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## SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 63RD ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

The race for two-year-olds was held for the first time in 1946 at the Tokyo Racecourse. As the number of contenders had increased over time, championship races—the Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Asahi Futurity Stakes) for two-year-old colts and fillies and the Hanshin Sansai Stakes (predecessor to the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies) for two-year-old fillies—were established three years later to determine the top two-year-olds of the season. The two races were upgraded to G1 status in 1984 in conjunction with the new grading system implemented by the JRA.

The Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes, 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. The event was formally restricted to fillies and colts only, but it was opened to geldings for a short time between 1991 and 2003 while excluding fillies. In 2004, however, it was re-opened to fillies and has ever since been contested only by non-gelded horses, just like the three-year-old classics. The race received its current name in 2001.

Last year's race winner *Grand Prix Boss* succeeded in adding another G1 victory this season in the NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m).

This year's lineup included **Dahlongea** who came off a runner-up effort behind **Clarente** in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) in October, following two wins out of three starts since his debut in June. **Clarente** had claimed the G2 title in his second win out of as many starts and considered a powerful candidate if he could bounce back from an unfortunate 13th place finish in his last start, the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m), following an incident in which he had used up most of his energy while breaking loose during the post parade prior to the start of the race. **Alfredo** came off two wins out of as many starts while showing a fine turn of speed in both races—he timed 32.5 seconds over the last three furlongs in his last start over a mile. **Leo Active** was also well appreciated for his turn of speed, which he repeatedly demonstrated in his six past races and had come off a G2 title in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m). Other favorites included **Sudden Storm** who finished second in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes and **Snowdon** an improving colt who has come off consecutive wins in his last two starts.

*Meiner Recolte* (JPN, by Chief Bearhart) set the race record at 1:33.4 over the mile distance in 2004.

### THE 63RD ASAHI HAI FUTURITY STAKES (G1)

2-year-old Colts & Fillies, 1,600 meters (about 1 mile), turf, right-handed

Sunday, December 18, 2011 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:25

Total prize money: ¥ 146,600,000 (about US\$ 1,724,000 <US\$1=¥85>)

2-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs)

1 kg allowance for Fillies, 3 kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere bred born in 2009

Safety factors: 16 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	2	3	Alfredo (JPN)	C2	55.0	Symboli Kris S Princess Camellia	C. Williams T. Tezuka	U.Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1:33.4 (35.3)	3.1 (1)
2	2	4	Meiner Robusto (JPN)	C2	55.0	Zenno El Cid Koei Bella Donna	M. Ebina Y. Takahashi	K.Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Koizumi Bokujo	2 (35.4)	9.7 (4)
3	8	15	Leo Active (JPN)	C2	55.0	Admire Moon Leo Soleil	N. Yokoyama H. Sugiura	Hiroyuki Tanaka Taniguchi Bokujo	1/2 (34.9)	14.1 (8)
4	6	12	Tokei Halo (JPN)	C2	55.0	Gold Halo Dance Queen	H. Goto H. Shimizu	Nobuhiko Kimura Kazuo Nakamura	Neck (35.8)	14.3 (9)
5	8	16	Dahlongea (JPN)	C2	55.0	Daiwa Major Camellia Rose	T. Sato S. Sasaki	U.Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1-1/4 (35.5)	8.0 (3)
6	1	1	Sudden Storm (JPN)	C2	55.0	Storming Home Birjand	M. Katsuura K. Nishiura	HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum Darley Japan K.K	Neck (35.5)	11.8 (5)
7	4	7	Clarente (JPN)	C2	55.0	Dance in the Dark Erimo Pixy	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	Shinji Maeda North Hills Management	1/2 (35.5)	6.0 (2)
8	5	10	Jono Bacchus	C2	55.0	Agnes Tachyon	K. Tosaki	Yoshikatsu Ogawa	1/2	142.4

			(JPN)			Jono Isabella	H. Mori	Sanjo Bokujo	(34.9)	(16)
9	1	2	Laurel Bullet (JPN)	C2	55.0	Samurai Heart Tassoni	K. Ikezoe A. Tsurudome	Laurel Racing Co .Ltd. Kawashima Bokujo	Head (35.5)	13.1 (6)
10	3	5	Neo Vainqueur (JPN)	C2	55.0	French Deputy Your Life Style	S. Hamanaka H. Otonashi	Kimiyuki Kobayashi Shadai Farm	Head (36.1)	73.4 (14)
11	4	8	Shonan Lambsey (JPN)	C2	55.0	Dance in the Dark Focal Star	Y. Iwata Y. Yahagi	Tetsuhide Kunimoto Shadai Corporation Inc.	2-1/2 (36.2)	14.0 (7)
12	3	6	Snowdon (JPN)	C2	55.0	Admire Moon Snow Lynx	Y. Kitamura T. Yasuda	HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum Darley Japan K.K	Neck (35.9)	20.5 (10)
13	6	11	Makoto Reversal (JPN)	C2	55.0	Tayasu Tsuyoshi Makoto Byakuran	I. Mendizabal N. Sugai	Sachiko Oda Akira Makabe	1/2 (36.8)	35.6 (12)
14	7	14	Hishi Wild (JPN)	C2	55.0	Gold Allure Hishi Fair Lady	C. Lemaire H. Kawachi	Masaichiro Abe Masaichiro Abe	1/2 (36.6)	69.4 (13)
15	5	9	Ninja (JPN)	C2	55.0	Grass Wonder Elegance World	Y. Fujioka T. Miya	Royal Park Tadayoshi Doi	2-1/2 (37.0)	79.5 (15)
16	7	13	Hakusan Moon (JPN)	C2	55.0	Admire Moon Ciliege	K. Tanaka M. Nishizono	Goichi Kawasaki Shirai Stud Farm	Neck (37.5)	20.8 (11)

FP=Final Position BK=Bracket Number PP=Post Position B=Blinkers L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: 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

WINNING TIME: 1:33.4

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 9,892,209,200

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 16,595,495,500

ATTENDANCE: 36,373

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.3	¥310	PLACE	No.3	¥160
BRACKET QUINELLA	2-2	¥1,660		No.4	¥270
QUINELLA	3-4	¥1,520		No.15	¥390
EXACTA	3-4	¥2,180	QUINELLA PLACE	3-4	¥630
TRIO	3-4-15	¥8,540		3-15	¥1,160
TRIFECTA	3-4-15	¥30,630		4-15	¥2,680

1. **Alfredo (JPN)**, bay, colt, 2-year-old

Symboli Kris S / Princess Camellia (Sunday Silence)

Breeder: Northern Farm

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Trainer: Takahisa Tezuka

Jockey: Craig Williams

3 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 71,176,000

Career earnings: ¥ 88,414,000

2. **Meiner Robusto (JPN)**, dark bay or brown, colt, 2-year-old

Zenno El Cid / Koei Bella Donna (Mejiro Ryan)

Breeder: Koizumi Bokujo

Owner: K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian

Trainer: Yutaka Takahashi

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

3. **Leo Active (JPN)**, chestnut, colt, 2-year-old

Admire Moon / Leo Soleil (Opera House)

Breeder: Taniguchi Bokujo

Owner: Hiroyuki Tanaka

Trainer: Hiroaki Sugiura

Jockey: Norihiro Yokoyama

### Two-Year-Old Alfredo caps off debut season with first G1 victory

Race favorite **Alfredo** cruised to a clear victory to capture his first G1 win in his first grade race bid in this year's Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes, tying the race record set by **Meiner Recolte** in 2004. The two-year-old Symboli Kris S colt, under Australian jockey Craig Williams, unleashed a powerful closing kick to easily prevail over runner-up **Meiner Robusto** by two lengths, and capped off his bright debut season undefeated in all three of his career starts. A half-length behind **Meiner Robusto** in third was **Leo Active**, and **Tokei Halo** was a neck from that in fourth.

The race got underway with **Hakusan Moon** sent to the front before entering the backstretch to set the pace as **Ninja** and **Makoto Reversal** fought for second. While **Alfredo** took a ground saving trip in third followed by **Meiner Robusto** two lengths behind that also on the rail, **Leo Active**, breaking from a wide stall, was unhurried and camped second from the rear as the field raced down the backstretch. Approaching the final turn, **Tokei Halo**, who was reserved within easy striking distance on the outside just off the pace earlier, challenged the front and was able to pick off the tiring leaders at the top of the stretch.

Stalking the leaders for the final run, Williams asked for his run and got it, powering through a gap that opened on the rail, and surged to the front with a furlong to go. While the winner romped to an easy two-length victory, **Tokei Halo** held on stubbornly, however was overtaken by runner-up **Meiner Robusto** in the last 50 meters, and also by **Leo Active** in the final strides, who entered the straight near the rear but showed an explosive burst of speed being timed the fastest in the last three furlongs.

#### **Other Horses:**

5th: (16) **Dahlonga**? was off slow from widest draw, lost ground in latter mid-pack, unable to threaten

6th: (1) **Sudden Storm**? saved ground in mid-field, improved position without reaching contention

7th: (7) **Clarent**? third from rear and 3w, mustered mild rally

8th: (10) **Jono Bacchus**? trailed in rear of field, last to enter stretch, responded well but too late

9th: (2) **Laurel Bullet**? hugged rail near rear, fought willingly along rail in stretch, flattened after uphill

10th: (5) **Neo Vainqueur**? upper mid-pack, ran out of steam in uphill

11th: (8) **Shonan Lambsey**? traveled 3w in mid-division, met traffic in straight, lost momentum

12th: (6) **Snowdon**? camped near rear of mid-pack, even-paced throughout

13th: (11) **Makoto Reversal**? chased pace in 2nd to 3rd, blocked by horse in stretch, tired in last furlong

14th: (14) **Hishi Wild**? 3w in mid-field, came up empty in stretch

15th: (9) **Ninja**? pressed pace down backstretch, gradually retreated thereafter

16th: (13) **Hakusan Moon**? set pace, weakened from early efforts before final furlong

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 11.0 - 11.3 - 11.4 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 11.7 - 11.9  
Last 4 furlongs: 47.5                      Last 3 furlongs: 35.6

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

Note1: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: 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.