



The 36th Japan Cup

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Profile of Japanese Horses



Biche

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (January 16, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Barancella (Acatenango)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Yasushi Kubota	
Career Record	: 6 starts, 3 wins, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 82,872,000	
'16 Season Record	: 6 starts, 3 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Shion Stakes (G3)	1st
	: '16 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yuichi Shikato

Date of Birth	: May 23, 1962
License Issued	: 2007
Date of First Win	: May 17, 2008
Career Record	: 2,500 starts, 227 wins, 257 seconds, 201 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 265 starts, 29 wins, 25 seconds, 22 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Shion Stakes (G3, Biche)
	: '15 Chukyo Kinen (G3, Smart Orion)
	: '14 Ocean Stakes (G3, Smart Orion)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts, 1 win
	Won: '08 Screen Hero (JPN, by Grass Wonder)



[Jockey] Hideaki Miyuki

Date of Birth	: January 12, 1976
Debut Year	: 1994
Date of First Win	: April 10, 1994
Career Record	: 17,311 starts, 1,201 wins, 1,367 seconds, 1,438 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 751 starts, 41 wins, 61 seconds, 68 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Antares Stakes (G3, Kurino Star O)
	: '14 Champions Cup (G1, Hokko Tarumae)
	: '14 Sirius Stakes (G3, Kurino Star O)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



Biche is the third-place finisher in this year's Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) and a grade-race winner in the Shion Stakes where she beat subsequent Shukasho winner Vivlos by 2-1/2 lengths. Trained by Yuichi Shikato who won the 2008 Japan Cup with Screen Hero, she will make use of her weight advantage to accomplish a feat of becoming the first three-year-old filly to claim the Japan Cup following Gentildonna in 2012.

Unraced as a two-year-old, the Deep Impact filly won her debut start in February where she was rated in mid-division and demonstrated a strong kick in the last 300 meters for a five-length victory. The bay filly registered another win in the following allowance race where she was again rated in mid-division and produced an impressive late charge after turning wide to take command in the final strides for a 1/2-length victory. She was sent to post race favorite in her first grade-race attempt in the Flora Stakes and while marking the fastest finish from racing in the very rear, she was unable to reach the leaders and was fifth. In her first G1 challenge in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), she traveled in mid-pack and accelerated strongly to take the lead 200 meters out but was overtaken in the last strides to finish third.

Back from a summer break, **Biche** registered her first graded victory in the Shion Stakes where she raced toward the rear early then gradually advanced forward along the backstretch, assumed command entering the lane and pulled away for a 2-1/2-length win. While being posted race favorite in the Shuka Sho, the last leg of the triple crown for fillies, she sat wide toward the rear and advanced from 800 meters out but failed to respond in the stretch to finish 10th.



2016 Shion Stakes



2016 Yushun Himba (right)

Career Performances of Biche

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.16	Shuka Sho (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (55.0) [418]	10 (1)	13 15 10 10 (34.1)	10 / 18 Vivlos	1:58.6 (0.8)
09.10	Shion Stakes (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (54.0) [420]	18 (1)	14 13 6 2 (35.3)	1 / 18 (Vivlos)	1:59.7 (0.4)
05.22	Yushun Himba (G1) (Japanese Oaks)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [416]	14 (5)	7 8 8 5 (34.1)	3 / 18 Sinhelite	2:25.0 (0.1)
04.24	Flora Stakes (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (54.0) [404]	3 (1)	- 18 17 17 (34.6)	5 / 18 Cecchino	1:59.7 (0.8)
03.26	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	N. Yokoyama (54.0) [408]	1 (2)	6 6 6 6 (34.8)	1 / 9 (Vigor Edge)	1:48.9 (0.1)
02.21	Three-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Yielding	N. Yokoyama (54.0) [418]	11 (5)	- 7 8 7 (35.3)	1 / 16 (A Shin Shirayuki)	1:51.7 (0.8)


Cheval Grand

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 14, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Halwa Sweet (Machiavellian)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Kazuhiro Sasaki	
Career Record	: 15 starts, 6 wins, 3 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 249,135,000	
'16 Season Record	: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	1st
	: '16 Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	1st
	: '16 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yasuo Tomomichi

Date of Birth	: August 11, 1963	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: December 1, 2002	
Career Record	: 2,901 starts, 393 wins, 294 seconds, 279 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 202 starts, 33 wins, 21 seconds, 17 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Shuka Sho (G1, Vivlos)	
	: '16 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (G1, Makahiki)	
	: '16 Copa Republica Argentina (G2, Cheval Grand)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start	

[Jockey] Yuichi Fukunaga

Date of Birth	: December 9, 1976	
Debut Year	: 1996	
Date of First Win	: March 2, 1996	
Career Record	: 15,206 starts, 1,929 wins, 1,659 seconds, 1,541 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 654 starts, 101 wins, 96 seconds, 65 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Shuka Sho (G1, Vivlos)	
	: '16 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, Big Arthur)	
	: '16 Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Jeune Ecole)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 second	

Cheval Grand is a four-year-old colt steadily demonstrating his true potentials from the end of the previous season. This year, after given a sufficient amount of time to recover from his spring campaign, he is coming off his second G2 win in the Copa Republica Argentina, in which he accelerated well from racing in mid-division and took over the lead 200 meters out to mark a 1/2-length victory. A three-quarter brother to both 2013/14 Victoria Mile champion Verxina and the recent Shuka Sho victor Vivlos, the Heart's Cry colt is not to be a lightly regarded candidate bloodline-wise in his first Japan Cup bid.

Breaking his maiden in his second start as a two-year-old, he ran the fastest over the last three furlongs and dug in well for a close third in his first graded test, the Kyoto Nisai Stakes, before capping off his debut season with another third in an allowance race. A sore right shoulder forced the colt to be scratched from his scheduled kick-off start in the Wakagoma Stakes, and dull finishes in his following two grade-race starts excluded him from the two spring classics. However, gradually gaining momentum, the late developer claimed two allowance races in a row from his second start of his autumn campaign and concluded his three-year-old season with another win by a comfortable three lengths in the Orion Stakes.

He began this season exhibiting another good turn of foot in the Nikkei Shinshun Hai where he closed strongly from way behind to clear the wire two lengths from the winner in second. His big break came in the following Hanshin Daishoten where he hugged the rails in seventh, made headway from the third corner and shot to the front 300 meters out for his first grade-race victory. With confidence over the longer distance, **Cheval Grand** was sent off third choice in his first G1 start, the Tenno Sho (Spring), in which he saved ground in mid-division and showed good effort in chasing the two front runners but was 1-1/4 lengths from the runner-up in third. In the Takarazuka Kinen that followed, he took an economic trip in mid-field, ran gamely up to the furlong pole but came up empty and finished ninth.



2016 Copa Republica Argentina



2016 Hanshin Daishoten


Career Performances of Cheval Grand

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 11.06	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [474]	11 (2)	6	7	6	5	1 / 15 (Albert)	2:33.4 (0.1)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	5 (5)	7	5	7	9	9 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.4)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	8 (3)	9	9	11	9	3 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (0.2)
03.20	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [470]	11 (1)	7	7	7	4	1 / 11 (Tanta Alegria)	3:05.8 (0.4)
01.17	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [480]	7 (1)	8	7	6	6	2 / 12 Reve Mistral	2:25.9 (0.3)
'15 12.13	Orion Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [474]	5 (1)	7	7	7	8	1 / 9 (Shiho)	2:28.1 (0.5)
10.31	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [476]	7 (1)	4	3	4	3	1 / 8 (A Shin Allonsy)	2:24.8 (0.3)
10.03	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	10 (1)	5	5	5	5	1 / 17 (Mikki Pouch)	2:28.3 (0.3)
08.30	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	9 (1)	10	11	10	6	2 / 16 Albert	1:59.7 (0.4)
05.09	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [464]	12 (7)	8	8	8	9	8 / 16 Satono Rasen	2:11.3 (0.6)
03.28	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [470]	10 (8)	-	-	13	13	5 / 15 Musee Alien	1:47.2 (0.3)
'14 12.27	Erica Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [478]	12 (1)	10	10	9	8	3 / 12 Beruf	2:02.4 (0.3)
11.29	Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Uchida (55.0) [468]	5 (5)	7	7	8	8	3 / 8 Bell Lap	2:04.8 (0.1)
10.12	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [468]	8 (1)	4	4	4	2	1 / 12 (Albert Dock)	2:00.8 (0.2)
09.21	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [464]	14 (3)	6	6	6	6	2 / 14 Dragon Verse	2:04.0 (0.0)


Dee Majesty

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (March 24, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Hermes Tiara (Brian's Time)	
Breeder	: Masaru Shimada	
Owner	: Masaru Shimada	
Career Record	: 8 starts, 4 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 302,432,000	
'16 Season Record	: 5 starts, 3 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1)	1st
	: '16 St. Lite Kinen (G2)	1st
	: '16 Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yoshitaka Ninomiya

Date of Birth	: September 5, 1952	
License Issued	: 1990	
Date of First Win	: September 29, 1990	
Career Record	: 6,454 starts, 651 wins, 642 seconds, 543 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 240 starts, 11 wins, 11 seconds, 10 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, Dee Majesty) '16 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Dee Majesty) '16 Kyodo News Service Hai (G3, Dee Majesty)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 win Won: '98 El Condor Pasa (USA, by Kingmambo)	

[Jockey] Masayoshi Ebina

Date of Birth	: March 19, 1969	
Debut Year	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: April 12, 1987	
Career Record	: 19,723 starts, 2,450 wins, 2,144 seconds, 1,871 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 650 starts, 59 wins, 46 seconds, 57 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Marialite) '16 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, Dee Majesty) '16 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Dee Majesty)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 14 starts, 1 win Won: '98 El Condor Pasa (USA, by Kingmambo)	

This year's Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) champion **Dee Majesty** has proved himself one of the best runners of his generation, claiming three wins out of five starts this season, all at the graded level. He marked a third and fourth in the other two legs of the Triple Crown, and is vying for a Japan Cup victory in his first outing against older horses, also with hopes of becoming the second winner for trainer Yoshitaka Ninomiya who won his first title with El Condor Pasa in 1998.

Debuted in September last year, the Deep Impact colt landed his first win in his third career-start where he took command 300 meters out and was timed the fastest in the last three furlongs. Due to a minor problem in his left hind leg, he was scratched from his next G2 Hopeful Stakes start and ended his debut season campaign.

The bay colt kicked off the present season with his first graded attempt in the Kyodo News Service Hai as sixth favorite, in which he displayed the fastest stretch run to take the lead in the final 100 meters and score a 1-1/4-length victory. Two months later in the Satsuki Sho, the eighth favorite made headway rounding the third corner from traveling wide toward the rear and came down the straight with intimidating speed to take the front 100 meters out then pulled away strongly for another 1-1/4-length victory from runner-up Makahiki. In the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), the odds-on favorite was unable to make up enough ground along the outside at the stretch to reach the two top finishers, Makahiki and Satono Diamond, while marking the second fastest finish.

His first autumn start was in the St. Lite Kinen where he accelerated smoothly rounding the third corner from a rear-pack position, grasping the lead at top-stretch, and got the best of a duel with Seewind for a neck win. As second pick in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), **Dee Majesty** swept out wide in the last turn, just outside the eventual winner Satono Diamond, but could not keep up with the speed of the winner and sustain his bid, crossing the wire three lengths behind in fourth.



2016 Satsuki Sho



2016 St. Lite Kinen

Career Performances of Dee Majesty

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.23	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [482]	6 (2)	11	12	11	5	4 / 18 Satono Diamond	3:03.3 (0.5)
09.18	St. Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Ebina (56.0) [476]	4 (1)	10	9	9	4	1 / 12 (Seewind)	2:13.1 (0.0)
05.29	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [472]	1 (1)	9	10	8	10	3 / 18 Makahiki	2:24.0 (0.1)
04.17	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [476]	18 (8)	14	14	12	10	1 / 18 (Makahiki)	1:57.9 (0.2)
02.14	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	M. Ebina (56.0) [476]	4 (6)	-	7	8	7	1 / 10 (Immortal)	1:47.4 (0.2)
'15 11.23	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [470]	14 (1)	-	8	9	9	1 / 15 (Mount Robson)	2:01.8 (0.0)
09.26	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Good	M. Ebina (54.0) [466]	4 (1)	8	9	7	6	2 / 13 Meiner Fun	1:49.2 (0.1)
09.05	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Sapporo (JPN)	1500 Good	C. Lemaire (54.0) [476]	1 (3)	-	4	3	3	2 / 14 King Lion	1:32.2 (0.0)

Fame Game

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (May 11, 2010)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Gelding / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Hall of Fame (Allez Milord)	
Breeder	: Northern Farm	
Owner	: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 22 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 293,487,300	
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '14&'15 Diamond Stakes (G3)	1st
	: '14 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	1st
	: '15 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yoshitada Munakata

Date of Birth	: July 26, 1954
License Issued	: 1992
Date of First Win	: June 27, 1993
Career Record	: 5,573 starts, 529 wins, 479 seconds, 430 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 269 starts, 9 wins, 20 seconds, 15 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '14&'15 Diamond Stakes (G3, Fame Game)
	: '14 Copa Republica Argentina (G2, Fame Game)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



[Jockey] Hiroshi Kitamura

Date of Birth	: July 24, 1980
Debut Year	: 1999
Date of First Win	: March 14, 1999
Career Record	: 12,788 starts, 1,190 wins, 1,146 seconds, 1,072 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 141 starts, 16 wins, 6 seconds, 13 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kitanasan Black)
	: '15 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Kitanasan Black)
	: '15 Spring Stakes (G2, Kitanasan Black)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 third



Fame Game is a multiple grade-race winner over distances between 2,000m and 3,400m. He comes off a fifth-place finish in the Copa Republica Argentina—his first start after being gelded during the summer break—in which he was slow out of the gate and took time to get into gear but showed a sharp turn of speed in the last furlong while belatedly. He also finished second earlier in the season in the Diamond Stakes in which he was attempting a third consecutive title in the race, carrying top weight at 58.5 kg. While having to start from an outside stall 16 and racing far back early, he turned in an impressive charge, the fastest over the last three furlongs, to pull away from the third-place finisher by five lengths although the eventual winner had already opened up a good margin with 4.5 kilos less to carry than **Fame Game**.

With one win out of three starts as a two-year-old, the Heart's Cry colt claimed his first grade-race title in his three-year-old debut in the 2,000-meter Keisei Hai but was well defeated to 12th in the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), after which he was found to have sustained a distal radius fracture. Sidelined for more than six months and sixth in his comeback start that year, **Fame Game** kicked off his four-year-old campaign with a close third in the American Jockey Club Cup prior to capturing his second grade-race title in the 2014 Diamond Stakes, in which he was at the rear end of the 11-horse field early but gradually made headway, entering the stretch in second, assumed command 400 meters out then pulled away in the last furlong for a 1-1/2 length victory. He turned in another dominating 2-1/2-length victory in the 2014 Copa Republica Argentina, in which he executed a sharp finishing speed from racing mid-field, and defended his Diamond Stakes title in 2015 with another dominating fashion from the rear prior to the Tenno Sho (Spring) where he was smartly positioned in mid-division and while having to shift to the outside for the stretch run, he came up as a serious threat to winner Gold Ship while just missing his first G1 title by a neck.

Fame Game's powerful finishing speed was also well appreciated in Australia when finishing sixth in the 2015 Caulfield Cup and the five-year-old was sent to post race favorite in the Melbourne Cup. However, he was trapped in traffic early in the 24-horse field, forced to angle out wide for his stretch run and was too late to reach contention, finishing 13th.



2016 Tenno Sho (Spring) (outside)



2015 Diamond Stakes

Career Performances of Fame Game

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 11.06	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Kitamura (58.0) [454]	8 (5)	14 13 11 12 (33.7)	5 / 15 Cheval Grand	2:33.4 (0.4)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Shibayama (58.0) [458]	1 (12)	11 11 13 15 (38.2)	17 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (2.3)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Bowman (58.0) [460]	5 (4)	15 16 17 16 (34.4)	8 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (0.5)
02.20	Diamond Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	3400 Good	K. Miura (58.5) [470]	16 (2)	12 11 13 8 (37.0)	2 / 16 Twinkle	3:37.8 (0.7)
'15 11.03	Melbourne Cup (G1)	Flemington (AUS)	3200 Good	Z. Purton (57.0)	3 (1)		13 / 24 Prince Of Penzance	3:23.1 (0.9)
10.17	Caulfield Cup (G1)	Caulfield (AUS)	2400 Good	Z. Purton (57.0)	3 (5)		6 / 18 Mongolian Khan	2:27.7 (0.8)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Kitamura (58.0) [456]	14 (7)	10 9 11 10 (34.5)	2 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.0)
02.21	Diamond Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	3400 Firm	H. Kitamura (58.0) [456]	16 (1)	9 11 11 10 (34.6)	1 / 16 (Fata Morgana)	3:31.9 (0.3)
01.25	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [462]	10 (3)	17 17 12 14 (34.5)	12 / 17 Courir Kaiser	2:13.6 (0.8)
'14 11.09	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [458]	3 (2)	11 11 8 7 (34.0)	1 / 18 (Courir Kaiser)	2:30.5 (0.4)
09.28	All Comers (G2)	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [456]	16 (4)	10 10 10 9 (34.4)	6 / 18 Meiner Lacrima	2:12.2 (0.2)
06.29	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (58.0) [450]	12 (7)	2 2 2 2 (36.3)	6 / 12 Gold Ship	2:13.9 (0.8)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Kitamura (58.0) [452]	10 (11)	12 13 11 12 (34.3)	6 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (0.4)
02.22	Diamond Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	3400 Firm	H. Kitamura (55.0) [452]	1 (1)	11 11 7 2 (35.8)	1 / 11 (Sacred Valley)	3:30.2 (0.2)
01.26	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (55.0) [454]	1 (6)	12 10 8 8 (35.8)	3 / 16 Verde Green	2:14.0 (0.1)
'13 12.14	December Stakes (Open Class)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura (55.0) [460]	16 (8)	10 10 11 10 (34.5)	6 / 16 Air Saumur	1:48.1 (0.2)
04.14	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [444]	16 (7)	15 15 16 14 (35.9)	12 / 18 Logotype	1:58.0 (1.3)
03.17	Spring Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [452]	14 (6)	11 11 12 13 (34.6)	4 / 16 Logotype	1:47.8 (0.3)
01.21	Keisei Hai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	F. Berry (56.0) [452]	6 (7)	9 9 7 5 (34.7)	1 / 12 (Action Star)	2:02.3 (0.0)
'12 12.16	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	C. Soumillon (55.0) [456]	8 (6)	8 8 8 6 (35.3)	1 / 18 (Shiny Riva)	2:02.7 (0.4)
10.20	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Tanaka (55.0) [450]	3 (3)	- - 9 11 (34.2)	5 / 12 Admire Ichiban	1:35.8 (0.7)
09.29	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tanaka (54.0) [458]	12 (3)	11 10 11 10 (34.7)	8 / 13 Gottfried	1:50.3 (1.3)

Gold Actor

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (May 18, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Screen Hero / Heilong Xing (Kyowa Alysheba)	
Breeder	: Hokusho Farm	
Owner	: Hisayo Ishiro	
Career Record	: 16 starts, 9 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 555,398,000	
'16 Season Record	: 3 starts, 2 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Arima Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '16 All Comers (G2)	1st
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Tadashige Nakagawa

Date of Birth	: May 25, 1962	
License Issued	: 2005	
Date of First Win	: March 25, 2006	
Career Record	: 2,298 starts, 135 wins, 137 seconds, 157 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 199 starts, 16 wins, 19 seconds, 18 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 All Comers (G2, Gold Actor)	
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2, Gold Actor)	
	: '16 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, Magic Time)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	



[Jockey] Hayato Yoshida

Date of Birth	: December 20, 1983	
Debut Year	: 2004	
Date of First Win	: April 24, 2004	
Career Record	: 8,807 starts, 686 wins, 673 seconds, 626 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 596 starts, 52 wins, 57 seconds, 48 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 All Comers (G2, Gold Actor)	
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2, Gold Actor)	
	: '16 Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, Smart Layer)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	



The 2015 “Grand Prix” Arima Kinen champion **Gold Actor** kicked off this season, claiming the Nikkei Sho, where after pressing the pace, showed the fastest stretch drive to catch the leader for a 3/4-length win. Although heavily beaten to 12th in the Tenno Sho (Spring), he immediately claimed his first start of his autumn campaign following a long break in the All Comers where he dug in deeply when challenged by his nearest rival for a neck victory. Carrying high hopes of following in his sire’s footsteps, the lightly raced son of 2008 Japan Cup victor Screen Hero will face international competition for the first time.

Debuting in November as a two-year-old, **Gold Actor** broke his maiden in his third career start the following year and turned in runner-up finishes in his next two allowance races. His hopes of a spring classics challenge were dashed when he marked a fourth in his first grade-race start, the G2 Aoba Sho, but he fared well in notching two consecutive wins thereafter against older horses and was given the chance for a bid in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). Sent off seventh favorite, the dark bay showed a sustained effort after sitting in a forward position and finished four lengths from the winner in third which was far from disappointing given that the race had been won in record time that renewed the previous course record by a good 1.7 seconds.

The colt was then given an extensive eight-month time to further develop and the four-year-old landed his first two races in July and October. Stepping up in class, he claimed his first graded-victory in the following Copa Republica Argentina in which he marked the second fastest stretch drive to catch and head out his rival at the wire. Instead of the Japan Cup, his connections chose the year-end Arima Kinen as his next start, where he responded with an upset victory as eight favorite. The dark bay hugged the rails in third or fourth and surged to the front in the last half-furlong, strongly holding off all chasing pursuers to capture his first G1 title and extending his winning streak to four.



2015 Arima Kinen



2016 Nikkei Sho

Career Performances of Gold Actor

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 09.25	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Yoshida (58.0) [496]	6 (1)	6	6	6	4	1 / 12 (Satono Noblesse)	2:11.9 (0.0)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Yoshida (58.0) [490]	17 (1)	7	7	4	2	12 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (0.8)
03.26	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Yoshida (58.0) [494]	9 (2)	2	2	2	2	1 / 9 (Sounds of Earth)	2:36.8 (0.1)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Yoshida (57.0) [494]	7 (8)	3	3	5	3	1 / 16 (Sounds of Earth)	2:33.0 (0.0)
11.08	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Yielding	H. Yoshida (56.0) [490]	15 (1)	3	3	3	3	1 / 18 (Meisho Kadomatsu)	2:34.0 (0.0)
10.12	October Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Yoshida (57.5) [488]	3 (1)	3	3	3	3	1 / 12 (Samson's Pride)	2:25.8 (0.3)
07.04	Toyako Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Yoshida (57.0) [486]	7 (1)	3	3	3	3	1 / 13 (Yamanin Argosy)	2:02.0 (0.3)
'14 10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Yoshida (57.0) [476]	10 (7)	5	5	7	6	3 / 18 Toho Jackal	3:01.0 (0.7)
08.23	Shikotsuko Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2600 Firm	H. Yoshida (54.0) [478]	7 (1)	2	2	2	2	1 / 14 (T M Dai Power)	2:44.2 (0.2)
08.02	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2600 Firm	H. Yoshida (54.0) [480]	5 (1)	1	2	1	1	1 / 10 (Godfroy)	2:42.5 (0.6)
05.03	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Ishibashi (56.0) [474]	10 (7)	6	8	7	6	4 / 18 Shonan Lagoon	2:26.5 (0.1)
04.05	Yamabuki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Good	S. Ishibashi (56.0) [468]	15 (3)	6	5	3	2	2 / 16 Tosen Matakoiya	2:15.7 (0.0)
02.10	Yurikamome Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Good	S. Ishibashi (56.0) [462]	9 (14)	5	5	6	6	2 / 16 Langley	2:30.4 (0.2)
01.12	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	S. Ishibashi (56.0) [480]	12 (3)	7	7	8	4	1 / 16 (Bang Zoom)	2:15.8 (0.1)
'13 12.21	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	S. Ishibashi (55.0) [484]	2 (6)	16	16	14	14	4 / 18 Shonan Lagoon	2:04.4 (0.3)
11.24	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [488]	10 (11)	-	7	7	7	7 / 16 Cuatro Guts	2:04.2 (0.6)

Hit the Target

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 8 (March 6, 2008)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: King Kamehameha / Latir (Tamamo Cross)	
Breeder	: North Hills Management	
Owner	: Shinji Maeda	
Career Record	: 48 starts, 9 wins, 3 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 404,663,000	
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2)	1st
	: '15 Sapporo Kinen (G2)	2nd
	: '16 Meguro Kinen (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '15 (13th), '14 (12th), '13 (11th)	

[Trainer] Keiji Kato

Date of Birth	: April 21, 1947
License Issued	: 1986
Date of First Win	: October 11, 1987
Career Record	: 5,607 starts, 458 wins, 400 seconds, 408 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 166 starts, 4 wins, 5 seconds, 13 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2, Hit the Target)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts



[Jockey] Futoshi Komaki

Date of Birth	: September 7, 1967
JRA Debut Year*	: 2004
Date of First Win	: December 4, 1993
Career Record	: 9,956 starts, 838 wins, 807 seconds, 794 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 513 starts, 35 wins, 33 seconds, 36 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2, Hit the Target) '15 Niigata Daishoten (G3, D'accord) '14 Fantasy Stakes (G3, Cool Hotarubi)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



*Komaki rode in regional public racing from 1985 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2004.

Hit the Target is a multiple grade-race winner hoping to capture his first G1 title in his fourth challenge in the Japan Cup. Given a good rest after heavily beaten in both the Japan Cup and the Arima Kinen last year, the son of King Kamehameha finished within the money in third coming off a five-month break in the Meguro Kinen, and while disappointing to two-digit finishes in his following two starts, he has shown improved form in his latest start in the Kyoto Daishoten in which he finished a close fifth.

Winless in five starts as a two-year-old, **Hit the Target** broke his maiden in his seventh career start and registered three wins and a second during 2011. Stepping up in class after winning his kick-off start in 2012, the Keiji Kato-trained four-year-old landed two consecutive wins including his first grade-race victory in the Niigata Daishoten. His second grade-race victory came in the Kokura Kinen in February of 2013 and the late-developing five-year-old marked his third grade-race victory in the Kyoto Daishoten in which he executed an explosive charge from racing mid-field to pin down proven G1 winners, Tosen Ra and Gold Ship for a neck victory. Coming off a seventh-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), **Hit the Target** made his first Japan Cup Challenge and turned in an impressive performance while finishing 0.5 seconds behind Gentildonna in 11th.

While winless during 2014, he raced against top runners in seven starts, four G1 and three G2 races, which included a close fifth-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) prior to his 12th-place in the Japan Cup. He was still below par in his first three starts last year but turned in an upset victory in the Meguro Kinen which he won from racing off the pace in mid-field, splitting horses for the stretch run along the inside and drawing off for a 1-1/4-length victory. He also demonstrated his powerful late charge in the following Sapporo Kinen in which he was just short of reaching the leader by a head but was unsuccessful again in his third Japan Cup challenge, finishing 13th.



2015 Meguro Kinen



2013 Kyoto Daishoten

Career Performances of Hit the Target

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	F. Komaki (56.0) [514]	9 (7)	6	6	7	6	5 / 10 Kitasan Black	2:25.5 (0.4)
08.21	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	F. Komaki (57.0) [512]	9 (6)	8	9	9	8	10 / 16 Neorealism	2:01.7 (1.7)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	F. Komaki (58.0) [512]	14 (17)	15	15	14	17	10 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.5)
05.29	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	F. Komaki (58.0) [512]	10 (8)	10	8	8	7	3 / 18 Cryptogram	2:30.6 (0.1)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [516]	2 (13)	8	8	10	13	13 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.7)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [514]	13 (14)	16	16	17	17	13 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.6)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [512]	5 (8)	12	12	12	12	2 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.0)
05.31	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [512]	1 (11)	8	8	10	9	1 / 18 (Recondite)	2:29.7 (0.2)
05.10	Niigata Daishoten (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Furukawa (57.0) [522]	16 (9)	-	-	12	12	11 / 16 D'accord	1:59.6 (0.6)
03.14	Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kitamura (57.5) [520]	13 (10)	16	16	14	16	9 / 18 Decipher	2:01.2 (1.1)
02.22	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Yielding	Y. Furukawa (57.5) [516]	9 (4)	13	14	13	12	12 / 16 Curren Black Hill	1:48.3 (1.3)
'14 11.30	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [514]	5 (10)	15	15	16	13	12 / 18 Epiphaneia	2:23.1 (2.1)
11.02	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [512]	2 (10)	-	15	14	15	5 / 18 Spielberg	1:59.7 (0.2)
10.14	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [514]	12 (4)	11	11	10	9	4 / 12 Last Impact	2:24.2 (0.3)
06.29	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [514]	4 (12)	11	10	9	9	4 / 12 Gold Ship	2:13.9 (0.7)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kitamura (58.0) [520]	17 (16)	3	3	3	3	15 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (1.5)
03.23	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [518]	9 (4)	9	9	9	8	5 / 9 Gold Ship	3:06.6 (1.7)
02.16	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	C. Demuro (57.0) [520]	7 (5)	9	9	8	8	5 / 12 Desperado	2:16.0 (0.4)
'13 11.24	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [512]	16 (8)	11	9	6	2	11 / 17 Gentildonna	2:26.1 (0.5)
10.27	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kitamura (58.0) [512]	8 (11)	-	14	13	13	7 / 17 Just a Way	1:57.5 (1.7)
10.06	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kitamura (56.0) [514]	2 (11)	6	6	9	8	1 / 13 (Uncoiled)	2:22.9 (0.0)
06.23	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [522]	1 (9)	7	7	7	8	11 / 11 Gold Ship	2:13.2 (2.4)
05.26	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	T. Ono (57.5) [518]	9 (14)	15	15	15	14	4 / 18 Mousquetaire	2:29.6 (0.4)
03.31	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	T. Ono (56.0) [520]	10 (7)	11	9	11	12	8 / 14 Orfevre	1:59.0 (0.9)
02.17	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	T. Ono (57.0) [512]	5 (6)	11	11	12	11	1 / 16 (D'accord)	1:46.4 (0.0)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
01.05	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [514]	15 (6)	10	10	14	11	10 / 16 Touch Me Not	1:59.5 (0.6)
'12 11.18	Fukushima Kinen (G3)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Good	T. Ono (57.0) [510]	2 (5)	10	11	5	3	4 / 16 Daiwa Falcon	1:59.5 (0.3)
09.23	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Yielding	Y. Furukawa (56.0) [500]	12 (8)	9	9	9	6	11 / 16 Nakayama Knight	2:15.5 (1.5)
08.19	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Furukawa (57.0) [502]	9 (3)	7	8	4	8	11 / 14 Fumino Imagine	1:58.7 (1.1)
06.24	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Furukawa (58.0) [506]	3 (14)	9	8	8	9	11 / 16 Orfevre	2:10.9 (3.5)
05.06	Niigata Daishoten (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Furukawa (56.0) [506]	1 (5)	-	-	7	7	1 / 15 (Dantsu Hotei)	1:59.0 (0.3)
04.07	Fukushima Mimpo Hai (Open Class)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Furukawa (56.0) [508]	5 (3)	7	6	3	4	1 / 14 (Danon Spasibo)	1:58.2 (0.1)
03.04	Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Dazai (55.0) [510]	5 (5)	9	10	11	11	4 / 17 Smart Gear	2:02.2 (0.4)
01.22	Kammonkyo Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Yielding	K. Dazai (56.0) [514]	5 (8)	2	2	2	2	1 / 11 (Maruka Bolt)	2:02.6 (0.0)
'11 12.18	Nagoya Nikkan Sports Hai (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2600 Firm	R. Wada (55.0) [506]	1 (5)	3	3	2	2	1 / 14 (A Shin Mirage)	2:39.8 (0.0)
11.19	Yase Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Soft	S. Fujita (55.0) [508]	6 (5)	5	5	9	11	10 / 11 Tanino Epaulette	2:30.6 (3.6)
10.30	Takao Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Fujita (54.0) [506]	9 (9)	12	12	4	4	5 / 14 Iguazu	2:26.8 (0.2)
09.18	St. Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	E. Nakadate (56.0) [492]	3 (13)	7	4	5	11	16 / 17 Fateful War	2:10.3 (2.7)
08.28	Akanko Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2600 Firm	T. Sato (54.0) [502]	4 (5)	2	2	2	1	2 / 11 Smart Robin	2:41.5 (0.7)
07.24	Matsumae Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2600 Firm	K. Ando (54.0) [494]	9 (3)	6	6	6	5	4 / 10 Dream Sailing	2:41.5 (0.8)
07.10	Mutsuwan Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ando (54.0) [494]	3 (1)	3	3	3	1	1 / 10 (Vandalize)	2:01.7 (0.3)
06.19	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ando (56.0) [504]	11 (2)	12	12	1	1	1 / 16 (Yamanin Abeille)	2:01.2 (0.4)
05.22	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Yielding	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [500]	3 (2)	-	-	10	7	7 / 18 Yamanin Chivalry	1:50.0 (0.7)
'10 12.05	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [502]	11 (5)	11	11	11	11	3 / 12 Idea	2:02.1 (0.3)
11.06	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [500]	10 (3)	4	4	4	3	3 / 10 Gold Brian	2:03.0 (0.4)
10.17	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [496]	15 (2)	-	-	8	8	8 / 15 X Beat	1:48.4 (0.5)
09.20	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [502]	3 (3)	-	-	3	4	2 / 11 Victory Star	1:49.6 (0.0)
08.22	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [508]	7 (2)	10	11	10	10	4 / 13 Meine Jeanne	1:51.9 (0.3)

Kitasan Black

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 10, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Black Tide / Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)	
Breeder	: Yanagawa Bokujo	
Owner	: Ono Shoji	
Career Record	: 12 starts, 7 wins, 1 second, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 642,793,000	
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	1st
	: '16 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	1st
	: '16 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Hisashi Shimizu

Date of Birth	: July 4, 1972	
License Issued	: 2009	
Date of First Win	: August 16, 2009	
Career Record	: 2,039 starts, 141 wins, 109 seconds, 137 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 275 starts, 19 wins, 18 seconds, 17 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Kitanasan Black)	
	: '16 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Kitanasan Black)	
	: '15 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kitanasan Black)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	



[Jockey] Yutaka Take

Date of Birth	: March 15, 1969	
Debut Year	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: March 7, 1987	
Career Record	: 20,154 starts, 3,851 wins, 2,812 seconds, 2,263 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 581 starts, 65 wins, 72 seconds, 69 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Kitanasan Black)	
	: '16 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Kitanasan Black)	
	: '16 American Jockey Club Cup (G2, Decipher)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 22 starts, 3 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
	Won: '10 Rose Kingdom (JPN, by King Kamehameha)	
	: '06 Deep Impact (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	
	: '99 Special Week (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	



Sired by Black Tide, a full brother to legendary Deep Impact, **Kitasan Black** exemplified his stayer talent by claiming his second G1 win this spring in the Tenno Sho (Spring) after capturing the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) last year. He is coming off his first autumn start, the Kyoto Daishoten, where he had a perfect trip and inherited the lead 300 meters out to secure a neck-win.

Debuting in January last year as a three-year-old, the Black Tide colt immediately won his first two starts before landing the Spring Stakes in his first attempt at the graded level, holding off a strong challenge from Real Steel by a neck. However, in the following Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), **Kitasan Black** finished a four-length third, succumbing to the extraordinary burst of speed of Duramente and persistency of Real Steel this time. He was also unable to sustain his powerful stretch run in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), where although racing prominently in second up to the top of the lane, he was heavily beaten to 14th, his only double-digit finish so far.

Well rested over the summer, the bay colt bounced back to form, kicking off his autumn campaign with a 3/4-length win in the St. Lite Kinen where he held off his rivals once taking the lead after racing comfortably just behind the pace. Sent off rather unexpectedly as fifth favorite in the following Kikuka Sho judging from his dam's sire, a famed sprinter, **Kitasan Black** and his tactics overthrew all doubts as he saved ground and was reserved in a mid-pack position, then shot to the front while splitting horses in the stretch and held off rival Real Steel by a neck for his first G1 victory. He was also impressive in his first challenge against older horses in the Arima Kinen where he held well after setting the pace for a close third.

He kicked off his four-year-old campaign with a close runner-up finish in the Sankei Osaka Hai and was sent off second favorite in the following Tenno Sho (Spring) where he dueled fiercely with Curren Mirotic in the final furlong and while giving up the lead briefly, fought back and poked his nose in front at the wire for the title. In the Takarazuka Kinen, he led the field almost to the wire but was caught in the final strides by two late chargers and capped off his spring campaign finishing third.



2016 Tenno Sho (Spring)



2015 Kikuka Sho

Career Performances of Kitasan Black

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [538]	1 (1)	2	2	2	2	1 / 10 (Admire Deus)	2:25.5 (0.0)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Take (58.0) [536]	3 (2)	1	1	1	1	3 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (0.0)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [524]	1 (2)	1	1	1	1	1 / 18 (Curren Mirotic)	3:15.3 (0.0)
04.03	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [524]	7 (5)	1	1	1	1	2 / 11 Ambitious	1:59.3 (0.0)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [526]	11 (4)	1	1	1	1	3 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.1)
10.25	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [530]	4 (5)	5	5	10	8	1 / 18 (Real Steel)	3:03.9 (0.0)
09.21	St. Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [532]	13 (6)	2	2	2	1	1 / 15 (Musee Alien)	2:13.8 (0.1)
05.31	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [520]	17 (6)	2	2	2	2	14 / 18 Duramente	2:23.2 (2.3)
04.19	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [510]	7 (4)	2	2	2	2	3 / 15 Duramente	1:58.2 (0.6)
03.22	Spring Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [504]	1 (5)	2	2	2	1	1 / 12 (Real Steel)	1:49.1 (0.0)
02.22	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [504]	7 (9)	-	2	2	2	1 / 14 (Satono Rasen)	2:01.4 (0.5)
01.31	Three-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	H. Goto (56.0) [510]	14 (3)	-	9	9	11	1 / 16 (Mikki Joy)	1:52.3 (0.2)

Last Impact

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (January, 21, 2010)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Superior Pearl (Timber Country)	
Breeder	: Shadai Corporation Inc.	
Owner	: Silk Racing Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 29 starts, 7 wins, 3 seconds, 5 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 515,817,000	
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Japan Cup (G1)	2nd
	: '14 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '16 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '15 (2nd)	

[Trainer] Katsuhiko Sumii

Date of Birth	: March 28, 1964
License Issued	: 2000
Date of First Win	: March 24, 2001
Career Record	: 4,277 starts, 584 wins, 456 seconds, 376 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 273 starts, 36 wins, 33 seconds, 26 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Aoba Sho (G2, <u>Vanquish Run</u>)
	: '15 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, <u>Leontes</u>)
	: '15 Champions Cup (G1, Sambista)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 13 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds
	Won: '14 Epiphaneia (JPN, by Special Week)
	: '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)



[Jockey] Yuga Kawada

Date of Birth	: October 15, 1985
Debut Year	: 2004
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2004
Career Record	: 8,172 starts, 1,026 wins, 849 seconds, 785 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 635 starts, 117 wins, 84 seconds, 77 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Makahiki)
	: '16 Swan Stakes (G2, Satono Aladdin)
	: '16 Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, Satono Aladdin)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 third



Six-year-old **Last Impact** made his overseas debut in the Dubai Sheema Classic earlier this year, in which he raced in seventh along the rails before chasing winner Postponed and runner-up Duramente persistently in the straight to mark a close third. Since his return, he finished seventh in the Takarazuka Kinen and after the summer break, he is coming into the Japan Cup off another seventh-place finish in the Kyoto Daishoten, in which he ran gamely from mid-field, improving position up to the last furlong but weakened thereafter. Following the retirement of trainer Hiroyoshi Matsuda at the end of February, the dark bay is training under Katsuhiko Sumii this season and is off to better his last year's runner-up finish.

Last Impact broke his maiden in his first start and was second in his only other race as a two-year-old. He registered 2-1-1 out of eight starts during his three-year-old campaign which included a fourth in the Kikuka Sho.

His best season came in his four-year-old season when he claimed his first graded victory in the Kokura Daishoten, where he stormed to the front from a rearward position for a comfortable 2-1/2-length win. After marking two thirds in four grade-race starts, he landed back-to-back grade-race wins, the Kyoto Daishoten and the Kinko Sho two months later. He concluded the season with a promising seventh place in the year-end Arima Kinen, about two lengths from winner Gentildonna.

He was winless in his 2015 campaign with a third in the Hanshin Daishoten and a disappointing 12th in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) prior to the Japan Cup. However, he raced impressively under British jockey Ryan Moore who gave him a ground-saving trip in mid-division and took a brief lead in the last half-furlong although caught by Shonan Pandora in the final strides to finish a neck-second.



2015 Japan Cup (right)



2014 Kinko Sho

Career Performances of Last Impact

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [490]	4 (5)	5	5	5	3	7 / 10 Kitasan Black	2:25.5 (0.6)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Kawada (58.0) [480]	6 (11)	9	9	7	6	7 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.0)
03.26	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	J. Moreira (57.0)	1					3 / 9 Postponed	2:26.9 (0.6)
02.28	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	F. Berry (56.0) [496]	7 (7)	2	2	2	1	6 / 11 Duramente	1:45.9 (0.5)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [496]	3 (9)	8	9	10	9	12 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.6)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [494]	6 (7)	11	12	8	11	2 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.0)
11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Hishida (58.0) [492]	7 (9)	-	10	11	8	12 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.8)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [500]	7 (3)	9	9	9	4	6 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [492]	4 (5)	13	13	16	14	4 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.2)
03.22	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [490]	1 (2)	9	9	8	7	3 / 10 Gold Ship	3:05.9 (0.7)
'14 12.28	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [484]	7 (7)	8	9	10	10	7 / 16 Gentildonna	2:35.3 (0.2)
12.06	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [486]	4 (1)	6	7	7	7	1 / 17 (Satono Noblesse)	1:58.8R (0.2)
10.14	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [486]	7 (3)	3	3	3	3	1 / 12 (Tamamo Best Play)	2:24.2 (0.0)
09.07	Niigata Kinen (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [490]	15 (3)	-	-	13	13	3 / 18 Martinborough	1:58.3 (0.0)
08.10	Kokura Kinen (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Kawada (57.0) [494]	14 (1)	4	3	3	2	6 / 14 Satono Noblesse	1:59.8 (1.4)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [492]	11 (7)	4	4	3	2	9 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (0.6)
03.29	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [490]	2 (3)	7	7	8	8	3 / 15 Win Variation	2:34.4 (0.5)
02.23	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [490]	4 (1)	11	11	1	1	1 / 15 (Kahuna)	1:45.3 (0.4)
02.02	Shorai Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [484]	4 (1)	2	3	3	3	1 / 11 (Saffron Delight)	2:31.2 (0.2)
'13 10.20	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Soft	Y. Kawada (57.0) [486]	17 (8)	4	4	3	3	4 / 18 Epiphaneia	3:05.2 (1.1)
09.22	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kitamura (56.0) [482]	2 (3)	14	14	12	11	7 / 18 Epiphaneia	2:24.8 (1.0)
08.11	Singapore Turf Club Sho (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (54.0) [482]	2 (1)	3	3	3	3	1 / 10 (Queen Riviera)	1:59.9 (0.2)
07.14	Arimatsu Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (54.0) [482]	13 (1)	7	7	9	9	4 / 15 Shigeru Sasaguri	2:02.1 (0.1)
04.27	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kitamura (56.0) [482]	7 (2)	6	6	5	5	3 / 18 Hiraboku Deep	2:26.2 (0.0)
03.23	Okanzakura Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Kitamura (56.0) [486]	7 (1)	4	7	6	6	1 / 10 (Awardee)	2:15.7 (0.1)
02.24	Sumire Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [486]	6 (1)	2	2	2	2	2 / 8 Narita Pirates	2:16.3 (0.2)
02.03	Kisaragi Sho (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [486]	9 (2)	-	-	8	7	6 / 8 Tamamo Best Play	1:48.9 (0.4)
'12 12.09	Erica Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	A. Nomoto (55.0) [498]	8 (3)	4	4	5	4	2 / 11 Meiner Maestro	2:04.7 (0.2)
11.25	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [498]	5 (2)	3	3	3	3	1 / 10 (Sunrise Silver)	2:03.2 (0.2)

One and Only

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (February 23, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Virtue (Taiki Shuttle)	
Breeder	: North Hills Co., Ltd.	
Owner	: Koji Maeda	
Career Record	: 24 starts, 4 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 459,921,100	
'16 Season Record	: 5 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1)	1st
	: '14 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	1st
	: '15 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '15 (7th), '14 (7th)	

[Trainer] Shinsuke Hashiguchi

Date of Birth	: March 31, 1975
License Issued	: 2015
Date of First Win	: March 5, 2016
Career Record	: 137 starts, 12 wins, 14 seconds, 14 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 137 starts, 12 wins, 14 seconds, 14 thirds
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



[Jockey] Hironobu Tanabe

Date of Birth	: February 12, 1984
Debut Year	: 2002
Date of First Win	: August 3, 2002
Career Record	: 8,431 starts, 613 wins, 608 seconds, 682 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 672 starts, 71 wins, 74 seconds, 66 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Yasuda Kinen (G1, Logotype)
	: '16 Musashino Stakes (G3, Tagano Tonnerre)
	: '16 Falcon Stakes (G3, Tosho Drafter)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



The 2014 Japanese Derby (Tokyo Yushun) winner **One and Only** kicked off this season with a sixth in the Kyoto Kinen, then traveled to Dubai in March to challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic for two consecutive years. He stalked the leader early but ran out of steam in the stretch to finish fifth. His come-back start in the Takarazuka Kinen resulted in a disappointing 14th and he was seventh in the All Comers, his first start of the autumn campaign. He is coming off an eighth-place finish in the Copa Republica Argentina.

One and Only broke his maiden in his third start in September as a two-year-old and claimed his first grade-race victory in his last start of the season in the Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes by displaying his powerful late charge. He concluded his debut season with two wins and two seconds out of six starts.

Opening his three-year-old season with a very close second in the Yayoi Sho where he turned in the field's fastest finish, he was again the fastest in the final three furlongs in the following Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) where he came from way back but belatedly for fourth place behind Isla Bonita. The dark bay colt then captured his first G1 title in the second leg of the Triple Crown, the Tokyo Yushun. The third favorite exerted his strong late charge after traveling around sixth along the rails and won out a fierce duel with archrival and race favorite Isla Bonita to deny the Satsuki Sho victor's second classic title. While landing his second successive graded victory in the following G2 Kobe Shimbu Hai, he finished a disappointing ninth in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) and took on his first challenge against older G1 caliber in the Japan Cup then the Arima Kinen, which resulted in seventh and 13th, respectively.

The son of Heart's Cry kicked off his four-year-old season with his first overseas challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic in March where he finished a credible third behind Dolniya and Flintshire. Continuing to be in a dry spell since his Kobe Shimbun Hai victory, his third-place finish in Dubai being the best of his six starts that year, **One and Only** was seventh again in the Japan Cup though sustaining bid in the stretch with only a 0.3-second gap from the winner.



2014 Tokyo Yushun



2014 Kobe Shimbun Hai

Career Performances of One and Only

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 11.06	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Shibayama (58.0) [508]	3 (7)	6	8	8	8	8 / 15 Cheval Grand	2:33.4 (0.6)
09.25	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [500]	11 (5)	10	10	10	10	7 / 12 Gold Actor	2:11.9 (0.4)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	H. Tanabe (58.0) [492]	4 (13)	2	2	2	3	14 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (2.0)
03.26	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	Y. Take (57.0)	5					5 / 9 Postponed	2:26.9 (0.9)
02.14	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Yielding	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	10 (5)	2	3	3	4	6 / 15 Satono Crown	2:17.7 (1.4)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [498]	8 (10)	11	11	12	13	9 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.5)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [498]	3 (13)	3	4	4	3	7 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.3)
11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [498]	11 (11)	-	5	4	4	16 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (1.1)
10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [494]	2 (4)	6	6	6	7	6 / 10 Lovely Day	2:23.6 (0.7)
06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Demuro (58.0) [482]	7 (4)	7	8	8	9	11 / 16 Lovely Day	2:14.4 (0.7)
03.28	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	C. Demuro (56.5)	6					3 / 9 Dolnya	2:28.2 (0.7)
'14 12.28	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [492]	3 (5)	5	5	6	10	13 / 16 Gentildonna	2:35.3 (0.7)
11.30	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [488]	10 (8)	12	11	10	8	7 / 18 Epiphaneia	2:23.1 (1.1)
10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [486]	15 (1)	7	7	5	6	9 / 18 Toho Jackal	3:01.0 (1.2)
09.28	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [478]	10 (1)	14	14	13	4	1 / 16 (Sounds of Earth)	2:24.4 (0.0)
06.01	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [482]	2 (3)	5	5	6	5	1 / 17 (Isla Bonita)	2:24.6 (0.1)
04.20	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [478]	1 (4)	18	18	17	12	4 / 18 Isla Bonita	1:59.6 (0.3)
03.09	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [484]	11 (4)	10	10	8	8	2 / 13 To the World	2:01.4 (0.0)
'13 12.21	Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Good	C. Lemaire (55.0) [474]	1 (7)	9	8	8	8	1 / 16 (Azuma Shuttle)	2:04.3 (0.2)
11.16	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [466]	7 (8)	-	6	8	8	6 / 15 Isla Bonita	1:45.9 (0.4)
10.26	Hagi Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Good	Y. Kokubun (55.0) [474]	4 (6)	-	-	5	4	2 / 9 Delizia al Limone	1:48.4 (0.0)
09.29	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Kokubun (54.0) [468]	6 (2)	-	-	9	7	1 / 18 (Spinach)	1:36.5 (0.1)
09.07	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Kokubun (54.0) [474]	11 (13)	-	-	6	7	2 / 13 Prokris	1:34.5 (0.2)
08.04	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kokubun (54.0) [470]	13 (10)	9	9	12	12	12 / 16 Hunter Barows	1:52.5 (1.0)

Rainbow Line

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (April 1, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Stay Gold / Regenbogen (French Deputy)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Masahiro Mita	
Career Record	: 13 starts, 3 wins, 3 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 165,566,000	
'16 Season Record	: 7 starts, 1 win, 1 second, 2 thirds	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Arlington Cup (G3)	1st
	: '16 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	2nd
	: '16 NHK Mile Cup (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Hidekazu Asami

Date of Birth	: May 11, 1951
License Issued	: 1991
Date of First Win	: March 14, 1992
Career Record	: 5,762 starts, 487 wins, 494 seconds, 502 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 254 starts, 18 wins, 20 seconds, 26 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Arlington Cup (G3, Rainbow Line)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None

[Jockey] Christophe Lemaire

Date of Birth	: May 20, 1979
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015
Date of First Win	: December 8, 2002
Career Record	: 3,213 starts, 515 wins, 414 seconds, 352 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 676 starts, 158 wins, 93 seconds, 86 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Satono Diamond) '16 NHK Mile Cup (G1, Major Emblem) '16 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Monde Can Know)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 11 starts, 1 win, 2 seconds Won: '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)



*Lemaire rode in France from 1999 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2015.

Three-year-old **Rainbow Line** has proved competitive in various distances this season, claiming his first graded title in the mile Arlington Cup, coming in third in the NHK Mile Cup and the 2,000-meter Sapporo Kinen and finishing second in his most recent start, the 3,000-meter Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). Having already faced older horses in the Sapporo Kinen, in which he closed in on 2015 Horse of the Year Maurice by a neck margin, he will take on his second challenge against older caliber in the coming Japan Cup.

Debuting in August last year, the son of Stay Gold broke his maiden in his third start and finished ninth in his first grade-race attempt in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes before concluding his two-year-old season with a win in the allowance race, the Senryo Sho, where he traveled third from last, threaded between horses after entering the lane to assume command in the last 200 meters and prevailed when challenged from behind for a head victory.

He kicked off this season with a sixth in the Shinzan Kinen then registered his first grade-race win in the Arlington Cup in which he was rated toward the rear and won over a six-horse rally by a nose. He finished a respectable third in his first G1 challenge in the NHK Mile Cup where he was just short of reaching the winner and was overtaken by the runner-up just before the wire. Unable to get a clear run in the stretch and succumbing to eighth in his first start over 2,400 meters in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), he came back fresh after a three-month break to come in third, a neck behind runner-up Maurice, in his first attempt against older horses in the Sapporo Kinen, marking the fastest run over the last three furlongs. Despite being posted ninth favorite due to the extra distance in the Kikuka Sho, the bay colt exerted an impressive late charge down the stretch after rounding the corners the widest of the field toward the rear to cross the wire 2-1/2 lengths behind the winner in second.



2016 Arlington Cup (second from front)



2015 Senryo Sho

Career Performances of Rainbow Line

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.23	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [444]	11 (9)	14	14	16	12	2 / 18 Satono Diamond	3:03.3 (0.4)
08.21	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [442]	2 (4)	11	11	12	11	3 / 16 Neorealism	2:01.7 (0.4)
05.29	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [432]	4 (12)	14	13	14	14	8 / 18 Makahiki	2:24.0 (0.7)
05.08	NHK Mile Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [430]	18 (12)	-	-	9	9	3 / 18 Major Emblem	1:32.8 (0.1)
04.09	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [432]	2 (4)	-	14	13	12	5 / 16 Dantsu Prius	1:33.9 (0.1)
02.27	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [438]	6 (4)	-	-	9	5	1 / 14 (Dantsu Prius)	1:34.1 (0.0)
01.10	Shinzan Kinen (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Miyuki (56.0) [434]	5 (7)	-	-	9	7	6 / 18 Logi Cry	1:34.1 (0.4)
'15 12.27	Senryo Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Miyuki (55.0) [434]	1 (4)	-	-	8	7	1 / 10 (Sunrise Couronne)	1:35.8 (0.0)
11.23	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [436]	8 (8)	-	7	7	7	9 / 11 Smart Odin	1:49.5 (0.6)
10.31	Hagi Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [442]	5 (4)	-	-	3	4	3 / 5 Black Spinel	1:47.6 (0.2)
08.30	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [444]	9 (1)	6	6	3	2	1 / 9 (Tizona)	1:49.5 (0.4)
08.15	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [452]	11 (2)	10	9	7	5	2 / 14 Love Leo	1:50.1 (0.4)
08.02	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [454]	7 (2)	3	3	3	3	2 / 7 Prophet	1:52.3 (0.3)

Real Steel

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 1, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Loves Only Me (Storm Cat)	
Breeder	: Northern Farm	
Owner	: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 11 starts, 3 wins, 5 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 729,296,200	
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 win, 1 second, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Dubai Turf (G1)	1st
	: '15 Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	1st
	: '16 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yoshito Yahagi

Date of Birth	: March 20, 1961
License Issued	: 2004
Date of First Win	: March 26, 2005
Career Record	: 4,850 starts, 457 wins, 446 seconds, 374 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 439 starts, 48 wins, 39 seconds, 34 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Artemis Stakes (G3, Lys Gracieux) '16 Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3, Levante Lion) '15 Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, Dreadnoughtus)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts



[Jockey] Ryan Moore

Date of Birth	: September 18, 1983
Date of First Ride	: May 16, 2004
Date of First Win	: December 5, 2009
Career Record	: 441 starts, 82 wins, 56 seconds, 36 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 25 starts, 5 wins, 4 seconds, 1 third
Recent Performances in Japan	: '16 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Maurice) '15 Mile Championship (G1, Maurice) '15 Stayers Stakes (G2, Albert)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 8 starts, 1 win, 1 second Won: '13 Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact)



*JRA races only



Real Steel captured his much-awaited G1 victory in this year's Dubai Turf against top-class international caliber after struggling over a year of several narrow defeats, all at the graded level. Although heavily beaten in his first start back home in the Yasuda Kinen, he is coming into the Japan Cup well prepared and in good form from turning in an impressive runner-up effort in the Tenno Sho (Autumn).

The son of Deep Impact kicked off his career at the end of 2014 immediately claiming a comfortable 3-1/2-length win. His first start the following season was in his first graded attempt, the Kyodo News Service Hai, where the three-year-old accelerated from a mid-pack inner position and outdueled Duramente in the last furlong to win by 1/2 length, although he was later beaten by the same rival in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) as well as the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in which he finished second and fourth, respectively.

After the Tokyo Yushun, it was discovered that he had fractured his left foreleg during the race but the colt recovered well to make his comeback in the autumn Kobe Shimbun Hai where he closed willingly from mid-pack and turned in a two-length runner-up effort. He was once again second in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) in which he found little room at the top of the stretch but closed eagerly and was just a neck short at the wire from winner Kitasan Black.

Real Steel landed a third in his first start of the present season in the Nakayama Kinen before his Dubai Turf success where he responded well to the urging of jockey Ryan Moore, taking command at the furlong marker and holding off the fast closing runner-up by half-a-length. The Yasuda Kinen became his first mile-distance challenge but he was used up after being keen in the early stages and faded to 11th. Skipping the Mainichi Okan and heading for the Tenno Sho (Autumn) proved fruitful as the seventh favorite kicked into gear in the last 300 meters and chased winner Maurice with the fastest stretch drive for a 1-1/2-length second.



2016 Dubai Turf



2015 Kyodo News Service Hai

Career Performances of Real Steel

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.30	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (58.0) [502]	12 (7)	-	8	10	10	2 / 15 Maurice	1:59.3 (0.2)
06.05	Yasuda Kinen (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [498]	11 (2)	-	-	3	3	11 / 12 Logotype	1:33.0 (1.0)
03.26	Dubai Turf (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	1800 Firm	R. Moore (57.0)	14					1 / 15 (Euro Charline)	1:47.1 (0.1)
02.28	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [508]	2 (2)	5	5	6	5	3 / 11 Duramente	1:45.9 (0.1)
'15 10.25	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [500]	11 (2)	7	8	7	7	2 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:03.9 (0.0)
09.27	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [504]	5 (1)	7	8	8	8	2 / 15 Lia Fail	2:26.7 (0.3)
05.31	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [498]	13 (2)	13	12	11	10	4 / 18 Duramente	2:23.2 (0.6)
04.19	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [502]	5 (2)	4	5	5	3	2 / 15 Duramente	1:58.2 (0.2)
03.22	Spring Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [506]	6 (1)	7	8	8	7	2 / 12 Kitasan Black	1:49.1 (0.0)
02.15	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [500]	1 (3)	-	6	4	4	1 / 12 (Duramente)	1:47.1 (0.1)
'14 12.27	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [498]	4 (1)	-	-	5	3	1 / 9 (Liberator)	1:50.8 (0.6)

Rouge Buck

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (April 22, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Manhattan Cafe / Ginger Punch (Awesome Again)	
Breeder	: Northern Farm	
Owner	: U. Carrot Farm	
Career Record	: 12 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 248,295,000	
'16 Season Record	: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Mainichi Okan (G2)	1st
	: '16 Epsom Cup (G3)	1st
	: '15 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Masahiro Otake

Date of Birth	: December 30, 1969
License Issued	: 2008
Date of First Win	: April 4, 2009
Career Record	: 1,876 starts, 178 wins, 141 seconds, 131 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 216 starts, 24 wins, 17 seconds, 17 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Mainichi Okan (G2, Rouge Buck)
	: '16 Epsom Cup (G3, Rouge Buck)
	: '15 Elm Stakes (G3, Jebel Musa)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



[Jockey] Keita Tosaki

Date of Birth	: July 8, 1980
JRA Debut Year*	: 2013
Date of First Win	: July 8, 2007
Career Record	: 4,603 starts, 629 wins, 517 seconds, 454 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 842 starts, 161 wins, 120 seconds, 93 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15&'16 Victoria Mile (G1, Straight Girl)
	: '16 Mainichi Okan (G2, Rouge Buck)
	: '16 Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2, Smart Odin)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts



*Tosaki rode in regional public racing from 1998 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2013.

Rouge Buck became the first female runner in 23 years to capture the Mainichi Okan, her fall debut, in which she stormed past her rivals down the homestretch from way back to join Ambitious and out-dueled the Deep Impact colt with the fastest finish over the last three furlongs for a neck victory. She was unlucky in her last start, the Tenno Sho (Autumn), where she met traffic when attempting to angle out for a clear path, finishing seventh, but her past performances at Tokyo Racecourse stand at 3-1-0 out of six starts in which she has marked the fastest finish in all three wins.

The Manhattan Cafe filly won two out of as many starts against male rivals from the beginning of her two-year-old debut in September then made it three in a row when capturing a grade-race victory in her first grade-race challenge and three-year-old kick-off start, the Kisaragi Sho, in which she won comfortably by two lengths, drawing away with the fastest finish after taking command from a ground-saving trip behind the leader in third position. She was short of meeting expectations, however, when sent to post race favorite in her G1 debut, the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas), in which she struggled with the slow pace and only managed to improve to ninth place from racing well behind in a field of 18 runners. She appeared to bounce back in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) where she was rated around sixth position and assumed command with 200 meters to go, but was unable to hold off the late charging Mikki Queen and was beaten by 3/4 length for second.

She was pointed towards the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for her fall campaign that year but the filly ran a fever and resumed racing in November in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Kyoto where she showed effort at the homestretch, improving from last to fourth while failing to threaten the leaders, then concluded the season, well beaten to 10th in the year-end Arima Kinen.

Rouge Buck traveled wide in mid-pack then held a brief lead at the stretch in her four-year-old debut, the Nakayama Himba Stakes, but was outrun in the final strides and just missed by a neck. She then finished a close fifth in the Victoria Mile before landing her long-awaited second grade-race victory in the Epsom Cup by a convincing 2-1/2-length margin with another impressive finish of 32.8 seconds over the last three furlongs.



2016 Mainichi Okan



2016 Epsom Cup

Career Performances of Rouge Buck

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.30	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (56.0) [450]	9 (3)	- 11 12 10 (33.9)	7 / 15 Maurice	1:59.3 (0.6)
10.09	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	K. Tosaki (54.0) [454]	10 (1)	- 10 11 11 (33.4)	1 / 12 (Ambitious)	1:46.6 (0.0)
06.12	Epsom Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tosaki (54.0) [452]	18 (1)	- 8 9 9 (32.8)	1 / 18 (Fluky)	1:46.2 (0.4)
05.15	Victoria Mile (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [458]	7 (4)	- - 7 8 (34.1)	5 / 18 Straight Girl	1:31.5 (0.6)
03.13	Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tosaki (56.0) [458]	15 (1)	7 7 5 5 (34.7)	2 / 16 Sundarbans	1:50.3 (0.0)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Tosaki (53.0) [458]	13 (6)	10 10 8 5 (35.0)	10 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.5)
11.15	Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Tosaki (54.0) [452]	15 (3)	16 15 15 16 (34.2)	4 / 18 Marialite	2:14.9 (0.1)
05.24	Yushun Himba (G1) (Japanese Oaks)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	K. Tosaki (55.0) [450]	14 (1)	6 5 5 4 (34.5)	2 / 17 Mikki Queen	2:25.0 (0.1)
04.12	Oka Sho (G1) (Japanese 1000 Guineas)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Tosaki (55.0) [444]	8 (1)	- - 12 15 (33.6)	9 / 18 Let's Go Donki	1:36.0 (1.0)
02.08	Kisaragi Sho (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tosaki (54.0) [450]	3 (1)	- - 3 3 (34.4)	1 / 8 (Porte d'Auteuil)	1:48.6 (0.3)
'14 11.09	Hyakunichisou Tokubetsu (Allowance 5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (54.0) [450]	6 (2)	- 9 9 9 (33.3)	1 / 10 (Beruf)	2:00.8R (0.4)
09.28	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Niigata (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tosaki (54.0) [456]	8 (2)	- - 6 6 (32.8)	1 / 9 (Ambergris Caye)	1:55.5 (0.2)

Sounds of Earth

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (April 12, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Neo Universe / First Violin (Dixieland Band)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Teruya Yoshida	
Career Record	: 18 starts, 2 wins, 7 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 324,381,000	
'16 Season Record	: 3 starts, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Arima Kinen (G1)	2nd
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2)	2nd
	: '15 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '15 (5th)	

[Trainer] Kenichi Fujioka

Date of Birth	: January 1, 1961
License Issued	: 2001
Date of First Win	: May 24, 2003
Career Record	: 3,480 starts, 366 wins, 332 seconds, 259 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 253 starts, 27 wins, 27 seconds, 24 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Jeweler)
	: '16 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, Big Arthur)
	: '16 Centaur Stakes (G2, Big Arthur)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



[Jockey] Mirco Demuro

Date of Birth	: January 11, 1979
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015
Date of First Win	: December 4, 1999
Career Record	: 3,688 starts, 597 wins, 472 seconds, 372 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 671 starts, 125 wins, 85 seconds, 81 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, Queens Ring)
	: '16 Sprinters Stakes (G1, Red Falx)
	: '16 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Jeweler)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 9 starts, 1 win
	Won: '08 Screen Hero (JPN, by Grass Wonder)



*Demuro rode in Italy from 1994 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2015.

Five-year-old **Sounds of Earth**, while yet to capture a graded victory, kicked off this season with his sixth graded runner-up effort in the Nikkei Sho, 3/4 length behind Gold Actor, to whom he was also a neck behind in second in the previous year-end Arima Kinen. Although finishing a disappointing 15th in the following Tenno Sho (Spring) in May, he was given a lengthy five-month break before his fall debut in the Kyoto Daishoten, where he accelerated powerfully over the last three furlongs to finish only 0.2 second behind the winner Kitan Black in fourth.

Winless in his three starts of his two-year-old season, **Sounds of Earth** landed his first victory in his three-year-old debut race and marked another win in the Hanamizuki Sho before coming in second to winner Hagino Hybrid in his first graded challenge, the G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai. While his first G1 attempt in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) resulted in 11th, his opening race of the autumn season in the Kobe Shimbun Hai was quite impressive as the 11th pick dark bay rallied strongly with One and Only for a head second while fending off a fierce rally from Toho Jackal. He was second again in the following Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) where the fourth-pick dueled strongly while running the fastest three furlongs and finished a 1/2 length behind winner Toho Jackal who renewed the race record and course record by as much as 1.7 seconds.

The son of Neo Universe kicked off his four-year-old season with a fourth-place finish in the Nikkei Sho and a ninth in the following Tenno Sho (Spring), then was given a five-month break before marking a close second in the Kyoto Daishoten. In his first Japan Cup challenge last year, he travelled wide in mid-division and stretched well coming into the lane but weakened in the last 100 meters to finish fifth. **Sounds of Earth** almost captured his first G1 title in the year-end Arima Kinen, in which he closed in on Gold Actor with impressive speed and just missed by a neck.



2015 Arima Kinen (right)



2014 Kikuka Sho (left)


Career Performances of Sounds of Earth

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [510]	8 (3)	8	7	9	9	4 / 10 Kitasan Black	2:25.5 (0.2)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fujioka (58.0) [502]	15 (5)	4	4	4	6	15 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (3.2)
03.26	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [506]	4 (1)	2	2	2	2	2 / 9 Gold Actor	2:36.8 (0.1)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	9 (5)	3	3	5	6	2 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.0)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	10 (5)	7	7	8	5	5 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.3)
10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [504]	10 (2)	4	4	5	5	2 / 10 Lovely Day	2:23.6 (0.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [496]	15 (4)	6	6	8	7	9 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.7)
03.28	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [500]	10 (1)	11	11	11	11	4 / 12 Admire Deus	2:30.2 (0.3)
'14 10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [496]	4 (4)	10	10	8	4	2 / 18 Toho Jackal	3:01.0 (0.1)
09.28	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fujioka (56.0) [488]	11 (8)	11	11	11	7	2 / 16 One and Only	2:24.4 (0.0)
06.01	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [494]	1 (11)	3	4	4	3	11 / 17 One and Only	2:24.6 (1.2)
05.10	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [498]	11 (8)	10	9	9	7	2 / 18 Hagino Hybrid	2:11.0 (0.2)
04.19	Hanamizuki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [498]	3 (1)	5	5	5	5	1 / 8 (Strawberry King)	2:03.0 (0.0)
03.22	Wakaba Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [504]	2 (3)	5	5	4	4	3 / 12 Admire Deus	2:01.4 (0.4)
02.22	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (56.0) [502]	4 (1)	4	4	7	7	1 / 16 (Admire Cima)	2:02.1 (0.1)
'13 11.16	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [492]	12 (1)	-	-	9	8	4 / 16 Shingan	1:49.5 (0.7)
11.02	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [494]	6 (1)	-	-	15	13	2 / 16 Satono Rob Roy	1:47.5 (0.0)
10.13	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [494]	3 (1)	4	4	3	3	5 / 13 A Shin Allonsy	2:02.1 (0.5)


Toho Jackal

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 11, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Special Week / Toho Gaia (Unbridled's Song)	
Breeder	: Toho Bussan Co., Ltd.	
Owner	: Toho Bussan Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 12 starts, 3 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 213,280,000	
'16 Season Record	: 3 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	1st
	: '14 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Kiyoshi Tani

Date of Birth	: January 11, 1957	
License Issued	: 1994	
Date of First Win	: March 19, 1995	
Career Record	: 4,618 starts, 289 wins, 345 seconds, 362 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 209 starts, 8 wins, 11 seconds, 18 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '14 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Toho Jackal)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Jockey] Manabu Sakai

Date of Birth	: February 4, 1980	
Debut Year	: 1998	
Date of First Win	: March 8, 1998	
Career Record	: 6,201 starts, 275 wins, 322 seconds, 364 thirds	
'16 Season Record	: 484 starts, 13 wins, 22 seconds, 26 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '14 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Toho Jackal)	
	: '14 Tokai Stakes (G2, Nihonpiro Ours)	
	: '14 Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, Hula Bride)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

A lightly raced five-year-old with 12 career starts, **Toho Jackal** kicked off this season finishing seventh in the Hanshin Daishoten and left a strong impression in the following Tenno Sho (Spring) with a good bursting speed which carried him close to the leaders from mid-field down the stretch although a wide trip in the early stages eventually caught up with him in the last furlong, slowing him down to fifth place. The son of Special Week is coming off a long break due to a minor leg problem following his 15th-place finish in the Takarazuka Kinen, forcing him to face tough international G1 caliber without any prep starts, but his potential is not to be underestimated.

Diagnosed with colitis prior to his intended debut as a two-year-old, he made a late debut as a three-year-old, a day before the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), and finished 10th in a three-year-old novice. He was unsuccessful again when tested over dirt in his next outing, finishing ninth, but broke his maiden in his third start and registered a consecutive win in an allowance race. He turned in a runner-up effort when stepping up in class in his next start and was sent to post ninth choice in his grade-race debut in the Kobe Shimbun Hai. With the fastest finish over the last three furlongs, **Toho Jackal** rallied in tandem with derby victor and eventual winner One and Only, crossing the wire in equal time with the first two finishers in third, and qualified to run in the last leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). Sent to post third favorite in his first G1 challenge, **Toho Jackal** saved ground in fifth, assumed command with 300 meters to go and held off Sounds of Earth for a 1/2-length victory while renewing the course record by 1.7 seconds for his first G1, let alone grade-race title. He became the fastest colt to capture the Kikuka Sho title, only 149 days since making his debut.

The talented colt encountered yet another set-back when a hoof injury in his right foreleg delayed his four-year-old debut until June, and faced older G1 company in his first time out in the Takarazuka Kinen. Nonetheless, he showed great effort from traveling wide throughout in mid-field, finishing two lengths behind the winner in fourth. However, he made just one more start that year in the Sapporo Kinen where he finished eighth and was given the rest of the season off to rest a strained fetlock.



2014 Kikuka Sho



2014 Three-Year-Old & Up
(Allowance (5Million & Less))

Career Performances of Toho Jackal

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	M. Sakai (58.0) [492]	11 (6)	2	3	3	9	15 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (2.1)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	M. Sakai (58.0) [492]	9 (7)	9	9	7	3	5 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (0.3)
03.20	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [504]	3 (2)	4	3	3	3	7 / 11 Cheval Grand	3:05.8 (2.0)
'15 08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Sakai (57.0) [486]	12 (1)	4	4	4	4	8 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.5)
06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Sakai (58.0) [484]	14 (7)	7	8	8	7	4 / 16 Lovely Day	2:14.4 (0.3)
'14 10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Sakai (57.0) [484]	2 (3)	5	5	5	2	1 / 18 (Sounds of Earth)	3:01.0R (0.1)
09.28	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Sakai (56.0) [484]	2 (9)	7	7	7	9	3 / 16 One and Only	2:24.4 (0.0)
09.06	Genkai Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Sakai (53.0) [486]	13 (3)	7	7	6	5	2 / 13 A Shin Max	1:59.1 (0.0)
08.03	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Yielding	M. Sakai (54.0) [490]	1 (6)	3	3	3	4	1 / 16 (La Bravade)	1:48.3 (0.2)
07.12	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Chukyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	M. Sakai (56.0) [488]	12 (8)	-	6	5	5	1 / 16 (Flash Bio)	1:36.8 (0.0)
06.22	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800D* Good	H. Miyuki (56.0) [498]	7 (5)	12	13	10	8	9 / 16 Kern Winner	1:53.7 (2.7)
05.31	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Sakai (56.0) [500]	14 (10)	-	-	18	18	10 / 18 Sanrei Rocky	1:49.5 (1.0)

Tosen Basil

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 1, 2012)
Origin	: Japan
Sex / Color	: Colt / Dark Bay or Brown
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Harbinger / Careless Whisper (Fuji Kiseki)
Breeder	: Northern Farm
Owner	: Takaya Shimakawa
Career Record	: 12 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third
Career Earnings	: ¥ 93,212,000
'16 Season Record	: 4 starts, 3 wins
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2) 3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None

[Trainer] Hideaki Fujiwara

Date of Birth	: June 29, 1965
License Issued	: 2000
Date of First Win	: March 3, 2001
Career Record	: 3,668 starts, 557 wins, 420 seconds, 345 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 241 starts, 35 wins, 29 seconds, 21 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15&'16 Victoria Mile (G1, Straight Girl) '15 Sprinters Stakes (G1, Straight Girl) '16 Meguro Kinen (G2, Cryptogram)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts



[Jockey] Hiroyuki Uchida

Date of Birth	: July 26, 1970
JRA Debut Year*	: 2008
Date of First Win	: April 21, 2002
Career Record	: 8,265 starts, 1,008 wins, 824 seconds, 820 thirds
'16 Season Record	: 795 starts, 80 wins, 61 seconds, 54 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Aoba Sho (G2, Vanquish Run) '15 Flora Stakes (G2, Sing with Joy) '15 Capella Stakes (G3, Kikuno Storm)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 6 starts, 1 second



*Uchida rode in regional public racing from 1989 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2008.

Tosen Basil, while yet to capture a graded win, is coming off a three-race winning streak, the last being over the same distance and course as the Japan Cup where he will test his ability against G1 caliber for the first time.

Making his debut with a runner-up effort as a two-year-old, the son of Harbinger broke his maiden in his second start with a length margin from subsequent Derby runner-up Satono Rasen. He was second in the following Shigiku Sho and concluded the season with another win in the Habotan Sho where he turned the widest in the very rear and exploded with the fastest late drive to dislodge the leaders before the wire for a neck victory.

Tosen Basil kicked off his three-year-old season with a fifth in his first graded challenge in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) trial, the Yayoi Sho, and finished fourth in the following Kyoto Shimbun Hai, unable to make it into the spring classics. He then earned a ticket to race in the last leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. leger), by turning in a third-place finish in his fall debut, the Kobe Shimbun Hai, where he traveled second to last and, although meeting traffic entering the lane, exerted an impressive late charge. However, a stone bruise in his right foreleg ruled him out of racing for the rest of the season.

Fifth in his first start after a nine-month break in June, the four-year-old dark bay regained his powerful late charge in the Atsumi Tokubetsu in July, in which he was rated second from last, advanced between horses through the last corners and took command in the final strides for a neck victory. He continued to demonstrate his explosive charge from behind in the following Aganogawa Tokubetsu and the October Stakes, both in which he overtook the lead in the last 100 meters for a 3/4 and 1-1/4 length win, respectively.



2016 October Stakes



2016 Aganogawa Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Tosen Basil

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'16 10.10	October Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [480]	7 (1)	9	8	8	8	1 / 10 (Happy Moment)	2:27.8 (0.2)
08.21	Aganogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [480]	13 (1)	9	8	5	5	1 / 15 (World Impact)	2:11.8 (0.1)
07.24	Atsumi Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [478]	5 (1)	8	8	8	5	1 / 9 (Sunday Wizard)	2:13.6 (0.0)
06.26	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Tosaki (57.0) [480]	7 (2)	6	7	6	7	5 / 10 Satono Etoile	2:15.1 (0.9)
'15 09.27	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [470]	9 (7)	14	13	14	13	3 / 15 Lia Fail	2:26.7 (0.7)
05.30	Shirayuri Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [468]	3 (2)	-	-	13	13	7 / 14 Albert Dock	1:46.2 (0.3)
05.09	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [468]	3 (4)	11	11	12	12	4 / 16 Satono Rasen	2:11.3 (0.1)
03.08	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Iwata (56.0) [472]	8 (3)	8	8	7	7	5 / 11 Satono Crown	2:01.8 (0.7)
'14 12.06	Habotan Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (55.0) [470]	6 (1)	10	10	8	8	1 / 10 (Kakadu)	2:00.8 (0.0)
10.18	Shigiku Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [468]	5 (1)	6	6	6	6	2 / 7 Tir Na Nog	2:00.5 (0.0)
08.17	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	10 (1)	3	5	3	2	1 / 14 (Satono Rasen)	1:51.2 (0.2)
06.29	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [462]	11 (2)	-	-	6	5	2 / 12 Tir Na Nog	1:51.9 (0.0)