

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 26TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

The Nakayama Grand Jump, the biggest steeplechase event in spring, span off from the biannual Nakayama Daishogai (J-G1, 4,100m) steeplechase races in 1999. The history of the Nakayama Daishogai dates back to 1934 when the two races, one each in spring and autumn, were created for the purpose of making them the most prestigious and attractive races in steeplechase racing, just like the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in flat racing.

In 2000, a year after the Nakayama Grand Jump received its current name, the race became an international event. Seven foreign runners from five countries took part and Boca Boca (IRE, by Mandalus) from France finished second to Gokai (JPN, by Judge Angelucci) that year. During 2000 - 2010 when the Nakayama Grand Jump was an invitational event, St. Steven (NZ, by Hula Town) was the first foreign contingent to claim the title in 2002. He finished third the following year while Australian contender Karasi (IRE, by Kahyasi) became the first horse to win three consecutive titles between 2005 and 2007. In 2013, eighth favorite Irish raider Blackstairmountain (IRE, by Imperial Ballet) became the first European contender to claim the title.

The Nakayama Grand Jump features 12 jumps over the figure-of-eight-shaped course, which includes five up-and-downs over the banks and three hurdles set on the outside turf towards the final stretch. The 310-meter 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.

Defending champion **Irogotoshi** who was given a long rest following a disappointing sixth in the Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m) in October last year, kicked off this season in the flat-race Spica Stakes (3 Wins Class, 1,800m, Mar.17). **Meiner Grand**, the 2023 Nakayama Daishogai victor and Best Steeplechase Horse, extended his winning streak to five in his 2024 comeback, the Hanshin Spring Jump (J-G2, 3,900m, Mar.9), which he won by an overwhelming seven lengths. Also coming off the Hanshin Spring Jump were Nakayama Daishogai third-place finisher **Ecoro Duel** (2nd) and 2022 Nakayama Daishogai winner **Nishino Daisy** (4th). The field also included **Daishin Clover**, third-place finisher of the 2023 version of the Nakayama Grand Jump, **June Velocity**, two-time J-G3 winner who came off a second in the Shunrei Jump Stakes (Open Class, 3,390m, Feb.24) and **Village Eagle**, who came off his third consecutive Pegasus Jump Stakes (Open Class, 3,350m, Mar.16) title.

THE 26TH NAKAYAMA GRAND JUMP (J-G1)

4-year-olds & up, 4,250 meters (about 2 and 2/3 miles), turf

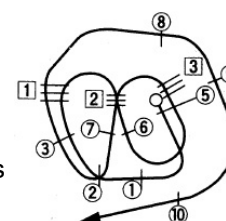
Saturday, April 13, 2024 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 142,660,000 (about US\$ 1,011,773 <US\$1=¥141>)

4-y-o: 62kg (about 137 lbs), 5-y-o & up: 63kg (about 139 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares

Course Record: 4:43.0 Race Record: 4:43.0 [Oju Chosan (JPN, by Stay Gold), 2018]

Safety factor: 16 runners Going: Good to Firm Weather: Fine



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	6	8	Irogotoshi (JPN) Yu Kuroiwa	H7 b. 63.0	12.2 (2)	4:47.2	Vincennes Irojikake (Kurofune)	Gencho Uchida Gencho Uchida Kazuya Makita
2	1	1	June Velocity (JPN) Kazuma Mori	H6 br. 63.0	20.8 (5)	3	Lord Kanaloa Admire Sabrina (Symboli Kris S)	Jun Yoshikawa Yoshikawa Holdings Hidenori Take
3	7	10	Nishino Daisy (JPN) Yusuke Igarashi	H8 b. 63.0	14.2 (3)	2-1/2	Harbinger Nishino Hinagiku (Agnes Tachyon)	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Nishiyama Stud Noboru Takagi
4	2	2	Ecoro Duel (JPN) Yuta Onodera	H5 br. 63.0	14.7 (4)	4	Kitasan Black Clarinet (Giant's Causeway)	Masatoshi Haramura Shimokobe Farm Takaki Iwato

5	5	5	Village Eagle (JPN) Kei Oehara	H7 d.b. 63.0	21.7 (6)	1-3/4	Behkabad Tokino Nastia (New England)	Teruo Murayama Kawashima Bokujo Masahiro Takeuchi
6	4	4	Meiner Grand (JPN) Shinichi Ishigami	H6 br. 63.0	1.1 (1)	1-1/2	Gold Ship Meine Nouvelle (Brian's Time)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Takafumi Aoki
7	8	12	Daishin Clover (JPN) Jun Takada	G8 d.b. 63.0	123.4 (7)	DS	Kinshasa no Kiseki Hishi Diva (Fusaichi Pegasus)	Nobuyuki Oyagi Kamii Stud Kazuya Takahashi
8	7	9 B	Giga Bakken (JPN) Keita Ban	G9 b. 63.0	285.4 (9)	DS	I'll Have Another Windy Hill (Manhattan Cafe)	Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co., Ltd. Okada Stud Takaki Iwato
9	8	11	Florstadt (JPN) Sho Ueno	H5 b. 63.0	315.6 (11)	7	Kurofune Flor de Cerezo (Swept Overboard)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Hirofumi Toda
10	3	3	Wonder Clover (JPN) Yoshiyasu Namba	H6 g. 63.0	130.7 (8)	DS	Gold Ship Sigiriya Lady (King Kamehameha)	Yoshinari Yamamoto Kosho Bokujo Naoyuki Morita
	5	6	Tamamo Wakamusha (JPN) Masayuki Nakamura	G5 b. 63.0	332.5 (12)	FF	Kizuna Hitori Musume (Afleet)	Tamamo Co., Ltd. Tamamo Co., Ltd. Yoshihiko Kawamura
	6	7	Portafoglio (JPN) Kayata Komaki	H6 b. 63.0	303.2 (10)	FF	Heart's Cry Unlimited Budget (Street Sense)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Koichi Tsunoda

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

DS: Distance / FF: Fail to Finish

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: 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: ¥ 2,145,086,200

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 8,860,882,700

Attendance: 21,473

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.8	¥ 1,220	Bracket Quinella	1-6	¥ 8,120	Quinella	1-8	¥ 7,250
Place	No.8	¥ 720	Quinella Place	1-8	¥ 1,540	Exacta	8-1	¥ 17,170
	No.1	¥ 870		8-10	¥ 760	Trio	1-8-10	¥ 8,040
	No.10	¥ 550		1-10	¥ 990	Trifecta	8-1-10	¥ 101,750

Winner= 31 starts: 6 wins, 1 second & 4 thirds (6 starts: 3 wins & 2 thirds *steeplechases only)

Added & stakes money: ¥ 66,420,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 208,495,000 (¥ 146,820,000 *steeplechases only)

Irogotoshi Successful in Defending Nakayama Grand Jump Win

Second favorite **Irogotoshi** successfully defended his title in this year's Nakayama Grand Jump and became the fourth jumper after Gokai (2000-2001), Karasi (2005-2007) and Oju Chosan (2016-2020, 2022) to win back-to-back victories in this prestigious J-G1 event. After his first victory last year, the son of Vincennes finished sixth in the Tokyo High-Jump (J-G2, 3,110m), after which he was given the rest of the season off, and kicked off this season on March 17 in a flat race, the Spica Stakes (3 Wins Class, 1,800m) in which he was 13th. For both trainer Kazuya Makita and jockey Yu Kuroiwa, the victory was their second J-G1 title after last year—Makita also has three grade-titles in flat racing while Kuroiwa has a total of five graded victories, all over jumps.

Irogotoshi broke smoothly, soon settled in mid-division between rivals going right-handed and advanced to around fourth position approaching the big brush fence (no.6). Maintaining good rhythm as the field switched to the left, the seven-year-old bay moved closer to the front, overtaking **June Velocity** after the

big hedge (no.7) into third position while still more than five lengths behind the pacesetter along the backstretch. Picking up speed approaching the third corner, he was more or less uncontested after hitting the front after fence no.9 to successfully pull away to a three-length victory.

“I am thrilled to have won today. Not just for myself but because I was able to validate his win last year,” commented jockey Yu Kuroiwa.

Fifth favorite **June Velocity** rated in a forward position in around second or third while saving ground near the rails throughout most of the trip, gave an impressive late charge as soon as being shifted to the outside after landing fence no.10, and overtook **Nishino Daisy** 50 meters out for second.

Third favorite **Nishino Daisy** stayed close to the pace in fourth along the outside and overtook the leader after the big brush (no.7), switching to the left-handed course. Opening the gap from the rest of the field by more than sixth lengths at one point, the son of Harbinger weakened with 800 meters to go, allowing his rivals to inherit the lead with two fences to go, but continued to chase the leaders into the stretch and found another gear in the last furlong in his attempt to close in on the eventual winner. While overtaken by **June Velocity** in the last strides, the eight-year-old bay was well ahead of the remaining group by four lengths.

Odds on favorite **Meiner Grand**, who was looking into picking up his sixth consecutive win and second J-G1 title, was off slow and, although soon advancing to mid-division, was more than ten lengths behind the pacesetter for most of the way, failing to threaten throughout the race to a distant sixth.

Other Horses:

4th: (2) **Ecoro Duel**—sat around 5th, overtook past pacesetter before wire, never threatened top finishers

5th: (5) **Village Eagle**—set pace up to 5th jump (no.6), remained in contention but weakened after final jump (no.10)

7th: (12) **Daishin Clover**—settled near favorite, unable to reach contention

8th: (9) **Giga Bakken**—chased pace in 2nd early, faded after 7th jump (no.7)

9th: (11) **Florstadt**—ran around 6th, gradually dropped back

10th: (3) **Wonder Clover**—was off slow, raced 2nd from rear, no factor

FF: (6) **Tamamo Wakamusha**—traveled around 5th early, unseated rider soon after 3rd jump (no.2)

FF: (7) **Portafoglio**—trailed in rear throughout trip, pulled up before final jump (no.10)

Fractional time: Last 1 mile: 1:46.4 Last 4 furlongs: 52.9 Last 3 furlongs: 40.4

Positions at each corner (2nd lap): 1st corner 10=5-8-1-2-12,4-9-11-3=7
2nd corner 10=5-8-1,2-(12,4)=9=(11,3)=7
3rd corner (5,*8)10=(1,2)-4-12=9-11-3=7
4th corner 8-5,10-(1,2)-4=12=9=11=3=7

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.