

Aki Henka Summary

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There would normally have been the more detailed version of the Henka Summary, but health issues intervened and so this will once again be the short version. Hopefully, we'll be back on track in December. In the Aki Basho, Roho consolidated his position as the leading active henka puller. His henka rate blossomed from 10.29% of his bouts henka'd up to 12.63% in just one basho, with an amazing six henka out of seven nominations. Unfortunately, he only won 50% of those henka bouts, contributing to a poor overall record of 6-9.

The other standout performer was Aminishiki, who passed both Jumonji and Hakurozan, taking second spot with 7.14% of his bouts henka'd. He achieved this with a record of two henka from two nominations, both of which he won, helping him to an excellent 10-5 record and increasing his proportion of henka won to 87%.

Despite four nominations for Aki, Hakurozan was only judged to have henka'd once, thereby dropping to third place with a rate of 7.04%.

Other notable mentions for Aki were Tokitsuumi, who managed three henka from three nominations, leading to a move up the list from #7 to #5; and Kaiho, with two henka.

Here is the new top ten list of perpetrators, ranked in order of the *percentage of their total bouts in which they have henka'd*. As a reminder, only the bouts that were

voted as henka with a majority yes vote are used in the calculations.

Roho	12.63
Aminishiki	7.14
Hakurozan	7.04
Jumonji	6.76
Tokitsuumi	6.15
Kotooshu	5.71
Hokutoriki	5.65
Komomitsuki	3.81
Yoshikaze	3.57
Kaio	3.49

As well as retaining the top spot for active henka perpetrators, Roho managed to maintain his #10 position on the henka target list, being the victim of a Tamakasuga henka on Day 3.

Hokutoriki extended his lead on the list, as he was victimized by three top henka perpetrators - #1 Roho, #2 Aminishiki and #5 Tokitsuumi. And true to form, he lost all three bouts, and so he has now lost 94% of the bouts where his opponent has henka'd.

Other notable targets in Aki were Chiyotaiikai (2), Kitazakura (2), Tamanoshima (2) and Tochinonada (2). A mention must also be made of Wakanoho. Though still in juryo, Aki saw him participate in his first two makuuchi bouts, and he was the victim of a Hakurozan henka on Day 10. Of course he can't be ranked yet, but right now he sits in the distinguished position of being henka'd in 50% of his makuuchi bouts.

Despite the number of henka pulled in Aki, there wasn't much

movement in the top 10 targets list, with no changes in the top five. Here's the current top ten list of targets, ranked in order of the *percentage of their total bouts in which they were a henka target*. Again, only bouts receiving a majority yes vote are used in these calculations:

Hokutoriki	9.60
Miyabiyama	6.44
Kotooshu	5.24
Dejima	5.24
Kasugao	5.13
Chiyotaiikai	4.62
Tochinonada	4.42
Tosanoumi	4.35
Kisenosato	4.29
Roho	4.21

Overall, Aki saw 24 henka from 38 nominations, determined by a majority vote. The perpetrators lost only five henka bouts, with Roho accounting for the majority of these with three losses.

The updated henka database, which contains the raw numbers from which this data is derived, can be found [here](#). It contains all rikishi data, not just for the men appearing on the two top ten lists herein. As a general reminder, the Henka Sightings study started with the 2005 Nagoya basho, so there is no data prior to that basho.

That brings us to the end of the Aki Henka Summary, so remember to cast your votes during the Kyushu Basho.