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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 77TH HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)



Races for two-year-olds were held for the first time in 1946 at Tokyo. As the number of contenders increased, championship races that determine the top two-year-olds of the season—the Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes) and the Hanshin Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies)—were established in eastern and western Japan, respectively, in 1949. The two races were designated G1 status in conjunction with the new grading system implemented 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. The Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, which initially started as a 1,200-meter sprint race, was extended to 1,400 meters in 1960 and to 1,600 meters in 1962. The race was temporarily shifted to Kyoto Racecourse last year due to Hanshin’s renovation and returned to its original venue this year.

Past winners of the race include many subsequent successful G1 champions such as 2006 winner and 2008 & 2009 Horse of the Year Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet); 2008 champion and 2010 Horse of the Year Buena Vista (JPN, by Special Week); and 2022 victor Liberty Island (JPN, F3, by Duramente) who later became the seventh filly to sweep the fillies’ Triple Crown races—the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m), the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m).

Last year, May Day Ready (USA, by Tapit) from the U.S. became the first foreign contender to take part in the two-year-old fillies’ G1 race since it opened its doors to foreign runners in 2010 and finished 13th.

In this year’s edition, notable contenders coming off their respective wins included **Alankar** (Nojigiku Stakes [Open Class, 1,600m; Sep.20]), **Arbanne** (Saffron Sho [1 Win Class, 1,600m; Sep.28]), **Lasting Snow** (Rindo Sho [1 Win Class, 1,400m; Oct.4]), **His Masterpiece** (Akamatsu Sho [1 Win Class, 1,600m; Nov.23]) and **Margot Love Me** (Shiragiku Sho [1 Win Class, 1,600m; Nov.30]). Also among the field were three second-place finishers in graded events, **Star Anise** (Chukyo Nisai Stakes [G3, 1,400m; Aug.31]), **Mitsukane Venera** (Artemis Stakes [G3, 1,600m, Oct.25]) and **Shonan Charis** (Fantasy Stakes [G3, 1,400m, Nov.1]) as well as **Taisei Vogue** who finished third in the Artemis Stakes.

THE 77TH HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Hanshin Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 140,850,000 (about US\$ 898,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2023

Course Record: 1:32.3

Race Record: 1:32.6 [Ascoli Piceno (JPN, by Daiwa Major), 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	5	9	Star Anise (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F2 ch. 55.0	5.0 (2)	1:32.6 (34.5)	Drefong Epice Arome (Daiwa Major)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
2	3	5	Garavogue (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F2 b. 55.0	7.2 (4)	1-1/4 (34.3)	Lord Kanaloa Lexie Lou (Sligo Bay)	Lord Horse Club Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Haruki Sugiyama
3	8	17	Taisei Vogue (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	F2 b. 55.0	11.5 (6)	Neck (35.0)	Indy Champ Viyadana (Azamour)	Seiho Tanaka Northern Racing Takeshi Matsushita
4	6	11	Sweet Happiness (JPN) Riki Takasugi	F2 ch. 55.0	50.0 (9)	Neck (34.5)	Real Impact Jurar (Workforce)	Kodai Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yoshihito Kitade
5	2	4	Alankar (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	F2 b. 55.0	2.6 (1)	1-1/4 (34.7)	Epiphaneia Sinhallite (Deep Impact)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
6	3	6	Arbanne (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F2 ch. 55.0	7.1 (3)	1 (34.6)	Admire Mars Petite Folie (Australia)	Yuki Hashimoto Northern Racing Hiroyasu Tanaka
7	8	18	Shonan Charis (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F2 b. 55.0	72.4 (11)	1-1/4 (35.2)	Real Steel Russian Samovar (American Pharoah)	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Northern Racing Shizuya Kato

8	4	7	Margot Love Me (JPN) Yutaka Take	F2 b. 55.0	8.2 (5)	Neck (35.8)	Real Steel Can't Buy Me Love (War Front)	Ryohei Maeda Lake Villa Farm Shinya Kobayashi
9	1	2	Lady Goal (JPN) Fuma Matsuwaka	F2 b. 55.0	313.3 (18)	Head (34.6)	Rey de Oro Care Lady (Equal Stripes)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Manabu Ikezoe
10	5	10	Inubono Utageoe (JPN) Manabu Sakai	F2 b. 55.0	114.5 (12)	1-1/4 (35.2)	Siskin Dover Breeze (Frankel)	Masaru Shimada Masaru Shimada Yuichiro Nishida
11	7	14	Stunning Lady (JPN) Ryuji Wada	F2 b. 55.0	55.9 (10)	Neck (35.1)	Benbatl Foxy Lady (Deep Impact)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Noboru Takagi
12	2	3	Mitsukane Venera (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	F2 b. 55.0	24.1 (8)	Nose (35.5)	Maurice Nasu Kazan (Daiwa Major)	Mitsuru Oyamada Oyamada Holdings Ltd Nobuhiro Suzuki
13	8	16	Rose Charis (JPN) Kanta Taguchi	F2 d.b. 55.0	305.7 (17)	1-1/4 (36.4)	California Chrome Schon Lied (Henny Hughes)	Kotaro Mizutani Tomoda Bokujo Yuki Ohashi
14	6	12	Maple Happy (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	F2 d.b. 55.0	175.6 (15)	1-1/4 (36.1)	Satono Crown Lenana (Screen Hero)	Eiji Setsu Paca Paca Farm Yoshihito Kitade
15	4	8	His Masterpiece (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	F2 ch. 55.0	19.6 (7)	Neck (36.9)	Screen Hero Ipswich (Danehill Dancer)	U.Kimura B. Kimura Bokujo Sakae Kunieda
16	7	15	Lasting Snow (JPN) Yuji Hishida	F2 ch. 55.0	133.4 (13)	1 (36.7)	Mozu Ascot Pleasant Breeze (Manhattan Cafe)	Hideharu Yano Yano Bokujo Masakazu Ikegami
17	7	13	From Raven (JPN) Seinosuke Yoshimura	F2 ch. 55.0	155.8 (14)	3-1/2 (37.6)	Tower of London Canopy Walk (Lord Kanaloa)	Yoshiro Kubota Yoshiro Kubota Tomoyasu Sakaguchi
18	1	1	Angelitas (JPN) Florent Geroux	F2 b. 55.0	266.9 (16)	3/4 (35.5)	New Year's Day Faccio Io (Bated Breath)	KR Japan Healthy Wood Co. Ltd Keiji Yoshimura

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: ¥ 15,174,536,900

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 23,548,631,800

Attendance: 21,950

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.9	¥ 500	Bracket Quinella	3-5	¥ 990	Quinella	5-9	¥ 2,020
Place	No.9	¥ 200	Quinella Place	5-9	¥ 710	Exacta	9-5	¥ 3,710
	No.5	¥ 230		9-17	¥ 830	Trio	5-9-17	¥ 6,470
	No.17	¥ 260		5-17	¥ 780	Trifecta	9-5-17	¥ 30,180

Winner= 4 starts: 2 wins & 1 second / Added & stakes money: ¥ 66,288,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 84,768,000

Star Anise Wins Two-Year-Old Filly Champion Title in Race Record Tie

Second favorite **Star Anise** claimed this year's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies title while matching the race record of 1:32.6 over 1,600 meters. Foaled out of two-time graded winner Epice Arome, the daughter of Drefong was fifth in her debut in June (Kokura, 1,200m) and broke her maiden in July over the same track and distance before finishing second in her previous start, the Chukyo Nisai Stakes (Chukyo, G3, 1,400m) against male opponent in late August. Trainer Tomokazu Takano won his 11th JRA-G1 title following his victory with Jantar Mantar in the Mile Championship last month. Jockey Kohei Matsuyama, who had ridden this filly since her debut, scored his seventh G1 victory after this year's NHK Mile Cup with Panja Tower.

Star Anise broke sharply but was eased back to about eighth between rivals behind a brisk pace. Shifted out to ensure a clear path approaching the third corner, the Drefong filly circled wide into the stretch, immediately picked up speed along the outside route, taking command passing the 200-meter pole, and continued strongly to fend off strong challenges from **Garavogue** and **Taisei Vogue** from the inside, stretching beautifully in the last strides for a 1-1/4-length victory.

“I am grateful to the connections for allowing me to have another shot with this strong filly at this big stage after being defeated in our last start, and also to the filly Star Anise herself for putting in such great effort to win this race. Although it was her first time at a mile distance, she gave me the impression that she’d be just fine after her last start over 1,400 meters. She has big jumping stride so that my main concern was the weather but (after the rain yesterday) it held up fine so luck was on our side. We were nearly stuck inside early in the race but, with a big stride like hers, I wanted her path to be clear and chose the outside route which worked out just as I had imagined. She responded beautifully and had enough in the tank to put in another effort in the end. The three-year-old triple crown awaits her with expectations next season. I just hope that she will arrive there safe and sound and it would be great if I can partner her again,” commented Kohei Matsuyama.

Garavogue, saved ground, further back than mid-pack, early. Although struggling to escape traffic soon after entering the stretch, the Lord Kanaloa filly turned in the fastest late kick under strong urgings from her rider, as soon as an opening presented itself between horses, to quickly reach contention and, while unable to match the winner in the last strides, managed to out-finish **Taisei Vogue** by a neck for second.

Taisei Vogue jumped well from an outside draw and advanced steadily along the outside passing the eventual winner 800 meters out and within striking distance into the stretch. With **Star Anise** on her outside, the two hit the front in the last 200 meters to join **Garavogue** to rally but the winner had another gear in the last strides while the Indy Champ filly ran gamely to cross the wire a neck behind **Garavogue** who came up strongly with the fastest finishing speed.

Race favorite **Alankar**, who had come off two impressive wins by more than three lengths, trailed at the rear of the 18-horse field after a decent break, advanced rapidly to mid-field approaching the third corner but, after turning widest for the stretch run, had much ground to cover and was unable to cause a serious threat to the leaders while improving to fifth at the wire.

Other Horses:

4th: (11) Sweet Happiness—settled around 11th, angled out, launched 2nd fastest late kick

6th: (6) **Arbanne**—saved ground around 14th, met traffic 200m out, quicken belatedly

7th: (18) **Shonan Charis**—ran wide around 10th, lacked needed kick

8th: (7) **Margot Love Me**—sat around 4th, remained in contention until 100m out

9th: (2) **Lady Goal**—positioned 3rd from rear, showed belated charge

10th: (10) **Inubono Utagoe**—bumped at break, traveled around 13th, even paced

11th: (14) **Stunning Lady**—unhurried around 16th, circled wide, passed tired rivals

12th: (3) **Mitsukane Venera**—ran around 9th, met traffic 300m out, unable to reach contention

13th: (16) **Rose Charis**—tracked leaders in 3rd, rallied for lead at one point, faded after 200m pole

14th: (12) **Maple Happy**—hugged rails around 6th, weakened in last 200m

15th: (8) **His Masterpiece**—rallied to set pace, used up passing 200m pole

16th: (15) **Lasting Snow**—raced wide around 5th, failed to sustain bid

17th: (13) **From Raven**—chased leader in 2nd, faded after 300m out

18th: (1) **Angelitas**—traveled around 14th, dropped back after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 10.5 - 10.8 - 11.6 - 12.0 - 12.0 - 11.4 - 11.9
Last 4 furlongs: 47.3 Last 3 furlongs: 35.3

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

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.