



Kogashiyama Forest (340m)

Japan Cup (Utsunomiya)
World Championships 1990



Hairpin bend just before the top

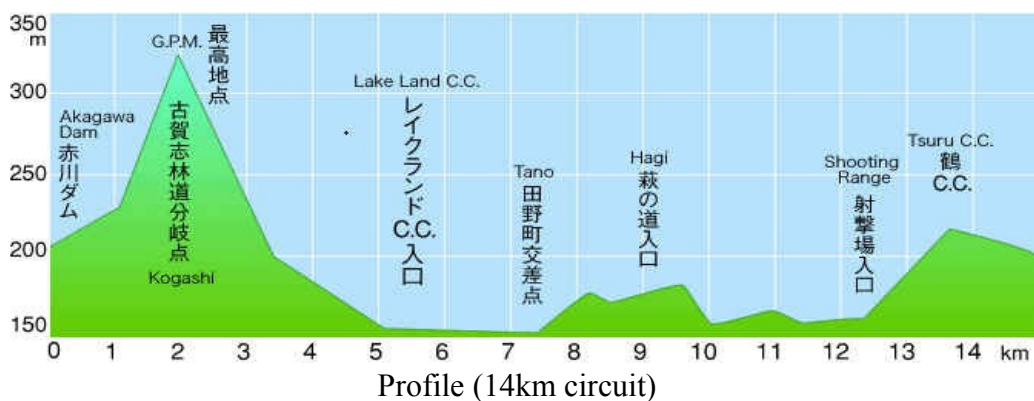


At 100km north of Tokyo

The Japan Cup keeps alive the Utsunomiya circuit, on which the Road World Championships took place in 1990 (1st D'Haenens, 2nd De Wolf, 3rd Bugno). It gets too little media attention, because of its position in the calendar (end October) and its geographic remoteness, but however the race is very interesting : it belongs to the « HC » races and the list of its winners, with a majority of Italians (13 out of 24) is very impressive (Chiappucci 3x, Gianetti, Simoni, Cunego, Dan Martin, Basso and Mollema in 2015).

Official website : <http://www.japancup.gr.jp/>

World Championships 1990: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7QikNpiGsk>



There are two different circuits, a long one (14km) used in the Criterium, and a shorter one (10,3km), used in the Japan Cup itself (14 times).



Bunch at the foot

Kogashiyama Forest - Portrait

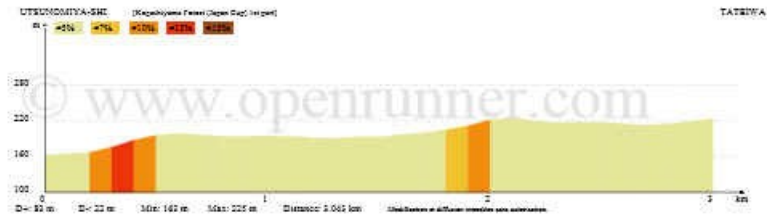
The only climb is straddling the final and the initial parts of the circuit and it consists of two parts :

3km with a very hectic profile (des km7,3 à 10,3) :

km1 : 2,8% (300m at 9, 12 et 8%)

km2 : 2,7 (last 2 hm at 7 et 10%)

km3 : 0,3%



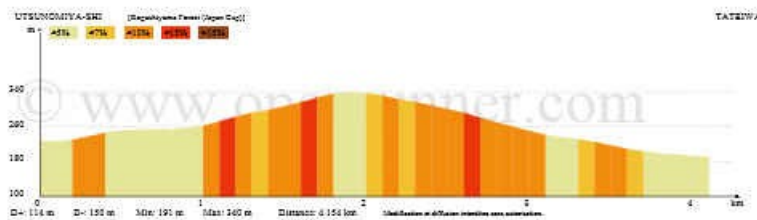
Profile of the first part (3km)

After the finish line near to Akagawa Lake, the climb itself (2km)

km4 : 3,7% (1 4 8 8 / 5 2 1 0 3 5)

km5 : 900m at 9% (10 11 9 6 9 / 9 11 9 4)

Top : Lat. Lng. : 36.619890, 139.778820 UTM : 54 N 390804 4053401



Profile of the 2nd part (1,9km) and of the descent



Akagawa Lake



Finish in the climb and Mollema winner (in 2015)



Leading group in the hard last km (in 2015)



Top of the road (340m)



Top of Kogashiyama