

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 76TH 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. The race was temporarily shifted to Kyoto Racecourse due to Hanshin Racecourse currently undergoing renovation.

Coming off back-to-back wins for their G1 debut were **Nitamonodoshi** (Clover Sho [Open Class, 1,500m, Aug.18]), **Total Clarity** (Niigata Nisai Stakes [G3, 1,600m, Aug.25]), **Arte Veloce** (Saudi Arabia Royal Cup [G3, 1,600m, Oct.5]), **Panja Tower** (Keio Hai Nisai Stakes [G2, 1,400m, Nov.2]) and **Museum Mile** (Kigiku Sho [1 Win Class, 2,000m, Nov.10]). The field also included **A Shin Wand**, winner of the Kokura Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,200m) in September, **Taisei Current** and **Arlecchino** who finished second and fifth, respectively, in the Saudi Arabia Royal Cup, as well as **Dragon Boost** and **Daishin Ra**, runner-up and third-place finisher, respectively, in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m, Nov.9).

THE 76TH ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 15, 2024 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,200,000 (about US\$ 1,080,000 <US\$1=¥141>)

2-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs),

1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

Course Record: 1:32.3

Race Record: 1:32.3 [Grenadier Guards (JPN, by Frankel), *Hanshin*, 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	1	2	Admire Zoom (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C2 b. 56.0	9.1 (5)	1:34.1 (33.6)	Maurice Daiwa Zoom (Heart's Cry)	Junko Kondo Shadai Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
2	2	4	Museum Mile (JPN) Cristian Demuro	C2 d.b. 56.0	3.7 (2)	2-1/2 (33.8)	Leontes Museum Hill (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Daisuke Takayanagi
3	2	3	Lance of Chaos (JPN) Seinosuke Yoshimura	C2 d.b. 56.0	45.8 (9)	2-1/2 (34.0)	Silver State Heidrun (Lohengrin)	Yoshinori Itsukage Fujiwara Farm Yutaka Okumura
4	1	1	Daishin Ra (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C2 b. 56.0	150.4 (12)	2 (34.9)	Satono Diamond Grace de Monaco (Taiki Shuttle)	Nobuyuki Oyagi Smile Farm Tomoyuki Umeda
5	4	8	Arte Veloce (JPN) Yutaka Take	C2 ch. 56.0	3.3 (1)	3/4 (34.4)	Maurice Culminate (Deep Impact)	Teruo Ono Northern Farm Naosuke Sugai
6	4	7	Craspedia (JPN) Ryoya Kozaki	C2 d.b. 56.0	210.3 (14)	Neck (34.7)	Mr Melody Umbellata (Agnes Tachyon)	Yoshihiro Tsukada Tabata Bokujo Hiroki Kawashima
7	8	15	Dragon Boost (JPN) Kanta Taguchi	C2 b. 56.0	83.9 (10)	Neck (34.9)	Screen Hero Toko Dione (Empire Maker)	Miho Mizutani Z Stable Kenta Fujino

8	3	5	Cosmo Storm (JPN) Toshiki Akiyama	C2 ch. 56.0	297.9 (15)	1/2 (34.8)	Declaration of War Olive Tiara (King Kamehameha)	Cosmo-Cosmo Co., Ltd. Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Yoshihito Kitade
9	6	11	Nitamonodoshi (JPN) Ryan Moore	C2 b. 56.0	10.9 (6)	1-1/2 (34.7)	Dee Majesty Jealous Girl (Petionville)	Masaru Shimada Mishima Bokujo Noboru Takagi
10	3	6	Arlecchino (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C2 b. 56.0	12.7 (8)	Nose (34.8)	Bricks and Mortar Cecchino (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda
11	5	9	Ermland (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	C2 b. 56.0	299.5 (16)	Head (34.5)	Fierement Exceed Limits (Exceed And Excel)	Takashi Muraki Northern Racing Yuichi Shikato
12	6	12	Panja Tower (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C2 b. 56.0	9.0 (4)	Neck (35.0)	Tower of London Clarksdale (Victoire Pisa)	Deep Creek Co., Ltd. Champions Farm Shinsuke Hashiguchi
13	5	10	Total Clarity (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C2 b. 56.0	6.6 (3)	1-3/4 (35.6)	Bago Bit Rate (Special Week)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Manabu Ikezoe
14	7	13	A Shin Wand (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	C2 b. 56.0	119.6 (11)	1 (35.3)	Discreet Cat Eishin Fairy (Taiki Shuttle)	Eishindo Co., Ltd. KK Eishindo Ryuji Okubo
15	8	16	Taisei Current (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C2 d.b. 56.0	12.7 (7)	Neck (35.5)	Maurice Irish Sea (Galileo)	Seiho Tanaka Northern Farm Yoshito Yahagi
16	7	14	Take It All (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C2 d.b. 56.0	181.0 (13)	2-1/2 (36.2)	Kizuna Top Soliste (War Front)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Kazuya Nakatake

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: 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: ¥ 16,215,992,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,180,242,100

Attendance: 20,889

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.2	¥ 910	Bracket Quinella	1-2	¥ 1,490	Quinella	2-4	¥ 1,480
Place	No.2	¥ 270	Quinella Place	2-4	¥ 580	Exacta	2-4	¥ 3,700
	No.4	¥ 170		2-3	¥ 2,660	Trio	2-3-4	¥ 17,460
	No.3	¥ 880		3-4	¥ 2,500	Trifecta	2-4-3	¥ 86,430

Winner= 3 starts: 2 wins / Added & stakes money: ¥ 71,162,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 77,762,000

Admire Zoom Scores Overwhelming Victory in Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes

Fifth favorite **Admire Zoom** captured his first graded victory and G1 title in only his third career start. Fourth in his debut over the same course and distance in October, the Maurice colt won by an overwhelming three-length margin in his following race on November 10, also at Kyoto at 1,600 meters before making his third start again at Kyoto's 1,600-meter course but this time against the best two-year-olds. Trainer Yasuo Tomomichi claimed his 22nd JRA-G1 title after the Japan Cup with Do Deuce three weeks ago and third Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes victory after Admire Mars (2018) and Do Deuce (2021). Jockey Yuga Kawada, who won his second consecutive and fourth victory in this race after Danon Premium (2017), Grenadier Guards (2020) and Jantar Mantar (2023) while claiming his 28th career G1 title, his first since this year's NHK Mile Cup with Jantar Mantar, now ties with Masato Shibata and Mirco Demuro as the leading jockey.

Admire Zoom broke smoothly and took advantage of an inside draw to join a three-horse rally for the early lead before settling nicely, chasing **Daishin Ra** in second. Making use of his lasting speed, the bay colt quickly seized the front as the pacesetter weakened in the early stretch and continued to pull away uncontested to win by a comfortable 2-1/2 length margin.

