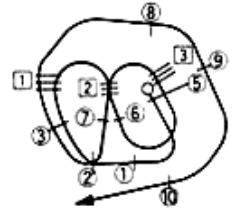


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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 10TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

JRA launched a new project for holding an international invitational event for steeplechasers in 2000, aiming at enhancement of the standards of Japanese steeple chasing through exchange on an international level and, at the same time, promoting obstacle races as a new form of excitement to the Japanese race-goers. The race features twelve jumps, which include three hurdles, set on the outside turf towards the final stretch, as well as five up-and-downs over banks. Since its inaugural year as an international race, the event proved a success in attracting first class contenders from abroad. BOCABOCA (IRE, by Mandulas) from France was second in its first year as an invitational event while ST. STEVEN (NZ, by Hula Town) beat GOKAI, who was the winner of the 2nd and 3rd Nakayama Grand Jump, to become the first foreign-trained winner of the event in 2002. BLANDICES (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O) won the 2004 Nakayama Grand Jump in record 4:47.0 before Australian raider KARASI (IRE, by Kahyasi) became the only horse to win three consecutive titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007. KARASI was also selected to run again this year for his fourth Grand Jump title, however, was injured during training prior to his start in the Pegasus Jump Stakes in March at Nakayama.

The 10th Nakayama Grand Jump welcomed two jumpers, Alarm Call (FRA) and Gliding (NZL) from France and the USA respectively. Alarm Call has come off three consecutive victories this year in France while Gliding, the first US-trained jumper since Ninepins (2000, 9th), Campanile (2001, 5th) and All Gong (2002, 11th) to take part in the race will be making his second start of this year after a third place finish in the Imperial Cup Hurdle Stakes (3,600m USA) in March.

THE 10TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

4-year-old & up, 4,250 meters (about 2 and 2/3 miles), turf
 Saturday, April 19, 2008 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:35
 Total prize money: ¥ 170,400,000 (about US\$ 1,481,000< US\$ 1 = ¥ 115>)
 4-y-o: 62kg (about 137lbs), 5-y-o & up: 63.5kg (about 140lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares
 Safety factor: 16 runners (foreign trained horses: 8)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin	Odds (Fav)
1	4	4	Maruka Rascal (JPN)	H6	63.5	Grass Wonder Tre Ensemble	M. Nishitani Y. Masumoto	Kawacho Sangyo Shadai Farm	4:57.7	5.1 (3)
2	6	6	Merci A Time (JPN)	H6	63.5	Chief Bearhart Machikane Carmen	Y. Yokoyama K. Take	Y. Nagai H. Tanaka	Dist	3.1 (2)
3	1	1	T M Ace (JPN)	H5	63.5	T.M.Opera O T.M.Season	S. Kikuchi A. Shikato	M. Takezono T.M. Bokujo	1/2	15.8 (5)
4	5	5	Meiner Oper (JPN)	H9	63.5	Opera House Cutie Up	T. Munakata Y. Shikato	K.Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Big Red Farm	Dist	33.7 (7)
5	7	7	Eishin Niizan (JPN)	H6	63.5	Forty Niner Eishin Sansan	Y. Shirahama M. Sakaguchi	T. Hirai Eishin Bokujo	1	2.7 (1)
6	8	9	Alarm Call* (FRA)	G8	63.5	Solar One Baranciaga	C. Pieux J. Ortet	N. Pharaon N. Pharaon	9	6.4 (4)
7	2	2	Barone Fountain (JPN)	H8	63.5	Opera House Jupiter Girl	M. Shibata Y. Takahashi	K. Yoshihashi Noboribetsu Uemizu Bokujo	6	41.2 (8)
8	3	3	Forest Dance (JPN)	H6	63.5	Marvelous Sunday Pia Fire	K. Oba K. Suzuki	K. Maruoka Murakami Farm	Dist	50.2 (9)
9	8	10	Gliding* (NZL)	G8	63.5	Lord Ballina Purring	P. Young D. Fout	Brigadoon Stable J. N. Wallace	Dist	18.9 (6)
FF	7	8	Oto Zeus (JPN)	H9	63.5	Taiki Blizzard North Hermit	K. Yamamoto M. Tsuchida	T. Oto K. Tsuchida	/	63.5 (10)

FP= Final Position BK = Bracket Number PP = Post Position B = Blinkers FF= Fail to Finish Dist=Distance
 *= Foreign contender

NOTE1: Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen).

NOTE2: Figures quoted under Odds are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

“He broke well from the gate and handled the jumps well. He went smoothly but gradually fell behind and couldn’t keep up with the pace. Perhaps the heavy going took too much out of him. But I think it was a good experience for him” commented Paddy Young who rode **Gliding** and finished last of the field.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): Last 4 furlongs: 54.3 Last 3 furlongs: 40.7 (1 mile: 1:51.1)

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

Note: 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.