

**The 38th Running of
The Japan Cup
in association with Longines**



Press Information



**THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION
November 2018**

Japan Autumn International
38th JAPAN CUP

<u>Date of Race:</u>	Sunday, November 25, 2018
<u>Racecourse:</u>	Tokyo Racecourse
<u>Distance:</u>	2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
<u>Qualification to run:</u>	3-year-old & up
<u>Weight:</u>	4-year-old & up: 57 kilograms (about 126 lbs.) 3-year-old: 55 kilograms (about 121 lbs.)
<u>Allowance:</u>	Fillies and Mares: 2 kilograms Southern Hemisphere Horses born in 2015: 2 kilograms
<u>Safety Factor:</u>	18 runners
<u>Added Money:</u>	Total JPY 648,000,000 (about US\$ 5,890,909) Winner JPY 300,000,000 (about US\$ 2,727,273) 2nd place JPY 120,000,000 (about US\$ 1,090,909) 3rd place JPY 75,000,000 (about US\$ 681,818) 4th place JPY 45,000,000 (about US\$ 409,091) 5th place JPY 30,000,000 (about US\$ 272,727)
<u>Participation Incentive Money:</u>	6th place JPY 24,000,000 (about US\$ 218,182) 7th place JPY 21,000,000 (about US\$ 190,909) 8th place JPY 18,000,000 (about US\$ 163,636) 9th place JPY 9,000,000 (about US\$ 81,818) 10th place JPY 6,000,000 (about US\$ 54,545)

(Note: US\$1 = ¥110)



Bonus System:

For the Winners of Races below in 2018		Japan Cup 2018	Bonus
Dubai Sheema Classic (UAE) Dubai World Cup (UAE) The Derby (UK) Prix du Jockey Club (FR) Prince of Wales's Stakes (UK) The Irish Derby (IRE) Eclipse Stakes (UK) Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (FR) Grand Prix de Paris (FR) King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (UK) Arlington Million (USA) International Stakes (UK) Sword Dancer Stakes (USA) Irish Champion Stakes (IRE) Grosser Preis von Baden (GER) Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (USA) Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (FR) Champion Stakes (UK) Caulfield Cup (AUS) Canadian International (CAN) Cox Plate (AUS) Breeders' Cup Turf (USA) Breeders' Cup Classic (USA) Melbourne Cup (AUS)	will be awarded	Winner	US\$ 2,000,000
		2nd	US\$ 400,000
		3rd	US\$ 250,000
		4th or below	US\$ 100,000

*The winners of the races designated for the aforementioned bonus system which are held after the closing date of the Early Nomination and those horses deemed equivalent may be considered by the JRA Selection Committee as qualified runners for the bonus.

Number of Titles:

	Name	#	Winning Horse (Year)
Jockey	Yutaka Take	4	Special Week (JPN; '99) / Deep Impact (JPN; '06) Rose Kingdom (JPN; '10) / Kitanasan Black (JPN; '16)
	Lanfranco Dettori	3	Singspiel (IRE; '96) / Falbrav (IRE; '02) Alkaased (USA; '05)
	Yasunari Iwata	3	Admire Moon (JPN; '07) / Buena Vista (JPN; '11) Gentildonna (JPN; '12)
	Yukio Okabe	2	Symboli Rudolf (JPN; '85) / Tokai Teio (JPN; '92)
	Olivier Peslier	2	Jungle Pocket (JPN; '01) / Zenno Rob Roy (JPN; '04)
Trainer	Michael Stoute	2	Singspiel (IRE; '96) / Pilsudski (IRE; '97)
	Hiroyoshi Matsuda	2	Admire Moon (JPN; '07) / Buena Vista (JPN; '11)
	Sei Ishizaka	2	Gentildonna (JPN; '12&'13)
	Katsuhiko Sumii	2	Vodka (JPN; '09) / Epiphaneia (JPN; '14)
Owner	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.	4	Rose Kingdom (JPN; '10) / Buena Vista (JPN; '11) Gentildonna (JPN; '12&'13)
Sire	Sunday Silence (USA)	3	Special Week (JPN; '99) / Zenno Rob Roy (JPN; '04) Deep Impact (JPN; '06)
	Deep Impact (JPN)	3	Gentildonna (JPN; '12&'13) / Shonan Pandora (JPN; '15)
	Kingmambo (USA)	2	El Condor Pasa (USA; '98) / Alkaased (USA; '05)
Winner	Gentildonna (JPN)	2	('12&'13)

Results by Trainer:

Name	Country	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Hiroyoshi Matsuda	Japan	9	2	3	0	0	1	3
Katsuhiko Sumii	Japan	16	2	2	4	1	1	6
Michael Stoute	Great Britain	10	2	0	0	1	0	7
Sei Ishizaka	Japan	5	2	0	0	1	0	2
Kojiro Hashiguchi	Japan	13	1	2	0	0	0	10
Kazuo Fujisawa	Japan	20	1	1	5	3	1	9
Ichizo Iwamoto	Japan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Robert Frankel	United States	11	1	0	1	1	0	8
Yasuo Tomomichi	Japan	4	1	0	1	1	0	1
Toshiaki Shirai	Japan	5	1	0	1	0	1	2
Hisashi Shimizu	Japan	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Yuji Nohira	Japan	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
Yasuo Ikee	Japan	9	1	0	0	2	0	6
Frank Dunne	Ireland	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Stanley Hough	United States	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dave O'Sullivan	New Zealand	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sakae Watanabe	Japan	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

Results by Jockey:

Name	Country	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Yutaka Take	Japan	24	4	1	2	5	2	10
Yasunari Iwata	Japan	10	3	1	1	0	0	5
Lanfranco Dettori	Great Britain	8	3	0	3	0	0	2
Olivier Peslier	France	12	2	1	3	1	0	5
Yukio Okabe	Japan	15	2	0	4	2	0	7
Christophe Lemaire	France / Japan	13	1	3	0	0	0	9
Katsumi Minai	Japan	5	1	2	0	0	0	2
Ryan Moore	Great Britain	10	1	1	0	3	2	3
Mirco Demuro	Italy / France / Japan	11	1	1	0	2	1	6
Kenichi Ikezoe	Japan	5	1	1	0	0	0	3
Christophe Soumillon	France	5	1	1	0	0	0	3
Ryuji Wada	Japan	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cash Asmussen	United States / France	10	1	0	3	1	1	4
Hiroshi Kawachi	Japan	8	1	0	1	1	1	4
Christopher McCarron	United States	4	1	0	1	0	1	1
Masayoshi Ebina	Japan	15	1	0	0	1	2	11
Michael Kinane	Ireland	6	1	0	0	1	0	4
Donald MacBeth	United States	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Patrick Eddery	Great Britain	9	1	0	0	0	1	7
Lance O'Sullivan	New Zealand	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

Results by Country / Affiliation:

Country / Affiliation	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Japan Racing Association (JRA)	322	23	23	24	20	20	212
National Association of Racing (local public racing)	15	0	2	0	1	0	12
Japan total	337	23	25	24	21	20	224
India	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hong Kong	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
United Arab Emirates	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
United States	57	4	4	2	5	8	34
Canada	10	0	1	0	1	0	8
Great Britain	60	4	2	4	2	2	46
France	44	1	3	5	4	1	30
Ireland	12	1	0	0	1	1	9
Germany	21	1	0	0	2	1	17
Italy	7	1	0	0	0	1	5
Australia	16	1	1	1	0	0	13
New Zealand	10	1	0	1	0	3	5
Overseas total	242	14	12	14	15	17	170

Results by Post Position:

PP	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
1	37	4	4	3	2	3	21	0.108	0.216	0.297
2	37	2	3	2	1	0	29	0.054	0.135	0.189
3	36	1	3	1	3	2	26	0.028	0.111	0.139
4	37	4	3	2	3	4	21	0.108	0.189	0.243
5	36	1	1	3	3	1	27	0.028	0.056	0.139
6	37	3	2	2	5	5	20	0.081	0.135	0.189
7	36	1	4	2	2	2	25	0.028	0.139	0.194
8	36	2	1	4	4	3	22	0.056	0.083	0.194
9	35	1	3	3	2	2	24	0.029	0.114	0.200
10	37	4	3	4	2	5	19	0.108	0.189	0.297
11	37	2	0	3	3	1	28	0.054	0.054	0.135
12	35	0	3	2	2	2	26	0.000	0.086	0.143
13	36	1	2	2	1	3	27	0.028	0.083	0.139
14	36	6	0	2	1	1	26	0.167	0.167	0.222
15	31	3	1	2	1	1	23	0.097	0.129	0.194
16	20	2	3	0	1	1	13	0.100	0.250	0.250
17	12	0	1	1	0	0	10	0.000	0.083	0.167
18	8	0	0	0	0	1	7	0.000	0.000	0.000

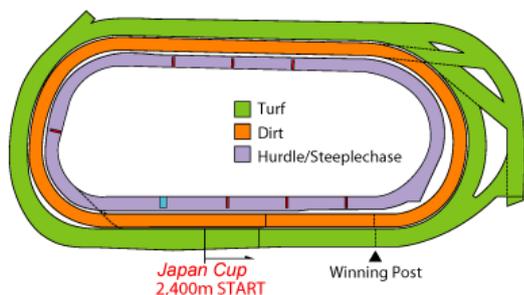
Results by Sex & Age:

Year	Starts						Results					Year	Starts						Results				
	3 YO	4 YO	5 YO	6YO &Up	C,H,G	F,M	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		3 YO	4 YO	5 YO	6YO &Up	C,H,G	F,M	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1981	2	5	4	4	11	4	M5	G3	M6	H5	H5	2000	5	7	1	3	13	3	C4	C4	C4	F4	H7
1982	3	6	4	2	11	4	C3	F3	F4	F4	H5	2001	2	2	5	6	14	1	C3	H5	H5	H7	H5
1983	4	6	4	2	13	3	M5	H6	C3	C4	C4	2002	4	5	3	4	13	3	C4	G5	C3	G6	C4
1984	4	6	2	2	12	2	C4	G4	C3	H5	G4	2003	3	5	5	5	15	3	H6	C3	C4	C3	H6
1985	4	5	4	2	12	3	C4	C4	G5	F3	C4	2004	6	4	3	3	14	2	C4	C3	C3	C4	H5
1986	4	7	1	2	12	2	H7	C3	C4	C3	G4	2005	2	5	5	6	16	2	H5	C4	H5	H5	F4
1987	3	5	3	3	10	4	C3	C4	F4	M5	C4	2006	4	2	4	1	8	3	C4	C3	M5	H5	F3
1988	1	5	5	3	14	0	C4	C4	C3	G5	H5	2007	4	6	3	5	16	2	C4	H6	C4	F3	H6
1989	2	7	3	3	13	2	M6	C4	H5	C4	C3	2008	3	4	7	3	16	1	C4	C3	F4	H5	C3
1990	2	7	5	1	13	2	G5	F4	C4	C3	H5	2009	2	4	3	9	16	2	M5	C4	F3	C4	H8
1991	2	4	7	2	12	3	H5	F3	G5	C4	G5	2010	6	5	4	3	16	2	C3	F4	C3	H6	C3
1992	4	4	6	0	11	3	C4	C4	H5	G3	C3	2011	3	7	2	4	12	4	M5	H5	H7	C4	C3
1993	2	7	6	1	15	1	G4	H5	C3	C4	H5	2012	2	2	7	6	15	2	F3	C4	H5	H5	C3
1994	0	4	5	5	14	0	G4	H5	C4	C4	H5	2013	1	4	6	6	14	3	F4	F3	H7	H5	H7
1995	2	5	4	3	11	3	H5	F4	H5	C4	H5	2014	3	6	6	3	15	3	C4	H5	H5	M5	F3
1996	6	4	3	2	12	3	C4	F3	H5/F3*1	H6	H6	2015	3	7	3	5	15	3	F4	H5	H5	G6	C4
1997	4	8	2	0	13	1	H5	F4	C4	C3	C3	2016	3	8	3	3	14	3	C4	H5	C4	H5	C4
1998	2	6	6	1	13	2	C3	M5	C3	H5	M5	2017	2	4	6	5	16	1	H5	C3	H5	C4	C4
1999	5	5	3	1	13	3	C4	G6	C4	C3	C3												

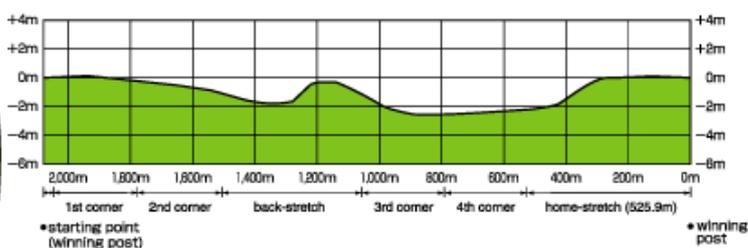
*1=Dead Heat *2=C=Colt, H=Horse, G=Gelding, F=Filly, M=Mare

Course Description: Circumference 2,083.1m
 Width 31~41m
 Homestretch (final turn to finish) 525m
 Course Record Time **2:22.1 (Alkaased (USA), 2005 Japan Cup)**

Tokyo Racecourse



Turf Course Undulation 2,083.1 m



- Reference -

Margin

Time (seconds)	Margin (length)
0 sec. (equal time)	Nose
0 sec. (equal time)	Head
0 sec. (equal time)	Neck
0.1 sec.	1/2
0.1 sec.	3/4
0.2 sec.	1
0.2 sec.	1-1/4
0.2 sec.	1-1/2
0.3 sec.	1-3/4
0.3 sec.	2
0.4 sec.	2-1/2
0.5 sec.	3
0.6 sec.	3-1/2
0.7 sec.	4
0.8 sec.	5
1.0 sec.	6
1.2 sec.	7
1.3 sec.	8
1.5 sec.	9
1.6 sec.	10
over 1.7 sec.	Distance

Weight

lb	stone	kg	lb	stone	kg
142	10st. 2lb.	64.5	128	9st. 2lb.	58
141	10st. 1lb.	64	127	9st. 1lb.	57.5
140	10st. 0lb.	63.5	126	9st. 0lb.	57
139	9st. 13lb.	63	125	8st. 13lb.	56.5
138	9st. 12lb.	62.5	124	8st. 12lb.	56
137	9st. 11lb.	62	123	8st. 11lb.	55.5
136	9st. 10lb.	61.5	122	8st. 10lb.	55.5
135	9st. 9lb.	61	121	8st. 9lb.	55
134	9st. 8lb.	60.5	120	8st. 8lb.	54.5
133	9st. 7lb.	60	119	8st. 7lb.	54
132	9st. 6lb.	60	118	8st. 6lb.	53.5
131	9st. 5lb.	59.5	117	8st. 5lb.	53
130	9st. 4lb.	59	116	8st. 4lb.	52.5
129	9st. 3lb.	58.5	115	8st. 3lb.	52

*¹The “Career Performances” chart of Japanese horses shows the positions of the horse in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and final corners from left to right under “Position”. Also, “L3F” and “[Horse]” indicate time over the last 3 furlongs (600m) and the horse’s weight, respectively.

*²NAR=National Association of Racing (local public racing)





The 38th Japan Cup

November 25, 2018

Profile of Invited Horses



Capri

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (February 7, 2014)	
Origin	: Ireland	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Gray	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Galileo / Dialafara (Anabaa)	
Breeder	: Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud	
Owner	: Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier&Michael Tabor	
Trainer	: Aidan O'Brien	
Jockey	: Ryan Moore	
Career Record	: 15 starts, 6 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: approx. € 1,747,433	
'18 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 win	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 St. Leger Stakes (G1)	1st
	: '17 Irish Derby (G1)	1st
	: '16 Beresford Stakes (G2)	1st
	: '18 Alleged Stakes (G3)	1st
	: '16 Criterium de Saint-Cloud (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

Irish Derby and British St. Leger winner **Capri**, though winless following an injury to his shoulder after a victory in his kickoff start in April this year, turned in a respectable 3-1/4-length fifth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October where the sixth favorite pressed the pace in second, briefly led the field after the 400-meter marker before overtaken by Enable and eventually weakened in the last 100 meters. He has been consistent in finishing within the top five in 13 out of 15 career starts while marking 3-0-2 out of seven starts at left-handed courses. The coming Japan Cup will be his first overseas challenge outside Europe.

A runner-up effort in his two-year-old debut, the gray colt broke his maiden in his second start, beating subsequent Melbourne Cup winner Rekindling by 2-1/2 lengths. The son of *Galileo* won the following listed El Gran Senor Stakes then extended his winning streak to three in his first graded challenge in the Beresford Stakes where he chased the leaders in third and assumed command 200 meters out for a 3/4-length victory. He was third behind Waldgeist and subsequent G1 winner Best Solution in the following Criterium de Saint-Cloud, his first G1 attempt, and capped off his debut season with 3-1-1 out of five starts.

While winless in the first three starts of his three-year-old season, he was a close third in the Derby Trial Stakes and a sixth in the Epsom Derby before claiming his first G1 title in the Irish Derby where the fourth favorite tracked the leader in second, led the field entering the lane and held off the strong challenge by subsequent four-time G1 winner Cracksman for a neck victory. Refreshed after



a 2-1/2-month break, he succeeded in capturing his second consecutive G1 title in the St. Leger where the race favorite traveled fourth from the front, switched to the outside at the top of the stretch for a clear path, assumed command 400 meters out and won out a close rally to cross the wire half a length in front of the runner-up. His first Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe challenge, however, resulted in a disappointing 17th as he was forced to travel toward the rear after missing his break and was never in contention.

Capri kicked off this season with a win in the Alleged Stakes where the favorite took the front soon after the start and sustained the lead for a head victory. Sidelined for five months due to injury, the four-year-old gray resumed racing in the Prix Foy in September, finishing fifth in a field of six, but made a stronger bid in his second attempt in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He is coming off a fourth in the Champion Stakes where he pressed the pace in second and disputed the lead with eventual winner Cracksman in the straight but was again outpaced in the closing stages.



2018 Alleged Stakes
(The Racing Post, Patrick McCann)

Career Performances of Capri

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin*)
'18 10.20	Champion Stakes (G1)	Ascot (GB)	1990 Soft	R. Moore (59.5)	4 / 8 Cracksman	2:08.7 (7-1/2)
10.07	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	ParisLongchamp (FR)	2400 Good	D. O'Brien (59.5)	5 / 19 Enable	2:29.2 (3-1/4)
09.16	Prix Foy (G2)	ParisLongchamp (FR)	2400 Good	W. Lordan (58.0)	5 / 6 Waldgeist	2:28.7 (6-1/2)
04.13	Alleged Stakes (G3)	Naas (IRE)	2000 Soft To Heavy	R. Moore (60.5)	1 / 5 (Cannonball)	2:27.1 (Head)
'17 10.01	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Soft	W. Lordan (56.5)	17 / 18 Enable	2:28.6 (12-1/4)
09.16	St. Leger Stakes (G1)	Doncaster (GB)	2900 Good To Soft	R. Moore (57.5)	1 / 11 (Crystal Ocean)	3:04.0 (1/2)
07.01	Irish Derby (G1)	Curragh (IRE)	2400 Good	S. Heffernan (57.0)	1 / 9 (Cracksman)	2:35.4 (Neck)
06.03	Derby (G1)	Epsom (GB)	2410 Good	S. Heffernan (57.0)	6 / 18 Wings Of Eagles	2:33.0 (3-3/4)
05.07	Derby Trial Stakes (G3)	Leopardstown (IRE)	2000 Good To Firm	C. O'Donoghue (58.5)	3 / 6 Douglas Macarthur	2:09.5 (Neck)
04.08	Ballysax Stakes (G3)	Leopardstown (IRE)	2000 Good To Yielding	S. Heffernan (60.5)	4 / 9 Rekindling	2:08.8 (4-1/4)
'16 10.30	Criterion de Saint-Cloud (G1)	Saint-Cloud (FR)	2000 Soft	S. Heffernan (57.0)	3 / 13 Waldgeist	2:12.7 (1-1/2)
09.25	Beresford Stakes (G2)	Curragh (IRE)	1600 Heavy	R. Moore (58.5)	1 / 6 (Yucatan)	1:45.0 (3/4)
08.05	El Gran Senor Stakes (L)	Tipperary (IRE)	1490 Yielding To Soft	S. Heffernan (58.5)	1 / 7 (Boyfriend Brian)	1:36.4 (2)
07.30	"Ladbrokes" European Breeders Fund Maiden	Galway (IRE)	1670 Yielding	S. Heffernan (59.5)	1 / 7 (Rekindling)	1:49.2 (2-1/2)
07.16	Darley European Breeders Fund Maiden	Curragh (IRE)	1400 Good To Yielding	S. Heffernan (59.5)	2 / 13 Arcada	1:27.0 (1/2)

[Note] *Approximate margin

Thundering Blue

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (April 26, 2013)	
Origin	: United States	
Sex / Color	: Gelding / Gray or Roan	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Exchange Rate / Relampago Azul (Forestry)	
Breeder	: Dr. Tom Castoldi	
Owner	: Clive Washbourn	
Trainer	: David Menuisier	
Jockey	: Francis Berry	
Career Record	: 21 starts, 6 wins, 4 seconds, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: approx. £ 459,455	
'18 Season Record	: 8 starts, 3 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 York Stakes (G2)	1st
	: '18 Stockholm Cup International (G3)	1st
	: '18 Canadian International Stakes (G1)	2nd
	: '18 International Stakes (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

British contender **Thundering Blue** has showcased his latent ability this season where his performances have surged from handicap starts to an international G1 runner-up effort within the eight starts of his five-year-old campaign so far. After registering a win and a second among four handicap starts, he claimed the G2 York Stakes in his first outing in a group race, landed a third in his first G1 challenge in the International Stakes and was shipped to Sweden where he comfortably claimed the G3 Stockholm Cup International. The triumph was followed by his latest start, the G1 Canadian International, where he sat on the rails in mid-pack, shifted to the outside and took over the lead at the furlong marker but was outdueled by the fast-closing winner for a length second.

Thundering Blue debuted at the age of three and showed potential from his second start where he turned in back-to-back runner-up efforts, but was winless in his five starts and was gelded at the end of the season. Overcoming his tendency of being keen in the early stages of the race, the son of *Exchange Rate* finally broke his maiden in his fifth start of his four-year-old campaign where he took over the lead in the last half furlong and drew clear to a 4-1/2-length win. He went on to claim back-to-back wins, the German Young Owners And Breeders Handicap by a length, and the BetBright Recall Handicap by 1-1/2 lengths, capping off the season with 3-0-3 out of eight starts.

This year, he began his campaign with a fifth in the Investec City And Suburban Handicap and then scored his fourth career victory in the Equinity Technology Handicap where he led inside the final furlong and cleared the wire a 1-1/4-length winner. After heavily beaten in his next start, he registered a runner-up effort in the following John Smith's Cup Handicap in which he sat near the



rear and was 2-1/4 lengths short of the winner.

Sent off second pick in his first group-race challenge, the York Stakes this past July, the gray gelding was held up in the rear but chased the leaders into late stretch, took command and stayed on well near the line to prevail by a neck. He was dismissed as the longest shot in his first G1 challenge, the International Stakes, but closed well from the rear to threaten, finishing third, 3-3/4 lengths from the winner but only half-a-length from the runner-up and multiple-G1 winner Poet's Word. Broadening his horizons in his first overseas endeavor, **Thundering Blue** was sent off race-favorite in the Stockholm Cup International in which he settled near the rear, saved ground while gradually making headway and unleashed a good turn of foot to take over the lead 200 meters out, securing his second group-race victory by an impressive two-length margin. The David Menuisier-trained gelding's is on an upward trend with a favorable record of 4-4-4 out of 15 starts going left-handed and will be put to the test against top turf runners at Tokyo Racecourse.



2018 York Stakes
(The Racing Post, Martin Lynch)

Career Performances of Thundering Blue

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin**)
'18 10.13	Canadian International Stakes (G1)	Woodbine (CAN)	2400 Good	F. Berry (57.0)	2 / 11 Desert Encounter	2:28.8 (1)
09.23	Stockholm Cup International (G3)	Bro Park (SWE)	2400 Good	F. Berry (59.0)	1 / 12 (Crowned Eagle)	2:28.4 (2)
08.22	International Stakes (G1)	York (GB)	2050 Good To Firm	F. Berry (60.0)	3 / 8 Roaring Lion	2:07.7 (3-3/4)
07.28	York Stakes (G2)	York (GB)	2050 Good To Soft	F. Berry (60.0)	1 / 7 (Brorocco)	2:09.4 (Neck)
07.14	John Smith's Cup Handicap	York (GB)	2050 Good To Firm	F. Berry (59.0)	2 / 19 Euchen Glen	2:09.5 (2-1/4)
06.22	Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes	Ascot (GB)	2390 Good To Firm	L. Dettori (59.5)	11 / 17 Dash Of Spice	2:27.7 (9-1/4)
05.18	Equinity Technology Handicap	York (GB)	2050 Good To Firm	A. Atzeni (57.0)	1 / 11 (Banditry)	2:09.1 (1-1/4)
04.25	Investec City And Suburban Handicap	Epsom (GB)	2020 Good	J. Crowley (56.0)	5 / 10 Ajman King	2:08.5 (3)
'17 09.30	Cambridgeshire Handicap	Newmarket (GB)	1800 Good To Soft	J. Crowley (54.0)	7 / 34 Dolphin Vista	1:51.2 (3-3/4)
09.02	Recall Handicap	Sandown (GB)	1990 Good	J. Crowley (54.5)	1 / 13 (Monarchs Glen)	2:07.3 (1-1/2)
08.12	German Young Owners And Breeders Handicap	Newmarket (GB)	2000 Good To Soft	K. Shoemark (56.0)	1 / 7 (Atkinson Grimshaw)	2:05.1 (1)
07.20	Bet toteexacta At betfred.com Handicap	Epsom (GB)	2020 Good To Soft	K. Shoemark (61.5)	1 / 5 (First Up)	2:11.3 (4-1/2)
07.06	Watch Racing UK On Youview Now Handicap	Epsom (GB)	2020 Good To Firm	P. Dobbs (58.0)	3 / 10 Silver Ghost	2:03.9 (1/2)
05.05	Congratulations On Your Engagement Eileen & JP Handicap	Lingfield (GB)	1600A* Standard	J. Fortune (60.0)	3 / 7 Berrahri	1:37.3 (1-1/2)
04.22	1st Security Handicap	Nottingham (GB)	1670 Good To Firm	D. Nolan (58.0)	13 / 14 Reaver	1:43.2 (25-1/2)
03.31	sunbets.co.uk Handicap	Lingfield (GB)	1600A* Standard	J. Fortune (60.0)	3 / 6 Zain Emperor	1:37.3 (3/4)
'16 10.19	32Red.com Handicap	Kempton (GB)	1400A* Standard To Slow	M. Dwyer (55.5)	11 / 13 Ower Fly	1:24.8 (6-1/2)
10.06	"totepool" Win Tickets On Facebook Maiden Stakes	Chelmsford (GB)	2000A* Standard	J. Crowley (59.5)	6 / 8 Strong Force	2:08.2 (9-1/2)
09.08	totepoolracing Find Us On Instagram Maiden Stakes	Chelmsford (GB)	1600A* Standard	L. Morris (59.5)	2 / 7 Eltham	1:39.6 (1-1/2)
08.09	188bet.co.uk Maiden Stakes	Lingfield (GB)	1400 Good To Firm	L. Morris (59.5)	2 / 5 Zwayyan	1:25.3 (3)
04.13	Wood Ditton Stakes	Newmarket (GB)	1600 Good To Soft	J. Crowley (59.5)	5 / 12 Sky Kingdom	1:43.1 (4-3/4)

[Note] *A=All Weather **Approximate margin





The 38th Japan Cup

November 25, 2018

Profile of Japanese Horses



Almond Eye

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (March 10, 2015)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Lord Kanaloa / Fusaichi Pandora (Sunday Silence)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Silk Racing Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 6 starts, 5 wins, 1 second	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 417,199,000	
'18 Season Record	: 4 starts, 4 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 Shuka Sho (G1)	1st
	: '18 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1)	1st
	: '18 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Sakae Kunieda

Date of Birth	: April 14, 1955	
License Issued	: 1989	
Date of First Win	: March 10, 1990	
Career Record	: 7,234 starts, 826 wins, 731 seconds, 631 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 297 starts, 40 wins, 35 seconds, 26 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Shuka Sho (G1, Almond Eye)	
	: '18 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Almond Eye)	
	: '18 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Almond Eye)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts	

[Jockey] Christophe Lemaire

Date of Birth	: May 20, 1979	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015	
Date of First Win	: December 8, 2002	
Career Record	: 4,822 starts, 933 wins, 685 seconds, 562 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 690 starts, 191 wins, 117 seconds, 90 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Rey de Oro)	
	: '18 Shuka Sho (G1, Almond Eye)	
	: '18 Yasuda Kinen (G1, Mozu Ascot)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 13 starts, 1 win, 3 seconds	
	Won: '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)	

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

Almond Eye completed a sweep of the fillies' Triple Crown in her fall debut this year, the Shuka Sho, becoming only the fifth filly in JRA history and the first since *Gentildonna* in 2012 to claim all three legs of the three-year-old fillies' G1 titles. The daughter of legendary sprinter *Lord Kanaloo*, who has made use of her speed to time the fastest finish over the last three furlongs in all six career starts, has also proved to be well-equipped to handle distances up to 2,400 meters and is now targeting to emulate *Gentildonna* again and become only the second three-year-old filly to claim the Japan Cup this year.

Almond Eye was second in her two-year-old debut in August last year in which the bay filly found her best stride late after searching for a clearing between horses at the stretch and short of reaching the winner by two lengths. She promptly broke her maiden in her next start two months later by taking command 300 meters out and pulling away to a 3-1/2-length victory.

Following a three-month break, she faced the boys for the first time in her three-year-old debut, the Shinzan Kinen, which she won impressively by a comfortable 1-3/4-length margin from racing way back, second from last, and registering the fastest last three furlongs on a track rated good. Coming off her first grade-race triumph, **Almond Eye** went straight into the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) three months later, where she roared through the homestretch from way behind to pull away for a 1-3/4-length victory. In the following Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), she was quick out of the gate to race around sixth and then was uncontested once taking the front, ultimately crossing the wire in 2:23.8 over the 2,400-meter course, the race's second-fastest time ever.

As if sensing the pressure, the Shuka Sho favorite was a little hyped up than usual in the gate, didn't have the perfect break and raced a little further back in mid-division then was forced to circle wide into the turn after meeting traffic. However, the exceptional filly demonstrated a performance of a different class, mowing down her foes along the outside and finally pinning the leader in the last 50 meters after which she continued to pull away to a 1-1/2-length victory.



2018 Oka Sho



2018 Yushun Himba



2018 Shuka Sho

Career Performances of Almond Eye

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 10.14	Shuka Sho (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [480]	11 (1)	11 11 12	1 / 17 (Mikki Charm)	1:58.5 (0.2)
05.20	Yushun Himba (G1) (Japanese Oaks)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [466]	13 (1)	6 6 6 5	1 / 17 (Lily Noble)	2:23.8 (0.3)
04.08	Oka Sho (G1) (Japanese 1000 Guineas)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [462]	13 (2)	- - 15 16	1 / 17 (Lucky Lilac)	1:33.1 (0.3)
01.08	Shinzan Kinen (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Good	K. Tosaki (54.0) [464]	3 (1)	- - 9 9	1 / 11 (Tsuzumimon)	1:37.1 (0.3)
'17 10.08	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [466]	11 (1)	- - 7 8	1 / 15 (Cosmo Feerique)	1:35.1 (0.6)
08.06	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Niigata (JPN)	1400 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [472]	12 (1)	- - 11 11	2 / 17 Nishino Urara	1:23.7 (0.3)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	5	1	0	0	6	0.833	1.000	1.000
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	2	1	0	0	3	0.667	1.000	1.000
	Right-handed	3	0	0	0	3	1.000	1.000	1.000
Going	Firm	4	1	0	0	5	0.800	1.000	1.000
	Good	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
	Yielding								
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	3	1	0	0	4	0.750	1.000	1.000
	1,900m-2,100m	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
	2,101m-2,700m	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
	2,701m-								

Cheval Grand

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (March 14, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Halwa Sweet (Machiavellian)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Kazuhiro Sasaki	
Career Record	: 26 starts, 7 wins, 6 seconds, 6 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 880,217,000	
'18 Season Record	: 3 starts, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Japan Cup (G1)	1st
	: '16 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	1st
	: '17&'18 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '17 (1st), '16 (3rd)	

[Trainer] Yasuo Tomomichi

Date of Birth	: August 11, 1963	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: December 1, 2002	
Career Record	: 3,380 starts, 481 wins, 352 seconds, 330 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 213 starts, 40 wins, 28 seconds, 24 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Wagnerian) '18 Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Admire Mars) '18 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2, Wagnerian)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 win, 1 third Won: '17 Cheval Grand (JPN, by Heart's Cry)	

[Jockey] Cristian Demuro

Date of Birth	: July 8, 1992	
Date of First Ride	: February 12, 2011	
Date of First Win	: January 14, 2012	
Career Record	: 901 starts, 134 wins, 110 seconds, 121 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 40 starts, 6 wins, 4 seconds, 5 thirds	
Recent Performances in Japan	: '17 Hopeful Stakes (G1, Time Flyer) '17 Swan Stakes (G2, Sungrazer) '17 Fantasy Stakes (G3, Beluga)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start	

*JRA races only



Defending champion **Cheval Grand** is set out to claim a consecutive Japan Cup title, a feat which only legendary mare *Gentildonna* has accomplished in 2012 and 2013. The six-year-old was beaten to 13th in the shorter distanced Osaka Hai in his first start of the season but exhibited a good stayer performance in his next Tenno Sho (Spring) start to finish a close second under Hugh Bowman. Well rested from a six-month break, he began his autumn campaign in the Kyoto Daishoten but failed to display his refined stretch kick and finished 3-1/4 lengths from the winner in fourth.

The *Heart's Cry* horse broke his maiden in his second start as a two-year-old and registered 1-1-2 out of four starts in his debut season which included his first graded test in the Kyoto Nisai Stakes. He suffered a sore shoulder early the next season and was below form during the spring which ruled him out of the first two classics. However, he improved considerably to register three consecutive wins and a runner-up effort in his autumn campaign.

As a four-year-old, **Cheval Grand** captured his first graded win in the Hanshin Daishoten and marked a close third in his first G1 challenge in the Tenno Sho (Spring). He landed another graded win in the Copa Republica Argentina that fall and demonstrated his aptitude for distances of 2,400 meter and beyond, turning in a third and a sixth in the following Japan Cup and Arima Kinen, respectively, 0.5 second from the winner in both starts.

He was consistent in 2017 during which, apart from an eighth in the Takarazuka Kinen, he finished among the top three in five starts which included a good 1-1/4-length runner-up effort behind the record-breaking *Kitasan Black* in the Tenno Sho (Spring). Coming off a close third in the Kyoto Daishoten, the chestnut claimed the Japan Cup with Hugh Bowman in the saddle for the first time. Bowman steered the chestnut wide entering the straight after saving ground in fourth and picked off *Kitasan Black* 150 meters out while holding off derby victor Rey de Oro to clear the wire a convincing 1-1/4-length winner. In his second Arima Kinen challenge that followed, **Cheval Grand** took a wide trip in mid-division, had plenty left in the straight but was checked in tight quarters near the furlong marker and was a close third.



2017 Japan Cup



2016 Copa Republica Argentina

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.))
'18 10.08	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [472]	8 (1)	5	5	4	2	4 / 11 Satono Diamond	2:25.4 (0.6)
04.29	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Bowman (58.0) [474]	11 (1)	4	3	2	2	2 / 17 Rainbow Line	3:16.2 (0.0)
04.01	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Miura (57.0) [470]	4 (4)	6	8	9	7	13 / 16 Suave Richard	1:58.2 (1.5)
'17 12.24	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Bowman (57.0) [474]	10 (3)	8	8	8	8	3 / 16 Kitasan Black	2:33.6 (0.2)
11.26	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Bowman (57.0) [470]	1 (5)	5	4	4	4	1 / 17 (Rey de Oro)	2:23.7 (0.2)
10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [472]	3 (1)	14	14	9	6	3 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (0.1)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [470]	5 (6)	1	1	1	1	8 / 11 Satono Crown	2:11.4 (1.2)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	6 (4)	5	5	4	3	2 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5 (0.2)
03.19	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [474]	3 (2)	7	7	5	2	2 / 10 Satono Diamond	3:02.6 (0.2)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [484]	14 (5)	11	10	8	5	6 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.5)
11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [482]	17 (6)	9	9	12	10	3 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.5)
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)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'14 12.27	Erica Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [478]	12 (1)	10 9 8 (35.0)	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 (34.3)	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 (35.8)	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 (34.7)	2 / 14 Dragon Verse	2:04.0 (0.0)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	7	6	6	7	26	0.269	0.500	0.731
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	2	0	1	0	3	0.667	0.667	1.000
	Right-handed	5	6	5	7	23	0.217	0.478	0.696
Going	Firm	6	6	5	5	22	0.273	0.545	0.773
	Good	1	0	1	2	4	0.250	0.250	0.500
	Yielding								
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
	1,900m-2,100m	1	2	2	1	6	0.167	0.500	0.833
	2,101m-2,700m	5	1	3	5	14	0.357	0.429	0.643
	2,701m-	1	3	1	0	5	0.200	0.800	1.000

Ganko

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 12, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Nakayama Festa / Sing up Rock (Singspiel)	
Breeder	: Takeshi Maetani	
Owner	: Mitsuo Sugisawa	
Career Record	: 31 starts, 6 wins, 5 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 160,541,000	
'18 Season Record	: 6 starts, 2 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 Nikkei Sho (G2)	1st
	: '18 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Shigeki Matsumoto

Date of Birth	: October 21, 1948	
License Issued	: 1992	
Date of First Win	: October 10, 1993	
Career Record	: 5,305 starts, 480 wins, 462 seconds, 447 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 187 starts, 14 wins, 15 seconds, 21 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Nikkei Sho (G2, Ganko)	
	: '17 Mermaid Stakes (G3, Maximum de Paris)	
	: '17 Aichi Hai (G3, Maximum de Paris)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts	

[Jockey] Masayoshi Ebina

Date of Birth	: March 19, 1969	
Debut Year	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: April 12, 1987	
Career Record	: 20,786 starts, 2,512 wins, 2,238 seconds, 1,965 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 375 starts, 25 wins, 30 seconds, 36 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Aoba Sho (G2, Go for the Summit)	
	: '17 Sapporo Kinen (G2, Sakura Empereur)	
	: '17 American Jockey Club Cup (G2, Tanta Alegria)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 15 starts, 1 win	
	Won: '98 El Condor Pasa (USA, by Kingmambo)	

Ganko claimed his first graded victory, defeating grade-race winners such as Kiseki and Seewind in the G2 Nikkei Sho in March. He set a slow pace, surrendered the lead in the backstretch but kicked into gear to take charge once again at the top of the straight and drew away strongly for a 3/4-length win. The five-year-old is coming off the G2 Copa Republica Argentina, where he was assigned the second heaviest weight, saved ground in mid-pack but lacked the final kick and finished three lengths from the winner in sixth. Twenty out of 31 of his career starts have been in dirt races but his record of 3-0-1 out of five turf starts between 2,400 and 2,500-meter distances counts him as a potential candidate in this year's Japan Cup.

Ganko made his debut on turf in 2015, then switched to dirt races four starts later and while winless that season was consistent in finishing within the top five in all six starts. The son of *Nakayama Festa* broke his maiden in his first start of his three-year-old campaign where he closed strongly from traveling wide in mid-field and dug in gamely before the wire for a neck win. He was tested over various distances, ranging from 1,400 to 2,500 meters in the rest of his eight starts that year which included a runner-up effort in a 2,500-meter race.

Ganko kicked off his four-year-old campaign in February 2017 with a comfortable 2-1/2-length victory and claimed another race later that year where he shook off his dueling rival in the final strides to win by half a length. At the end of the season and 21 dirt starts after his last turf race, **Ganko** was sent back on the grass in the Esaka Tokubetsu where, as seventh favorite, he chased the leader into the lane, inherited the lead in early-stretch and romped convincingly to a two-length victory.

He validated his suitability to turf in his first graded challenge, the Nikkei Shinshun Hai in January this year, finishing a 1-1/2-length third as seventh pick. His first win of this season was in the Shorai Stakes where the dark bay sat in third and took command 300 meters out after angling wide at the last corner for an emphatic 3-1/2-length victory followed by his Nikkei Sho title. He was unable to fire in the demanding test of the Tenno Sho (Spring) and in his first autumn All Comers start, where he finished 14th and seventh, respectively.



2018 Nikkei Sho



2018 Shorai Stakes



Career Performances of Ganko

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'18 11.04	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Miura (57.0) [500]	4 (6)	6	7	6	7	6 / 12 Perform a Promise	2:33.7 (0.5)
09.23	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Fujioka (57.0) [504]	3 (4)	5	5	5	3	7 / 12 Rey de Oro	2:11.2 (0.8)
04.29	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fujioka (58.0) [504]	6 (3)	3	3	2	1	14 / 17 Rainbow Line	3:16.2 (1.9)
03.24	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fujioka (56.0) [502]	12 (3)	1	2	2	2	1 / 15 (Chestnut Coat)	2:33.9 (0.1)
02.11	Shorai Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Yielding	Y. Fujioka (56.0) [504]	5 (2)	3	3	3	2	1 / 9 (Admire Robson)	2:28.2 (0.6)
01.14	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Sakai (52.0) [496]	9 (7)	2	2	2	2	3 / 12 Perform a Promise	2:26.3 (0.2)
'17 12.24	Esaka Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fujioka (57.0) [494]	3 (7)	2	2	2	2	1 / 10 (La Vie Est Belle)	2:25.0 (0.3)
11.12	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800D* Standard	F. Komaki (57.0) [490]	15 (10)	8	9	6	6	12 / 16 Seidig Meer	1:52.2 (1.9)
10.15	Atago Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800D* Muddy	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [486]	3 (7)	9	9	11	11	15 / 16 Hiro Brave	1:51.3 (2.8)
07.23	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1700D* Good	Y. Kitamura (57.0) [488]	2 (1)	5	4	3	2	1 / 11 (Celtic Sword)	1:44.6 (0.1)
07.09	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1700D* Standard	Y. Kitamura (57.0) [488]	2 (5)	6	6	1	2	2 / 11 Meisho Eiko	1:45.0 (0.3)
06.03	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800D* Good	F. Komaki (57.0) [484]	7 (4)	7	6	8	10	11 / 15 Ten the World	1:52.8 (1.2)
05.13	Keage Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1900D* Sloppy	F. Komaki (57.0) [484]	10 (2)	5	5	4	3	5 / 11 Western Parade	1:56.0 (0.7)
04.29	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800D* Standard	F. Komaki (57.0) [482]	2 (4)	9	9	9	8	4 / 16 Royal Pomp	1:52.2 (0.5)
03.04	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000D* Standard	F. Komaki (57.0) [480]	12 (5)	3	3	2	2	2 / 13 Admire Rocket	2:04.9 (0.8)
02.12	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1900D* Muddy	F. Komaki (56.0) [488]	7 (5)	5	5	2	2	1 / 10 (Solitaire)	1:59.0 (0.4)
'16 12.03	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000D* Standard	H. Miyuki (56.0) [480]	9 (7)	9	9	9	9	7 / 10 Orna	2:05.2 (1.5)
11.05	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1900D* Standard	Y. Iwata (55.0) [484]	11 (6)	6	6	6	6	6 / 12 Admire Rocket	1:58.5 (1.3)
10.29	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2500D* Muddy	S. Kato (53.0) [492]	7 (1)	8	8	7	7	9 / 14 King Luau	2:43.2 (2.0)
10.15	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2500D* Good	S. Kato (53.0) [486]	5 (3)	9	9	6	4	2 / 10 Cablegram	2:42.2 (0.3)
07.16	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1700D* Good	K. Miura (54.0) [486]	11 (3)	6	4	5	4	5 / 11 Tamamo Alm	1:45.9 (0.7)
07.02	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1700D* Good	K. Miura (54.0) [486]	2 (3)	7	7	6	4	3 / 13 Tomiken Scharguu	1:45.8 (0.4)
06.18	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1700D* Muddy	K. Miura (54.0) [482]	3 (11)	9	9	6	6	4 / 12 Suzuka River	1:44.2 (0.5)
05.15	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1400D* Standard	H. Miyuki (56.0) [478]	8 (12)	-	-	10	10	11 / 15 Hiro Brave	1:23.9 (2.0)
01.10	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1400D* Standard	Y. Take (56.0) [486]	3 (2)	-	-	8	5	1 / 16 (Aten Festa)	1:26.9 (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.))
'15 11.29	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1400D* Standard	H. Miyuki (55.0) [482]	9 (2)	- - 6 (38.3)	5 / 15 Diorama	1:26.1 (0.6)
11.14	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1400D* Good	H. Miyuki (55.0) [486]	13 (1)	- - 7 (37.8)	2 / 15 Sigerukihadamaguro	1:26.0 (0.1)
10.24	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1400 Firm	H. Miyuki (55.0) [486]	8 (2)	- - 3 (35.3)	5 / 16 Night of Knights	1:21.7 (0.6)
08.15	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Hishida (54.0) [490]	6 (5)	4 5 4 (36.1)	3 / 14 Love Leo	1:50.1 (0.6)
07.25	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hakodate (JPN)	1800 Yielding	Y. Hishida (54.0) [482]	10 (3)	5 5 9 (36.5)	4 / 13 Crocospia	1:53.2 (0.4)
07.05	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hakodate (JPN)	1200 Firm	Y. Hishida (54.0) [486]	1 (2)	- - 1 (35.1)	2 / 8 Hilda	1:11.5 (0.2)

[Note] *D=Dirt

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	3	1	2	5	11	0.273	0.364	0.545
	Dirt	3	4	1	12	20	0.150	0.350	0.400
Course	Left-handed	0	1	0	2	3	0.000	0.333	0.333
	Right-handed	6	4	3	15	28	0.214	0.357	0.464
Going	Firm/Standard	3	3	2	10	18	0.167	0.333	0.444
	Good	1	2	1	2	6	0.167	0.500	0.667
	Yielding/Muddy	2	0	0	4	6	0.333	0.333	0.333
	Soft/Sloppy	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m	0	1	0	0	1	0.000	1.000	1.000
	1,301m-1,899m	2	2	2	10	16	0.125	0.250	0.375
	1,900m-2,100m	1	1	0	3	5	0.200	0.400	0.400
	2,101m-2,700m	3	1	1	3	8	0.375	0.500	0.625
	2,701m-	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000

Happy Grin (NAR Hokkaido)

Age (Date of Foaling) : 3 (March 6, 2015)
Origin : Japan
Sex / Color : Colt / Chestnut
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam) : Lohengrin / Lady C'est la Vie (Agnes Tachyon)
Breeder : Shadai Farm
Owner : Yuichi Aida
Career Record : 16 starts, 5 wins, 3 seconds, 3 thirds
Career Earnings : ¥ 52,681,000
'18 Season Record : 7 starts, 3 wins, 1 third
Principal Race Performances : '18 ORO Cup 1st
'17 Sunrise Cup 2nd
'17 Eikan Sho 2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances : None

[Trainer] Junji Tanaka (NAR Hokkaido)

Date of Birth : March 16, 1972
License Issued : 2006 *NAR
Date of First Win : April 19, 2007 *NAR
Career Record : 5,025 starts, 1,024 wins, 792 seconds, 648 thirds *NAR
(72 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds, 6 thirds *JRA)
'18 Season Record : 627 starts, 139 wins, 96 seconds, 73 thirds *NAR
(11 starts, 2 wins, 1 third *JRA)
Past Japan Cup Performances : None

[Jockey] Takafumi Hattori (NAR Hokkaido)

Date of Birth : March 14, 1976
Debut Year : 1994 *NAR
Date of First Win : October 8, 1994 *NAR
Career Record : 14,768 starts, 1,690 wins, 1,686 seconds, 1,651 thirds *NAR
(195 starts, 7 wins, 8 seconds, 16 thirds *JRA)
'18 Season Record : 549 starts, 84 wins, 64 seconds, 66 thirds *NAR
(4 starts, 1 third *JRA)
Past Japan Cup Performances : None



Three-year-old **Happy Grin** is the first NAR affiliated horse in nine years to run in the Japan Cup. *Cosmo Bulk*, who turned in a runner-up effort in the 2004 version and ran in five consecutive Japan Cups after that, was the last NAR runner at the starting gate in 2009. While most of **Happy Grin**'s starts last season were in NAR races, six out of seven this year have been in JRA races. Among them was his first JRA victory, a 1-1/4-length win in the Saintpaulia Sho where he turned in the fastest last three-furlong charge from a third-from-rear position. The Hokkaido-based up-and-coming colt's good late speed will be put to the test against international G1 company in this year's Japan Cup.

The son of *Lohengrin* promptly broke his maiden in his debut start last season at NAR's Mombetsu Racecourse and after turning in back-to-back runner-up efforts, he added another win before being tested at the JRA level for the first time. He finished a 1-1/2-length third behind subsequent G1 runner-up *Stelvio* in the Cosmos Sho and marked another third before returning to NAR races where he registered a second, sixth and ninth. He capped off his debut season with a score of 2-3-2 out of nine starts.

The chestnut colt kicked off his three-year-old campaign this year with his victory in the JRA Saintpaulia Sho at Tokyo and proceeded to his first JRA graded challenge in the Spring Stakes where he remained a factor in the last furlong but weakened near the wire to finish eighth. In the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) trial Principal Stakes, **Happy Grin** closed well from the far rear to finish 0.3 second behind the winner and subsequent derby third-place finisher *Comic Force* in fourth.

After scoring a head-neck third in the following Tomoe Sho, he romped to victory in the STV Sho where he made headway from the rear and circled wide before showing tremendous speed to capture his second JRA win by a 2-1/2-length margin. He then registered his fifth career and third turf-race win in the ORO Cup held at NAR's Morioka Racecourse in September in which he chased the leader in third, took the front 200 meters out and won by a substantial four-length margin. He is coming off his second JRA grade-race start, the Fuji Stakes, where he failed to fire from the rear and was eleventh.



2018 STV Sho



2018 Saintpaulia Sho

Career Performances of Happy Grin

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 10.20	Fuji Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Uchida (54.0) [456]	16 (9)	- - 17 17 (33.5)	11 / 18 Logi Cry	1:31.7 (1.0)
09.23	Oro Cup (Open Class)	Morioka (JPN)	1700 Good	T. Hattori (55.0) [458]	13 (1)	3 3 3 3 (37.2)	1 / 14 (Sanei Gold)	1:44.7 (0.7)
08.11	STV Sho (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	1500 Good	C. Lemaire (54.0) [456]	13 (1)	- 9 7 4 (34.6)	1 / 13 (Your Suisui)	1:29.3 (0.4)
07.01	Tomoe Sho (Open Class)	Hakodate (JPN)	1800 Yielding	T. Hattori (52.0) [454]	10 (6)	7 6 6 4 (34.8)	3 / 11 Night of Knights	1:49.9 (0.0)
05.05	Principal Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	T. Ono (56.0) [454]	8 (4)	- 13 14 14 (33.7)	4 / 14 Cosmic Force	1:58.2 (0.3)
03.18	Spring Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	T. Ono (56.0) [458]	6 (5)	7 6 5 3 (35.1)	8 / 13 Stelvio	1:48.1 (0.8)
01.28	Saintpaulia Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	T. Ono (56.0) [462]	4 (5)	- 6 10 8 (33.3)	1 / 12 (Revealing)	1:49.8 (0.2)
'17 12.13	Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun	Kawasaki (JPN)	1600D* Standard	T. Hattori (55.0) [468]	4 (11)	7 7 4 7 (40.5)	9 / 13 Le Vent Se Leve	1:41.6 (1.9)
10.31	Hokkaido Nisai Yushun	Mombetsu (JPN)	1800D* Muddy	T. Hattori (55.0) [460]	4 (2)	4 4 4 4 (40.2)	6 / 9 Don Fortis	1:55.5 (2.2)
10.05	Sunrise Cup (Open Class)	Mombetsu (JPN)	1700D* Standard	T. Hattori (55.0) [460]	8 (2)	7 8 6 5 (42.0)	2 / 9 Yamano Fight	1:51.4 (0.1)
09.03	Suzuran Sho (Open Class)	Sapporo (JPN)	1200 Firm	T. Hattori (54.0) [450]	4 (2)	- - 5 3 (36.7)	3 / 15 Ryuno Yukina	1:10.8 (0.7)
08.12	Cosmos Sho (Open Class)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Yielding	T. Hattori (54.0) [446]	7 (4)	6 6 5 1 (36.1)	3 / 11 Stelvio	1:51.3 (0.2)
07.25	Two-Year-Olds (Open Class)	Mombetsu (JPN)	1700D* Standard	T. Hattori (54.0) [448]	4 (1)	5 5 4 4 (38.2)	1 / 6 (D S Soarer)	1:55.0 (0.5)
06.29	Eikan Sho (Open Class)	Mombetsu (JPN)	1200D* Standard	H. Yoshihara (54.0) [454]	11 (1)	- - 12 8 (39.1)	2 / 13 Southern Vigorous	1:15.1 (0.1)
06.08	Two-Year-Olds (Open Class)	Mombetsu (JPN)	1200D* Sloppy	K. Tosaki (54.0) [450]	3 (2)	- - 4 5 (37.3)	2 / 7 Yamano Fight	1:12.4 (0.1)
05.18	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Mombetsu (JPN)	1200D* Standard	G. Banno (54.0) [450]	7 (1)	- - 5 5 (38.4)	1 / 8 (Da Di Da)	1:15.2 (0.6)

[Note] *D=Dirt

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	3	0	3	3	9	0.333	0.333	0.667
	Dirt	2	3	0	2	7	0.286	0.714	0.714
Course	Left-handed	2	0	0	3	5	0.400	0.400	0.400
	Right-handed	3	3	3	2	11	0.273	0.545	0.818
Going	Firm/Standard	3	2	1	4	10	0.300	0.500	0.600
	Good	2	0	0	0	2	1.000	1.000	1.000
	Yielding/Muddy	0	0	2	1	3	0.000	0.000	0.667
	Soft/Sloppy	0	1	0	0	1	0.000	1.000	1.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m	1	2	1	0	4	0.250	0.750	1.000
	1,301m-1,899m	4	1	2	4	11	0.364	0.455	0.636
	1,900m-2,100m	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
	2,101m-2,700m								
	2,701m-								

Kiseki

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (May 13, 2014)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Rulership / Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	
Breeder	: Shimokobe Farm	
Owner	: Tatsue Ishikawa	
Career Record	: 13 starts, 4 wins, 1 second, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 268,691,000	
'18 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 thirds	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	1st
	: '18 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	3rd
	: '17 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Kazuya Nakatake

Date of Birth	: November 26, 1964	
License Issued	: 1998	
Date of First Win	: June 26, 1999	
Career Record	: 5,256 starts, 466 wins, 424 seconds, 413 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 365 starts, 40 wins, 17 seconds, 25 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Rose Stakes (G2, Cantabile) '18 Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3, Aster Pegasus) '17 Yayoi Sho (G2, Cadenas)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Jockey] Yuga Kawada

Date of Birth	: October 15, 1985	
Debut Year	: 2004	
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2004	
Career Record	: 9,330 starts, 1,214 wins, 1,036 seconds, 928 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 486 starts, 79 wins, 87 seconds, 63 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Sprinters Stakes (G1, Fine Needle) '18 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, Fine Needle) '18 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Satono Diamond)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts, 1 third	

2017 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) winner **Kiseki** is coming off a third in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) where he immediately took command from gate 10 and continued to hold on well in the homestretch but was overtaken by Rey de Oro 100 meters out and nosed out by Sungrazer at the wire. The four-year-old dark bay kicked off this season with a ninth and an eighth in the Nikkei Sho and the Takarazuka Kinen, respectively, but picked up his form coming into the fall season in the Mainichi Okan as he chased the pace in second and rallied persistently in the stretch while carrying the heaviest weight of the field and finished a neck short of the runner-up for third place.

Sired by *Rulership*, winner of the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong and third in the Japan Cup that year, **Kiseki** won his only race as a two-year-old with a comfortable 3-1/2-length victory in December. He then marked a fifth and a third in his first two starts of his three-year-old season before his first graded challenge in the Mainichi Hai where he finished a respectable third, a length behind subsequent Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) victor Al Ain.

While unable to qualify for the first two legs of the Triple Crown, **Kiseki** came back fresh from a four-month break to land two consecutive wins in allowance races against senior contenders, both by turning in the fastest late drive after traveling third from last. He then marked a runner-up effort in the Kobe Shimbun Hai, finishing two lengths behind Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner Rey de Oro. Breaking slowly over soft going under the heavy rain in the last leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho, the race favorite traveled wide in mid-division toward the rear and exploded powerfully into the homestretch and further accelerated after taking the front 200 meters out for a two-length victory. Though his first overseas challenge in the Hong Kong Vase resulted in ninth, he concluded his three-year-old season with three wins, a second and two thirds out of eight starts.



2017 Kikuka Sho



2017 Shinanogawa Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Kiseki

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 10.28	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [496]	10 (6)	- 1 1 1 (34.7)	3 / 12 Rey de Oro	1:56.8 (0.2)
10.07	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [504]	1 (6)	- 2 2 2 (33.9)	3 / 13 Aerolithe	1:44.5 (0.2)
06.24	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	M. Demuro (58.0) [494]	16 (2)	14 15 15 15 (35.9)	8 / 16 Mikki Rocket	2:11.6 (0.9)
03.24	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [496]	14 (1)	3 1 1 1 (36.7)	9 / 15 Ganko	2:33.9 (0.7)
'17 12.10	Hong Kong Vase (G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [491]	3	12 10 6 7	9 / 12 Highland Reel	2:26.2 (1.5)
10.22	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St.Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Soft	M. Demuro (57.0) [488]	13 (1)	14 14 12 7 (39.6)	1 / 18 (Clincher)	3:18.9 (0.3)
09.24	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [486]	5 (2)	9 10 9 10 (33.9)	2 / 14 Rey de Oro	2:24.6 (0.3)
08.05	Shinanogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (54.0) [498]	5 (1)	- - 12 12 (32.9)	1 / 14 (Black Platinum)	1:56.9 (0.2)
07.15	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [490]	4 (1)	11 11 10 11 (33.2)	1 / 13 (Suzuka Deep)	1:59.1 (0.3)
03.25	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	A. Starke (56.0) [482]	6 (7)	- - 7 7 (33.4)	3 / 8 Al Ain	1:46.5 (0.2)
02.26	Sumire Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [486]	5 (1)	5 5 5 5 (36.3)	3 / 7 Clincher	2:14.1 (0.9)
01.29	Saintpaulia Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (56.0) [496]	7 (1)	- 6 4 5 (33.4)	5 / 11 Daiwa Cagney	1:47.7 (0.4)
'16 12.11	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [494]	4 (2)	- - 3 3 (34.5)	1 / 8 (Granny's Chips)	1:49.5 (0.6)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	4	1	4	4	13	0.308	0.385	0.692
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	2	0	2	1	5	0.400	0.400	0.800
	Right-handed	2	1	2	3	8	0.250	0.375	0.625
Going	Firm	3	1	4	3	11	0.273	0.364	0.727
	Good	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Yielding								
	Soft	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	1	0	2	1	4	0.250	0.250	0.750
	1,900m-2,100m	2	0	1	0	3	0.667	0.667	1.000
	2,101m-2,700m	0	1	1	3	5	0.000	0.200	0.400
	2,701m-	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000

Mikki Swallow

Age (Date of Foaling) : 4 (February 26, 2014)
Origin : Japan
Sex / Color : Colt / Bay
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam) : Tosen Homareboshi / Madre Bonita (Jungle Pocket)
Breeder : Northern Farm
Owner : Mizuki Noda
Career Record : 10 starts, 3 wins, 1 second, 1 third
Career Earnings : ¥ 117,491,000
'18 Season Record : 3 starts, 1 second
Principal Race Performances : '17 St. Lite Kinen (G2) 1st
'18 American Jockey Club Cup (G2) 2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances : None

[Trainer] Takanori Kikuzawa

Date of Birth : February 10, 1970
License Issued : 2010
Date of First Win : March 21, 2011
Career Record : 1,864 starts, 142 wins, 130 seconds, 126 thirds
'18 Season Record : 206 starts, 21 wins, 15 seconds, 15 thirds
Recent Career Highlights : '18 Mainichi Okan (G2, Aerolithe)
'17 NHK Mile Cup (G1, Aerolithe)
'17 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Mikki Swallow)
Past Japan Cup Performances : None



[Jockey] Norihiro Yokoyama

Date of Birth : February 23, 1968
Debut Year : 1986
Date of First Win : April 29, 1986
Career Record : 19,345 starts, 2,728 wins, 2,320 seconds,
2,026 thirds
'18 Season Record : 385 starts, 46 wins, 35 seconds, 27 thirds
Recent Career Highlights : '18 JBC Ladies' Classic (Ange Desir)
'18 Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, Miss Panthere)
'18 Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, Miss Panthere)
Past Japan Cup Performances : 18 starts, 1 second, 1 third



Mikki Swallow is a grade-race winner of the St. Lite Kinen as a three-year-old and is lightly raced this season. Carefully chosen for his first four-year-old comeback was the American Jockey Club Cup, where he traveled two off the rear, made headway after the third corner, entered the lane in third and with the fastest closing speed, ran on gamely to the wire but was two-lengths short from the winner to finish second. In his second G1 challenge in the following G1 Osaka Hai, he saved ground towards the rear, circled wide at the last turn and stretched willingly but was three lengths from the front in fifth. Given a four-month layoff, the four-year-old then started in the Sapporo Kinen as third favorite and hit the straight with plenty left from racing near the rear but met traffic in the final furlong and lost momentum, giving way to 13th. He is coming into the race fresh from a three-month break for his first Japan Cup challenge.

Still physically immature as a two-year-old, the *Tosen Homareboshi* colt began his career in February of his three-year-old season and broke his maiden in his second start where he advanced from a rearward position and took command at the furlong pole to win by 3-1/2 lengths. A consecutive win followed in the Himesayuri Sho in which he raced in mid-division, circled wide into the lane and drew clear 100 meters to a 1-1/4-length victory. However, he missed his chance to start in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) from turning in a fifth in his first graded start, the G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai.

After marking a close third in the Iwaki Tokubetsu that summer, the Takanori Kikuzawa-trained colt claimed his first graded win in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) trial, the St. Lite Kinen, in which he sat in mid-pack, switched to the outside in early stretch and picked off Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) victor Al Ain 100 meters out to win by 1-3/4 lengths. The bay colt advanced position into the lane from traveling wide in the last leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho, but was unable to handle the soft track and longer distance, weakening in the last 100 meters for sixth.

He has a record of being timed the fastest over the last three furlongs in six of his 10 career starts which he hopes to demonstrate in his first left-handed and 2,400 meter-distanced race in the Japan Cup.



2017 St. Lite Kinen



2017 Himesayuri Sho



Career Performances of Mikki Swallow

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 08.19	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [482]	14 (3)	11	9	11	13 / 16 Sungrazer	2:01.1 (1.7)
04.01	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [474]	1 (5)	14	13	13 10	5 / 16 Suave Richard	1:58.2 (0.5)
01.21	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [484]	3 (1)	9	9	3 3	2 / 11 Danburite	2:13.3 (0.3)
'17 10.22	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St.Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Soft	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [480]	12 (3)	11	11	11 3	6 / 18 Kiseki	3:18.9 (0.8)
09.18	St.Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [482]	5 (2)	8	6	6 6 6	1 / 15 (Al Ain)	2:12.7 (0.3)
07.22	Iwaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Kikuzawa (54.0) [484]	8 (1)	9	9	10 9	3 / 10 Cosmo Nine Ball	1:48.5 (0.0)
05.06	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Kikuzawa (56.0) [488]	8 (4)	6	6	5 3	5 / 12 Platinum Bullet	2:15.2 (0.1)
04.08	Himesayuri Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Kikuzawa (56.0) [488]	6 (4)	8	7	6 4	1 / 13 (Dream Soldier)	1:59.9 (0.2)
03.26	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Kikuzawa (53.0) [494]	5 (3)	14	15	16 5	1 / 18 (Freezing Rain)	2:16.0 (0.6)
02.25	Three-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Kikuzawa (53.0) [496]	11 (5)	14	14	14 14	5 / 14 Strong Refil	2:07.6 (0.5)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	3	1	1	5	10	0.300	0.400	0.500
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed								
	Right-handed	3	1	1	5	10	0.300	0.400	0.500
Going	Firm	3	1	1	3	8	0.375	0.500	0.625
	Good	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Yielding								
	Soft	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	0	0	1	0	1	0.000	0.000	1.000
	1,900m-2,100m	1	0	0	3	4	0.250	0.250	0.250
	2,101m-2,700m	2	1	0	1	4	0.500	0.750	0.750
	2,701m-	0	0	0	1	1	0.000	0.000	0.000

Noble Mars

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (May 10, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Jungle Pocket / I and You (Silver Hawk)	
Breeder	: Tagami Farm	
Owner	: Nobuhiko Yoshiki	
Career Record	: 30 starts, 5 wins, 6 seconds, 8 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 201,195,000	
'18 Season Record	: 7 starts, 1 win, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	3rd
	: '18 Meguro Kinen (G2)	2nd
	: '15 Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Hiroshi Miyamoto

Date of Birth	: March 27, 1963
License Issued	: 2003
Date of First Win	: May 9, 2004
Career Record	: 3,605 starts, 294 wins, 326 seconds, 302 thirds
'18 Season Record	: 228 starts, 22 wins, 19 seconds, 18 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Kyoto Kinen (G2, Clincher)
	: '17 Shinzan Kinen (G3, Kyohei)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



[Jockey] Ryo Takakura

Date of Birth	: September 4, 1991
Debut Year	: 2010
Date of First Win	: March 14, 2010
Career Record	: 4,949 starts, 212 wins, 232 seconds, 220 thirds
'18 Season Record	: 335 starts, 12 wins, 8 seconds, 13 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Shinzan Kinen (G3, Kyohei)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



Five-year-old **Noble Mars**, while yet to capture a graded victory, made a spectacular G1 debut in the Takarazuka Kinen in June this year where the 12th favorite followed Mikki Rocket into the stretch and, while unable to match the winner and outpaced by Hong Kong raider Werther, held on well for third place. The chestnut is coming off a ninth in the Copa Republica Argentina, in which he again chased the leader in second or third but was outrun in the last 200 meters.

The son of *Jungle Pocket* broke his maiden in his fourth start as a two-year-old with a wire-to-wire victory and capped off his debut season with a win, a second and two thirds out of six starts, which included a third-place finish in the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes, his first graded attempt.

Runner-up to subsequent derby winner Makahiki in his second start of his three-year-old season in the Wakagoma Stakes, **Noble Mars** scored his second victory with another wire-to-wire victory in the Yukiyanagi Sho but was unable qualify for the classics. He captured another victory with a 2-1/2-length margin against older horses in October and capped off the season with a fifth before taking a four-month break. While consistent during his four-year-old season, his only win was in the Sanda Tokubetsu in June where he angled wide from mid-division and ran the fastest over the last three furlongs for a 1-3/4-length victory. His performance that year was 1-2-2 out of seven starts.

He kicked off his five-year-old season with the Geishun Stakes where he took command entering the lane and accelerated for a two-length victory. Though unsuccessful in his next two starts including his first graded challenge in a year and a half, he marked a runner-up effort in the Metropolitan Stakes at the same course and distance as the Japan Cup—the seventh pick hugged the rails in third and took the front coming into the homestretch but was overtaken to reach the wire 3/4 length behind the winner. He was second again in the following Meguro Kinen, a 2,500-meter G2 race also taken place at Tokyo, where he saved ground in third and stretched well in the last 200 meters after escaping traffic.



2018 Geishun Stakes



2017 Sanda Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Noble Mars

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'18 11.04	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [496]	2 (5)	2	2	3	3	9 / 12 Perform a Promise	2:33.7 (0.7)
06.24	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	R. Takakura (58.0) [490]	2 (12)	10	9	7	7	3 / 16 Mikki Rocket	2:11.6 (0.5)
05.27	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Takakura (55.0) [490]	4 (10)	3	2	2	3	2 / 16 Win Tenderness	2:29.7 (0.1)
05.05	Metropolitan Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [486]	1 (7)	3	3	2	2	2 / 11 Best Approach	2:24.8 (0.1)
04.15	Fukushima Mimpo Hai (Open Class)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	R. Takakura (55.0) [496]	14 (3)	8	8	6	7	7 / 16 Meiner Sage	2:00.8 (0.7)
03.24	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [492]	6 (9)	6	6	7	6	8 / 15 Ganko	2:33.9 (0.6)
01.08	Geishun Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	R. Takakura (57.0) [494]	6 (1)	3	3	2	2	1 / 9 (Umbruch)	2:16.9 (0.3)
'17 12.09	Orion Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [498]	11 (2)	3	3	4	2	5 / 11 Legend Cellar	2:29.1 (0.3)
11.11	Hiei Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	R. Takakura (57.0) [496]	9 (4)	3	3	3	2	2 / 9 Queen Charm	2:13.9 (0.0)
10.21	Koto Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Yielding	R. Takakura (56.0) [490]	4 (4)	2	2	2	2	3 / 9 Tomiken Slava	2:33.0 (0.2)
06.11	Sanda Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	R. Takakura (57.5) [484]	2 (1)	6	5	8	8	1 / 11 (Vafuram)	2:11.4 (0.3)
05.21	Shimogamo Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [482]	6 (4)	5	5	4	4	3 / 11 Vosges	1:58.2 (0.4)
04.29	Karasuma Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (55.0) [482]	11 (7)	3	4	4	3	2 / 12 Saratoga Spirit	2:23.9 (0.1)
04.02	Midosuji Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (55.0) [482]	5 (4)	1	1	1	1	4 / 8 Altar	2:28.0 (0.7)
'16 11.19	Hiei Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	R. Takakura (55.0) [484]	3 (2)	1	1	1	1	5 / 8 Spirits Minoru	2:13.5 (0.3)
10.29	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (54.0) [480]	5 (1)	1	1	1	1	1 / 6 (Etreindre)	2:29.2 (0.4)
10.09	Kiyotaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Good	R. Takakura (55.0) [474]	10 (1)	-	-	5	5	3 / 13 Break the Pocket	1:46.9 (0.2)
09.18	St.Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [470]	11 (8)	5	5	5	4	5 / 12 Dee Majesty	2:13.1 (0.4)
05.28	Shirayuri Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [470]	2 (7)	-	-	1	1	3 / 9 Black Spinel	1:47.8 (0.1)
04.30	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [472]	10 (9)	2	2	2	2	7 / 13 Vanquish Run	2:24.2 (1.4)
03.12	Yukiyanagi Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [476]	3 (2)	1	1	1	1	1 / 7 (Namura Heihachiro)	2:28.8 (0.0)
02.13	Asunaro Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Good	R. Takakura (56.0) [474]	5 (1)	2	2	2	2	3 / 13 Mount Robson	1:59.8 (0.3)
01.23	Wakagoma Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [474]	1 (5)	1	1	1	1	2 / 8 Makahiki	2:02.4 (0.2)
01.10	Shinzan Kinen (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [472]	12 (10)	-	-	11	10	7 / 18 Logi Cry	1:34.1 (0.5)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.14	Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Good	R. Takakura (55.0) [470]	10 (7)	- - 2 2 (34.9)	3 / 14 Air Spinel	1:35.9 (0.7)
10.31	Hagi Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Takakura (55.0) [468]	3 (5)	- - 1 1 (34.7)	4 / 5 Black Spinel	1:47.6 (0.2)
08.08	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Takakura (54.0) [456]	11 (2)	1 1 1 1 (36.5)	1 / 15 (Echidna)	1:48.6 (0.2)
07.12	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Chukyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	R. Takakura (54.0) [458]	12 (7)	- 7 7 7 (35.6)	5 / 15 Daring Edge	1:37.5 (0.4)
06.27	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Yielding	R. Takakura (54.0) [460]	8 (4)	- - 2 2 (36.4)	3 / 9 Meiner Sagra	1:37.7 (0.3)
06.06	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	R. Takakura (54.0) [456]	1 (7)	- - 1 1 (34.5)	2 / 8 Win Oscar	1:40.5 (0.0)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	5	6	8	11	30	0.167	0.367	0.633
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	0	2	0	3	5	0.000	0.400	0.400
	Right-handed	5	4	8	8	25	0.200	0.360	0.680
Going	Firm	5	6	2	10	23	0.217	0.478	0.565
	Good	0	0	4	1	5	0.000	0.000	0.800
	Yielding	0	0	2	0	2	0.000	0.000	1.000
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	1	1	4	3	9	0.111	0.222	0.667
	1,900m-2,100m	0	1	2	1	4	0.000	0.250	0.750
	2,101m-2,700m	4	4	2	7	17	0.235	0.471	0.588
	2,701m-								

Satono Crown

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (March 10, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Marju / Jioconda (Rossini)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 19 starts, 7 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 632,103,100	
'18 Season Record	: 2 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '16 Hong Kong Vase (G1)	1st
	: '16&'17 Kyoto Kinen (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '17 (10th)	

[Trainer] Noriyuki Hori

Date of Birth	: November 9, 1967
License Issued	: 2002
Date of First Win	: May 17, 2003
Career Record	: 3,460 starts, 536 wins, 356 seconds, 337 thirds
'18 Season Record	: 219 starts, 42 wins, 20 seconds, 20 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Satono Crown) '17 Stayers Stakes (G2, Albert) '17 Nakayama Kinen (G2, Neorealism)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts, 1 third



[Jockey] William Buick

Date of Birth	: July 22, 1988
Date of First Ride	: November 24, 2012
Date of First Win	: January 5, 2013
Career Record	: 230 starts, 22 wins, 21 seconds, 18 thirds
'18 Season Record	: 11 starts, 1 win, 2 seconds
Recent Performances in Japan	: '18 Mile Championship (G1, Stelvio) '14 Hanshin Cup (G2, Real Impact) '14 Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, Bell Lap)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 Starts, 1 third



*JRA races only (as of November 18)

Satono Crown kicked off this season with his third overseas endeavor in the Dubai Sheema Classic in March but was unable to show his usual late kick following disadvantages early in the race. Though failing to defend his title in the following Takarazuka Kinen, the son of *Marju* is fresh out of a five-month summer break to aim for his first win in 18 months.

Winning both his two-year-old starts including the G3 Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes, he kicked off his three-year-old season with another graded victory in the Yayoi Sho. While being posted race favorite in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), the dark bay was unable to make up ground in the stretch after racing in the rear due to a slow break and finished sixth. He displayed an impressive late drive from the rear in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) but was two lengths short of *Duramente* to finish third and concluded his three-year-old season with a disappointing 17th in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), his first challenge against older horses.

Satono Crown came back the following season with a win in the Kyoto Kinen, pressing the pace in second and taking the front in the last corner for a comfortable three-length margin. He was, however, heavily defeated in his first overseas expedition to Hong Kong in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in April. He was unable to bounce back to form returning to Japan, finishing sixth and 14th in the Takarazuka Kinen and the Tenno Sho (Autumn), respectively, but regained his powerful late charge when taking on his second overseas challenge in the Hong Kong Vase where he was caught between horses entering the lane but weaved his way and broke loose from the pack 300 meters out, nailing Highland Reel just in time for an upset victory.

He kicked off his five-year-old season with back-to-back wins in the Kyoto Kinen, winning out a fierce rally with multiple grade-race winners. After finishing sixth in the Osaka Hai, he registered his first JRA-G1 title in the Takarazuka Kinen in June, where he broke from the outermost draw and exerted the fastest late kick on soft track. He launched his fall campaign with a close second in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), where he came looming up inside *Kitasan Black* in the lane and just missed by a neck, but was below form thereafter, concluding the season with double-digit finishes in the Japan Cup and the Arima Kinen.



2017 Takarazuka Kinen



2016 Hong Kong Vase

Career Performances of Satono Crown

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 06.24	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	S. Ishibashi (58.0) [482]	9 (6)	7	8	8	9	12 / 16 Mikki Rocket	2:11.6 (1.2)
03.31	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	J. Moreira (57.0)	8	8	9	9	7	7 / 10 Hawkbill	2:29.4 (1.3)
'17 12.24	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [496]	12 (4)	10	10	10	11	13 / 16 Kitasan Black	2:33.6 (1.0)
11.26	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [496]	12 (3)	13	12	11	7	10 / 17 Cheval Grand	2:23.7 (1.5)
10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	M. Demuro (58.0) [498]	2 (2)	-	7	2	2	2 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (0.0)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	M. Demuro (58.0) [488]	11 (3)	7	6	6	6	1 / 11 (Gold Actor)	2:11.4 (0.1)
04.02	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [478]	7 (3)	5	5	6	5	6 / 14 Kitasan Black	1:58.9 (0.4)
02.12	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	M. Demuro (58.0) [490]	6 (3)	3	3	3	3	1 / 10 (Smart Layer)	2:14.1 (0.2)
'16 12.11	Hong Kong Vase (G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	2400 Firm	J. Moreira (57.0) [484]	9	10	9	8	5	1 / 14 (Highland Reel)	2:26.2 (0.1)
10.30	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [480]	4 (8)	-	5	5	4	14 / 15 Maurice	1:59.3 (1.5)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Iwata (58.0) [480]	15 (9)	13	13	14	9	6 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (0.7)
04.24	Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	2000 Good	Z. Purton (57.0) [477]	8	4	6	9	12	12 / 13 Werther	2:01.3 (3.0)
02.14	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Yielding	M. Demuro (56.0) [474]	7 (6)	2	2	3	1	1 / 15 (Touching Speech)	2:17.7 (0.5)
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [480]	3 (7)	-	5	4	4	17 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (1.5)
05.31	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [470]	11 (3)	14	14	14	13	3 / 18 Duramente	2:23.2 (0.3)
04.19	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [474]	8 (1)	12	12	13	9	6 / 15 Duramente	1:58.2 (0.7)
03.08	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [482]	4 (2)	4	6	5	4	1 / 11 (Bright Emblem)	2:01.8 (0.2)
'14 11.24	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Moore (55.0) [474]	1 (4)	-	9	10	10	1 / 13 (Avenir Marcher)	1:47.9 (0.0)
10.25	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [468]	10 (2)	-	7	7	8	1 / 16 (Ontology)	1:50.0 (0.2)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	7	1	1	10	19	0.368	0.421	0.474
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	2	1	1	4	8	0.250	0.375	0.500
	Right-handed	5	0	0	6	11	0.455	0.455	0.455
Going	Firm	3	0	1	7	11	0.273	0.273	0.364
	Good	3	0	0	3	6	0.500	0.500	0.500
	Yielding	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
	Soft	0	1	0	0	1	0.000	1.000	1.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	2	0	0	0	2	1.000	1.000	1.000
	1,900m-2,100m	1	1	0	5	7	0.143	0.286	0.286
	2,101m-2,700m	4	0	1	5	10	0.400	0.400	0.500
	2,701m-								



Satono Diamond

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (January 30, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Malpensa (Orpen)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 16 starts, 8 wins, 1 second, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 866,246,900	
'18 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 win, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Arima Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '16 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	1st
	: '18 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yasutoshi Ikee

Date of Birth	: January 13, 1969	
License Issued	: 2003	
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2004	
Career Record	: 4,078 starts, 623 wins, 480 seconds, 403 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 273 starts, 37 wins, 38 seconds, 28 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Satono Diamond) '18 Epsom Cup (G3, Satono Arthur) '17 Mile Championship (G1, Persian Knight)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 9 starts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds	

[Jockey] Joao Moreira

Date of Birth	: September 26, 1983	
Date of First Ride	: June 8, 2014	
Date of First Win	: August 29, 2015	
Career Record	: 297 starts, 101 wins, 49 seconds, 31 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 167 starts, 63 wins, 24 seconds, 19 thirds	
Recent Performances in Japan	: '18 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, Lys Gracieux) '18 Mainichi Okan (G2, Aerolithe) '18 Keeneland Cup (G3, Nac Venus)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

*JRA races only

The 2016 Best-Three-Year-Old Colt **Satono Diamond** is coming off a win in the Kyoto Daishoten where he was rated around 6-7th in a field of 11, took command 200 meters out and held off the strong challenges from behind for a 1/2-length victory, his first win in seven starts. He is looking to capture his third G1 title at Tokyo Racecourse where he succumbed to a nose second in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby).

The son of *Deep Impact* showed great potential from his two-year-old debut, scoring three consecutive wins including his first start as a three-year-old in the Kisaragi Sho, where he exerted an impressive late kick to claim his first graded victory with a 3-1/2-length margin. His first G1 challenge as odds-on-favorite in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) resulted in a third due to a disadvantage at the lane and he fell just short of claiming the Tokyo Yushun, outdueled by Makahiki to a photo-finish second.

Launching his autumn season with a win in the Kobe Shimbun Hai, defeating the subsequent Takarazuka Kinen winner Mikki Rocket, **Satono Diamond** captured his first G1 title in the following Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) where he hugged the rails in mid-division, took a wide turn rounding the last corners and easily accelerated after taking command 300 meters out for a 2-1/2-length win. He continued to fare well against older caliber in the year-end Arima Kinen as he chased *Kitasan Black* and quickened strongly in the last 100 meters for a neck victory.

Satono Diamond extended his winning streak to four by winning his kickoff start of his four-year-old season in the Hanshin Daishoten, pinning *Cheval Grand* 100 meters out for a 1-1/2-margin win. He then finished 1-1/2-margin third from record-breaking *Kitasan Black* in the following Tenno Sho (Spring). His first overseas expedition after a lengthy summer break resulted in a fourth and a disappointing 15th in the Prix Foy and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, respectively.

While showing an improvement in his performance in the Kinko Sho this year, running the fastest last three furlongs for third place, he was unable to exhibit his usual late kick in the following Osaka Hai and the Takarazuka Kinen.



2016 Arima Kinen



2016 Kikuka Sho

Career Performances of Satono Diamond

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 10.08	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [512]	2 (2)	6	6	7	4	1 / 11 (Red Genova)	2:25.4 (0.1)
06.24	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	C. Lemaire (58.0) [508]	3 (1)	14	9	8	2	6 / 16 Mikki Rocket	2:11.6 (0.8)
04.01	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (57.0) [508]	2 (3)	6	5	12	12	7 / 16 Suave Richard	1:58.2 (1.0)
03.11	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Good	C. Lemaire (57.0) [506]	5 (2)	5	5	5	6	3 / 9 Suave Richard	2:01.6 (0.3)
'17 10.01	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Yielding	C. Lemaire (59.5)	9					15 / 18 Enable	2:28.6 (1.9)
09.10	Prix Foy (G2)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Yielding	C. Lemaire (58.0)	5					4 / 6 Dschingis Secret	2:35.8 (0.6)
04.30	Tenno Sho(Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	C. Lemaire (58.0) [506]	15 (2)	7	7	7	5	3 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5 (0.2)
03.19	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [506]	9 (1)	7	8	8	4	1 / 10 (Cheval Grand)	3:02.6 (0.2)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [502]	11 (1)	4	3	3	3	1 / 16 (Kitasan Black)	2:32.6 (0.0)
10.23	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St.Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [498]	3 (1)	8	8	9	5	1 / 18 (Rainbow Line)	3:03.3 (0.4)
09.25	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [500]	14 (1)	6	7	8	8	1 / 15 (Mikki Rocket)	2:25.7 (0.0)
05.29	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [500]	8 (2)	7	7	6	7	2 / 18 Makahiki	2:24.0 (0.0)
04.17	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [504]	11 (1)	8	8	9	5	3 / 18 Dee Majesty	1:57.9 (0.4)
02.07	Kisaragi Sho (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [498]	9 (1)	-	-	5	4	1 / 9 (Les Planches)	1:46.9 (0.6)
'15 12.26	Two-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Good	C. Lemaire (55.0) [500]	11 (1)	8	8	8	6	1 / 15 (Queen's Best)	2:03.8 (0.6)
11.08	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Yielding	C. Lemaire (55.0) [502]	6 (1)	2	2	2	3	1 / 10 (Leukerbad)	2:03.8 (0.4)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	8	1	3	4	16	0.500	0.563	0.750
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	0	1	1	0	2	0.000	0.500	1.000
	Right-handed	8	0	2	4	14	0.571	0.571	0.714
Going	Firm	6	1	2	1	10	0.600	0.700	0.900
	Good	1	0	1	1	3	0.333	0.333	0.667
	Yielding	1	0	0	2	3	0.333	0.333	0.333
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
	1,900m-2,100m	2	0	2	1	5	0.400	0.400	0.800
	2,101m-2,700m	3	1	0	3	7	0.429	0.571	0.571
	2,701m-	2	0	1	0	3	0.667	0.667	1.000

Sounds of Earth

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 7 (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	: 28 starts, 2 wins, 8 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 481,496,000	
'18 Season Record	: 3 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Japan Cup (G1)	2nd
	: '15 Arima Kinen (G1)	2nd
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '17 (12th), '16 (2nd), '15 (5th)	

[Trainer] Kenichi Fujioka

Date of Birth	: January 1, 1961	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: May 24, 2003	
Career Record	: 4,018 starts, 429 wins, 390 seconds, 312 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 243 starts, 23 wins, 26 seconds, 19 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, He's in Love) '16 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Jeweler) '16 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, Big Arthur)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts, 1 second	

[Jockey] Hironobu Tanabe

Date of Birth	: February 12, 1984	
Debut Year	: 2002	
Date of First Win	: August 3, 2002	
Career Record	: 9,892 starts, 788 wins, 766 seconds, 827 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 672 starts, 76 wins, 66 seconds, 71 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Generale Uno) '18 Chukyo Kinen (G3, Greater London) '18 Queen Cup (G3, Tetradrachm)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts	

Seven-year-old **Sounds of Earth**, while yet to capture a graded victory, boasts seven runner-up efforts at the graded level, three of them G1, including the 2016 Japan Cup. Though unable to finish within the money since then, he is beginning to regain his strong late charge, running the third fastest over the last three furlongs in two out of three starts this year—the Sapporo Kinen in August where he stretched well after traveling close to the rear and rallied with the top three finishers, which included derby winner Makahiki, to finish 0.1 seconds behind the winner in fourth, and the previous Mainichi Okan where he advanced from the rear with strong but belated charge for a ninth.

Winless in three starts as a two-year-old, **Sounds of Earth** landed his first victory in his three-year-old debut and marked another win before coming in second in his first graded challenge, the 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 impressive as the dark bay rallied strongly for a head second. He was runner-up again in the following Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger).

Finishing fourth and ninth in his first two starts of his four-year-old season, the son of *Neo Universe* launched his autumn campaign with a runner-up effort in the Kyoto Daishoten and was fifth in his first Japan Cup challenge where he stretched well coming into the lane but weakened in the last 100 meters. **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 but just missed by a neck.

He kicked off his five-year-old season with another runner-up effort in the Nikkei Sho and finished a disappointing 15th in his second Tenno Sho (Spring) challenge but gradually showed an uplift in his performance, finishing fourth in the Kyoto Daishoten then coming in 2-1/2 lengths behind Kitanan Black and besting the rest of the field in his second Japan Cup challenge. His six-year-old season was not so fruitful, finishing sixth in his first overseas challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic and marking double-digit finishes in the Kyoto Daishoten and the Japan Cup but showing good effort to finish seventh, 0.6 seconds behind *Kitanan Black* in the year-end Arima Kinen.



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.))
'18 10.07	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Tanabe (56.0) [492]	11 (10)	-	12 12	11	9 / 13 Aerolithe	1:44.5 (0.9)
08.19	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Fujioka (57.0) [496]	12 (13)	12	12 13	9	4 / 16 Sungrazer	2:01.1 (0.1)
05.27	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Bowman (58.0) [498]	5 (5)	5	9 11	10	12 / 16 Win Tenderness	2:29.7 (1.2)
'17 12.24	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	C. Demuro (57.0) [512]	16 (14)	15	14 13	15	7 / 16 Kitasan Black	2:33.6 (0.6)
11.26	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.0) [502]	5 (11)	14	14 14	15	12 / 17 Cheval Grand	2:23.7 (1.5)
10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [500]	2 (2)	6	6 6	8	13 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (1.6)
08.20	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [512]	7 (4)	3	5 6	6	4 / 13 Sakura Empereur	2:00.4 (0.3)
03.25	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Good	C. Lemaire (57.0)	4	4	4 4	6	6 / 7 Jack Hobbs	2:32.3 (1.8)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [506]	6 (4)	11	12 10	8	8 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.8)
11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	12 (5)	7	7 9	9	2 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.4)
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)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'13 11.16	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [492]	12 (1)	- - 9 8 (35.0)	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 (33.6)	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 (34.7)	5 / 13 A Shin Allonsy	2:02.1 (0.5)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf Dirt	2	8	1	17	28	0.071	0.357	0.393
Course	Left-handed Right-handed	0 2	1 7	0 1	6 11	7 21	0.000 0.095	0.143 0.429	0.143 0.476
Going	Firm Good Yielding Soft	2 0	8 0	1 0	15 2	26 2	0.077 0.000	0.385 0.000	0.423 0.000
Distance	1,000m-1,300m 1,301m-1,899m 1,900m-2,100m 2,101m-2,700m 2,701m-		0 1 0	0 1 0	2 3 10	3 6 16	0.000 0.333 0.000	0.333 0.333 0.375	0.333 0.500 0.375 0.333

Suave Richard

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 10, 2014)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Pirramimma (Unbridled's Song)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: NICKS Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 12 starts, 5 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 465,034,000	
'18 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 Osaka Hai (G1)	1st
	: '18 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '17 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yasushi Shono

Date of Birth	: March 2, 1970	
License Issued	: 2006	
Date of First Win	: June 2, 2007	
Career Record	: 2,288 starts, 203 wins, 164 seconds, 177 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 183 starts, 22 wins, 10 seconds, 22 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Osaka Hai (G1, Suave Richard) '18 Kinko Sho (G2, Suave Richard) '17 Copa Republica Argentina (G2, Suave Richard)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Jockey] Mirco Demuro

Date of Birth	: January 11, 1979	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015	
Date of First Win	: December 4, 1999	
Career Record	: 4,992 starts, 911 wins, 692 seconds, 535 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 569 starts, 136 wins, 108 seconds, 72 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 Osaka Hai (G1, Suave Richard) '18 Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Admire Mars) '18 Swan Stakes (G2, Lord Quest)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 11 starts, 1 win, 1 second Won: '08 Screen Hero (JPN, by Grass Wonder)	

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

Multiple grade-race winner **Suave Richard** kicked off his four-year-old campaign with a win in the G2 Kinko Sho where he chased the leader into the stretch and dug in well in the last half-furlong to grab the title by half a length. As race favorite in the following Osaka Hai, he overtook the whole field in the backstretch and held off all competition to prevail by 3/4 length, scoring his first G1 victory. In his next Yasuda Kinen start, after racing earlier in fifth, he was a major factor rallying for the lead in the last furlong but weakened in the final strides and finished third. Well rested, the son of *Heart's Cry* commenced his fall campaign in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) but was bumped after the break, lost momentum and turned in a tenth which is his only double-digit finish so far.

Suave Richard broke his maiden in his second start at two, taking command at the top of the straight from tracking in fourth and pulled away well to win by a length. The colt's first attempt at the graded level was as fourth pick in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes where he recovered well from racing far back following a slow break and assumed the lead 100 meters out while exhibiting the fastest late drive but was caught right before the wire to settle for a neck second.

Suave Richard's first start of his three-year-old season was in the Kyodo News Service Hai as second favorite where after sitting near the pace in fourth and overcoming traffic in early stretch, he accelerated from 300 meters out and was timed the fastest over the last 600 meters to score a 2-1/2-length victory. Sent off second pick once again in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), he was unable to make up ground after angling wide from mid-pack, finishing 0.4 second from the winner in sixth. In the Tokyo Yushun, the chestnut took an economic trip around seventh, turned wide and stormed down the lane, pinning all but the winner Rey de Oro for a 3/4-length second.

Refreshed from a lengthy rest after his derby runner-up effort, the colt exerted a good turn of foot in the G2 Copa Republica Argentina where he assumed command 300 meters out after saving ground in mid-pack and cruised to a comfortable 2-1/2-length victory. Then sent off second pick in the year-end Arima Kinen won by *Kitasan Black*, he uncoiled an impressive stretch run after racing wide near the rear but was outrun by Cheval Grand and Queens Ring in a fierce three-horse battle in the final strides for the place and was a close fourth.



2018 Osaka Hai



2017 Tokyo Yushun (left)

Career Performances of Suave Richard

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 10.28	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (58.0) [510]	5 (1)	-	11 10 11	10 / 12 Rey de Oro	1:56.8 (1.5)	
06.03	Yasuda Kinen (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	M. Demuro (58.0) [506]	1 (1)	-	- 5 5	3 / 16 Moza Ascot	1:31.3 (0.1)	
04.01	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [516]	15 (1)	15	15 1 1	1 / 16 (Persian Knight)	1:58.2 (0.1)	
03.11	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Good	M. Demuro (57.0) [520]	9 (1)	3	3 2 2	1 / 9 (Satono Noblesse)	2:01.6 (0.1)	
'17 12.24	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [510]	14 (2)	10	12 10 8	4 / 16 Kitasan Black	2:33.6 (0.2)	
11.05	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [502]	4 (1)	6	6 7 7	1 / 16 (Sole Impact)	2:30.0 (0.4)	
05.28	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [492]	4 (3)	7	7 7 5	2 / 18 Rey de Oro	2:26.9 (0.1)	
04.16	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [504]	2 (2)	6	9 11 10	6 / 18 Al Ain	1:57.8 (0.4)	
02.12	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [500]	1 (2)	-	4 6 6	1 / 11 (Etre Digne)	1:47.5 (0.4)	
'16 11.19	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	H. Shii (55.0) [498]	9 (4)	-	10 9 9	2 / 10 Bless Journey	1:48.3 (0.0)	
10.02	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Shii (55.0) [504]	7 (1)	3	3 4 2	1 / 10 (Piscadela)	2:04.0 (0.2)	
09.11	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [506]	9 (1)	7	7 7 7	2 / 9 Meliora	2:03.2 (0.0)	

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	5	3	1	3	12	0.417	0.667	0.750
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	3	2	1	1	7	0.429	0.714	0.857
	Right-handed	2	1	0	2	5	0.400	0.600	0.600
Going	Firm	3	2	1	3	9	0.333	0.556	0.667
	Good	2	1	0	0	3	0.667	1.000	1.000
	Yielding								
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	1	1	1	0	3	0.333	0.667	1.000
	1,900m-2,100m	3	1	0	2	6	0.500	0.667	0.667
	2,101m-2,700m	1	1	0	1	3	0.333	0.667	0.667
	2,701m-								

Win Tenderness

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 7, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Company / Moere Merci (Magic Miles)	
Breeder	: Asahi Bokujo	
Owner	: Win Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 31 starts, 6 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 148,986,000	
'18 Season Record	: 7 starts, 3 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '18 Meguro Kinen (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Haruki Sugiyama

Date of Birth	: December 24, 1981	
License Issued	: 2016	
Date of First Win	: October 29, 2016	
Career Record	: 501 starts, 39 wins, 40 seconds, 29 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 237 starts, 19 wins, 21 seconds, 12 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 JBC Classic (K T Brave) '18 Meguro Kinen (G2, Win Tenderness)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Jockey] Hiroyuki Uchida

Date of Birth	: July 26, 1970	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2008	
Date of First Win	: April 21, 2002	
Career Record	: 10,139 starts, 1,170 wins, 987 seconds, 980 thirds	
'18 Season Record	: 791 starts, 64 wins, 69 seconds, 61 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '18 February Stakes (G1, Nonkono Yume) '18 Meguro Kinen (G2, Win Tenderness) '18 Leopard Stakes (G3, Grimm)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 8 starts, 1 second	

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

Win Tenderness captured his first and much-anticipated grade-race title in this year's G2 Meguro Kinen where, as ninth-favorite, he settled in mid-pack, patiently waited for room ascending the stretch hill and accelerated between horses in the last furlong to excel by 3/4 length. The matured five-year-old has finally started to show his true form, registering half of his career wins this season alone. He also holds an impressive record of 4-3-1 out of 17 races run left-handed, among ten of which he has shown good closing speed that was timed among the top three fastest in the last three furlongs. The late developer is headed towards his first G1 outing in this year's Japan Cup.

The son of *Company* made his debut as a two-year-old and broke his maiden by scoring a comfortable two-length win in his fourth start but was heavily beaten when sent off to his first grade-race challenge at the end of the season. After eight starts in his three-year-old campaign, the chestnut was transferred to the yard of his present trainer in October and marked 1-1-1 in his remaining three starts of that year which included his Miharukoma Tokubetsu victory where he raced wide in mid-field and rallied well to the wire for a neck win. He also landed a win among eight starts the following year, in the Urasa Tokubetsu, where he gradually improved position racing wide near the rear and took over the lead 200 meters out for a half-length win over a track rated yielding.

Win Tenderness kicked off this season beaten to 10th in the Hakone Tokubetsu but then showcased an impressive performance in the following Komaki Tokubetsu where he made rapid headway from the rear with the fastest last three-furlong drive and dug in to win by a neck. After a sixth in his next start, he bounced back to form with a wire-to-wire two-length victory in the Ryokufu Stakes and was at Tokyo Racecourse two weeks later scoring his Meguro Kinen victory. He set the pace in the G2 Kyoto Daishoten but squandered his huge lead and retreated 300 meters out to finish sixth. In his most recent G2 Copa Republica Argentina start, he was quick out of a wide stall to take the front but ran out of steam and was pinned in the last 100 meters for fourth.



2018 Meguro Kinen



2018 Ryokufu Stakes

Career Performances of Win Tenderness

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'18 11.04	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Matsuoka (56.0) [504]	10 (4)	1	1	1	1 / 12 Perform a Promise	2:33.7 (0.3)
10.08	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [504]	11 (5)	1	1	1	6 / 11 Satono Diamond	2:25.4 (1.0)
05.27	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Uchida (54.0) [502]	3 (9)	5	7	6	5 / 16 (Noble Mars)	2:29.7 (0.1)
05.12	Ryokufu Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (54.0) [502]	4 (4)	1	1	1	1 / 13 (Look Twice)	2:22.9 (0.3)
04.21	Fuchu Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	5 (6)	-	7	7	7 / 12 Gruyeres	1:58.8 (0.2)
03.18	Komaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	F. Matsuwaka (57.0) [502]	1 (8)	9	9	9	8 / 10 (Matenro Ghost)	2:01.3 (0.0)
02.03	Hakone Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Good	Y. Hishida (55.0) [502]	5 (8)	14	15	13	15 / 16 Corcovado	2:27.0 (0.9)
'17 12.10	Nagoya Nikkan Sports Hai (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [500]	11 (4)	13	13	3	3 / 13 Gratticiel	2:01.7 (0.3)
11.19	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	D. Shibata (57.0) [500]	6 (3)	-	9	12	9 / 13 Curren Last Show	2:03.4 (0.7)
10.22	Urasa Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Yielding	Y. Hishida (57.0) [500]	9 (2)	-	-	8	6 / 10 (Genievre)	2:01.8 (0.1)
09.18	Kobu Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Good	Y. Hishida (57.0) [492]	8 (5)	8	8	9	9 / 10 Chestnut Coat	2:28.7 (0.4)
05.28	Aoarashi Sho (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Matsuoka (57.0) [498]	6 (7)	9	9	7	8 / 16 Look Twice	2:23.8 (1.0)
05.07	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [498]	4 (5)	-	9	10	8 / 10 Karabiner	2:01.9 (0.0)
04.16	Kanozan Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	D. Shibata (57.0) [498]	6 (5)	8	8	7	8 / 10 Theodore	1:58.7 (1.3)
03.20	Komaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Matsuyama (56.0) [492]	10 (2)	9	11	10	10 / 17 Kinsho Yukihime	2:01.8 (0.6)
'16 12.11	Nagoya Nikkan Sports Hai (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Hishida (56.0) [498]	7 (4)	8	8	3	3 / 9 Taisei Summit	2:01.9 (0.1)
11.12	Miharukoma Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Hishida (55.0) [498]	7 (4)	6	7	4	5 / 14 (F T Sparkle)	2:03.1 (0.0)
10.23	Urasa Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Hishida (55.0) [498]	7 (6)	-	-	6	6 / 11 Yamanin Elfin	2:01.8 (0.8)
10.02	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Good	R. Takakura (55.0) [484]	1 (8)	-	-	16	14 / 18 Queen Charm	1:46.8 (1.4)
05.29	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	R. Takakura (56.0) [478]	9 (3)	8	8	7	6 / 11 Meisho Tachimachi	2:00.1 (0.6)
05.14	Natsukodachi Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	D. Shibata (56.0) [478]	2 (6)	-	5	5	4 / 8 Masano Heroine	1:59.8 (0.2)
04.16	Yamafuji Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	D. Shibata (56.0) [474]	1 (8)	7	7	9	8 / 10 Seewind	2:01.1 (0.6)
04.02	Yamabuki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	D. Shibata (56.0) [472]	2 (9)	5	5	7	7 / 9 Miraieno Tsubasa	2:16.1 (0.8)
03.12	Floralwalk Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	F. Matsuwaka (56.0) [470]	1 (9)	-	4	5	4 / 10 Astra Emblem	1:36.5 (1.0)
02.21	Tsubaki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Good	R. Takakura (56.0) [470]	9 (6)	-	-	4	3 / 9 Namura Shingun	1:52.4 (1.4)
01.30	Baika Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Yielding	K. Kokubun (56.0) [470]	7 (9)	4	3	4	3 / 11 Admire Daio	2:29.9 (2.5)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.28	Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Kato (55.0) [488]	8 (11)	4 6 6 7 (35.2)	11 / 12 Dreadnoughtus	2:01.3 (1.5)
11.07	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Kato (52.0) [476]	2 (7)	2 2 2 2 (37.7)	1 / 13 (Reine de Corolle)	2:01.7 (0.3)
10.11	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Kato (52.0) [472]	3 (7)	4 4 3 3 (35.5)	4 / 8 Echidna	2:02.3 (0.8)
08.15	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Sameshima (51.0) [472]	2 (7)	5 4 7 7 (36.5)	5 / 9 Agnes Fairy	1:48.8 (1.4)
07.19	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Good	K. Matsuyama (54.0) [466]	1 (11)	4 4 5 4 (36.1)	9 / 11 Black Spinel	2:09.1 (1.7)

		1st	2nd	3rd	Below 4th	Starts	Win Ratio	Top 2 Ratio	Top 3 Ratio
Surface	Turf	6	3	2	20	31	0.194	0.290	0.355
	Dirt								
Course	Left-handed	4	3	1	9	17	0.235	0.412	0.471
	Right-handed	2	0	1	11	14	0.143	0.143	0.214
Going	Firm	4	3	2	14	23	0.174	0.304	0.391
	Good	1	0	0	5	6	0.167	0.167	0.167
	Yielding	1	0	0	1	2	0.500	0.500	0.500
	Soft								
Distance	1,000m-1,300m								
	1,301m-1,899m	0	0	0	4	4	0.000	0.000	0.000
	1,900m-2,100m	4	3	2	9	18	0.222	0.389	0.500
	2,101m-2,700m	2	0	0	7	9	0.222	0.222	0.222
	2,701m-								



The 38th Japan Cup

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Past Results of Foreign Runners



Year	Results	Horse	S&A	Country	Trainer	Jockey
1981 <1st>	1	Mairzy Doates (USA)	M5	USA	J. W. Fulton	C. Asmussen
	2	Frost King (CAN)	G3	CAN	B. Marko	L. Duffy
	3	The Very One (USA)	M6	USA	S. A. Dimauro	R. Migliore
	4	P'Tite Tete (FR)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	W. Shoemaker
	13	Own Opinion (IND)	H6	IND	A. B. Davidian	M. Jagdish
	14	Bridle Path (CAN)	H5	CAN	M. Benson	P. J. Souter
	15	Mr. Macho (CAN)	G4	CAN	L. N. Anderson	G. Stahlbaum
		Winner: Mairzy Doates (USA)	Winning Time: 2:25.3		15 runners	
1982 <2nd>	1	Half Iced (USA)	C3	USA	S. M. Hough	D. MacBeth
	2	All Along (FR)	F3	FR	P-L. Biancone	G. W. Moore
	3	April Run (IRE)	F4	FR	F. Boutin	C. Asmussen
	4	Stanerra (IRE)	F4	IRE	F. Dunne	W. Swinburn Sr
	7	Isle of Man (NZ)	C4	NZ	G. Hanlon	R. D. Vance
	10	Frost King (CAN)	G4	CAN	B. Marko	L. Duffy
	12	Scouting Miller (GB)	H5	ITY	L. Camici	G. Dettori
	13	John Henry (USA)	G7	USA	R. McAnally	W. Shoemaker
	14	Centurius (GB)	C4	IRE	L. Browne	M. Kinane
	15	Pageno (GER)	C3	GER	O. Langner	M. Hofer
		Winner: Half Iced (USA)	Winning Time: 2:27.1		15 runners	
1983 <3rd>	1	Stanerra (IRE)	M5	IRE	F. Dunne	B. Rouse
	3	Esprit Du Nord (USA)	C3	FR	J. Fellows	G. M. Moore
	4	Half Iced (USA)	C4	USA	S. M. Hough	E. Maple
	5	McGinty (NZ)	C4	NZ	C. M. Jillings	R. D. Vance
	8	Celio Rufo (GB)	C3	ITY	L. Camici	G. Dettori
	9	Erins Isle (IRE)	H5	USA	C. Whittingham	C. Asmussen
	13	High Hawk (IRE)	F3	GB	J. L. Dunlop	W. H. Carson
	14	Tombos (GB)	C4	GER	H. Jentzsch	G. Bocskai
	15	Canadian Factor (CAN)	C3	CAN	P. England	G. Stahlbaum
		Winner: Stanerra (IRE)	Winning Time: 2:27.6		16 runners	
1984 <4th>	2	Bedtime (GB)	G4	GB	W. Hern	W. H. Carson
	4	Majesty's Prince (USA)	H5	USA	J. Cantey	D. MacBeth
	5	Win (USA)	G4	USA	Ms. S. Bailie	A. Graell
	6	Kiwi (NZ)	G7	NZ	E. Lupton	J. Cassidy
	7	Strawberry Road (AUS)	H5	AUS	J. Nicholls	L. Piggott
	8	Bounty Hawk (NZ)	G4	AUS	J. Cummings	H. White
	9	Welnor (GB)	C3	ITY	G. Benetti	C. Asmussen
	11	Esprit Du Nord (USA)	C4	FR	J. Fellows	G. W. Moore
	12	Kaiserstern (GER)	H6	GER	O. Langner	E. Apter
	13	Bounding Away (CAN)	F3	CAN	M. Benson	D. Clark
		Winner: Katsuragi Ace (JPN)	Winning Time: 2:26.3		14 runners	
1985 <5th>	3	The Filbert (NZ)	G5	NZ	D. N. Couchman	G. A. Phillips
	4	Alydar's Best (USA)	F3	USA	J. Gosden	W. H. Carson
	5	Daun (GER)	C4	GER	T. Grierper	P. V. Gillson
	6	Nassipour (USA)	H5	USA	S. A. Dimauro	J-L. Samyn
	8	Gold and Ivory (USA)	C4	GB	I. Balding	P. Eddery
	9	St. Hilarion (USA)	C3	GB	G. Harwood	G. Starkey
	11	Nemain (USA)	C3	IRE	D. O'Brien	C. Roche
	13	Balitou (FR)	H6	FR	P-L. Biancone	E. Legrix
14	Spirit of Kingston (AUS)	F4	AUS	R. Hoysted	G. Willets	
		Winner: Symboli Rudolf (JPN)	Winning Time: 2:28.8		15 runners	

Year	Results	Horse	S&A	Country	Trainer	Jockey
1986 <6th>	1	Jupiter Island (GB)	H7	GB	C. E. Brittain	P. Eddery
	2	Allez Milord (USA)	C3	GB	G. Harwood	G. Starkey
	5	Waverley Star (NZ)	G4	NZ	D. J. O'Sullivan	L. A. O'Sullivan
	9	Carotene (CAN)	F3	CAN	R. Attfield	R. Platts
	11	Triptych (USA)	F4	FR	P-L. Biancone	A. S. Cruz
	12	Flying Pidgeon (USA)	H5	USA	L. Olivares	J. Velez
	13	Tommy Way (IRE)	C3	GB	J. L. Dunlop	W. H. Carson
Winner: Jupiter Island (GB)			Winning Time: 2:25.0		14 runners	
1987 <7th>	1	Le Glorieux (GB)	C3	FR	R. Collet	A. Lequeux
	2	Southjet (USA)	C4	USA	S. A. DiMauro	J-L. Samyn
	4	Triptych (USA)	M5	FR	P-L. Biancone	A. S. Cruz
	5	Moon Madness (GB)	C4	GB	J. L. Dunlop	P. Eddery
	6	Iades (FR)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	F. Toro
	7	Mountain Kingdom (USA)	C3	GB	C. E. Brittain	S. Cauthen
	8	Cockney Lass (IRE)	F4	IRE	D. K. Weld	M. Kinane
	9	Our Waverley Star (NZ)	G5	AUS	N. D. Landers	L. Dittman
	FF	Akabir (USA)	H6	USA	T. J. Skiffington	J. Bailey
Winner: Le Glorieux (GB)			Winning Time: 2:24.9		14 runners	
1988 <8th>	1	Pay the Butler (USA)	C4	USA	R. Frankel	C. McCarron
	4	My Big Boy (USA)	G5	USA	C. McGaughey III	R. Romero
	5	Tony Bin (IRE)	H5	ITY	L. Camici	J. A. Reid
	6	Moon Madness (GB)	H5	GB	J. L. Dunlop	P. Eddery
	8	Bonecrusher (NZ)	G6	NZ	F. T. Ritchie	G. M. Stewart
	9	Salem Drive (USA)	H6	USA	R. J. Lundy	C. W. Antley
	13	Kondor (GER)	C4	GER	H. Bollow	P. Remmert
	14	Shady Heights (GB)	C4	GB	R. Armstrong	M. Shibata
	S	Sky Chase (NZ)	C4	AUS	J. Cummings	J. Marshall
S	Hours After (USA)	C3	FR	P. L. Biancone	G. Mosse	
Winner: Pay the Butler (USA)			Winning Time: 2:25.5		14 runners	
1989 <9th>	1	Horlicks (NZ)	M6	NZ	D. J. O'Sullivan	L. A. O'Sullivan
	3	Pay the Butler (USA)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	C. McCarron
	5	Hawkster (USA)	C3	USA	R. McAnally	R. Baze
	6	Ibn Bey (GB)	H5	GB	P. Cole	R. Quinn
	10	Top Sunrise (FR)	C4	FR	A. Fabre	F. Head
	12	Assatis (USA)	C4	GB	G. Harwood	R. Cochrane
	14	Carroll House (IRE)	C4	GB	M. Jarvis	M. Kinane
Winner: Horlicks (NZ)			Winning Time: 2:22.2		15 runners	
1990 <10th>	1	Better Loosen Up (AUS)	G5	AUS	D. Hayes	M. A. Clarke
	2	Ode (USA)	F4	FR	E. Lellouche	D. Boeuf
	3	Cacoethes (USA)	C4	GB	G. Harwood	R. Cochrane
	5	Alwuhush (USA)	H5	USA	A. Penna	J. A. Santos
	7	Belmez (USA)	C3	GB	H. Cecil	S. Cauthen
	8	Ibn Bey (GB)	H6	GB	P. Cole	H. Kawazu
	9	French Glory (IRE)	C4	FR	A. Fabre	P. Eddery
	10	Stylish Century (AUS)	C4	AUS	F. W. Mitchell	K. J. Moses
	12	Petite Ile (IRE)	F4	USA	E. Gregson	C. Black
14	Phantom Breeze (IRE)	C4	USA	W. Mott	Ms. Julie Krone	
Winner: Better Loosen Up (AUS)			Winning Time: 2:23.2		15 runners	

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1991 <11th>	1	Golden Pheasant (USA)	H5	USA	C. Whittingham	G. Stevens
	2	Magic Night (FR)	F3	FR	P. Demercastel	A. Badel
	3	Shaftesbury Avenue (AUS)	G5	AUS	J. Cummings	D. W. Gauci
	5	Rough Habit (NZ)	G5	NZ	J. Wheeler	J. Cassidy
	6	Wajd (USA)	F4	FR	A. Fabre	T. Jarnet
	7	Rock Hopper (GB)	C4	GB	M. Stoute	P. Eddery
	11	Drum Taps (USA)	H5	GB	Lord Huntingdon	L. Dettori
	12	Terimon (GB)	H5	GB	C. E. Brittain	M. Roberts
	13	Splash of Colour (GB)	C4	FR	N. Clement	F. Head
Winner: Golden Pheasant (USA)			Winning Time: 2:24.7		15 runners	
1992 <12th>	2	Naturalism (NZ)	C4	AUS	D. L. Freedman	L. Dittman
	3	Dear Doctor (FR)	H5	FR	J. Hammond	C. Asmussen
	6	User Friendly (GB)	F3	GB	C. E. Brittain	G. Duffield
	7	Let's Elope (NZ)	M5	AUS	J. Cummings	D. Beadman
	10	Dr Devious (IRE)	C3	GB	P. Chapple-Hyam	C. McCarron
	11	Quest for Fame (GB)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	P. Eddery
	13	Vert Amande (FR)	C4	FR	E. Lellouche	D. Boeuf
	Winner: Tokai Teio (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.6		14 runners
1993 <13th>	2	Kotashaan (FR)	H5	USA	R. Mandella	K. Desormeaux
	4	Platini (GER)	C4	GER	B. Schutz	M. E. Rimmer
	5	Star of Cozzene (USA)	H5	USA	M. A. Hennig	J. A. Santos
	6	Misil (USA)	H5	ITY	V. Caruso	C. Asmussen
	8	Urban Sea (USA)	F4	FR	J. D. Lesbordes	E. B. M. Saint-Martin
	9	Naturalism (NZ)	H5	AUS	D. L. Freedman	D. M. Oliver
	11	Luazur (FR)	C4	USA	R. Frankel	G. Stevens
	12	The Phantom Chance (NZ)	G4	NZ	C. M. Jillings	R. D. Vance
	13	White Muzzle (GB)	C3	GB	P. Chapple-Hyam	J. A. Reid
Winner: Legacy World (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.4		16 runners	
1994 <14th>	2	Paradise Creek (USA)	H5	USA	W. Mott	P. Day
	4	Hernando (FR)	C4	FR	F. Boutin	C. Asmussen
	5	Sandpit (BRZ)	H5	USA	R. Mandella	C. S. Nakatani
	6	Jeune (GB)	H5	AUS	D. Hayes	W. Harris
	7	Rough Habit (NZ)	G8	NZ	J. Wheeler	J. Cassidy
	8	Grand Flotilla (USA)	H7	USA	Ms. J. Sahadi	C. Black
	10	Fraise (USA)	H6	USA	W. Mott	Y. Take
	12	Johann Quatz (FR)	H5	USA	R. McAnally	A. Solis
	13	Raintrap (GB)	C4	USA	R. Frankel	P. Eddery
	14	Apple Tree (FR)	H5	FR	A. Fabre	T. Jarnet
Winner: Marvelous Crown (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:23.6		14 runners	
1995 <15th>	1	Lando (GER)	H5	GER	H. Jentzsch	M. Roberts
	3	Hernando (FR)	H5	FR	J. Hammond	C. Asmussen
	5	Awad (USA)	H5	USA	D. Donk	E. Maple
	8	Sandpit (BRZ)	H6	USA	R. Mandella	C. S. Nakatani
	9	Danewin (AUS)	C4	AUS	R. Thomsen	J. Tse
	10	Pure Grain (GB)	F3	GB	M. Stoute	J. A. Reid
	11	Carling (FR)	F3	FR	Ms. C. Barande-Barbe	T. Thulliez
	14	Stony Bay (NZ)	G4	AUS	Ms. G. Waterhouse	S. Dye
	S	Turk Passer (USA)	G5	USA	F. Schulhofer	J. Velazquez
Winner: Lando (GER)			Winning Time: 2:24.6		14 runners	

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1996 <16th>	1	Singspiel (IRE)	C4	GB	M. Stoute	L. Dettori
	3	Strategic Choice (USA)	H5	GB	P. Cole	R. Quinn
	3	Helissio (FR)	C3	FR	E. Lellouche	O. Peslier
	5	Awad (USA)	H6	USA	D. Donk	C. McCarron
	8	Pentire (GB)	C4	GB	G. Wragg	M. Hills
	9	Flag Down (CAN)	H6	USA	C. Clement	J. A. Santos
	S	Saintly (AUS)	G4	AUS	J. Cummings	D. Beadman
		Winner: Singspiel (IRE)	Winning Time: 2:23.8		15 runners	
1997 <17th>	1	Pilsudski (IRE)	H5	GB	M. Stoute	M. Kinane
	4	Caitano (GB)	C3	GER	B. Schutz	A. Starke
	6	Astarabad (USA)	C3	FR	A. de Royer Dupre	G. Mosse
	8	Oscar Schindler (IRE)	H5	IRE	K. Prendergast	C. Asmussen
	10	Mons (GB)	C4	GB	L. Cumani	J. A. Reid
	12	Ebony Grosve (NZ)	C4	AUS	G. Rogerson	S. Dye
		Winner: Pilsudski (IRE)	Winning Time: 2:25.8		14 runners	
1998 <18th>	4	Chief Bearhart (CAN)	H5	CAN	M. R. Frostad	J. A. Santos
	5	Maxzene (USA)	M5	USA	T. Skiffington	C. Asmussen
	7	Faithful Son (USA)	G4	GB	S. bin Suroor	L. Dettori
	11	Caitano (GB)	C4	GER	A. Schutz	O. Peslier
	12	Ungaro (GER)	C4	GER	H. Blume	T. Hellier
	15	Luso (GB)	H6	GB	C. E. Brittain	M. Kinane
		Winner: El Condor Pasa (USA)	Winning Time: 2:25.9		15 runners	
1999 <19th>	2	Indigenous (IRE)	G6	HK	I. Allan	D. Whyte
	3	High-Rise (IRE)	C4	GB	S. bin Suroor	L. Dettori
	4	Montjeu (IRE)	C3	FR	J. Hammond	M. Kinane
	8	Borgia (GER)	M5	FR	A. Fabre	O. Peslier
	9	Fruits of Love (USA)	C4	GB	M. Johnston	M. Roberts
	10	Tiger Hill (IRE)	C4	GER	P. Schiergen	T. Hellier
	S	Alborada (GB)	F4	GB	M. Prescott	G. Duffield
		Winner: Special Week (JPN)	Winning Time: 2:25.5		14 runners	
2000 <20th>	3	Fantastic Light (USA)	C4	UAE	S. bin Suroor	L. Dettori
	4	Ela Athena (GB)	F4	GB	M. Jarvis	O. Peslier
	7	Reve d' Oscar (FR)	F3	FR	M. Bollack-Badel	G. Mosse
	9	John's Call (USA)	G9	USA	T. Voss	J. L. Samyn
	10	Golden Snake (USA)	C4	GB	J. Dunlop	P. Eddery
	11	Timboroa (GB)	C4	USA	R. Frankel	D. Flores
	12	Fruits of Love (USA)	H5	GB	M. Johnston	M. Roberts
		Winner: T. M. Opera O (JPN)	Winning Time: 2:26.1		16 runners	
2001 <21st>	6	Golan (IRE)	C3	GB	M. Stoute	J. Murtagh
	7	Indigenous (IRE)	G8	HK	I. Allan	W. Marwing
	8	White Heart (GB)	G6	USA	N. Drysdale	G. Stevens
	9	With Anticipation (USA)	G6	USA	J. Sheppard	M. Ebina
	12	Cagney (BRZ)	C4	USA	R. Mandella	M. Smith
	13	Paolini (GER)	C4	GER	A. Woehler	A. Suborics
	15	Timboroa (GB)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	J. Bailey
		Winner: Jungle Pocket (JPN)	Winning Time: 2:23.8		15 runners	

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2002* <22nd>	1	Falbrav (IRE)	C4	ITY	L. D'auria	L. Dettori
	2	Sarafan (USA)	G5	USA	N. Drysdale	C. S. Nakatani
	6	Indigenous (IRE)	G9	HK	I. Allan	E. Saint-Martin
	7	Golan (IRE)	C4	GB	M. Stoute	K. Fallon
	11	Irresistible Jewel (IRE)	F3	IRE	D. Weld	P. J. Smullen
	13	Bright Sky (IRE)	F3	FR	E. Lellouche	T. Thulliez
	15	Storming Home (GB)	C4	GB	B. Hills	M. Hills
Winner: Falbrav (IRE)			Winning Time: 2:12.2		16 runners	
2003 <23rd>	6	Tigertail (FR)	F4	FR	R. Collet	T. Gillet
	7	Ange Gabriel (FR)	H5	FR	E. Libaud	T. Jarnet
	8	Denon (USA)	H5	USA	R. Frankel	C. S. Nakatani
	9	Islington (IRE)	F4	GB	M. Stoute	K. Fallon
	12	Ana Marie (FR)	F4	FR	P. Demercastel	C. Lemaire
	13	Slew Valley (USA)	H6	USA	G. Sciacca	J. Chavez
	16	Johar (USA)	C4	USA	R. Mandella	A. Solis
	17	Sarafan (USA)	G6	USA	N. Drysdale	V. Espinoza
	18	Fields of Omagh (AUS)	G6	AUS	T. McEvoy	S. King
Winner: Tap Dance City (USA)			Winning Time: 2:28.7		18 runners	
2004 <24th>	4	Policy Maker (IRE)	C4	FR	E. Lellouche	S. Pasquier
	6	Phoenix Reach (IRE)	C4	GB	A. Balding	M. Dwyer
	7	Lune d'Or (FR)	F3	FR	R. Gibson	T. Jarnet
	10	Powerscourt (GB)	C4	IRE	A. O'Brien	J. Spencer
	15	Warrsan (IRE)	H6	GB	C. Brittain	K. Fallon
Winner: Zenno Rob Roy (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.2		16 runners	
2005 <25th>	1	Alkaased (USA)	H5	GB	L. Cumani	L. Dettori
	5	Ouija Board (GB)	F4	GB	E. Dunlop	K. Fallon
	8	Bago (FR)	C4	FR	J. Pease	T. Gillet
	12	Better Talk Now (USA)	G6	USA	G. Motion	R. Dominguez
	13	Warrsan (IRE)	H7	GB	C. Brittain	J. Spencer
	16	King's Drama (IRE)	G5	USA	R. Frankel	E. Prado
Winner: Alkaased (USA)			Winning Time: 2:22.1 R		18 runners	
2006 <26th>	3	Ouija Board (GB)	M5	GB	E. Dunlop	L. Dettori
	7	Freedonia (GB)	F4	FR	J. Hammond	T. Gillet
Winner: Deep Impact (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:25.1		11 runners	
2007 <27th>	7	Papal Bull (GB)	C4	GB	M. Stoute	R. Moore
	8	Artiste Royal (IRE)	H6	USA	N. Drysdale	J. Talamo
	11	Saddex (GB)	C4	GER	P. Rau	T. Mundry
	17	Halicarnassus (IRE)	C3	GB	M. Channon	D. Holland
Winner: Admire Moon (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.7		18 runners	
2008 <28th>	9	Purple Moon (IRE)	G5	GB	L. Cumani	J. Spencer
	13	Sixties Icon (GB)	H5	GB	J. Nosedo	J. Murtagh
	14	Papal Bull (GB)	H5	GB	M. Stoute	R. Moore
	S	Marsh Side (USA)	H5	USA	N. Drysdale	J. Castellano
Winner: Screen Hero (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:25.5		17 runners	
2009 <29th>	4	Conduit (IRE)	C4	GB	M. Stoute	R. Moore
	7	Just as Well (USA)	H6	USA	J. Sheppard	J. Leparoux
	11	Scintillo (GB)	C4	GB	R. Hannon	G. Mosse
	14	Interpatation (USA)	G7	USA	R. Barbara	D. Cohen
	17	Marsh Side (USA)	H6	USA	N. Drysdale	J. Castellano
Winner: Vodka (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:22.4		18 runners	

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2010 <30th>	9	Cirrus des Aigles (FR)	G4	FR	C. Barande-Barbe	F. Blondel
	10	Joshua Tree (IRE)	C3	IRE	A. O'Brien	C. O'Donoghue
	11	Dandino (GB)	C3	GB	J. Given	P. Mulrennan
	13	Mores Wells (GB)	H6	FR	R. Gibson	S. Maillot
	15	Timos (GER)	H5	FR	T. Doumen	O. Peslier
	16	Voila Ici (IRE)	H5	ITY	V. Caruso	M. Demuro
	17	Marinous (FR)	C4	FR	F. Head	D. Bonilla
	18	Fifty Proof (CAN)	G4	CAN	I. Black	J. Stein
Winner: Rose Kingdom (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:25.2		18 runners	
2011 <31st>	6	Danedream (GER)	F3	GER	P. Schiergen	A. Starke
	7	Shareta (IRE)	F3	FR	A. de Royer Dupre	C. Lemaire
	12	Sarah Lynx (IRE)	F4	FR	J. Hammond	C. Soumillon
	14	Mission Approved (USA)	H7	USA	N. Chatterpaul	J. Espinoza
Winner: Buena Vista (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.2		16 runners	
2012 <32nd>	8	Red Cadeaux (GB)	G6	GB	E. Dunlop	G. Mosse
	11	Jakkalberry (IRE)	H6	GB	M. Botti	C. O'Donoghue
	12	Mount Athos (IRE)	G5	GB	L. Cumani	R. Moore
	13	Solemia (IRE)	F4	FR	C. Laffon-Parias	O. Peslier
	17	Sri Putra (GB)	H6	GB	R. Varian	N. Callan
Winner: Gentildonna (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:23.1		17 runners	
2013 <33rd>	5	Dunaden (FR)	H7	FR	M. Delzangles	J. Spencer
	13	Simenon (IRE)	G6	IRE	W. Mullins	R. Hughes
	17	Joshua Tree (IRE)	H6	GB	E. Dunlop	J. Murtagh
Winner: Gentildonna (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:26.1		17 runners	
2014 <34th>	6	Ivanhowe (GER)	C4	GER	J. Carvalho	F. Minarik
	16	Up With the Birds (CAN)	C4	CAN	M. Pierce	E. Da Silva
	FF	Trading Leather (IRE)	C4	IRE	J. Bolger	K. Manning
Winner: Epiphaneia (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:23.1		18 runners	
2015 <35th>	6	Erupt (IRE)	C3	FR	F. Graffard	S. Pasquier
	11	Nightflower (IRE)	F3	GER	P. Schiergen	A. Starke
	14	Trip To Paris (IRE)	G4	GB	E. Dunlop	T. Berry
	18	Ito (GER)	C4	GER	J. Carvalho	F. Minarik
Winner: Shonan Pandora (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:24.7		18 runners	
2016 <36th>	7	IQUITOS (GER)	C4	GER	H. Groschel	I. Ferguson
	12	Nightflower (IRE)	F4	GER	P. Schiergen	A. Starke
	14	Erupt (IRE)	C4	FR	F. Graffard	P. Boudot
Winner: Kitanan Black (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:25.8		17 runners	
2017 <37th>	5	Idaho (IRE)	C4	IRE	A. O'Brien	R. Moore
	9	Guignol (GER)	H5	GER	J. Carvalho	F. Minarik
	12	Boom Time (AUS)	H6	AUS	D. Hayes	C. Parish
	15	IQUITOS (GER)	H5	GER	H. Groschel	D. Porcu
Winner: Cheval Grand (JPN)			Winning Time: 2:23.7		17 runners	

S=Scratched FF=Fail to Finish

*The race was held at Nakayama Racecourse, shortening the distance to 2,200m