	3/4 (37.0)	Kizuna Magny Cours (Henny Hughes)	Hideki Nakamizu Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Yasushi Shono
15	2	3	Ammothyella (JPN) Nanako Fujita	F2 ch. 55.0	129.2 (14)	1-3/4 (38.0)	Bricks and Mortar Sand Queen (Gold Allure)	Hiroo Race Co., Ltd. Kuwata Bokujo Mikio Matsunaga
	5	9	Tariff Line (JPN) Tom Marquand	C2 b. 56.0	27.6 (8)	FF	Satono Diamond Talisa (Pour Moi)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Masaaki Koga
	1	1	Gonbade Qabus (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C2 br. 56.0	Scratched		Bricks and Mortar Affilato (Deep Impact)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc. Noriyuki Hori
	8	17	Sunrise Earth (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C2 ch. 56.0	Scratched		Rey de Oro Chant de l'Ange (Manhattan Cafe)	Life House Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Koichi Ishizaka

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

FF=Fail to Finish

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: ¥ 14,104,186,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,464,128,000

Attendance: 25,006

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No. 13	¥ 310	Bracket Quinella	3-7	¥ 520	Quinella	6-13	¥ 530
Place	No. 13	¥ 140	Quinella Place	6-13	¥ 280	Exacta	13-6	¥ 1,150
	No. 6	¥ 140		5-13	¥ 5,130	Trio	5-6-13	¥ 18,800
	No. 5	¥ 1,350		5-6	¥ 5,390	Trifecta	13-6-5	¥ 56,240

Winner= 3 starts: 2 wins & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 71,260,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 82,779,000

Regaleira Becomes the First Filly to Win the Hopeful Stakes

Race favorite **Regaleira** won this year's Hopeful Stakes with a race record time of 2:00.2 to become the first filly to win the race since it was elevated to G1 in 2017 and gave her sire Suave Richard his first G1 title. Breaking her maiden in her debut start (Hakodate, 1,800m) in July, she came off a third among a mixed field in the Ivy Stakes (Listed, 1,800m) on October 21. This win gave her trainer Tetsuya Kimura and jockey Christophe Lemaire their eighth and 50th JRA-G1 wins, respectively, following their Japan

Cup victory with Equinox a month ago. Shunsuke Yoshida, representative of Sunday Racing, who owns **Regaleira**, stated that they will likely race her in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) next spring.

Breaking slowly from an outside draw, **Regaleira** settled third from the rear, edged forward traveling two wide in the backstretch and rounded the last two corners wide to make bid. Though meeting traffic at early stretch, Christophe Lemaire steered the Suave Richard filly further out for a clear path, from where she unleashed an explosive burst of speed, flying past her rivals with the fastest finishing drive and overtaking the front 100 meters out to claim the race.

“We had to travel near the rear because the filly missed her break, but she was very calm after that. She responded well at last two corners and, after I steered her to the outside, displayed an incredible late charge. I look forward to her performances next year, and I think a longer distance would also suit her,” commented Christophe Lemaire.

Second pick **Shin Emperor** broke smoothly out of the gate and traveled in good position, around fourth from the front. Advancing position turning the final corners, the Siyouni chestnut was at the top when entering the lane, further accelerate in the stretch and, though overtaken by the fast-closing winner 100 meters out, bested the rest of the field by two lengths to secure a runner-up seat.

13th choice **Sunrise Zipangu** advanced to third after breaking sharply and eased back to around fifth in the backstretch. The Kizuna colt angled out for the final turn and closed in on **Shin Emperor** while drifting to the inside in the stretch but was overtaken by the eventual winner in the last 100 meters, then found little room behind the runner-up to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (4) **Admiral Ship**—settled around 13th on rails, launched 2nd fastest late drive to finish strongly

5th: (18) **Mr G T**—raced 3-wide around 13th, struggled to find clear path on inner stretch, quickened in last 100m

6th: (10) **Sirius Colt**—saved ground around 10th, remained in contention until 100m out

7th: (11) **Shonan la Punta**—chased leaders in 3rd, showed effort but no match for top finishers

8th: (8) **In the Moment**—settled around 6th, ran gamely until 100m out

9th: (12) **Di Speranza**—traveled around 10th, showed brief effort while meeting traffic 200m out

10th: (2) **Velociraptor**—set pace, showed tenacity after surrendering lead, weakened in last 100m

11th: (14) **Hortobagy**—trailed in rear, circled wide, unable to reach contention

12th: (15) **Win Maximum**—sat 3-wide in 8th, failed to respond

13th: (7) **Ten Ace One**—positioned near rear, never fired

14th: (16) **Century Bond**—raced 3-wide in 11th, showed little

15th: (3) **Ammothyella**—stalked leader in 2nd, faded after final corner

Fail to Finish: (9) **Tariff Line**—traveled around 5th on rails, pulled up due to fracture

Scratched: (1) **Gonbade Qabus**—sickness

Scratched: (17) **Sunrise Earth**—lameness in his left foreleg

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 10.8 - 12.1 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 12.4 - 12.0 - 11.5
Last 4 furlongs: 48.0 Last 3 furlongs: 35.9

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

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.