



The 35th Japan Cup

November 29, 2015

Profile of Japanese Horses



Admire Deus

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (June 6, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Admire Don / Royal Card (Sunday Silence)	
Breeder	: Tsuji Bokujo	
Owner	: Riichi Kondo	
Career Record	: 12 starts, 5 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 161,702,000	
'15 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Nikkei Sho (G2)	1st
	: '15 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Mitsuru Hashida

Date of Birth	: September 15, 1952
License Issued	: 1983
Date of First Win	: May 11, 1985
Career Record	: 5,508 starts, 600 wins, 526 seconds, 533 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 171 starts, 13 wins, 7 seconds, 12 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Nikkei Sho (G2, Admire Deus)
	: '15 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2, Admire Deus)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts



[Jockey] Yasunari Iwata

Date of Birth	: March 12, 1974
JRA Debut Year*	: 2006
Date of First Win	: September 16, 2000
Career Record	: 9,738 starts, 1,294 wins, 1,200 seconds, 1,076 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 879 starts, 93 wins, 102 seconds, 113 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Let's Go Donki)
	: '15 Nikkei Sho (G2, Admire Deus)
	: '15 Hanshin Daishoten (G2, Gold Ship)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 8 starts, 3 wins, 1 second, 1 third
	Won: '12 Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact)
	: '11 Buena Vista (JPN, by Special Week)
	: '07 Admire Moon (JPN, by End Sweep)



*Iwata rode in regional public racing from 1991 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2006.

Admire Deus continues to progress and turn in impressive performances between injuries that have interrupted his career. Although he has yet to become a G1 winner, the quality of the field he won against in the Nikkei Sho this spring included two-time Tenno Sho victor and multiple grade-race winner Fenomeno, and other proven grade-race winners and past Japan Cup starters such as Win Variation and Hokko Brave as well as 2014 Kikuka Sho runner-up Sounds of Earth. The Japan Cup will be his second start this fall following the Tenno Sho (Autumn)—his first start in six months since the Tenno Sho (Spring)—in which he finished 11th after a belated charge that marked the fastest time over the last three furlongs from way behind.

The Admire Don colt scored a win out of three starts as a two-year-old and kicked off his three-year-old campaign towards the Triple Crown Classics with a third and two wins including a victory in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) trial, the Wakaba Stakes. He did not disgrace himself in his ninth and seventh-place finish in the Satsuki Sho and Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), respectively, but sustained a minor fracture in his left foreleg after the latter which ruled him out from racing for the rest of the season.

The four-year-old chestnut made a remarkable comeback after a seven-month layoff to register his first grade-race victory in the Nikkei Shinshun Hai, exerting a powerful turn of speed at Kyoto. He proceeded to score another grade-race victory by a comfortable 1-3/4-length margin while renewing the race record by a second in the Nikkei Sho. Sent to post third favorite for the Tenno Sho (Spring), **Admire Deus** missed his break from stall 17 and his jockey struggled to settle him in a good position then was bumped turning the last corner. Losing his momentum, he failed to fire and finished 15th, then pulled up with a fractured pastern.



2015 Nikkei Sho



2015 Nikkei Shinshun Hai


Career Performances of Admire Deus

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (58.0) [480]	18 (16)	- 18 18 18 (33.4)	11 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.8)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Iwata (58.0) [470]	17 (3)	6 6 7 10 (37.4)	15 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (2.8)
03.28	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [472]	6 (4)	7 7 7 5 (34.2)	1 / 12 (Win Variation)	2:30.2 (0.3)
01.18	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [478]	4 (6)	6 7 7 8 (33.8)	1 / 18 (Hula Bride)	2:24.8 (0.1)
'14 06.01	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [470]	4 (10)	9 12 10 9 (34.2)	7 / 17 One and Only	2:24.6 (0.5)
04.20	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [464]	6 (7)	10 9 7 8 (35.1)	9 / 18 Isla Bonita	1:59.6 (0.6)
03.22	Wakaba Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [470]	3 (2)	8 9 11 11 (34.9)	1 / 12 (Win Full Bloom)	2:01.4 (0.2)
02.22	Asunaro Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Firm	G. Maruyama (56.0) [470]	1 (1)	4 4 3 3 (34.7)	1 / 9 (Champagne)	1:59.6 (0.3)
02.01	Baika Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Wada (56.0) [472]	9 (4)	9 10 4 3 (34.4)	3 / 13 Yamano Wizard	2:26.7 (0.1)
'13 12.15	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [468]	6 (1)	5 4 4 5 (35.2)	1 / 14 (Lord Fennel)	2:04.5 (0.0)
11.23	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	R. Wada (55.0) [470]	11 (5)	10 9 4 4 (34.4)	2 / 18 Jono Musashi	2:01.1 (0.0)
11.03	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Wada (55.0) [470]	14 (9)	- - 8 7 (33.7)	3 / 16 Ultimatum	1:50.5 (0.2)


Curren Mirotic

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 7 (February 22, 2008)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Gelding / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Star Mie (A. P. Indy)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Takashi Suzuki	
Career Record	: 32 starts, 6 wins, 5 seconds, 6 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 299,856,100	
'15 Season Record	: 5 starts, 2 thirds	
Principal Race Performances	: '13 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '14 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	2nd
	: '15 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Osamu Hirata

Date of Birth	: May 29, 1960	
License Issued	: 2005	
Date of First Win	: April 23, 2006	
Career Record	: 2,340 starts, 240 wins, 214 seconds, 193 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 248 starts, 22 wins, 26 seconds, 22 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tanabata Sho (G3, Grandszezza) '15 Kokura Daishoten (G3, Curren Black Hill) '14 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, Curren Black Hill)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Jockey] Masayoshi Ebina

Date of Birth	: March 19, 1969	
Debut Year	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: April 12, 1987	
Career Record	: 18,985 starts, 2,381 wins, 2,091 seconds, 1,812 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 692 starts, 77 wins, 62 seconds, 60 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, Marialite) '15 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Ball Lightning) '15 Fuji Stakes (G3, Danon Platina)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 13 starts, 1 win Won: '98 El Condor Pasa (USA, by Kingmambo)	

Curren Mirotic is a seven-year-old late developer who began racing at the graded level from the end of his five-year-old season but has shown prominent results since then. Although winless this year, he has fared well against top G1 caliber such as Lovely Day and Gold Ship in his five starts. His runner-up effort in the 2,200-meter Takarazuka Kinen in 2014 and third-place finish in the 3,200-meter Tenno Sho (Spring) this year, not to mention holding a course record in a 1,800-meter race, confirms his speed and versatility over various distances and the extensive experience he obtains should work to his advantage in his first Japan Cup challenge.

The son of Heart's Cry landed a fourth in his only start as a two-year-old and claimed his first win in his third start at three, capping off the season with 2-0-1 in eight starts. Kicking off his next 2012 campaign as a gelding, he was consistent in his performances, finishing within the money in all of his six starts. He stepped up in class following his victory in the Tarumi Stakes in record time and claimed his first graded win in the G2 Kinko Sho where he chased the leader in second and pulled away from the rest of the field at the top of the stretch to win over subsequent multiple-G1 winner Lovely Day by a convincing 2-1/2-length margin. His first G1 challenge was in the year-end Arima Kinen in which he finished a promising sixth after being sent off sixth choice.

In 2014, he registered two fourth-place finishes in three graded races before demonstrating a good runner-up effort, crossing the wire three lengths behind Gold Ship in the Takarazuka Kinen. Well rested, the six-year-old made his first overseas endeavor in the Hong Kong Vase where he battled for the lead briefly in early stretch however finished fifth, 2-3/4 lengths from the winner.

Lightly regarded as tenth favorite in the Tenno Sho (Spring) in his second start of this season, he took the lead entering the lane and held well but succumbed to the speed of the fast closing Gold Ship and Fame Game in the final 100 meters to finish third. Although his two other G1 starts were not as noteworthy, he was 1-3/4-length third to Lovely Day in the G2 Kyoto Daishoten over 2,400 meters.



2013 Kinko Sho



2014 Takarazuka Kinen

Career Performances of Curren Mirotic

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Yoshida (58.0) [454]	6 (13)	- 3 3 3 (34.8)	13 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.9)
10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Ebina (56.0) [462]	7 (5)	2 2 2 2 (33.2)	3 / 10 Lovely Day	2:23.6 (0.3)
06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Ebina (58.0) [456]	5 (5)	10 10 10 12 (35.2)	13 / 16 Lovely Day	2:14.4 (1.0)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	M. Ebina (58.0) [454]	2 (10)	2 2 3 1 (35.3)	3 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.1)
03.22	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [454]	6 (6)	4 5 5 5 (36.4)	4 / 10 Gold Ship	3:05.9 (0.9)
'14 12.14	Hong Kong Vase (G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	2400 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [454]	3 (6)	4 4 2 2	5 / 11 Flintshire	2:29.8 (0.4)
06.29	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (58.0) [450]	5 (9)	3 3 3 3 (35.8)	2 / 12 Gold Ship	2:13.9 (0.5)
06.07	Naruo Kinen (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [458]	3 (2)	3 3 3 3 (34.8)	4 / 12 Air Saumur	1:59.1 (0.0)
04.06	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [456]	8 (5)	1 1 1 1 (36.8)	4 / 8 Kizuna	2:00.3 (0.5)
03.02	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Good	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [452]	6 (5)	5 8 10 11 (37.8)	14 / 15 Just a Way	1:49.8 (1.6)
'13 12.22	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Tosaki (57.0) [450]	3 (6)	2 2 1 1 (38.7)	6 / 16 Orfevre	2:32.3 (2.0)
11.30	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [460]	11 (3)	2 2 2 2 (35.8)	1 / 14 (Lovely Day)	1:59.6 (0.4)
08.04	Sapporo Nikkei Open (Open Class)	Hakodate (JPN)	2600 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [454]	7 (1)	4 4 3 2 (38.9)	8 / 10 Seika Presto	2:41.5 (1.6)
06.02	Tarumi Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [444]	3 (2)	- - 2 2 (34.2)	1 / 14 (Meisho Summit)	1:44.5R (0.8)
04.27	Shimogamo Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [456]	4 (1)	3 6 5 3 (34.5)	2 / 14 Yuki Soldier	1:59.0 (0.2)
03.24	Nagoya Jo Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [450]	8 (3)	2 2 2 2 (34.6)	2 / 10 Kawakita Fujin	2:14.7 (0.0)
02.23	Midosuji Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [462]	7 (5)	2 2 2 2 (33.6)	2 / 13 Admire Flight	2:28.1 (0.0)
'12 12.02	Sakasegawa Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [456]	8 (4)	- - 4 4 (33.6)	3 / 11 Sakura Ardito	1:47.1 (0.3)
11.04	Omi Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [458]	12 (1)	- - 4 2 (34.1)	1 / 12 (Namura Odo)	1:45.6 (0.2)
10.06	Kiyotaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [458]	6 (1)	- - 2 2 (33.9)	2 / 9 Sakura Ardito	1:45.5 (0.2)
09.08	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [452]	12 (1)	- - 2 2 (34.6)	1 / 14 (Benefit You)	1:44.7 (0.7)
05.12	Murasakino Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [452]	4 (4)	- - 2 3 (34.6)	3 / 12 Gullveig	1:45.6 (0.2)
01.14	Osakayama Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Ikezoe (55.0) [476]	10 (3)	- - 5 6 (34.3)	3 / 13 Tamuro Sky	1:47.0 (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.))
'11 12.17	Inagawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Williams (56.0) [470]	2 (3)	- - 4 4 (34.8)	3 / 15 Riverente	1:46.7 (0.4)
11.20	tvk Sho (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	S. Ishibashi (55.0) [464]	5 (6)	- 2 2 2 (34.4)	4 / 10 Happy Parade	1:49.5 (0.3)
10.29	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	A. Tsumura (55.0) [464]	3 (2)	- - 7 7 (34.2)	1 / 17 (Marubutsu Master)	2:00.1 (0.3)
04.24	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Yielding	S. Akiyama (56.0) [454]	10 (4)	- - 4 3 (36.0)	8 / 17 Astrology	1:34.8 (0.8)
04.02	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Akiyama (56.0) [456]	14 (9)	3 4 3 2 (36.3)	5 / 18 Carmine	2:25.4 (0.4)
02.27	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	U. Rispoli (56.0) [456]	16 (2)	- - 6 8 (34.2)	1 / 16 (Makoto Sampaguita)	1:48.6 (0.2)
02.05	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	R. Wada (56.0) [458]	13 (4)	4 4 4 5 (34.5)	4 / 16 Sol de Mayo	2:16.2 (0.2)
01.15	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	R. Wada (56.0) [458]	7 (5)	- - 12 12 (34.4)	4 / 16 Danon Shark	1:49.5 (0.9)
'10 11.07	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [468]	7 (7)	- - 12 6 (33.7)	4 / 13 Tosen Ra	1:51.4 (0.2)

Derby Fizz

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (February 24, 2010)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Jungle Pocket / Manhattan Fizz (Sunday Silence)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 27 starts, 5 wins, 4 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 159,091,000	
'15 Season Record	: 8 starts, 3 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Hakodate Kinen (G3)	1st
	: '13 St. Lite Kinen (G2)	2nd
	: '15 Sapporo Kinen (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Futoshi Kojima

Date of Birth	: April 11, 1947
License Issued	: 1996
Date of First Win	: March 9, 1997
Career Record	: 4,992 starts, 438 wins, 443 seconds, 416 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 229 starts, 19 wins, 16 seconds, 18 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Sapporo Kinen (G2, Decipher) '15 Hakodate Kinen (G3, Derby Fizz) '15 Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3, Decipher)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts



[Jockey] Hironobu Tanabe

Date of Birth	: February 12, 1984
Debut Year	: 2002
Date of First Win	: August 3, 2002
Career Record	: 7,653 starts, 535 wins, 522 seconds, 606 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 697 starts, 70 wins, 58 seconds, 71 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 American Jockey Club Cup (G2, Courir Kaiser) '15 Artemis Stakes (G3, Denko Ange) '15 Keisei Hai Autumn Handicap (G3, Fra Angelico)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



Derby Fizz, having grade-race winning siblings, had been falling short of expectations in his early years but finally claimed his first graded title in the Hakodate Kinen in July this year as a five-year-old, in which he was rated in mid-division, improved his position along the backstretch and dueled strongly with Hagino Hybrid in the last furlong for a head win. While coming off a 15th-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), he will make use of his powerful late kick in the long stretch at Tokyo Racecourse where he has won three with three runner-up efforts out of 12 starts while being among the three fastest in the last three furlongs in nine of them.

Derby Fizz made his debut as a two-year-old, broke his maiden in his next start three weeks later and concluded his debut season with a tenth in his first grade-race challenge. Though kicking off his three-year-old season with a win, he was unable to make the two Classic races in spring, having finished seventh and 12th, respectively, in the two G2 qualifying races, the Yayoi Sho and the Aoba Sho. He was a nose second in the St. Lite Kinen in September, which earned him a spot in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), though finishing a disappointing 16th in his first G1 attempt.

Winless throughout his four-year-old season with two runner-up efforts and a third out of eight starts, he registered his first win in over two years in his second start of this season and scored another win before stepping up to open class, where the second favorite finished sixth in the graded Meguro Kinen.

He showed uplift in his performance during his summer campaign in Hokkaido, registering his first graded win in the G3 Hakodate Kinen in July and finishing a close third behind multiple-graded winner Decipher and Hit The Target in the following G2 Sapporo Kinen.



2015 Hakodate Kinen



2015 Fuchu Stakes

Career Performances of Derby Fizz

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (58.0) [466]	12 (12)	- 16 16 15 (34.1)	15 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (1.0)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [450]	4 (4)	11 10 9 8 (35.1)	3 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.0)
07.19	Hakodate Kinen (G3)	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (54.0) [448]	5 (3)	9 8 5 4 (35.5)	1 / 16 (Hagino Hybrid)	1:59.1 (0.0)
05.31	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [454]	15 (2)	17 18 13 12 (34.8)	6 / 18 Hit the Target	2:29.7 (0.7)
04.26	Fuchu Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [460]	4 (2)	- 10 7 8 (33.8)	1 / 11 (Atom)	1:59.9 (0.1)
04.11	Wangan Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Tanaka (57.0) [466]	10 (5)	12 12 6 6 (34.4)	7 / 14 Shadow Dancer	2:15.5 (0.4)
02.07	Hakone Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Ebina (57.5) [464]	2 (2)	8 8 8 8 (34.6)	1 / 16 (A Shin Allonsy)	2:26.3 (0.0)
01.17	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [466]	10 (1)	12 11 11 10 (35.3)	4 / 13 Bright Boy	2:14.7 (0.2)
'14 11.22	Nambu Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Shibata (57.0) [458]	3 (2)	14 15 15 15 (33.7)	4 / 17 Jungle Cruise	2:26.1 (0.3)
10.26	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Shibata (57.0) [458]	8 (2)	7 7 7 6 (34.4)	2 / 8 Langley	2:26.7 (0.0)
08.31	Shinanogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (58.0) [444]	11 (4)	- - 6 7 (33.9)	6 / 13 Mieno Kiseki	1:59.0 (0.4)
08.09	Aganogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Tanaka (57.0) [444]	4 (3)	8 9 4 4 (34.4)	3 / 11 Taisei Dream	2:14.1 (0.1)
06.07	Inamuragasaki Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	K. Tanaka (57.0) [450]	1 (1)	- 7 7 6 (37.3)	2 / 7 Samson's Pride	2:06.7 (0.0)
04.26	Metropolitan Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	K. Tanaka (54.0) [448]	10 (3)	8 6 7 7 (34.7)	4 / 11 Lovely Day	2:25.2 (0.4)
03.29	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Tanaka (55.0) [452]	15 (11)	9 9 8 10 (34.8)	6 / 15 Win Variation	2:34.4 (0.7)
01.26	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [460]	9 (8)	11 12 12 12 (35.7)	9 / 16 Verde Green	2:14.0 (0.4)
'13 12.14	December Stakes (Open Class)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [460]	10 (5)	8 9 8 7 (34.8)	3 / 16 Air Saumur	1:48.1 (0.2)
10.20	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Soft	K. Tanaka (57.0) [444]	13 (10)	13 13 12 11 (38.5)	16 / 18 Epiphaneia	3:05.2 (3.5)
09.17	St. Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Tanaka (56.0) [450]	8 (5)	12 12 11 9 (34.9)	2 / 15 Yule Singing	2:13.5 (0.0)
08.03	Shinanogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [454]	17 (4)	- - 8 8 (33.5)	4 / 17 Crans Montana	1:58.8 (0.5)
06.30	Radio Nikkei Sho (G3)	Fukushima (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Yoshida (54.0) [448]	14 (15)	11 12 12 11 (34.9)	6 / 16 K I Chosan	1:47.9 (0.3)
04.27	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Demuro (56.0) [448]	17 (3)	18 16 11 12 (34.3)	12 / 18 Hiraboku Deep	2:26.2 (1.2)
03.03	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (56.0) [454]	10 (7)	7 9 8 7 (35.3)	7 / 12 Camino Tassajara	2:01.0 (0.6)
01.20	Wakatake Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (56.0) [456]	5 (2)	8 8 6 4 (37.0)	1 / 12 (Admire Spica)	1:49.3 (0.3)
'12 11.17	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [446]	2 (4)	- 8 6 6 (34.6)	10 / 15 Codino	1:46.0 (0.8)
10.27	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [452]	5 (1)	- 10 10 8 (34.2)	1 / 11 (Kineo Strong)	2:01.5 (0.4)
10.07	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [446]	3 (2)	- 11 12 12 (33.0)	2 / 13 Satono Neptune	1:52.6 (0.0)

Gold Ship

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (March 6, 2009)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Gray	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Stay Gold / Point Flag (Mejiro McQueen)	
Breeder	: Eiichi Kobayashi	
Owner	: Kobayashi Eiichi Holdings LLC.	
Career Record	: 26 starts, 13 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 1,397,767,000	
'15 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	1st
	: '14&'13 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '12 Arima Kinen (G1)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '13 (15th)	

[Trainer] Naosuke Sugai

Date of Birth	: June 3, 1966	
License Issued	: 2008	
Date of First Win	: March 14, 2009	
Career Record	: 1,852 starts, 210 wins, 178 seconds, 174 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 290 starts, 28 wins, 28 seconds, 28 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Gold Ship)	
	: '15 Hanshin Daishoten (G2, Gold Ship)	
	: '15 Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, Admire Eikan)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts, 1 second	



[Jockey] Norihiro Yokoyama

Date of Birth	: February 23, 1968	
Debut Year	: 1986	
Date of First Win	: April 29, 1986	
Career Record	: 17,939 starts, 2,580 wins, 2,195 seconds, 1,912 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 508 starts, 54 wins, 48 seconds, 49 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 NHK Mile Cup (G1, Clarity Sky)	
	: '15 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Gold Ship)	
	: '15 Tulip Sho (G3, Kokorono Ai)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 16 starts, 1 second, 1 third	



Gold Ship's quirky temperament and unpredictable mood has been every bit the part of his popularity among many racing fans as well as his tremendous talent that has brought him 11 grade-race victories—six at G1 level. He has added two grade-race victories this year including the Tenno Sho (Spring), but on other occasions, he will refuse to perform which was the case in his latest start in the Takarazuka Kinen, in which he was rank at the gate and missed his break, didn't want to respond and finished second from last. With the Stay Gold horse due to retire at the end of this year, his followers are eager to witness the gray turn in his best performance in his remaining starts.

With two wins out of four starts as a two-year-old, the **Gold Ship** landed his first grade-race win in the 2012 Kyodo News Service Hai. He then claimed his first classic title in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) by a comfortable 2-1/2-length margin. Finishing fifth in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), he came off another strong victory in his fall comeback start, the Kobe Shimbun Hai, and captured his second Triple Crown title, the Kikuka Sho, with a convincing win that was just 0.2 second short of the race record. Sent to post as the race favorite for his first test against senior rivals of the highest level in the Arima Kinen, he confirmed his outstanding power, which he preserved by passing up the Japan Cup, and exploded from last to first for his third G1 title.

JRA's Best Three-Year-Old Colt kicked off an impressive four-year-old debut in the Hanshin Daishoten but was rather low-key in the following Tenno Sho (Spring), finishing fifth. He bounced back in the Takarazuka Kinen which he won again in the following 2014 season, but his first Japan Cup challenge was unsuccessful and he was heavily defeated to 15th—the first time to finish worse than fifth.

Gold Ship capped off the 2013 season with a third, more than nine lengths behind winner Orfevre in the Arima Kinen, then appeared to have regained his form with a dominating victory in the 2014 Hanshin Daishoten and the Takarazuka Kinen as well as a runner-up effort in the Sapporo Kinen prior to his overseas endeavor to France. However, he failed to deliver in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and disappointed to 14th. He did not start in the 2014 edition of the Japan Cup but finished a close third to Gentildonna in the Arima Kinen.



2015 Tenno Sho (Spring)



2014 Takarazuka Kinen

Career Performances of Gold Ship

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [506]	15 (1)	16 14 15 (35.1)	15 / 16 Lovely Day	2:14.4 (1.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [510]	1 (2)	14 3 4 (35.0)	1 / 17 (Fame Game)	3:14.7 (0.0)
03.22	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Iwata (58.0) [508]	8 (1)	5 3 2 (35.5)	1 / 10 (Denim and Ruby)	3:05.9 (0.2)
01.25	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Iwata (58.0) [516]	8 (1)	13 9 8 11 (34.4)	7 / 17 Courir Kaiser	2:13.6 (0.5)
'14 12.28	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [510]	14 (1)	11 10 6 5 (33.9)	3 / 16 Gentildonna	2:35.3 (0.1)
10.05	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Longchamp (FR)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (59.5)	2		14 / 20 Treve	2:26.0 (1.3)
08.24	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [502]	5 (1)	14 14 12 4 (35.3)	2 / 14 Harp Star	1:59.1 (0.1)
06.29	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [504]	11 (1)	4 3 4 4 (35.2)	1 / 12 (Curren Mirotic)	2:13.9 (0.5)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	C. Williams (58.0) [506]	8 (2)	18 18 15 14 (34.2)	7 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (0.5)
03.23	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Iwata (58.0) [508]	1 (1)	2 2 2 2 (34.5)	1 / 9 (Admire Rakiti)	3:06.6 (0.6)
'13 12.22	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [498]	14 (2)	12 11 8 4 (37.8)	3 / 16 Orfevre	2:32.3 (1.5)
11.24	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [500]	13 (2)	16 17 13 13 (34.7)	15 / 17 Gentildonna	2:26.1 (1.4)
10.06	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [498]	12 (1)	3 5 3 3 (34.8)	5 / 13 Hit the Target	2:22.9 (0.3)
06.23	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [500]	10 (2)	4 4 3 4 (35.2)	1 / 11 (Danon Ballade)	2:13.2 (0.6)
04.28	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [502]	8 (1)	14 13 6 4 (37.0)	5 / 18 Fenomeno	3:14.2 (0.9)
03.17	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	7 (1)	7 7 4 3 (36.8)	1 / 9 (Desperado)	3:05.0 (0.3)
'12 12.23	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [506]	13 (1)	16 15 14 10 (34.9)	1 / 16 (Ocean Blue)	2:31.9 (0.2)
10.21	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [500]	1 (1)	17 17 4 2 (35.9)	1 / 18 (Sky Dignity)	3:02.9 (0.3)
09.23	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [498]	14 (1)	12 11 8 6 (34.5)	1 / 15 (Lord Acclaim)	2:25.2 (0.4)
05.27	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [500]	6 (2)	13 13 11 10 (33.8)	5 / 18 Deep Brillante	2:23.8 (0.2)
04.15	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Uchida (57.0) [498]	14 (4)	18 18 17 6 (34.6)	1 / 18 (World Ace)	2:01.3 (0.4)
02.12	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [506]	3 (2)	- 4 3 4 (33.3)	1 / 11 (Deep Brillante)	1:48.3 (0.3)
'11 12.24	Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ando (55.0) [502]	3 (3)	14 14 13 5 (35.3)	2 / 16 Adam's Peak	2:02.4 (0.2)
10.01	Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Good	K. Ando (55.0) [500]	6 (2)	13 12 12 10 (35.6)	2 / 13 Grandeza	1:50.8 (0.1)
09.10	Cosmos Sho (Open Class)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Akiyama (54.0) [496]	4 (1)	4 5 4 3 (36.5)	1 / 8 (Nishinokachizukusi)	1:53.6 (0.1)
07.09	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hakodate (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Akiyama (54.0) [502]	5 (2)	8 8 6 4 (34.9)	1 / 10 (Cosmo Yucca)	1:51.2R (0.0)

Hit the Target

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 7 (March 6, 2008)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: King Kamehameha / Latir (Tamamo Cross)	
Breeder	: North Hills Management	
Owner	: Shinji Maeda	
Career Record	: 42 starts, 9 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 383,781,000	
'15 Season Record	: 5 starts, 1 win, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2)	1st
	: '13 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	1st
	: '13 Kokura Daishoten (G3)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '14 (12th), '13 (11th)	

[Trainer] Keiji Kato

Date of Birth	: April 21, 1947
License Issued	: 1986
Date of First Win	: October 11, 1987
Career Record	: 5,412 starts, 452 wins, 392 seconds, 395 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 192 starts, 4 wins, 9 seconds, 11 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2, Hit the Target)
	: '13 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Hit the Target)
	: '13 Kokura Daishoten (G3, Hit the Target)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts



[Jockey] Futoshi Komaki

Date of Birth	: September 7, 1967
JRA Debut Year*	: 2004
Date of First Win	: December 4, 1993
Career Record	: 9,368 starts, 795 wins, 767 seconds, 752 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 523 starts, 46 wins, 41 seconds, 33 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Meguro Kinen (G2, Hit the Target)
	: '15 Niigata Daishoten (G3, D'accord)
	: '14 Fantasy Stakes (G3, Cool Hotarubi)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



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

Hit the Target landed his fourth grade-race title this season in the Meguro Kinen and comes off an extended break following a runner-up effort in the Sapporo Kinen in August. Although yet to capture a G1 title after 42 career-starts over six seasons, the durable seven-year-old has pulled off upsets in big events and hopes to turn in a good performance in his third Japan Cup challenge.

Winless in five starts as a two-year-old, **Hit the Target** broke his maiden in his seventh career start and registered three wins and a second during 2011. Stepping up in class after winning his kick-off start in 2012, the Keiji Kato-trained four-year-old landed two consecutive wins including his first grade-race victory in the Niigata Daishoten. His second grade-race victory came in the Kokura Kinen in February of 2013 and he had notched a total of seven career wins at that stage but his quirky temperament and tendency to lean also made his chances of winning conditional—generally better from an inside draw—and his mood swings would often prevent him from performing to his ability in major races early in his career.

His shortcomings began to subside with age and the chestnut showed flexibility in his racing tactics in his fourth-place finish in the 2013 Meguro Kinen—angling out and powering through the center lane between rivals to reach contention. The late-developing five-year-old marked his third grade-race victory in the Kyoto Daishoten in which he executed an explosive charge from racing mid-field to pin down proven G1 winners, Tosen Ra and Gold Ship, then holding off Uncoiled for a neck victory. While winless during 2014, he raced against top runners in seven starts, four G1 and three G2 races, which included a close fifth-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) prior to his 12th-place in the Japan Cup.

He was still below par in his early starts this year but gradually picked up his form in May and he was not too far back, about four lengths, in his 11th-place finish in the Niigata Daishoten. He turned in an upset victory in his next Meguro Kinen which he won from racing off the pace in mid-field, splitting horses for the stretch run along the inside and drawing off for a 1-1/4-length victory. He also demonstrated his powerful late charge in the following Sapporo Kinen in which he was just short of reaching the leader by a head.



2015 Meguro Kinen



2013 Kyoto Daishoten

Career Performances of Hit the Target

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [512]	5 (8)	12	12	12	12	2 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.0)
05.31	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	F. Komaki (57.0) [512]	1 (11)	8	8	10	9	1 / 18 (Recondite)	2:29.7 (0.2)
05.10	Niigata Daishoten (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Furukawa (57.0) [522]	16 (9)	-	-	12	12	11 / 16 D'accord	1:59.6 (0.6)
03.14	Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kitamura (57.5) [520]	13 (10)	16	16	14	16	9 / 18 Decipher	2:01.2 (1.1)
02.22	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Yielding	Y. Furukawa (57.5) [516]	9 (4)	13	14	13	12	12 / 16 Curren Black Hill	1:48.3 (1.3)
'14 11.30	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [514]	5 (10)	15	15	16	13	12 / 18 Epiphaneia	2:23.1 (2.1)
11.02	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [512]	2 (10)	-	15	14	15	5 / 18 Spielberg	1:59.7 (0.2)
10.14	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [514]	12 (4)	11	11	10	9	4 / 12 Last Impact	2:24.2 (0.3)
06.29	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [514]	4 (12)	11	10	9	9	4 / 12 Gold Ship	2:13.9 (0.7)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kitamura (58.0) [520]	17 (16)	3	3	3	3	15 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (1.5)
03.23	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [518]	9 (4)	9	9	9	8	5 / 9 Gold Ship	3:06.6 (1.7)
02.16	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	C. Demuro (57.0) [520]	7 (5)	9	9	8	8	5 / 12 Desperado	2:16.0 (0.4)
'13 11.24	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [512]	16 (8)	11	9	6	2	11 / 17 Gentildonna	2:26.1 (0.5)
10.27	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kitamura (58.0) [512]	8 (11)	-	14	13	13	7 / 17 Just a Way	1:57.5 (1.7)
10.06	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kitamura (56.0) [514]	2 (11)	6	6	9	8	1 / 13 (Uncoiled)	2:22.9 (0.0)
06.23	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [522]	1 (9)	7	7	7	8	11 / 11 Gold Ship	2:13.2 (2.4)
05.26	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	T. Ono (57.5) [518]	9 (14)	15	15	15	14	4 / 18 Mousquetaire	2:29.6 (0.4)
03.31	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	T. Ono (56.0) [520]	10 (7)	11	9	11	12	8 / 14 Orfevre	1:59.0 (0.9)
02.17	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	T. Ono (57.0) [512]	5 (6)	11	11	12	11	1 / 16 (D'accord)	1:46.4 (0.0)
01.05	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [514]	15 (6)	10	10	14	11	10 / 16 Touch Me Not	1:59.5 (0.6)

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

Jungle Cruise

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (March 6, 2009)
Origin	: Japan
Sex / Color	: Gelding / Bay
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Jungle Pocket / Fjord Cruise (Sunday Silence)
Breeder	: Shadai Farm
Owner	: Yoshiro Kubota
Career Record	: 20 starts, 4 wins, 6 seconds, 3 thirds
Career Earnings	: ¥ 71,832,000
'15 Season Record	: 2 starts, 1 win
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None

[Trainer] Kazuo Fujisawa

Date of Birth	: September 22, 1951
License Issued	: 1987
Date of First Win	: April 24, 1988
Career Record	: 7,128 starts, 1,252 wins, 906 seconds, 746 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 239 starts, 27 wins, 31 seconds, 25 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, Bounce Shasse) '14 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Spielberg) '14 Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, Red Spada)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 16 starts, 1 win, 5 thirds Won: '04 Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, by Sunday Silence)



[Jockey] Hiroshi Kitamura

Date of Birth	: July 24, 1980
Debut Year	: 1999
Date of First Win	: March 14, 1999
Career Record	: 12,601 starts, 1,170 wins, 1,137 seconds, 1,055 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 708 starts, 72 wins, 64 seconds, 56 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kitanan Black) '15 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Kitanan Black) '15 Spring Stakes (G2, Kitanan Black)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts, 1 third



Jungle Cruise makes a leap in class, challenging the top middle-distance runners both within Japan and from around the globe, in his first grade-race attempt in over three and a half years. Although having never faced G1 company before, the six-year-old son of Jungle Pocket has performed well at Tokyo Racecourse where he has raced in half of his entire career, registering 2-4-1 out of eleven starts there.

With one win and a second out of two starts as a two-year-old, **Jungle Cruise** kicked off his three-year-old campaign with his first grade-race challenge in the Kyodo News Service Hai. Off slow and racing from behind, the bay colt displayed a strong finish but was unable to reach the leaders, finishing seventh to Gold Ship. While turning in two runner-up efforts in allowance races, he was unsuccessful in his other grade-race start in the Aoba Sho, in which he finished eighth, and was winless in seven starts that year.

Gelded prior to his four-year-old season, **Jungle Cruise** transformed into a consistent runner with two wins, three seconds and three thirds out of nine starts between 2013 and 2014—his only start in which he finished out of the money was over dirt—but disappointed to ninth when stepping up in class in his six-year-old debut, the Soshun Stakes.

With just the start in the first half of the season, he bounced back in August under Joao Moreira who rode him in the second leg of the World All-Star Jockeys at Sapporo to win by a dominating 1-1/4-length margin. Strictly a middle-distance runner, raced over distances between 1,800 and 2,400 meters, **Jungle Cruise** hopes to show further progress in his first start following a three-month break after his win at Sapporo and just his third start overall.



2015 World All-Star Jockeys 2nd leg



2014 Nambu Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Jungle Cruise


Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m)* Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 08.29	World All-Star Jockeys 2nd Leg (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	J. Moreira (58.0) [510]	8 (4)	7	7	9	6	1 / 14 (Mieno Wonder)	2:00.5 (0.2)
02.08	Soshun Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Good	H. Kitamura (57.0) [506]	2 (2)	5	5	4	4	9 / 13 Meisho Kadomatsu	2:28.6 (1.8)
'14 11.22	Nambu Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [502]	10 (4)	5	4	4	3	1 / 17 (Storming)	2:26.1 (0.3)
10.12	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [502]	10 (1)	7	8	7	4	1 / 16 (Taisei Groovy)	2:25.2 (0.1)
09.06	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [506]	2 (1)	6	6	5	3	2 / 16 Cordelia	2:00.9 (0.0)
03.09	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [502]	12 (1)	6	6	4	3	3 / 15 Meiner Milano	2:01.1 (0.8)
02.24	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [504]	1 (2)	14	13	13	11	2 / 16 Un Ange Passe	2:26.6 (0.2)
'13 11.24	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [496]	1 (1)	10	10	10	8	2 / 17 Laurel Luster	2:25.9 (0.0)
11.09	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Sugihara (55.0) [500]	7 (1)	9	10	9	7	3 / 16 Mag Mell	1:58.6 (0.6)
10.27	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	1800D* Good	M. Sugihara (55.0) [502]	2 (1)	9	8	8	8	6 / 12 Aten First	1:54.2 (0.7)
10.14	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [502]	9 (4)	-	6	6	6	3 / 13 Hollow Crown	1:48.1 (0.4)
'12 12.24	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [510]	7 (1)	18	18	17	14	4 / 18 Cosmo Yucca	2:03.1 (0.4)
11.25	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [510]	1 (1)	2	2	2	2	5 / 18 Un Ange Passe	2:24.8 (0.5)
10.13	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [508]	3 (2)	-	6	6	7	2 / 13 Lunetta Azul	2:01.9 (0.1)
04.28	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [496]	1 (9)	5	4	3	3	8 / 17 Fenomeno	2:25.7 (1.2)
03.31	Azalea Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Yielding	K. Desormeaux (56.0) [494]	9 (3)	9	8	9	10	6 / 12 Tamuro Top Stay	2:32.7 (0.5)
03.10	Yukiyanagi Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [506]	10 (4)	9	10	11	9	2 / 12 Yamanin Pharaoh	2:34.2 (0.3)
02.12	Kyodo News Service Hai (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [510]	7 (6)	-	10	9	10	7 / 11 Gold Ship	1:48.3 (1.0)
'11 12.10	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [500]	4 (1)	12	12	3	2	1 / 18 (Cosmo Graceful)	2:02.6 (0.2)
11.27	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [500]	10 (1)	-	5	5	5	2 / 11 Satono Primacy	2:04.4 (0.0)

[Note] *D=Dirt


Last Impact

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (January, 21, 2010)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Superior Pearl (Timber Country)	
Breeder	: Shadai Corporation Inc.	
Owner	: Silk Racing Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 23 starts, 7 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 322,509,000	
'15 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '14 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	1st
	: '14 Kokura Daishoten (G3)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Hiroyoshi Matsuda

Date of Birth	: January 29, 1946	
License Issued	: 1981	
Date of First Win	: April 23, 1983	
Career Record	: 6,463 starts, 729 wins, 594 seconds, 606 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 311 starts, 31 wins, 23 seconds, 32 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Aoba Sho (G2, Reve Mistral)	
	: '14 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Harp Star)	
	: '14 Kinko Sho (G2, Last Impact)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 8 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds	
	Won: '11 Buena Vista (JPN, by Special Week)	
	: '07 Admire Moon (JPN, by End Sweep)	

[Jockey] Ryan Moore

Date of Birth	: September 18, 1983	
Date of First Ride	: May 16, 2004	
Date of First Win	: December 5, 2009	
Career Record	: 366 starts, 64 wins, 46 seconds, 34 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 15 starts, 3 wins, 4 seconds	
Recent Performances in Japan	: '14 Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, Satono Crown)	
	: '13 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, Asia Express)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 7 starts, 1 win	
	Won: '13 Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact)	

*JRA races only

A proven runner in middle-long distances and a title-holder of three grade-races, **Last Impact** is coming off his first Tenno Sho (Autumn) attempt where he raced in mid-pack and with very little room in early stretch, was unable to fire to finish 12th. However, his fourth-place finishes in both the 2013 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) and this year's Tenno Sho (Spring) confirms his stamina and staying talent, while his Kinko Sho win in record time last season verifies his undeniable speed. He was within the top three runners that ran the fastest over the last three furlongs in seven consecutive grade-races and these achievements make the Deep Impact horse an outstanding delegate to show his strength in the upcoming Japan Cup.

Last Impact broke his maiden in his first start and was second in his only other start as a two-year-old. He kicked off the following season with a sixth in his grade-race debut in the Kisaragi Sho, and after scoring his second win in an allowance race, he was sent off to the Aoba Sho, the trial race for the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), where he was a neck short to pin the runner-up despite a good stretch run for third, consequently losing the opportunity to start in the Derby. Another allowance-race win in August earned him a ticket to the Kikuka Sho where, after being sent off eighth pick, he sat off the pace chasing the eventual winner Epiphaneia and finished more than seven lengths behind in fourth.

Given a break after his classics challenge, he won his 2014 season debut and claimed his first graded victory in the Kokura Daishoten, where he stormed to the front from a rearward position for a comfortable 2-1/2-length win. After marking two thirds in four grade-race starts, he landed back-to-back grade-race wins; the Kyoto Daishoten by a neck from racing in third, and the Kinko Sho two months later, where he showed the fastest last three-furlong dash after racing in mid-pack to win by a 1-1/2 length margin in record time. He was at the starting gate in the year-end Arima Kinen in which he fought well from mid-division and finished a promising seventh, only two lengths from winner Gentildonna.

Following a four-month interval, he began the present season in the Hanshin Daishoten in which he angled wide from a second-to-rear position to finish third, 4-1/4 lengths from winner Gold Ship. In the Tenno Sho (Spring), the five-year-old was seen once again coming from way back and ran the fastest in the last three furlongs on the rails to finish less than 1-1/2 lengths from winner Gold Ship for fourth.



2014 Kinko Sho



2014 Kyoto Daishoten

Career Performances of Last Impact

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

Lovely Day

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (January 30, 2010)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: King Kamehameha / Popcorn Jazz (Dance in the Dark)	
Breeder	: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	
Owner	: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 25 starts, 9 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 647,555,000	
'15 Season Record	: 8 starts, 6 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	1st
	: '15 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '15 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

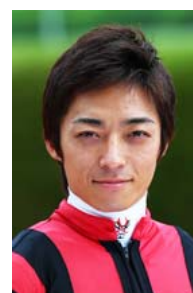
[Trainer] Yasutoshi Ikee

Date of Birth	: January 13, 1969
License Issued	: 2003
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2004
Career Record	: 3,095 starts, 473 wins, 357 seconds, 299 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 300 starts, 43 wins, 35 seconds, 26 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Lovely Day)
	: '15 Shuka Sho (G1, Mikki Queen)
	: '15 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Lovely Day)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 7 starts, 2 seconds, 1 third



[Jockey] Yuga Kawada

Date of Birth	: October 15, 1985
Debut Year	: 2004
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2004
Career Record	: 7,441 starts, 896 wins, 755 seconds, 694 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 554 starts, 88 wins, 76 seconds, 54 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Lovely Day)
	: '15 Yasuda Kinen (G1, Maurice)
	: '15 Kyoto Daishoten (G2, Lovely Day)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts



Five-year-old late developer **Lovely Day** is enjoying his best season yet as he is coming off a four-grade-race winning streak, which includes two G1 titles—the Takarazuka Kinen in June, in which he took the lead after pressing the pace in second and accelerated strongly in the last 200 meters for his first G1 title, and the Tenno Sho (Autumn), his latest start in November, where the son of King Kamehameha was rated toward the front and easily stole the lead before the furlong pole to pull away, while repelling a strong challenge from the runner-up, for a half-length victory.

Winning his first two starts as a two-year-old, the Yasutoshi Ikee-trained dark bay scored a runner-up effort in his first graded attempt in the Keio Hai Nisai Stakes and concluded the season with a seventh in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes. While his four starts against three-year-olds including two Classic races were not so productive, his best performance being fifth, he scored two consecutive runner-up efforts in the G3 and G2 events against older calibers before concluding his three-year-old season with a disappointing 12th in the year-end “All-Star Grand Prix” Arima Kinen.

Lovely Day kicked off his four-year-old season with a marginal third-place finish in the G3 Chunichi Shimbun Hai and registered his first win in over 19 months in the following Metropolitan Stakes where he took command 200 meters out and clocked the fastest last three furlongs over the same course as the Japan Cup. His four graded starts that followed were not as successful though he was always within contention, finishing between fourth and sixth.

Lovely Day kicked off his five-year-old season with back-to-back victories in the Nakayama Kimpai and the Kyoto Kinen where he won over a fierce duel with Suzuka Devious while defeating multiple grade-race winners Kizuna and Harp Star. While unable to exert his ability in longer distances over 3,000m in the following two starts, he was back on the winner’s podium with four consecutive victories over 2,000-2,400m distances.



2015 Tenno Sho (Autumn)



2015 Takarazuka Kinen

Career Performances of Lovely Day

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (58.0) [486]	8 (1)	- 4 4 4 (33.7)	1 / 18 (Staphanos)	1:58.4 (0.1)
10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [490]	1 (1)	5 5 6 6 (32.3)	1 / 10 (Sounds of Earth)	2:23.6 (0.2)
06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [488]	16 (6)	2 2 2 2 (34.8)	1 / 16 (Denim and Ruby)	2:14.4 (0.0)
06.06	Naruo Kinen (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [486]	10 (2)	5 5 5 5 (34.8)	1 / 11 (Majesty Hearts)	1:58.8 (0.3)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	C. Lemaire (58.0) [494]	10 (8)	4 4 5 4 (35.5)	8 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.5)
03.22	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	A. Starke (57.0) [498]	7 (3)	3 3 3 2 (37.1)	6 / 10 Gold Ship	3:05.9 (1.6)
02.15	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Tosaki (56.0) [490]	6 (3)	2 2 2 2 (33.9)	1 / 11 (Suzuka Devious)	2:11.5 (0.0)
01.04	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	F. Berry (57.0) [482]	2 (4)	5 5 6 4 (34.2)	1 / 17 (Logotype)	1:57.8R (0.2)
'14 12.06	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Miyuki (56.0) [484]	16 (6)	8 7 5 5 (35.2)	4 / 17 Last Impact	1:58.8 (0.5)
11.09	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [482]	17 (6)	3 3 3 2 (35.4)	5 / 18 Fame Game	2:30.5 (0.8)
07.13	Tanabata Sho (G3)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [480]	15 (2)	5 5 5 5 (36.0)	6 / 16 Meisho Naruto	1:58.7 (0.8)
06.01	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [480]	7 (1)	2 2 2 2 (35.3)	5 / 16 Meiner Medalist	2:31.0 (0.2)
04.26	Metropolitan Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	A. Starke (56.0) [482]	8 (1)	4 4 5 4 (34.5)	1 / 11 (Promontorio)	2:25.2 (0.3)
03.15	Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	E. Pedroza (56.0) [482]	13 (4)	6 8 8 7 (34.2)	3 / 18 Martinborough	2:01.7 (0.0)
'13 12.22	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [476]	8 (14)	3 3 3 4 (39.7)	12 / 16 Orfevre	2:32.3 (3.2)
11.30	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [480]	13 (6)	3 3 3 3 (35.6)	2 / 14 Curren Mirotic	1:59.6 (0.4)
08.04	Kokura Kinen (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Kawada (53.0) [474]	6 (5)	5 5 6 3 (34.3)	2 / 15 Meisho Naruto	1:57.1 (0.2)
05.26	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [470]	6 (17)	11 13 14 14 (33.9)	7 / 18 Kizuna	2:24.3 (0.4)
04.14	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [468]	13 (17)	3 3 2 3 (37.6)	15 / 18 Logotype	1:58.0 (1.9)
03.23	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	D. Vargiu (57.0) [466]	11 (4)	- - 2 1 (38.0)	11 / 13 Kizuna	1:46.2 (2.2)
02.23	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Iwata (57.0) [470]	7 (3)	- - 3 3 (34.6)	5 / 10 Copano Richard	1:34.8 (0.8)
'12 12.16	Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [472]	6 (4)	- 9 8 11 (36.2)	7 / 16 Logotype	1:33.4 (0.6)
11.10	Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1400 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [474]	1 (7)	- - 3 2 (33.6)	2 / 16 A Shin Top	1:21.2 (0.1)
09.16	Nojigiku Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kawada (54.0) [488]	5 (2)	- - 2 2 (34.7)	1 / 6 (Sammaru Home)	1:47.7 (0.0)
08.19	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kawada (54.0) [488]	13 (3)	7 7 7 4 (35.4)	1 / 14 (Mikki Success)	1:51.3 (0.1)

Mikki Queen

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (February 8, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Musical Way (Gold Away)	
Breeder	: Northern Farm	
Owner	: Mizuki Noda	
Career Record	: 7 starts, 4 wins, 3 seconds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 279,498,000	
'15 Season Record	: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 seconds	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Shuka Sho (G1)	1st
	: '15 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1)	1st
	: '15 Rose Stakes (G2)	2nd
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	: 3,095 starts, 473 wins, 357 seconds, 299 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 300 starts, 43 wins, 35 seconds, 26 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Lovely Day)
	: '15 Shuka Sho (G1, Mikki Queen)
	: '15 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Lovely Day)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 7 starts, 2 seconds, 1 third



[Jockey] Suguru Hamanaka

Date of Birth	: December 25, 1988
Debut Year	: 2007
Date of First Win	: April 7, 2007
Career Record	: 6,899 starts, 766 wins, 687 seconds, 634 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 712 starts, 93 wins, 71 seconds, 85 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Lovely Day)
	: '15 Shuka Sho (G1, Mikki Queen)
	: '15 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Mikki Queen)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts, 1 second



Winner of two legs of this year's fillies' Triple Crown, **Mikki Queen** has chosen to face a mixed field of top G1 company in the Japan Cup instead of competing against an all-female field in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in her first test against her seniors, with the intent of becoming the first three-year-old filly to claim the title since Gentildonna in 2012.

The Deep Impact filly registered a second in her debut start last year and notched her first win in her next race two weeks later by a promising two-length margin. Her first start of her three-year-old season was her first graded attempt, the G3 Queen Cup, in which she closed well by showing the fastest charge from far behind but was a neck short to finish second.

Although well rested and ready for an Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) challenge, she was unfortunate in missing out in the draw for entry, but landed an open-class win on the same day and same racecourse as the first leg of the fillies' classics. Qualifying for the second leg, **Mikki Queen** was sent off third favorite in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) where she raced wide in mid-pack and pinned front runner Rouge Buck in the last half-furlong for a 3/4-length win. The filly gave her trainer Yasutoshi Ikee his first G1 title for fillies/mares.

The three-year-old was off slow in her Rose Stakes start this autumn, but showed the fastest last three-furlong charge from the far rear, catching all but the winner for a 1-1/2-length second. In the last leg of the fillies' Triple Crown, the Shuka Sho, the widest-stall start did not hinder her performance whatsoever, as she demonstrated an amazing stretch run after powering through horses at the top of the straight to take command in the last 100 meters and prevail in record breaking speed, holding off a late charge by Queens Ring for a neck victory.



2015 Shuka Sho



2015 Yushun Himba

Career Performances of Mikki Queen

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 10.18	Shuka Sho (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [434]	18 (1)	8 8 8 6 (34.6)	1 / 18 (Queens Ring)	1:56.9 (0.0)
09.20	Rose Stakes (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [438]	8 (1)	- - 17 17 (33.8)	2 / 17 Touching Speech	1:45.2 (0.2)
05.24	Yushun Himba (G1) (Japanese Oaks)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [430]	10 (3)	12 12 9 9 (34.0)	1 / 17 (Rouge Buck)	2:25.0 (0.1)
04.12	Wasurenagusa Sho (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [426]	7 (1)	9 9 9 7 (34.0)	1 / 12 (Roca)	2:03.5 (0.1)
02.14	Queen Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [424]	14 (3)	- - 16 14 (33.8)	2 / 16 Cat Coin	1:34.0 (0.0)
'14 12.21	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Yielding	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [444]	12 (1)	- - 9 7 (36.1)	1 / 18 (Grandiflora)	1:37.1 (0.3)
12.07	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [440]	2 (1)	- - 14 12 (33.7)	2 / 17 Gilda	1:23.2 (0.1)

One and Only

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (February 23, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Virtue (Taiki Shuttle)	
Breeder	: North Hills Co., Ltd.	
Owner	: Koji Maeda	
Career Record	: 17 starts, 4 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 438,252,700	
'15 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1)	1st
	: '14 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	1st
	: '15 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '14 (7th)	

[Trainer] Kojiro Hashiguchi

Date of Birth	: October 5, 1945	
License Issued	: 1980	
Date of First Win	: March 13, 1982	
Career Record	: 8,405 starts, 960 wins, 942 seconds, 827 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 263 starts, 28 wins, 20 seconds, 20 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Milers Cup (G2, Red Arion)	
	: '15 Kokura Nisai Stakes (G3, Shuji)	
	: '15 Sekiya Kinen (G3, Red Arion)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 12 starts, 1 win, 2 seconds	
	Won: '10 Rose Kingdom (JPN, by King Kamehameha)	



[Jockey] Hiroyuki Uchida

Date of Birth	: July 26, 1970	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2008	
Date of First Win	: April 21, 2002	
Career Record	: 7,352 starts, 914 wins, 752 seconds, 755 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 759 starts, 66 wins, 67 seconds, 70 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Flora Stakes (G2, Sing with Joy)	
	: '15 Heian Stakes (G3, Incantation)	
	: '15 Kyoto Himba Stakes (G3, Keiai Elegant)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts, 1 second	



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

Last year's Japanese Derby (Tokyo Yushun) winner **One and Only** kicked off this season with his first overseas challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic in March where he stalked the leaders early, running alongside Dolniya and Flintshire—fifth and second finishers in the 2014 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, respectively—and though not quite able to keep up with the two, finished a credible third. While his performances since coming back home have not been successful, finishing 11th in the Takarazuka Kinen, sixth in the Kyoto Daishoten, and 16th in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), the son of Heart's Cry hopes to bounce back and demonstrate his true ability at the same track where he claimed his Derby title.

Heavily beaten in his debut race in August of his two-year-old season, the Kojiro Hashiguchi-trained colt broke his maiden in his third start in September and finished a close second in the open class Hagi Stakes before making his first graded attempt in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes, in which he was beaten by Isla Bonita to sixth. He then claimed his first grade-race victory in the following Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes by displaying a powerful late charge and concluded his debut season with two wins and two seconds out of six starts.

One and Only came back 10kg heavier and kicked off his three-year-old season with a very close second in the G2 Yayoi Sho where he turned in the field's fastest finish. He again ran the fastest final three furlongs in the following Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), coming from way back, but belatedly for fourth place behind Isla Bonita. The dark bay colt then captured his first G1 title in the second leg of the Triple Crown, the Tokyo Yushun. The third favorite exerted his strong late charge after traveling around sixth along the rails and won out a fierce duel with archrival and race favorite Isla Bonita to deny the Satsuki Sho victor's second classic title.

While landing his second successive graded victory in the following G2 Kobe Shimbu Hai, he finished a disappointing ninth in the 3,000-meter Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) and took on his first challenge against older G1 caliber in the Japan Cup then the Arima Kinen, which resulted in seventh and 13th, respectively.



2014 Tokyo Yushun



2014 Kobe Shimbu Hai

Career Performances of One and Only

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

Pelusa

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 8 (March 20, 2007)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Zenno Rob Roy / Argentine Star (Candy Stripes)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Hidetoshi Yamamoto	
Career Record	: 26 starts, 5 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 293,084,000	
'15 Season Record	: 6 starts, 1 win	
Principal Race Performances	: '10 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	2nd
	: '11 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	3rd
	: '10 Aoba Sho (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '11 (16th), '10 (5th)	

[Trainer] Kazuo Fujisawa

Date of Birth	: September 22, 1951
License Issued	: 1987
Date of First Win	: April 24, 1988
Career Record	: 7,128 starts, 1,252 wins, 906 seconds, 746 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 239 starts, 27 wins, 31 seconds, 25 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, Bounce Shasse) '14 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Spielberg) '14 Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, Red Spada)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 16 starts, 1 win, 5 thirds Won: '04 Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, by Sunday Silence)



[Jockey] Christophe Lemaire

Date of Birth	: May 20, 1979
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015
Date of First Win	: December 8, 2002
Career Record	: 2,450 starts, 341 wins, 303 seconds, 258 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 486 starts, 96 wins, 72 seconds, 62 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, Nobori Diana) '15 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2, Lia Fail) '15 Rose Stakes (G2, Touching Speech)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 10 starts, 1 win, 2 seconds Won: '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)



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

Pelusa, who once excited the crowds at graded events with his powerful late kick in his early years, marked his first victory in over five years—the longest interval between wins in the history of JRA—in the Sapporo Nikkei Open this year, his previous being the Aoba Sho in his three-year-old season. Though finishing seventh in his latest start, the Tenno Sho (Autumn), the eight-year-old confirmed his improvement against multiple grade-race winners, accelerating strongly in the last 200 meters from way back to finish within four lengths from the winner.

Breaking his maiden in his first and only race as a two-year-old in 2009, **Pelusa** scored four consecutive victories including the 2010 Aoba Sho where he registered an impressive four-length victory in the Derby trial. Being posted second favorite in the Derby, the unbeaten chestnut was unable to break well and finished a disappointing sixth. His poor break affected many of his following starts including the Tenno Sho (Autumn), in which he was forced to travel second from last but displayed the strongest late kick to close in on Buena Vista for a two-length second. Missing his break again in the following Japan Cup, he could only close the gap to fifth place though again running the fastest in the last three furlongs. In the year-end Arima Kinen, he was able to break well and was forwardly position but did not stretch at the end to finish fourth.

Kicking off his four-year-old season with a runner-up effort in the 2011 Nikkei Sho, **Perusa** finished a disappointing eighth in the Tenno Sho (Spring) and was sidelined for six months before his second challenge in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) where the chestnut again exerted the fastest late drive for third-place, a length behind Tosen Jordan who renewed the course record by 1.1 second.

While finishing a close second in his first start the following year in the Shirafuji Stakes, he was under par throughout the season and was raced only one more time in the Yasuda Kinen where he finished last. His six-year-old season was also hindered by a broken wind, and it took him a year and a half and two operations to resume racing and another year and a half to pick up his form to mark his first win in five years.



2010 Aoba Sho



2015 Sapporo Nikkei Open

Career Performances of Pelusa

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Shibayama 58 [512]	10 (15)	- 14 14 15 (33.6)	7 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.5)
08.08	Sapporo Nikkei Open (Open Class)	Sapporo (JPN)	2600 Firm	C. Lemaire 58 [518]	4 (5)	1 1 1 (35.0)	1 / 11 (Tamamo Best Play)	2:38.7R (0.1)
07.05	Tomoe Sho (Open Class)	Hakodate (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii 58 [524]	7 (5)	8 8 8 (34.9)	6 / 8 Meiner Milano	1:46.5 (1.0)
06.14	Epsom Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida 56 [522]	7 (7)	- 10 11 11 (34.5)	6 / 13 A Shin Hikari	1:45.4 (0.6)
01.31	Shirafuji Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Shibayama 58 [522]	14 (7)	- 14 14 14 (34.9)	6 / 14 Azuma Shuttle	2:00.8 (0.7)
01.04	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	G. Benoist 56 [530]	11 (13)	17 16 17 17 (34.0)	10 / 17 Lovely Day	1:57.8 (1.2)
'14 12.06	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Desormeaux 56 [516]	14 (9)	12 12 12 12 (35.3)	10 / 17 Last Impact	1:58.8 (1.1)
11.02	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Shibata 58 [516]	10 (15)	- 18 18 18 (34.0)	16 / 18 Spielberg	1:59.7 (0.8)
10.12	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Tosaki 56 [518]	7 (12)	- 11 11 10 (33.5)	9 / 15 Air Saumur	1:45.2 (0.5)
06.15	Epsom Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura 56 [528]	11 (5)	- 12 15 13 (34.4)	15 / 17 Decipher	1:46.2 (1.1)
02.01	Shirafuji Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura 57 [518]	13 (5)	- 13 13 12 (33.5)	12 / 14 Air Saumur	1:59.8 (1.0)
'12 06.03	Yasuda Kinen (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Ando 58 [518]	18 (8)	- - 6 7 (36.2)	18 / 18 Strong Return	1:31.3 (2.0)
01.28	Shirafuji Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ando 57 [532]	10 (1)	- 14 14 13 (33.7)	2 / 14 Young at Heart	1:59.6 (0.1)
'11 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama 57 [524]	7 (3)	11 8 7 9 (36.2)	16 / 16 Buena Vista	2:24.2 (2.5)
10.30	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [520]	8 (6)	- 13 13 13 (33.9)	3 / 18 Tosen Jordan	1:56.1 (0.2)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Good	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [506]	6 (4)	6 7 7 6 (36.1)	8 / 18 Hiruno d'Amour	3:20.6 (0.9)
04.02	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [502]	5 (2)	6 6 6 6 (34.3)	2 / 10 To the Glory	2:25.4 (0.4)
'10 12.26	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Ando (55.0) [510]	14 (3)	5 5 3 4 (34.4)	4 / 15 Victoire Pisa	2:32.6 (0.1)
11.28	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	K. Ando (55.0) [510]	7 (3)	18 18 18 18 (33.5)	5 / 18 Rose Kingdom	2:25.2 (0.1)
10.31	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Good	K. Ando (56.0) [502]	7 (4)	- 17 17 17 (33.6)	2 / 18 Buena Vista	1:58.2 (0.3)
10.10	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	K. Ando (56.0) [506]	2 (1)	- 10 10 10 (34.3)	5 / 10 Aliseo	1:46.4 (0.5)
05.30	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [500]	9 (2)	15 15 9 9 (33.3)	6 / 17 Eishin Flash	2:26.9 (0.5)
05.01	Aoba Sho (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [498]	2 (1)	9 8 10 7 (33.8)	1 / 18 (To the Glory)	2:24.3 (0.7)
03.20	Wakaba Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ando (56.0) [496]	4 (2)	9 8 7 4 (35.7)	1 / 10 (Hiruno d'Amour)	1:59.9 (0.1)
02.13	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Good	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [510]	3 (1)	- 8 7 8 (34.2)	1 / 13 (Blue Glass)	2:03.4 (0.1)
'09 11.29	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [500]	3 (1)	- 3 7 7 (33.5)	1 / 12 (Indianapolis)	2:05.5 (0.3)

Shonan Bach

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 5, 2011)
Origin	: Japan
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Stay Gold / Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)
Breeder	: Yanagawa Bokujo
Owner	: Tetsuhide Kunimoto
Career Record	: 17 starts, 6 wins, 1 third
Career Earnings	: ¥ 60,105,000
'15 Season Record	: 10 starts, 4 wins, 1 third
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None

[Trainer] Hiroyuki Uehara

Date of Birth	: January 25, 1957
License Issued	: 1993
Date of First Win	: July 3, 1994
Career Record	: 4,798 starts, 358 wins, 354 seconds, 354 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 239 starts, 18 wins, 12 seconds, 19 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '14 All Comers (G2, Meiner Lacrima) '13 Fukushima Kinen (G3, Daiwa Falcon) '13 Tanabata Sho (G3, Meiner Lacrima)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



[Jockey] Keita Tosaki

Date of Birth	: July 8, 1980
JRA Debut Year*	: 2013
Date of First Win	: July 8, 2007
Career Record	: 3,648 starts, 449 wins, 381 seconds, 349 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 827 starts, 111 wins, 105 seconds, 90 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Sprinters Stakes (G1, Straight Girl) '15 Victoria Mile (G1, Straight Girl) '15 Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, Sakura Gospel)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts



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

Four-year-old **Shonan Bach** has shown remarkable progress this year and is coming off his November Stakes victory in which he displayed the fastest last three-furlong charge from the far rear to overhaul all of his rivals and draw off to a 1-3/4-length win. The Japan Cup will be his first graded challenge in which he intends to stage his good turn of foot which recorded the fastest over the last three furlongs in eight of his 17 career races.

Unraced as a two-year-old, the Stay Gold colt was winless in his first five races in his debut season last year and was transferred from Yoshito Yahagi's yard into the hands of Ryohei Hori at Sonoda Racecourse of NAR racing (National Association of Racing; local public racing) after which he immediately scored two wins in a row over dirt.

Changing hands again to be trained by Hiroyuki Uehara of the JRA from the beginning of this season, the bay colt claimed his first JRA win in April in an allowance race where he saved ground in mid-field and stretched well on the rails to win by a neck. Following a sixth in his next start where he finished less than two lengths from the winner, he displayed the fastest late charge after trailing near the rear to notch a neck victory in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy.

He landed another win in the following Aganogawa Tokubetsu in August where he accelerated impressively from mid-division to take the lead in the last 100 meters, clocking the fastest finish over the last three furlongs once again to register a 1-1/4 length win. His November Stakes victory came after another two starts—a third-place finish and a fourth, by a length and 6-1/4 lengths margin, respectively.



2015 November Stakes



2015 Aganogawa Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Shonan Bach

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.07	November Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Tanabe (55.0) [440]	10 (2)	- 10 9 10 (33.3)	1 / 10 (Matenro Boss)	2:00.0 (0.3)
10.12	October Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Miyuki (55.0) [442]	4 (3)	7 5 7 8 (33.9)	4 / 12 Gold Actor	2:25.8 (1.0)
08.22	Nihonkai Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Shibata (57.0) [438]	4 (2)	9 9 8 8 (34.3)	3 / 11 Sekisho	2:12.9 (0.2)
08.08	Aganogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.0) [440]	3 (8)	10 10 9 9 (34.0)	1 / 16 (Symboli Jazz)	2:11.9 (0.2)
06.07	Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (57.0) [428]	9 (3)	- 12 12 12 (33.8)	1 / 13 (Thurston Collardot)	2:00.0 (0.0)
05.10	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.0) [424]	6 (7)	- 11 10 11 (33.7)	6 / 13 Logi Major	2:01.0 (0.3)
04.12	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	T. Fujikake (57.0) [418]	3 (4)	8 7 8 5 (36.1)	1 / 16 (Proletariat)	2:01.0 (0.0)
03.08	Itako Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Good	H. Tanabe (56.0) [430]	11 (5)	11 10 10 10 (35.5)	6 / 11 Marialite	2:39.6 (0.7)
02.15	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Tanabe (56.0) [434]	11 (5)	14 16 16 13 (36.0)	6 / 16 Elvis Barows	2:26.7 (0.7)
01.12	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Tanabe (56.0) [438]	7 (12)	13 13 13 13 (34.3)	6 / 16 Hatsugatsuo	2:02.2 (0.5)
'14 12.17	Three-Year-Olds & Up	Sonoda (JPN)	1400D* Muddy	T. Kimura (57.0) [441]	9 (1)	6 6 2 1 (37.8)	1 / 10 (You've Gota Friend)	1:29.9 (0.6)
11.26	Three-Year-Olds & Up	Sonoda (JPN)	1400D* Muddy	T. Kimura (56.0) [440]	2 (2)	9 9 1 1 (37.0)	1 / 12 (Viva Univers)	1:27.8 (0.6)
10.19	Zao Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2600 Firm	M. Sugihara (54.0) [432]	10 (12)	13 13 13 13 (35.0)	11 / 13 Prestwick	2:39.4 (1.4)
09.13	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800D* Standard	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [444]	8 (5)	9 9 10 8 (39.6)	9 / 12 Candlelight	1:54.9 (0.7)
08.24	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [436]	1 (7)	10 10 8 7 (37.9)	13 / 16 Meisho Lavande	1:47.8 (2.6)
07.26	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kokubun (56.0) [438]	17 (2)	14 15 11 9 (36.6)	4 / 18 Yamanin Voielactee	2:06.4 (0.5)
05.04	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kokubun (56.0) [450]	17 (12)	14 14 15 14 (34.5)	6 / 18 T M Sambika	2:01.7 (1.2)

[Note] *D=Dirt

Shonan Pandora

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 10, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Cutie Gold (French Deputy)	
Breeder	: Shadai Corporation Inc.	
Owner	: Tetsuhide Kunimoto	
Career Record	: 15 starts, 4 wins, 4 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 263,250,000	
'15 Season Record	: 5 starts, 1 win, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Shuka Sho (G1)	1st
	: '15 All Comers (G2)	1st
	: '15 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Tomokazu Takano

Date of Birth	: February 4, 1976
License Issued	: 2010
Date of First Win	: March 20, 2011
Career Record	: 1,215 starts, 110 wins, 99 seconds, 96 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 272 starts, 29 wins, 19 seconds, 23 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 All Comers (G2, Shonan Pandora) '14 Shuka Sho (G1, Shonan Pandora) '14 Hopeful Stakes (G2, Shining Lei)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None



[Jockey] Kenichi Ikezoe

Date of Birth	: July 23, 1979
Debut Year	: 1998
Date of First Win	: March 14, 1998
Career Record	: 10,342 starts, 940 wins, 924 seconds, 865 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 449 starts, 42 wins, 32 seconds, 39 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 All Comers (G2, Shonan Pandora) '15 New Zealand Trophy (G2, Yamakatsu Ace) '15 Kyoto Kimpai (G3, Win Full Bloom)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 3 starts, 1 second



2014 Shuka Sho winner **Shonan Pandora**, instead of heading for the all-female Queen Elizabeth II Cup, faced a field of big-league contenders in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) this year as the only female runner and scored an impressive fourth-place finish. Sent off fifth choice, the filly lost ground from a wide-stall break but cleared the wire less than 1-1/2 lengths from the winner by demonstrating a powerful charge that tied the fastest finish. The Japan Cup will be her first start at the 2,400-meter distance but with proven results against tough competition in races at the highest level, an extra furlong should not be an issue in her sixth G1 challenge.

Following a runner-up finish in her only start as a two-year-old, **Shonan Pandora** broke her maiden in her kick-off start the next season. A fifth-place finish in her first grade-race attempt in the Flower Cup shattered her hopes of qualifying for the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas), as it turned out was the case again in the Sweet Pea Stakes in May, the trial race for the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), where she finished fifth and was denied the chance to start in a spring classics.

However, after marking her second career win during her summer campaign, the Deep Impact filly earned her much awaited ticket to the Shuka Sho by marking a neck second in the trial Shion Stakes, where she closed well from far behind to take the lead at the furlong marker although pinned at the wire. Sent off third favorite in her first G1 challenge, the bay filly pushed through the leaders in the stretch and held off the fast-closing Oaks winner Nuovo Record to prevail by a neck. Up against more experienced rivals in the following Queen Elizabeth II Cup, she met traffic at the top of the straight and registered a sixth.

After scoring a ninth and an eighth in her first two starts of the season, the Sankei Osaka Hai and the Victoria Mile, respectively, **Shonan Pandora** tested her strength in the “all-star Grand Prix” Takarazuka Kinen as 11th favorite and, while she found herself in tight quarters in early stretch in the middle of the field, charged well on the rails in the last furlong to finish less than two lengths from the winner in third. Refreshed from a three-month break, she gave her all against a mixed field of graded winners in the G2 All Comers in which she angled wide from a mid-division position and was the fastest over the last three furlongs to claim a striking 1-1/2-length victory.



2014 Shuka Sho



2015 All Comers

Career Performances of Shonan Pandora

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [438]	15 (5)	- 14 14 12 (33.4)	4 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.2)
09.27	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (55.0) [440]	3 (3)	10 10 9 8 (34.1)	1 / 15 (Nuovo Record)	2:11.9 (0.2)
06.28	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [446]	1 (11)	7 6 6 7 (34.7)	3 / 16 Lovely Day	2:14.4 (0.2)
05.17	Victoria Mile (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [442]	17 (7)	- - 9 9 (33.5)	8 / 18 Straight Girl	1:31.9 (0.9)
04.05	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Soft	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [452]	10 (7)	7 7 7 7 (38.4)	9 / 14 Lachesis	2:02.9 (1.9)
'14 11.16	Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [446]	12 (4)	13 13 12 12 (33.3)	6 / 18 Lachesis	2:12.3 (0.4)
10.19	Shuka Sho (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (55.0) [440]	6 (3)	9 9 9 5 (34.3)	1 / 17 (Nuovo Record)	1:57.0 (0.0)
09.13	Shion Stakes (Open Class)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Soft	Y. Iwata (54.0) [440]	7 (1)	- - 14 6 (35.7)	2 / 18 Reve d'Etoiles	2:03.3 (0.0)
08.16	Itoigawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Yielding	Y. Iwata (52.0) [438]	2 (1)	- - 7 6 (33.6)	1 / 14 (Makeup)	2:00.1 (0.4)
05.24	Carnation Cup (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Williams (54.0) [430]	17 (3)	- 16 14 12 (33.0)	2 / 17 Hazy Moon	1:47.7 (0.0)
05.04	Sweetpea Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kawasu (54.0) [436]	10 (1)	- 10 10 10 (33.6)	5 / 16 Shiny Girl	1:47.3 (0.5)
03.21	Flower Cup (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [428]	5 (1)	13 13 9 7 (36.6)	5 / 16 Bounce Shasse	1:51.3 (0.5)
02.08	Elfin Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Yielding	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [426]	3 (1)	- - 7 7 (34.0)	2 / 11 Shiny Girl	1:37.7 (0.3)
01.05	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [430]	15 (1)	15 10 7 3 (34.9)	1 / 16 (Ice Break)	2:01.0 (0.2)
'13 12.08	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [440]	7 (2)	- - 6 4 (33.4)	2 / 9 Blue Flash	1:49.1 (0.1)

Sounds of Earth

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (April 12, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Neo Universe / First Violin (Dixieland Band)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Teruya Yoshida	
Career Record	: 13 starts, 2 wins, 5 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 156,225,000	
'15 Season Record	: 3 starts, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	2nd
	: '15 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	2nd
	: '14 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Kenichi Fujioka

Date of Birth	: January 1, 1961
License Issued	: 2001
Date of First Win	: May 24, 2003
Career Record	: 3,195 starts, 338 wins, 300 seconds, 232 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 252 starts, 29 wins, 26 seconds, 13 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '12 Ocean Stakes (G3, One Carat)
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	: 2,921 starts, 453 wins, 374 seconds, 283 thirds
'15 Season Record	: 543 starts, 99 wins, 78 seconds, 51 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Duramente) '15 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, Duramente) '15 Fillies' Revue (G2, Queens Ring)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 8 starts, 1 win Won: '08 Screen Hero (JPN, by Grass Wonder)



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

Four-year-old **Sounds of Earth**, while yet to capture a graded victory, has marked multiple runner-up efforts at the graded level including his latest start in the Kyoto Daishoten, in which he closed in on Lovely Day from 4-5th position while producing an impressive burst of speed at the stretch. The Tokyo Racecourse offers a long stretch that can be of advantage to his powerful late charge inherited from his sire Neo Universe.

Winless in his three starts of his two-year-old season while being posted race favorite in all—finishing fifth, second and fourth, respectively—**Sounds of Earth** landed his first victory in his three-year-old debut by displaying a strong late kick from racing in midfield. After finishing third in the Wakaba Stakes the following month, he added another win in the Hanamizuki Sho before testing his ability in his following graded races. The dark bay ran persistently in the G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai, coming in 1-1/4 length short of winner Hagino Hybrid.

Although finishing a disappointing 11th in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), the Kenichi Fujioka-trained colt returned to racing in the fall in better form, showing no signs of his earlier stiffness. His performance in the Kobe Shimbun Hai was quite impressive as the 11th pick dark bay rallied strongly with race favorite One and Only for a head second while fending off a fierce rally from Toho Jackal. In his second G1 challenge in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), the fourth-pick, running the fastest of the field in the last three furlongs, dueled strongly and finished a 1/2 length behind winner Toho Jackal who renewed the race record and course record by as much as 1.7 seconds.

As the connections opted not to start him in the Japan Cup as planned in consideration of his condition, **Sounds of Earth** concluded the season with two wins, three seconds and a third out of seven starts. Coming back from a five-month break, the son of Neo Universe kicked off this season with a fourth-place finish in the Nikkei Sho and a ninth in the following Tenno Sho (Spring), then was given another five-month break before marking a close second in the Kyoto Daishoten.



2014 Kobe Shimbun Hai (center)



2014 Kikuka Sho (right)

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.))
'15 10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [504]	10 (2)	4	4	5	5	2 / 10 Lovely Day	2:23.6 (0.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [496]	15 (4)	6	6	8	7	9 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.7)
03.28	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [500]	10 (1)	11	11	11	11	4 / 12 Admire Deus	2:30.2 (0.3)
'14 10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [496]	4 (4)	10	10	8	4	2 / 18 Toho Jackal	3:01.0 (0.1)
09.28	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fujioka (56.0) [488]	11 (8)	11	11	11	7	2 / 16 One and Only	2:24.4 (0.0)
06.01	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [494]	1 (11)	3	4	4	3	11 / 17 One and Only	2:24.6 (1.2)
05.10	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [498]	11 (8)	10	9	9	7	2 / 18 Hagino Hybrid	2:11.0 (0.2)
04.19	Hanamizuki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [498]	3 (1)	5	5	5	5	1 / 8 (Strawberry King)	2:03.0 (0.0)
03.22	Wakaba Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [504]	2 (3)	5	5	4	4	3 / 12 Admire Deus	2:01.4 (0.4)
02.22	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (56.0) [502]	4 (1)	4	4	7	7	1 / 16 (Admire Cima)	2:02.1 (0.1)
'13 11.16	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [492]	12 (1)	-	-	9	8	4 / 16 Shingan	1:49.5 (0.7)
11.02	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [494]	6 (1)	-	-	15	13	2 / 16 Satono Rob Roy	1:47.5 (0.0)
10.13	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [494]	3 (1)	4	4	3	3	5 / 13 A Shin Allonsy	2:02.1 (0.5)

[Substitute]


Super Moon

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (April 28, 2009)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Brian's Time / Fairy Ballade (Sadler's Wells)	
Breeder	: Hidetoshi Yamamoto	
Owner	: Hidetoshi Yamamoto	
Career Record	: 25 starts, 5 wins, 6 seconds, 5 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 121,218,000	
'15 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Kazuo Fujisawa

Date of Birth	: September 22, 1951	
License Issued	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: April 24, 1988	
Career Record	: 7,128 starts, 1,252 wins, 906 seconds, 746 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 239 starts, 27 wins, 31 seconds, 25 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Nakayama Himba Stakes (G3, Bounce Shasse) '14 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Spielberg) '14 Keio Hai Spring Cup (G2, Red Spada)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 16 starts, 1 win, 5 thirds Won: '04 Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	

[Jockey] Yuichi Shibayama

Date of Birth	: February 19, 1978	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2005	
Date of First Win	: July 19, 2003	
Career Record	: 7,430 starts, 432 wins, 496 seconds, 512 thirds	
'15 Season Record	: 748 starts, 61 wins, 62 seconds, 54 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '15 Swan Stakes (G2, Albiano) '15 Flower Cup (G3, Albiano)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start	

*Shibayama rode in regional public racing from 1998 prior to acquiring his JRA jockey's license in 2005.

Super Moon, while yet to capture a graded title, will make his first G1 challenge at his favorite Tokyo Racecourse where he has marked three wins, five runner-ups and four third-place finishes while being among the three fastest in the last three furlongs in 12 out of 16 races.

Making his debut as a two-year-old in 2011, the son of Brian's Time broke his maiden in his third start, and concluded the season with a win and a second out of four starts. He remained consistent throughout his three and four-year-old seasons, registering 1-3-2 out of eight starts in 2012, and 2-2-0 out of five in 2013 including the October Stakes where he was a neck second to the subsequent Tenno Sho (Spring) third-place finisher, Hokko Brave.

Coming back from a seven and a half month break for his 2014 debut in the 2014 Commemorative Race of the Sapporo Racecourse Grand Open in July, the Kazuo Fujisawa-trained bay hugged the rails in mid-division, angled wide to the lane and assumed command with 100 meters to go for his fifth career win. Stepping up in class, his first grade-race attempt in the Sapporo Kinen resulted in a disappointing 10th. He then marked two consecutive third-place finishes; the latter being his second graded outing, the Copa Republica Argentina, where he was positioned in sixth, quickened in the last 200 meters and finished 3-1/4 lengths behind Fame Game in third.

After another third-place finish in his kick-off start of this season in the Shirafuji Stakes, he traveled to England, accompanying Spielberg who was set to race in the Prince of Wales's Stakes. Finishing 10th, less than four lengths behind the winner, in his first overseas challenge in the listed Wolferton Handicap Stakes, he was seventh in his come-back start in Japan in the Ireland Trophy. He is coming off a fifth-place finish in the Copa Republica Argentina where he settled third to fourth and stretched well along the outside in the straight but weakened in the last 100 meters.



2014 Commemorative Race
of the Sapporo Racecourse Grand Open



2015 Wolferton Handicap Stakes (rightmost)

Career Performances of Super Moon

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'15 11.08	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Yielding	H. Uchida (55.0) [514]	1 (8)	3 4 4 (34.7)	5 / 18 Gold Actor	2:34.0 (0.7)
10.18	Ireland Trophy (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [516]	9 (4)	- 6 5 3 (35.8)	7 / 12 Historical	1:59.2 (1.1)
06.20	Wolferton Handicap Stakes (Listed)	Ascot (GB)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (57.5)	8 (9)		10 / 13 Mahsoob	2:05.3 (0.7)
01.31	Shirafuji Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Uchida (56.0) [514]	4 (1)	- 6 6 6 (35.6)	3 / 14 Azuma Shuttle	2:00.8 (0.4)
'14 11.09	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [510]	11 (3)	6 6 6 5 (34.7)	3 / 18 Fame Game	2:30.5 (0.5)
10.19	Ireland Trophy (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Shibata (56.0) [506]	6 (3)	- 2 3 3 (34.0)	3 / 8 A Shin Hikari	1:58.3 (0.6)
08.24	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Rawiller (57.0) [508]	13 (9)	10 10 12 12 (37.3)	10 / 14 Harp Star	1:59.1 (2.0)
07.26	Commemorative Race of the Sapporo Racecourse Grand Open (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Shii (57.0) [506]	2 (1)	8 7 10 8 (35.4)	1 / 16 (A Shin Goongoon)	2:01.8 (0.0)
'13 10.05	October Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Good	H. Uchida (56.0) [504]	4 (1)	10 8 9 10 (34.3)	2 / 16 Hokko Brave	2:26.3 (0.0)
08.17	Poplar Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [506]	15 (1)	2 3 4 6 (39.1)	13 / 16 Dream Hero	2:03.5 (2.4)
06.29	Toyako Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [516]	4 (2)	4 4 3 2 (34.2)	1 / 12 (Danon Gelato)	2:03.4 (0.1)
06.08	Inagi Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [508]	12 (1)	- 8 7 6 (34.6)	1 / 16 (Longing Dancer)	1:45.7 (0.0)
05.19	Teletama Hai (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	11 (2)	- 6 7 7 (33.0)	2 / 15 Archimedes	1:46.9 (0.0)
'12 12.22	Toji Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Good	H. Uchida (56.0) [512]	9 (1)	11 11 11 11 (35.1)	3 / 11 Dream Hero	1:50.5 (0.1)
11.24	Oriental Sho (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	O. Peslier (55.0) [506]	6 (4)	- 10 9 10 (33.8)	3 / 16 Namura Odo	1:58.8 (0.3)
11.03	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [508]	9 (1)	- 7 6 8 (33.4)	2 / 12 Cosmo Graceful	1:47.3 (0.0)
10.06	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [500]	4 (2)	- 7 10 8 (33.5)	1 / 15 (Shadow Party)	1:46.6 (0.2)
05.26	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [496]	8 (1)	- 8 8 6 (33.9)	4 / 10 Taisei Groovy	1:48.2 (0.5)
05.13	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [496]	4 (3)	- - 6 5 (32.7)	2 / 10 Daiwa Feliz	1:33.7 (0.1)
04.14	Yamafuji Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Soft	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [500]	7 (1)	7 7 9 10 (37.2)	6 / 10 Courir Kaiser	2:07.4 (1.2)
03.25	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Yielding	M. Sugihara (53.0) [492]	9 (4)	4 4 5 4 (35.5)	2 / 10 Opera Dancing	1:50.4 (0.2)
'11 12.03	Habotan Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Soft	H. Goto (55.0) [492]	3 (5)	9 9 9 9 (37.2)	4 / 14 Cosmo Ozora	2:04.5 (0.5)
11.19	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [492]	11 (3)	- 11 5 2 (35.5)	1 / 15 (Cosmo Graceful / Kyohei Mine [DH])	2:03.2 (0.2)
11.05	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [488]	12 (1)	- 5 4 4 (34.2)	2 / 12 Cosmo Ozora	2:03.2 (0.3)
10.22	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Soft	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [490]	8 (3)	- 12 12 12 (35.8)	5 / 15 Silver Wave	1:54.9 (0.6)