

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 148TH NAKAYAMA DAISHOGAI (J-G1)

The history of the Nakayama Daishogai dates back to 1934 when the biggest jump race in Japan was established to provide equal excitement to the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), which was the most popular race in flat racing. The highest level of steeplechase racing was originally held as a biannual event held in April and December until the spring version was renamed the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1, 4,260m) in 1999. The two jump races continue to be the only two J-G1-level obstacle races of equal standard with their results serving as decisive factors in the selection of the season's JRA Award for Best Steeplechase Horse. In addition to the Nakayama Grand Jump, which was designated an international race in 2000, the Nakayama Daishogai became an international steeplechase event open to foreign contenders in 2011.

The Nakayama Daishogai features 11 jumps over the figure-of-eight-shaped course which includes six up-and-downs over banks. The first half resembles that of the Nakayama Grand Jump while the Nakayama Daishogai does not include the movable hurdles along the outside turf track and the total distance is 150 meters shorter. The uphill stretch before the wire also is quite a test for many of the runners especially after running at a solid pace throughout the race.

With defending champion Nishino Daisy (JPN, by Harbinger) retired, this year's edition featured the Nakayama Grand Jump victor **Ecoro Duel** who came off a second in the Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m; Oct.19) where **June Velocity** claimed his sixth graded title and **Platina Dream** finished fifth. The Nakayama Grand Jump runner-up **Neviim** came into the race with his first grade-race victory in the Hanshin Jump Stakes (J-G3, 3,140m; Sep.20). The field also included **Vehrenberg** who won three jump races at Nakayama, **Meisho Atsuita**, third-place finisher in the Kyoto High-Jump (J-G2, 3,930m) in May, and **Pietersite**, winner of the Illumination Jump Stakes (Open Class, 3,570m; Dec.6).

THE 148TH NAKAYAMA DAISHOGAI (J-G1)

3-year-olds & up, 4,100 meters (about 2.56 miles), turf

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Nakayama Racecourse

10th Race

Post time: 15:00

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

3-y-o: 61kg (about 134-135 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 63kg (about 139 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares

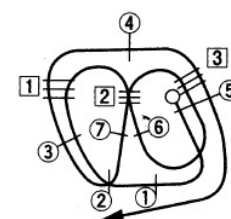
Course Record: 4:36.1

Race Record: 4:36.1 [Oju Chosan (JPN, by Stay Gold), 2017]

Safety factor: 16 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	4	4	Ecoro Duel (JPN) Taro Kusano	H6 br. 63.0	1.5 (1)	4:46.8	Kitasan Black Clarinet (Giant's Causeway)	Masatoshi Haramura Shimokobe Farm Takaki Iwato
2	1	1 B	Neviim (JPN) Kayata Komaki	H7 d.b. 63.0	3.7 (2)	5	Kizuna Velvet Queen (Singspiel)	Koki Maeda Hidenori Kimura Shozo Sasaki
3	7	7	Vehrenberg (JPN) Sho Ueno	H5 g. 63.0	10.6 (4)	1-1/2	Eishin Flash Eclat Millenaire (Matsurida Gogh)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Naoto Chiba
4	6	6	June Velocity (JPN) Jun Takada	H7 br. 63.0	5.3 (3)	4	Lord Kanaloa Admire Sabrina (Symboli Kris S)	Jun Yoshikawa Yoshikawa Holdings Hidenori Take
5	8	9 B	Platina Dream (JPN) Shinichi Ishigami	H6 b. 63.0	73.6 (6)	7	Hokko Tarumae Satine Arome (Symboli Kris S)	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Masatatsu Kikukawa
6	3	3	Pietersite (JPN) Kazuma Mori	H5 d.b. 63.0	29.7 (5)	1/2	One and Only Victoria Eye (Brian's Time)	North Hills Co., Ltd. North Hills Co., Ltd. Issei Murata
7	8	10	Meisho Atsuita (JPN) Yoshiyasu Namba	H7 d.b. 63.0	101.3 (7)	2	Fenomeno Logical Queen (Deputy Minister)	Yoshitaka Matsumoto Z Stable Yoshitada Takahashi

8	7	8	Arde Duomo (JPN) Keita Ban	C4 ch. 63.0	163.9 (9)	Neck	Orfevre Alfirk (Agnes Tachyon)	Tatsuya Akimoto Hirano Bokujo Eiichi Yano
9	2	2	Tamamo Ace (JPN) Yuta Onodera	H6 ch. 63.0	138.0 (8)	Neck	World Ace Misato South (South Vigorous)	Tamamo Co., Ltd. Hokko Farm Takatoshi Miyaji
10	5	5	Tangent Arc (JPN) Yusuke Igarashi	G7 d.b. 63.0	206.1 (10)	3/4	Eishin Flash Satono Sunshine (Stay Gold)	Ryoichi Otsuka Ryoichi Otsuka Yasuhito Tamura

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg)

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: ¥ 2,324,863,200

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 23,590,909,700

Attendance: 44,039

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.4	¥ 150	Bracket Quinella	1-4	¥ 220	Quinella	1-4	¥ 220
Place	No.4	¥ 110	Quinella Place	1-4	¥ 130	Exacta	4-1	¥ 300
	No.1	¥ 110		4-7	¥ 230	Trio	1-4-7	¥ 550
	No.7	¥ 140		1-7	¥ 320	Trifecta	4-1-7	¥ 1,070

Winner= 24 starts: 6 wins, 5 seconds & 2 thirds (14 starts: 5 wins, 4 seconds & 1 third *steeplechases only)

Added & stakes money: ¥ 70,357,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 312,787,000 (¥ 301,747,000 *steeplechases only)

Ecoro Duel Claim Second J-G1 Title With Convincing Victory in Nakayama Daishogai

Heavy favorite **Ecoro Duel** claimed this year's Nakayama Daishogai in his third year-end J-G1 challenge in which he marked a third in 2023 and a second in 2024. After winning the Nakayama Grand Jump (J-G1, 4,260m) in April, the son of Kitasan Black came off a second in the Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m) on October 19 prior to this win and now becomes the third horse to win both J-G1 events in the same year after Up to Date (2015) and Oju Chosan (2016 & 2017). Both trainer Takaki Iwato and jockey Taro Kusano scored their second J-G1 title following the Nakayama Grand Jump with the horse this spring.

Ecoro Duel broke smoothly from stall 4 to secure a forward position behind pacesetter **Neviim** in third or fourth through the early part of the 4,100-meter trip. While making sure to secure an economic route as the field changed leads from right to left and right again after landing the hedge fence (No.7) that measures 1.6 meters in height and 2.4 meters wide, the son of Kitasan Black closed the gap on the leader as well as **Vehrenberg** after jumping fence No.3 for the second time. The three horses rallied from there until **Vehrenberg** began to tire with 1,000 meters to go and it became a duel between **Neviim** and **Ecoro Duel**. The two horses jumped the last fence (No.5) side by side and continued to rally going into the uphill stretch, but in the end, it was the Nakayama Grand Jump champion who still had enough to pull away strongly in the last 100 meters to grab his second J-G1 title by a dominating five-length margin.

"I hadn't expected **Neviim** to lead and the way he was racing had me worrying for a while, but I knew that my horse would have the strength to beat him if he finds his finishing speed, which he did, so I was able to show how strong he is and well deserving to be named the best steeplechase horse of the season by winning both J-G1 events, which had been my goal towards this race. I hope also this win contributes to bring out the interest in jump races from the racing fans," commented jockey Taro Kusano.

Neviim took advantage of the inside draw and assumed command rounding the first turn towards the second obstacle (No.1). While challenged by **Vehrenberg** and **Ecoro Duel**, the son of Kizuna showed terrific tenacity to wear out **Vehrenberg** and duel with the winner before finally succumbing the lead in the last 100 meters while still outfinishing the rest of the field by 1-1/2 lengths.

Vehrenberg chased the eventual winner soon after the start and overtook that foe after the second obstacle (No.1) to press the pace in second approaching the third fence (No.2). Keeping up with the leader's pace while joined by the eventual winner approaching fence No.3 the second time, the gray was engaged in a three-horse rally and in contention before falling behind in the last 1,000 meters but still ran gamely to secure third place uncontested by the rest of the field.

Other Horses:

4th: (6) **June Velocity**—broke well, traveled in 4-5th eyeing race favorite early, made headway after final

5th: (9) **Platina Dream**—raced 3rd from rear, gradually advanced after 8th jump (No.2), cleared last fence (No.5) in 5th

6th: (3) **Pietersite**—broke sharply to dispute lead, eased back while still forwardly positioned, faded in last 800m

7th: (10) **Meisho Atsuita**—further back than mid-division early, even paced

8th: (8) **Arde Duomo**—ran off pace in eighth, no factor

9th: (2) **Tamamo Ace**—further back than mid-pack while shifting to inside changing leads, failed to reach contention

10th: (5) **Tangent Arc**—trailed in rear, never a threat

Fractional time:

Last 1 mile: 1:46.0

Last 4 furlongs: 52.6

Last 3 furlongs: 40.0

Positions at each corner (2nd lap): 1st corner 1-**4**,7-3-(6,10)-2-(9,8)=5

2nd corner (*1,**4**,7)=3-6,10-(2,9,8)=5

3rd corner (1,***4**)=7=6-9,3-10-8-2,5

4th corner (*1,**4**)=7-6=9-3,10=2,8,5

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.