①Kihira 1st Japanese woman since Asada to win GP Final

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③　VANCOUVER — Teenager Rika Kihira capped a stunning debut season on the senior figure skating circuit when she won the women’s title at the ISU Grand Prix Final on Saturday in Vancouver.

④　The 16-year-old Kihira, the leader after the short program, also had the top score in the free skate. Russia’s Alina Zagitova, the Pyeongchang Olympic champion and also 16, finished second.

⑧ The Associated Press

Rika Kihira performs her free skate program at the ISU Grand Prix Final in Vancouver on Saturday.

⑤　“I never thought I could become a champion at the Final,” said Kihira, who covered her mouth with both hands in surprise after seeing her winning score.

⑥　Kihira became the first Japanese woman to win the gold at the GP Final since Mao Asada in 2013, and the first since Asada in 2005 to capture the title in her debut season in the senior Grand Prix series.

⑦　“My dream is to win the gold at the 2022 Beijing Olympics,” Kihira said.