Yuga Kawada Claims Fourth Leg to Capture This Year’s World All-Star Jockeys Title

Yuga Kawada captured his first and much awaited World All Star Jockeys Series champion title this year with a total of 70 points. In his fourth challenge for the title, he bettered his personal best of an overall seventh marked in 2011. Kawada was placed fourth at the end of day one with 30 points after finishing third in the first two legs—with second-pick Ofukuhime and eighth-choice Gold Flag, respectively. He turned in a fifth in the third leg with fifth-favorite Vocazione before determining his overall victory by claiming the final leg with sixth-pick Precious Blue. It was a successful day for Kawada who also captured the G3 Keeneland Cup with Danon Smash.

Yuga Kawada: “I always feel relieved to have accomplished my job when I win a race but today, I’m delighted to receive this personal award. It’s always a great opportunity for me to compete against top Japanese jockeys and great jockeys that gathered from around the world.”

Christophe Lemaire was tied in second with 31 points at the end of day one after marking a win and a 12th. He registered a fourth and a third in the last two legs but was 12 points behind Kawada and failed to defend his title, finishing the series in an overall second.

Christophe Lemaire: “I was able to do really well this year but Yuga Kawada was too strong. I hope to participate in the series again next year. Thank you very much.”

Finishing day one tied in second with Lemaire was Karis Teetan from Hong Kong who was only a point behind the leader after turning in a runner-up effort in the third leg but was an overall third with 53 points after registering a ninth in the last race. French rider Mickaelle Michel turned in a fifth and a fourth in the first two legs, respectively, and stood at the top after the third leg when claiming her first JRA win with third-choice Suave Aramis. She finished tenth in the fourth leg and was an overall third tied with Teetan.

Karis Teetan: “I am very happy to be here and on this podium, dead heat with Mickaelle. I’m happy to represent Hong Kong. I hope I’ll be able to come back.”
Mickaelle Michel: “I am really happy and honored to be awarded today as a representative of France and all female jockeys.”

Team JRA dominated the team competition with 246 points, to claim its fifth consecutive title while Team WAS collected 202.

[2019 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 3RD LEG]
Sunday, August 25, 2019 Sapporo Racecourse 10th Race Post Time: 15:00
3-year-olds & up, 2 Wins Class, 1,700 meters (about 8.5 furlongs), dirt, right-handed
3-y-o: 56kg (about 124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 14 runners

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FP= Final Position / BK= Bracket Number / PP = Post Position / B=Blinker
NOTE: Figures quoted under Odds are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 1:43.8
GOING: Muddy
WEATHER: Fine

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 7.0 - 11.4 - 12.3 - 11.8 - 11.8 - 11.5 - 12.1 - 12.6 - 13.3
Last 4 furlong: 49.5
Last 3 furlong: 38.0

Positions at each corner:
1st corner (*2,11)(1,5,9)(12,10)(4,6)13,8-7-3-14
2nd corner (*2,11)(9,10)(1,5,12)(4,6)13(7,8)-3-14
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4th corner **10**(2,11,9)(1,5)(12,6)(4,8)-(7,13)-3-14

Note1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.
Note2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.

1st: (10) Mickaelle Michel—was off a bit slow, advanced and sat 4-wide in 4th, led turning final corner, held well thereafter
“I’m honored to have scored a win as a French delegate in the World All-Star Jockeys.”

2nd: (5) Karis Teetan—traveled 2-wide behind Michel around 5th, stretched well in lane to nail Take 100m out

3rd: (1) Yutaka Take—rated 5-6th along rails, swung out rounding last corner, surged out behind winner in lane, overtaken by Teetan in last 100m

4th: (3) Christophe Lemaire—eased back to 2nd from last, turned corners along rails, threaded through horses in homestretch passing tired rivals with fastest last 3 furlongs
5th: (12) **Yuga Kawada**—raced 3-wide 7th from front, advanced through last corners, failed to respond in stretch
6th: (8) **Lisa Allpress**—raced around 11th, made headway after 3rd corner, circled wide to lane, passed tired rivals
   “He ran smoothly and stretched well when we hit the straight.”
7th: (6) **Tomohiro Yoshimura**—traveled wide around 8th, urged after 3rd corner, even paced at stretch
8th: (11) **Fumio Matoba**—pressed pace in 2nd, gradually fell back at straight
9th: (2) **Suguru Hamanaka**—set pace, weakened and outrun in last 200m
10th: (13) **Keita Tosaki**—traveled 3-wide 3rd from rear, even paced in stretch
11th: (14) **Julien Leparoux**—off slow, trailed far back, last to hit stretch, showed belated effort
   “He tends to be a bit lazy and could do better with a little more distance.”
12th: (4) **Colm O’Donoghue**—good start, eased back to 8-9th, never reached contention
   “He gave a lot of effort but was unable to increase his pace from mid-race. He needs to put in a little more work in order to win at this level.”
13th: (9) **Kosei Miura**—broke well, pressed pace in 3rd and 3-wide, chased winner into lane, weakened at furlong marker
14th: (7) **Nanako Fujita**—reserved 3rd-4th from rear on rails, void of speed, never a factor

### [2019 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 4TH LEG]
**Sunday, August 25, 2019  Sapporo Racecourse  12th Race  Post Time: 16:15**
3-year-olds & up, 2 Wins Class, 1,800 meters (about 9 furlongs), turf, right-handed
3-y-o: 56kg (about 124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 14 runners

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**WINNING TIME: 1:50.6  GOING: Good  WEATHER: Fine**

**TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 10,545,222,700  ATTENDANCE: 18,326**

Fractional Time (sec./furlong):  12.8 - 12.5 - 12.8 - 12.1 - 12.6 - 11.9 - 11.8 - 11.9 - 12.2

Last 4 furlong: 47.8  Last 3 furlong: 35.9

Positions at each corner:
1st corner  1,4(2,14)(5,7)11(6,13)(8,10)12,3,9
2nd corner  1,4(2,14)7(5,6,11)(8,13,12)10(3,9)
3rd corner  (*1,14)(2,4,12)(7,11)(5,6,13)(8,10,9,13)
4th corner  (*1,14)-(4,12)(2,11)(7,6,13)(5,8,10)(3,9)

1st: (11) **Yuga Kawada**—sat in mid-division and 3-wide, launched bid rounding 3rd corner, pulled away strongly after overtaking stubborn leader 100m out while fastest in last 3 furlongs
2nd: (5) **Julien Leparoux**—saved ground in mid-field, made late bid after last turn, strong stretch drive, dug in
gamely beating 2 rivals at wire for 2nd
“He broke well but we got boxed in and couldn’t make our move when we wanted to. He showed a good turn of speed once we found a clearing though.”

3rd: (6) Christophe Lemaire—tracked race favorite in 8th, entered lane wide, rallied for 2nd place in last 100m but was a head short in 3rd

4th: (1) Tomohiro Yoshimura—sprinted well, set pace, good turn of foot after furlong pole, gave up lead 100m out, caught by two rivals before wire

5th: (13) Kosei Miura—took wide trip fifth from rear, wide sweeping move at final turn, accelerated well, won rally against O'Donoghue in final strides for 5th

6th: (8) Colm O'Donoghue—hugged rails in 10th, met traffic at early stretch, quickened after passing 200m pole, was too late
“I made my move at the stretch as instructed and he would have finished better if the pace was faster and had a little more space for the run.”

7th: (2) Keita Tosaki—broke well to press pace in 3rd, fared well until 100m out

8th: (3) Nanako Fujita—trailed in rear, swung out entering lane, passed tired rivals with strong late charge in last 200m

9th: (10) Karis Teetan—settled 3rd from rear, turned wide to stretch, showed belated effort
“The race was tough for us because the pace was very slow in the first half and then suddenly increased its speed.”

10th: (12) Mickaëlle Michel—raced near rear early, advanced on outer route in backstretch, outrun in last 200m
“He ran a good race. I think he is a clever runner and is showing signs of bouncing back to form.”

11th: (14) Lisa Allpress—ran 3-wide in 4th, closed in on leader at early stretch, weakened in last 100m
“I think the distance was too long for this horse and about 1,400 meters would suit him better. He gave a good effort anyway.”

12th: (9) Fumio Matoba—missed break, raced 2nd from rear, widest turning last two corners, never fired

13th: (7) Yutaka Take—settled 5th from front, met traffic entering lane, lost momentum

14th: (4) Suguru Hamanaka—broke sharply, stalked leader in 2nd, faded after final corner

[Other Races Ridden by Foreign Participants]

2nd race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), dirt, 1,000m, 12 runners
Julien Leparoux—8th on Floren Zar (JPN, F3, by Belshazzar), 7th favorite

3rd race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 2,600m, 14 runners
Karis Teetan—3rd on Culminate (JPN, F3, by Deep Impact), 8th favorite

4th race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), dirt, 1,700m, 14 runners
Julien Leparoux—11th on Pink Candy (JPN, F3, by Symboli Kris S), 8th favorite

6th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (1 Win Class, Fillies & Mares), dirt, 1,700m, 12 runners
Colm O'Donoghue—6th on Dohyogiwa (JPN, F4, by Gold Allure), 6th favorite

7th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (1 Win Class), dirt, 1,000m, 12 runners
Colm O'Donoghue—3rd on Princess Yolk (JPN, M5, by Empire Maker), 3rd favorite
Karis Teetan—7th on Falcon Reina (JPN, F4, by Lord Kanaloa), 11th favorite

8th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (1 Win Class, Fillies & Mares), turf, 2,000m, 13 runners
Lisa Allpress—11th on Prime Sister (JPN, F3, by Rulership), 9th favorite

11th race: Keeneland Cup (Three-Year-Olds & Up, G3), turf, 1,200m, 16 runners
Karis Teetan—7th on Peisha Felicita (JPN, M6, by Heart’s Cry), 13th favorite
Julien Leparoux—11th on Lion Boss (JPN, C4, by Battle Plan), 9th favorite
Lisa Allpress—14th on Daimei Fuji (JPN, H5, by Agnes Digital), 12th favorite