

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 55TH 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 race, the first of the annual flat turf G1 events, was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse in 2011 and returned to the newly renovated track at Chukyo the following year with added challenges of an uphill climb and a longer homestretch exceeding 400 meters.

Designated an international race in 2001, the Takamatsunomiya Kinen 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) and Victor The Winner (AUS, by Toronado), also from Hong Kong, finished fifth in 2018 and third in 2024, respectively.

Defending champion **Mad Cool** and 2024 Sprinters Stakes victor **Lugal** commenced the current season with this race, while 2023 Sprinters Stakes winner **Mama Cocha** came off her second graded title in the Ocean Stakes (G3, 1,200m, Mar.1), her kick-off start of this season. Others who came off their respective grade-race victories were **Big Caesar** (Keihan Hai [G3, 1,200m, Nov.24]), **Namura Clair** (Hanshin Cup [G2, 1,400m, Dec.21]), **A Shin Fencer** (Silk Road Stakes [G3, 1,200m, Feb.2]) and **Kangchenjunga** (Hankyu Hai [G3, 1,400m, Feb.22]). This year's field also included **Satono Reve**, who finished third in the Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m, Dec.8), and 2024 Sprinters Stakes runner-up **Toshin Macau**.

THE 55TH TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (G1)

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

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Chukyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 369,900,000 (about US\$ 2,357,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2021

Course Record: 1:06.2

Race Record: 1:06.7 [Big Arthur (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O), 2016]

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	10	Satono Reve (JPN) Joao Moreira	H6 b. 58.0	3.8 (2)	1:07.9 (33.4)	Lord Kanaloa Ciliege (Sakura Bakushin O)	Hajime Satomi Shirai Stud Farm Noriyuki Hori
2	7	14	Namura Clair (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M6 br. 56.0	3.5 (1)	3/4 (33.3)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
3	7	15	Mama Cocha (JPN) Yuga Kawada	M6 b. 56.0	14.6 (6)	1-1/4 (33.8)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasutoshi Ikee
4	6	12	Toshin Macau (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	H6 ch. 58.0	7.3 (5)	Neck (33.8)	Big Arthur Yukino Mermaid (Special Week)	Sato Co., Ltd. Hattori Bokujo Mizuki Takayanagi
5	7	13	A Shin Fencer (JPN) Kenji Kawamata	M5 d.b. 56.0	26.1 (8)	1-1/2 (34.2)	Fine Needle A Shin Panagia (Eishin Sandy)	Eishindo Co., Ltd. KK Eishindo Keiji Yoshimura
6	1	1	Mad Cool (IRE) Ryusei Sakai	H6 g. 58.0	7.1 (4)	1-1/4 (34.4)	Dark Angel Mad About You (Indian Ridge)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd Manabu Ikezoe
7	3	6	Lugal (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	H5 br. 58.0	5.7 (3)	3/4 (34.8)	Duramente Atab (New Approach)	Yoshimasa Ema Mishima Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama

8	8	17	Drop of Light (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	M6 d.b. 56.0	186.4 (17)	Head (34.2)	Tosen Ra Precious Drop (French Deputy)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Yuichi Fukunaga
9	2	3 B	Big Caesar (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	H5 g. 58.0	19.7 (7)	Neck (35.1)	Big Arthur Anna Perenna (Tale of Ekati)	Masanobu Habata Akira Nakatsuji Masato Nishizono
10	4	8	Kangchenjunga (JPN) Yutaka Take	H5 b. 58.0	42.4 (9)	1/2 (34.5)	Big Arthur Questa Volta (Novellist)	Masanobu Habata Masanobu Habata Yasushi Shono
11	2	4	Travesura (JPN) Genki Maruyama	H10 b. 58.0	171.9 (16)	1/2 (34.2)	Dream Journey Jaja Machan (Admire Cozzene)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Takahashi
12	8	16	Balsam Note (JPN) Heart Kameda	H5 d.b. 58.0	234.2 (18)	1/2 (34.4)	Maurice Epice Arome (Daiwa Major)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
13	4	7	Moza Meimei (JPN) Fuma Matsuwaka	M5 b. 56.0	148.3 (14)	Nose (35.0)	Real Impact In Luxury (Frankel)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Kyoko Maekawa
14	3	5	Off Trail (GB) Yuji Hishida	C4 b. 58.0	57.4 (11)	Neck (34.0)	Farhh Rose Trail (Kingmambo)	Godolphin Godolphin Keiji Yoshimura
15	5	9	Kitano Express (JPN) Kyosuke Kokubun	H7 b. 58.0	130.5 (13)	1 (34.4)	Asia Express Tsurumar Sun Chan (Deep Impact)	Naoto Kitajo Naoto Kitajo Tomoyasu Sakaguchi
16	1	2 B	Win Greatest (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	H8 ch. 58.0	91.3 (12)	1/2 (35.5)	Screen Hero Great Catty (Sakura Yutaka O)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yoshihiro Hatakeyama
17	6	11	Suzu Khalom (JPN) Daisuke Sasaki	H5 b. 58.0	170.4 (15)	3-1/2 (34.8)	Satono Diamond Eye Line (Laurel Guerreiro)	Tatsuro Mori Araki Farm Kazuya Makita
18	8	18	Pair Pollux (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C4 d.b. 58.0	56.5 (10)	1-1/4 (36.3)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Miracle Ask (Deep Impact)	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Toshihiro Hirosaki Tomoyuki Umeda

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: 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: ¥ 16,186,475,300

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,026,090,200

Attendance: 26,682

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.10	¥ 380	Bracket Quinella	5-7	¥ 570	Quinella	10-14	¥ 820
Place	No.10	¥ 160	Quinella Place	10-14	¥ 360	Exacta	10-14	¥ 1,460
	No.14	¥ 140		10-15	¥ 1,150	Trio	10-14-15	¥ 2,900
	No.15	¥ 330		14-15	¥ 860	Trifecta	10-14-15	¥ 11,080

Winner= 12 starts: 8 wins, 1 second & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 173,864,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 398,460,300

Satono Reve Captures His First G1 Victory in This Year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen

Second choice **Satono Reve** scored his first G1 title in this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen in his first start of this season after concluding the previous season with a third in the Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m). Sired by 2013 Takamatsunomiya Kinen victor Lord Kanaloa, the bay colt registered 3-1-0 out of four starts in his three-year-old debut season and marked another win in his first start of the following season before being sidelined for ten months due to a leg problem. He returned to racing in February last year and marked three consecutive victories including the Hakodate Sprint Stakes (G3, 1,200m) and the Keeneland Cup (G3, 1,200m) before disappointing to seventh in his first G1 challenge in the Sprinters Stakes (1,200m). Trainer Noriyuki Hori claimed his 16th JRA-G1 title following the 2023 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) with Tastiera and third Takamatsunomiya Kinen victory after Kinshasa no Kiseki in 2010 and 2011. Jockey Joao Moreira, who has been riding under short-term license since yesterday, notched his third JRA-G1 title after

last year's Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) with Stellenbosch.

Satono Reve broke smoothly and eased back to around ninth to turn the corners in mid-division. While meeting traffic entering the lane, jockey Joao Moreira steered his mount to the outside to make bid and the son of Lord Kanaloa responded willingly, unleashing an impressive late charge to take the front 100 meters out and hold off the fast-closing **Namura Clair** in the last 100 meters for his first G1 title.

"The horse gave me a beautiful ride. He behaved very well from the gate, traveled nicely on the bend. I angled him out as we approached the homestretch, and from there he showed that he has an amazing ability," commented jockey Joao Moreira.

Race favorite **Namura Clair** settled towards the rear, around fifth from last, entered the lane in mid-division, surged out through a narrow space behind **Satono Reve** 200 meters out and threatened the winner with the fastest closing speed but was 3/4 length short, resulting in a third consecutive runner-up finish in this race.

Six pick and 2023 Sprinters Stakes champion **Mama Cocha** traveled wide around ninth after breaking sharply from stall 15, turned the final corner to rally for the lead, briefly took command at the 200-meter pole and, while overtaken by top two finishers in the last 100 meters, managed to hold off the late chargers to secure third place by a neck.

Other Horses:

4th: (12) **Toshin Macau**—sat around 10th, showed effort inside winner but failed to find another gear

5th: (13) **A Shin Fencer**—settled around 5th, rallied for lead until 100m out

6th: (1) **Mad Cool**—broke sharply, eased back to 7th, no match for top finishers' speed

7th: (6) **Lugal**—rallied for lead, entered lane in 2nd, took command briefly, weakened in last 100m

8th: (17) **Drop of Light**—sat wide around 10th, lacked needed kick

9th: (3) **Big Caesar**—rallied for lead to set pace, remained in contention until 100m out

10th: (8) **Kangchenjunga**—saved ground around 10th, blocked behind horses, showed some effort

11th: (4) **Travesura**—hugged rails around 15th, even paced at stretch

12th: (16) **Balsam Note**—ran wide around 13th, failed to respond

13th: (7) **Moza Meimei**—traveled around 5th, outrun in last 200m

14th: (5) **Off Trail**—trailed in rear, turned wide, needed more

15th: (9) **Kitano Express**—positioned in 15th, circled wide, showed little

16th: (2) **Win Greatest**—dashed to front but eased back to around 3rd, used up after 200m pole

17th: (11) **Suzu Khalom**—ran 2nd from rear, unable to reach contention

18th: (18) **Pair Pollux**—advanced to 2nd from widest draw, faded after 300m out

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.2 - 11.3 - 11.6 - 11.3 - 11.2
Last 4 furlongs: 45.4 Last 3 furlongs: 34.1

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

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.