



## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 77TH 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, the race was temporarily shifted to Kyoto Racecourse due to renovations conducted at Hanshin at the time.

In this year’s lineup, coming off their respective second career wins were **Realize Sirius** (Niigata Nisai Stakes [G3, 1,600m; Aug.24]), **Ecoro Alba** (Saudi Arabia Royal Cup [G3, 1,600m; Oct.11]), **Diamond Knot** (Keio Hai Nisai Stakes [G2, 1,400m; Nov.8]), **Admire Quads** (Daily Hai Nisai Stakes [G2, 1,600m; Nov.15]) and **Tagano Aralia** (Shumeigiku Sho [1 Win Class, 1,400m; Nov.22]). The field also included **Cavallerizzo**, who finished second in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes, **Corteo Soleil**, runner-up in the Begonia Sho (1 Win Class, 1,600m; Nov.30), and **Storm Thunder**, winner of the Clover Sho (Open Class, 1,500m) in August.

### THE 77TH ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, December 21, 2025 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 152,900,000 (about US\$ 974,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

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

1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2023

Course Record: 1:32.3

Race Record: 1:32.3 [Grenadier Guards (JPN, by Frankel), *Hanshin*, 2020]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Yielding

Weather: Drizzle



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	5	8	Cavallerizzo (JPN) Cristian Demuro	C2 b. 56.0	3.6 (2)	1:33.2 (34.3)	Saturnalia Balladist (Heart's Cry)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tatsuya Yoshioka
2	6	10	Diamond Knot (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C2 ch. 56.0	8.3 (5)	3/4 (35.1)	Bricks and Mortar Endless Knot (Deep Impact)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yuichi Fukunaga
3	7	12	Admire Quads (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C2 b. 56.0	3.1 (1)	1 (34.6)	Real Steel Date Line (Zoffany)	Junko Kondo Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
4	3	3	Ecoro Alba (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C2 ch. 56.0	4.9 (3)	1/2 (34.7)	Mozu Ascot Star Actress (French Deputy)	Masatoshi Haramura Fujiwara Breeding Stud Yasuhito Tamura
5	8	13	Realize Sirius (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C2 g. 56.0	4.9 (4)	2-1/2 (35.4)	Poetic Flare Red Mirabel (Stay Gold)	Yosuke Imafuku Shadai Farm Takahisa Tezuka
6	1	1	Good Piece (GB) Atsuya Nishimura	C2 d.b. 56.0	92.2 (10)	1-1/4 (35.5)	Kingman Fiducia (Medaglia d'Oro)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co. Ltd Tomokazu Takano
7	2	2	White Orchid (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	F2 g. 55.0	124.7 (11)	Head (35.0)	Kizuna Bon Om Touk (Kurofune)	Viridian Keiba Club Grand Stud Hideaki Fujiwara

8	4	6	Tagano Aralia (JPN) Florent Geroux	C2 d.b. 56.0	50.7 (8)	Head (35.7)	Mr Melody A Shin Zircon (Deep Impact)	Ryoji Yagi Ryoji Yagi Shota Nishizono
9	4	5	Storm Thunder (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C2 d.b. 56.0	240.7 (14)	1 (34.5)	Henry Barows My Victoria (King Kamehameha)	Him Rock Racing Holdings Co., Ltd. Go Kitada Akio Adachi
10	3	4	Cosmo Red (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	F2 ch. 55.0	221.4 (13)	Neck (34.8)	California Chrome Hiro Shige Heart (Duramente)	West Hills Co., Ltd. Shigeki Nishikawa Yoshihito Kitade
11	5	7	Corteo Soleil (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C2 g. 56.0	22.2 (6)	1-1/4 (36.0)	Win Bright Fangxiang (Tosen Ra)	Nitto Shoji Co., Ltd. Yamada Farm Yuta Sato
12	7	11	Kakuuchi (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C2 b. 56.0	82.9 (9)	1 (36.4)	Admire Mars Tokai Fine (French Deputy)	Nissin Holdings Co., Ltd. Hekiun Bokujo Ken Kozaki
13	8	14 B	Red Ligare (JPN) Seinosuke Yoshimura	C2 d.b. 56.0	206.0 (12)	3/4 (36.2)	Maurice Pay Forward (Deep Impact)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Mint Co. Takashi Saito
14	6	9	Spe Luce (JPN) Kosei Miura	C2 g. 56.0	38.6 (7)	Head (36.1)	Rey de Oro Reve d'Essor (Agnes Tachyon)	Yoshiro Kubota Northern Farm Keisuke Miyata

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: ¥ 16,334,919,700      Turnover for the Day: ¥ 26,598,356,600      Attendance: 17,021

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.8	¥ 360	Bracket Quinella	5-6	¥ 900	Quinella	8-10	¥ 1,390
Place	No.8	¥ 140	Quinella Place	8-10	¥ 490	Exacta	8-10	¥ 2,280
	No.10	¥ 210		8-12	¥ 230	Trio	8-10-12	¥ 1,290
	No.12	¥ 130		10-12	¥ 560	Trifecta	8-10-12	¥ 7,510

Winner= 3 starts: 2 wins & 1 second / Added & stakes money: ¥ 71,036,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 93,624,000

### **Cavallerizzo Claims Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes with Explosive Kick**

Second favorite **Cavallerizzo** claimed the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes to become the two-year-old champion miler of 2025. The son of Saturnalia broke his maiden in his debut start in late August (Chukyo, 1,600m) and was runner-up to race favorite **Admire Quads** in his most recent Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (Kyoto, G2, 1,600m) start on November 15. Trainer Tatsuya Yoshioka scored his second JRA-G1 title following last year's Takarazuka Kinen with Blow the Horn, while jockey Cristian Demuro, who is riding in Japan under a short-term license since November 1, registered his sixth G1 title, his latest being the 2024 Queen Elizabeth II Cup with Stunning Rose. This win gives **Cavallerizzo's** sire Saturnalia, the 2019 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) champion who stands at stud since 2021, his first G1 victory.

On yielding ground, **Cavallerizzo** was settled in midfield on the outside of **Ecoro Alba** running on the rails and behind **Corteo Soleil** as the field approached the final turns. As the field fanned out and still in a two wide position at the top of the stretch, Cristian Demuro, instead of shifting out, guided his mount to surge through an opening on the rails. With only the pacesetter **Diamond Knot** to beat by the 200-meter pole, the son of Saturnalia closed powerfully with the fastest late speed to overtake the leader just before the wire for a 3/4-length victory.

“After a normal start, I had a good position behind Yuga (Kawada). In the last corner I had a little bit of a trouble with another horse next to me but when I asked my horse to go inside, he had a good reaction, a good turn of foot. Christophe (Lemaire) was trying to escape but my horse was very strong in the end,” commented Cristian Demuro after the race.

Fifth pick **Diamond Knot** broke sharply to set the pace putting a length and a half between himself and the rest of the field by the 800-meter marker. The son of Bricks and Mortar stubbornly held on to his lead up to the final strides but gave way to the fast-closing winner for second place.

Breaking moderately from a wide gate, **Admire Quads** was unhurried sitting in fourth from the rear before advancing rapidly from the outside before the last turn, making a wide bid into the lane. While the runners in front gradually tired, the race favorite closed from the outside and drew even to briefly rally with **Ecoro Alba** in the last 50 meters but dug in with another gear in the last strides to secure third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (3) **Ecoro Alba**—raced wide around 10th, showed effort but outrun by Admire Quads before wire

5th: (13) **Realize Sirius**—settled wide around 4th, lacked needed kick

6th: (1) **Good Piece**—keen to go early, ran around 4th, weakened in last 100m

7th: (2) **White Orchid**—saved ground in 12th, passed tired rivals in last 300m

8th: (6) **Tagano Aralia**—tracked leader in 3rd, sustained bid until 200m pole

9th: (5) **Storm Thunder**—trailed in rear, showed belated charge

10th: (4) **Cosmo Red**—unhurried in 13th, unable to reach contention

11th: (7) **Corteo Soleil**—sat around 4th, boxed in at early stretch, dropped back

12th: (11) **Kakuuchi**—chased leader in 2nd, faded after 300m out

13th: (14) **Red Ligare**—ran wide around 7th, checked at top of stretch, showed little

14th: (9) **Spe Luce**—traveled wide around 8th, met traffic at early stretch, failed to fire

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 10.8 - 11.4 - 11.7 - 11.9 - 11.6 - 11.2 - 12.2

Last 4 furlongs: 46.9      Last 3 furlongs: 35.0

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

   4th corner    10(6,11)(1,7,13,14)(8,9,3,12)-2-4-5

**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.