

**The 37th Running of
The Japan Cup
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Press Information



**THE JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION
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Japan Autumn International
37th JAPAN CUP

<u>Date of Race:</u>	Sunday, November 26, 2017
<u>Racecourse:</u>	Tokyo Racecourse
<u>Distance:</u>	2,400 meters (about 12 furlongs), turf, left-handed
<u>Qualification to run:</u>	3-year-old & up
<u>Weight:</u>	4-year-old & up: 57 kilograms (about 126 lbs.) 3-year-old: 55 kilograms (about 121 lbs.)
<u>Allowance:</u>	Fillies and Mares: 2 kilograms Southern Hemisphere Horses born in 2014: 2 kilograms
<u>Safety Factor:</u>	18 runners
<u>Added Money:</u>	Total JPY 648,000,000 (about US\$ 5,634,783) Winner JPY 300,000,000 (about US\$ 2,608,696) 2nd place JPY 120,000,000 (about US\$ 1,043,478) 3rd place JPY 75,000,000 (about US\$ 652,174) 4th place JPY 45,000,000 (about US\$ 391,304) 5th place JPY 30,000,000 (about US\$ 260,870)
<u>Participation Incentive Money:</u>	6th place JPY 24,000,000 (about US\$ 208,696) 7th place JPY 21,000,000 (about US\$ 182,609) 8th place JPY 18,000,000 (about US\$ 156,522) 9th place JPY 9,000,000 (about US\$ 78,261) 10th place JPY 6,000,000 (about US\$ 52,174)

(Note: US\$1 = ¥115)

Bonus System:

For the Winners of Races below in 2017		Bonus Money	
Dubai Sheema Classic (UAE) / Dubai World Cup (UAE) The Derby (UK) / Prix du Jockey Club (FR) Prince of Wales's Stakes (UK) / The Irish Derby (IRE) Eclipse Stakes (UK) / Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (FR) Grand Prix de Paris (FR) King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (UK) Arlington Million (USA) / International Stakes (UK) Sword Dancer Stakes (USA) / Irish Champion Stakes (IRE) Grosser Preis von Baden (GER) Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational (USA) Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (FR) / Champion Stakes (UK) Caulfield Cup (AUS) / Canadian International (CAN) Cox Plate (AUS) / Breeders' Cup Turf (USA) Breeders' Cup Classic (USA) / Melbourne Cup (AUS)	will be awarded	Winner of Japan Cup 2017	US\$ 2,000,000
		2nd-place finisher of Japan Cup 2017	US\$ 400,000
		3rd-place finisher of Japan Cup 2017	US\$ 250,000

*Winners of the above designated overseas races who finish outside the top three places in the Japan Cup will be given an incentive of US\$100,000. This will apply to Japanese horses as well.



Number of Titles:

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

Results by Jockey:

Name	Country	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Yutaka Take	Japan	23	4	1	1	5	2	10
Yasunari Iwata	Japan	9	3	1	1	0	0	4
Lanfranco Dettori	Great Britain	8	3	0	3	0	0	2
Olivier Peslier	France	12	2	1	3	1	0	5
Yukio Okabe	Japan	15	2	0	4	2	0	7
Christophe Lemaire	France / Japan	12	1	2	0	0	0	9
Katsumi Minai	Japan	5	1	2	0	0	0	2
Ryan Moore	Great Britain	9	1	1	0	3	1	3
Mirco Demuro	Italy / France / Japan	10	1	1	0	2	1	5
Christophe Soumillon	France	5	1	1	0	0	0	3
Kenichi Ikezoe	Japan	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
Ryuji Wada	Japan	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cash Asmussen	United States / France	10	1	0	3	1	1	4
Hiroshi Kawachi	Japan	8	1	0	1	1	1	4
Christopher McCarron	United States	4	1	0	1	0	1	1
Masayoshi Ebina	Japan	15	1	0	0	1	2	11
Michael Kinane	Ireland	6	1	0	0	1	0	4
Donald MacBeth	United States	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Patrick Eddery	Great Britain	9	1	0	0	0	1	7
Lance O'Sullivan	New Zealand	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

Results by Trainer:

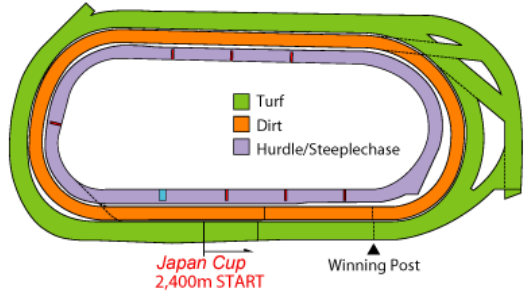
Name	Country	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Hiroyoshi Matsuda	Japan	9	2	3	0	0	1	3
Katsuhiko Sumii	Japan	14	2	2	4	1	1	4
Michael Stoute	Great Britain	10	2	0	0	1	0	7
Sei Ishizaka	Japan	5	2	0	0	1	0	2
Kojiro Hashiguchi	Japan	13	1	2	0	0	0	10
Ichizo Iwamoto	Japan	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kazuo Fujisawa	Japan	18	1	0	5	3	1	8
Robert Frankel	United States	11	1	0	1	1	0	8
Toshiaki Shirai	Japan	5	1	0	1	0	1	2
Yuji Nohira	Japan	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
Yasuo Ikee	Japan	9	1	0	0	2	0	6
Frank Dunne	Ireland	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Stanley Hough	United States	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sakae Watanabe	Japan	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Dave O'Sullivan	New Zealand	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

Results by Country / Affiliation:

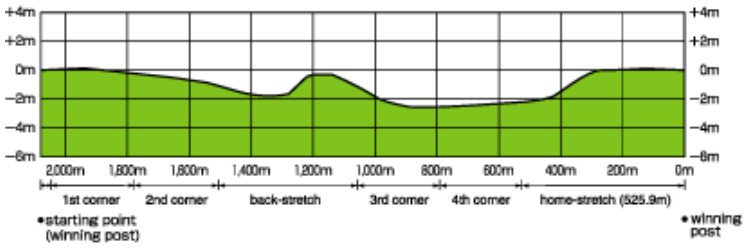
Country / Affiliation	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Below 6th
Japan Racing Association (JRA)	309	22	22	23	19	20	203
National Association of Racing (local public racing)	15	0	2	0	1	0	12
Japan total	324	22	24	23	20	20	215
India	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hong Kong	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
United Arab Emirates	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
United States	57	4	4	2	5	8	34
Canada	10	0	1	0	1	0	8
Great Britain	60	4	2	4	2	2	46
France	44	1	3	5	4	1	30
Ireland	11	1	0	0	1	0	9
Germany	19	1	0	0	2	1	15
Italy	7	1	0	0	0	1	5
Australia	15	1	1	1	0	0	12
New Zealand	10	1	0	1	0	3	5
Overseas total	238	14	12	14	15	16	167

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

Tokyo Racecourse



Turf Course Undulation 2,083.1 m



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Margin

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

Weight

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

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



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CTY	Horse Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	Sex Age	Connections
IRE	Idaho (IRE) Galileo / Hveger (Danehill)	C4	owner : Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier trainer : Aidan O'Brien jockey : Ryan Moore
GER	Guignol (GER) Cape Cross / Guadalupe (Monsun)	H5	owner : Stall Ullmann trainer : Jean-Pierre Carvalho jockey : Filip Minarik
GER	Iquitos (GER) Adlerflug / Irika (Areion)	H5	owner : Stall Mulligan trainer : Hans-Jurgen Groschel jockey : Daniele Porcu
AUS	Boom Time (AUS) Flying Spur / Bit of a Ride (Snippets)	H6	owner : David Hayes trainer : David Hayes jockey : Cory Parish
JPN	Cheval Grand (JPN) Heart's Cry / Halwa Sweet (Machiavellian)	H5	owner : Kazuhiro Sasaki trainer : Yasuo Tomomichi jockey : Hugh Bowman
JPN	Decipher (JPN) Deep Impact / Mizna (Dubai Millennium)	H5	owner : HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum trainer : Futoshi Kojima jockey : Yuichi Shibayama
JPN	Kitsan Black (JPN) Black Tide / Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)	H5	owner : Ono Shoji trainer : Hisashi Shimizu jockey : Yutaka Take
JPN	Last Impact (JPN) Deep Impact / Superior Pearl (Timber Country)	H7	owner : Silk Racing Co., Ltd. trainer : Katsuhiko Sumii jockey : Keita Tosaki
JPN	Makahiki (JPN) Deep Impact / Wikiwiki (French Deputy)	C4	owner : Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. trainer : Yasuo Tomomichi jockey : Hiroyuki Uchida
JPN	One and Only (JPN) Heart's Cry / Virtue (Taiki Shuttle)	H6	owner : North Hills Co., Ltd. trainer : Shinsuke Hashiguchi jockey : Norihiro Yokoyama
JPN	Rainbow Line (JPN) Stay Gold / Regenbogen (French Deputy)	C4	owner : Masahiro Mita trainer : Hidekazu Asami jockey : Yasunari Iwata
JPN	Rey de Oro (JPN) King Kamehameha / La Dorada (Symboli Kris S)	C3	owner : U. Carrot Farm trainer : Kazuo Fujisawa jockey : Christophe Lemaire
JPN	Satono Crown (JPN) Marju / Jioconda (Rossini)	H5	owner : Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. trainer : Noriyuki Hori jockey : Mirco Demuro
JPN	Sciacchetta (JPN) Manhattan Cafe / Samaaha (Singspiel)	C4	owner : Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. trainer : Katsuhiko Sumii jockey : Yuichi Fukunaga
JPN	Soul Stirring (JPN) Frankel / Stacelita (Monsun)	F3	owner : Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. trainer : Kazuo Fujisawa jockey : Cristian Demuro
JPN	Sounds of Earth (JPN) Neo Universe / First Violin (Dixieland Band)	H6	owner : Teruya Yoshida trainer : Kenichi Fujioka jockey : Hironobu Tanabe
JPN	Yamakatsu Ace (JPN) King Kamehameha / Yamakatsu Marilyn (Grass Wonder)	H5	owner : Kazuo Yamada trainer : Kaneo Ikezoe jockey : Kenichi Ikezoe

NOTE: All jockeys listed are subject to change



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Profile of Invited Horses



Idaho

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 14, 2013)	
Origin	: Ireland	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Galileo / Hveger (Danehill)	
Breeder	: Hveger Syndicate	
Owner	: Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier	
Trainer	: Aidan O'Brien	
Jockey	: Ryan Moore	
Career Record	: 15 starts, 3 wins, 2 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: approx. € 1,002,120	
'17 Season Record	: 6 starts, 1 win, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Hardwicke Stakes (G2)	1st
	: '16 Great Voltigeur Stakes (G2)	1st
	: '16 Irish Derby (G1)	2nd
	: '17 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1)	3rd
	: '16 Derby (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

Ireland raider **Idaho**, after kicking off his four-year-old season with a sixth in the Coronation Cup, registered his second group-race victory, his third win overall, in the following Hardwicke Stakes where he waited in good striking position near the pace in fifth, pressed the leaders coming into the lane and, after pinning the front 200 meters out, galloped home while holding off the strong challenges from behind by half a length at the wire. In the following King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, the bay colt diligently chased eventual winner Enable for a third while holding off six-time G1 winner Highland Reel by four lengths. Coming off a globetrotting trip to U.S., France and Canada, finishing sixth, eighth and fourth in the Sword Dancer Stakes, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Canadian International Stake, respectively, the *Galileo* colt will aim to capture his first G1 title in the Japan Cup, which will be raced at a distance of 2,400m, over which he has marked 2-1-2 out of 10 starts.

A full brother to globetrotting Highland Reel, **Idaho** broke his maiden in his debut start as a two-year-old and marked a fourth in the following G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. He kicked off his three-year-old season with a second and a third in two G3 starts at Leopardstown before being posted seventh pick in the Epsom Derby where he briefly assumed command in the straight but weakened in the last 100 meters to finish 2-3/4 lengths behind *Harzand* in third. He also dueled strongly with *Harzand* in the Irish Derby but was half a length short in second.

Idaho landed his first group-race win as race favorite in the following Great Voltigeur Stakes where



he was held up in the rear but made headway in the last two furlongs and stayed on well after taking the front passing the furlong pole. Though posted race favorite again in the St. Leger, the bay stumbled when switched slightly to the right and unseated his rider in the straight. The colt concluded his four-year-old season with a fifth in the Canadian International Stakes in October.



2017 Hardwicke Stakes
(Photo: racingpost.com/photos)

Career Performances of Idaho

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'17 10.15	Canadian International Stakes (G1)	Woodbine (CAN)	2400 Soft	Ryan Moore (57.0)	4 / 10 Bullards Alley	2:34.3 (11-3/4)
10.01	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Soft	Seamie Heffernan (59.5)	8 / 18 Enable	2:28.6 (7-1/4)
08.26	Sword Dancer Stakes (G1)	Saratoga (USA)	2400 Firm	Ryan Moore (55.5)	6 / 7 Sadler's Joy	2:24.5 (4)
07.29	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1)	Ascot (GB)	2400 Good to Soft	Seamie Heffernan (60.0)	3 / 10 Enable	2:36.2 (5-1/4)
06.24	Hardwicke Stakes (G2)	Ascot (GB)	2400 Good to Firm	Seamie Heffernan (57.5)	1 / 12 (Barsanti)	2:28.9 (1/2)
06.02	Coronation Cup (G1)	Epsom (GB)	2410 Good	Seamie Heffernan (57.0)	6 / 10 Highland Reel	2:33.3 (7-1/4)
'16 10.16	Canadian International Stakes (G1)	Woodbine (CAN)	2400 Firm	Ryan Moore (54.0)	5 / 9 Erupt	2:30.8 (2-1/2)
09.10	St. Leger Stakes (G1)	Doncaster (GB)	2920 Good	Seamie Heffernan (57.5)	UR / 9 Harbour Law	3:05.4
08.17	Great Voltigeur Stakes (G2)	York (GB)	2400 Good to Firm	Seamie Heffernan (57.0)	1 / 6 (Housesofparliament)	2:29.4 (1-3/4)
06.25	Irish Derby (G1)	Curragh (IRE)	2400 Good to Yielding	Ryan Moore (57.0)	2 / 9 Harzand	2:38.0 (1/2)
06.04	Derby (G1)	Epsom (GB)	2410 Good to Soft	Seamie Heffernan (57.0)	3 / 16 Harzand	2:40.0 (2-3/4)
05.08	Derby Trial Stakes (G3)	Leopardstown (IRE)	2000 Good	Seamie Heffernan (58.5)	3 / 8 Moonlight Magic	2:07.7 (1-3/4)
04.10	Ballysax Stakes (G3)	Leopardstown (IRE)	2000 Heavy	Colm O'Donoghue (58.5)	2 / 7 Harzand	2:19.1 (1-1/4)
'15 11.01	Criterium de Saint-Cloud (G1)	Saint-Cloud (FR)	2000 Very Soft	Ryan Moore (57.0)	4 / 10 Robin of Navan	2:15.4 (5-1/2)
10.13	Irish Stallion Farms European Breeders Fund Maiden	Curragh (IRE)	1600 Good to Firm	Joseph O'Brien (60.0)	1 / 11 (Theodorico)	1:42.4 (3-1/2)

Guignol

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (May 8, 2012)	
Origin	: Germany	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Cape Cross / Guadalupe (Monsun)	
Breeder	: Stall Ullmann	
Owner	: Stall Ullmann	
Trainer	: Jean-Pierre Carvalho	
Jockey	: Filip Minarik	
Career Record	: 14 starts, 6 wins, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: € 438,900	
'17 Season Record	: 5 starts, 3 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	1st
	: '17&'16 Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	1st
	: '17 Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (G2)	1st
	: '16 Grosser Preis von Berlin (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

Guignol, a three-time G1 winner in Germany, is recognized as one of the top five-year-olds in the country along with another multiple group-race winner, Iquitos, who ran an impressive race as a four-year-old when finishing seventh in the 2016 Japan Cup. **Guignol's** performance this season include three group-race victories, the Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft, the Grosser Preis von Baden and his latest G1 victory in the Grosser Preis von Bayern where despite breaking in air at the start, the improving horse held off the late charge from behind and won wire-to-wire, just as he did in his other two victories.

Unraced as a two-year-old, the son of *Cape Cross* broke his maiden in his three-year-old debut in April at Cologne where he scored a neck victory over subsequent Deutsches Derby winner *Nutan*, and had just one more start in a listed race that season in May at Longchamp, France, where he finished fifth.

Guignol won his four-year-old comeback with an overwhelming 8-1/2-length victory in a condition race at Krefeld and came off a third-place finish in the listed Preis von Dahlwitz into his group-race debut, the Grand Prix de Chantilly, where he finished fourth. A third place in the Grosser Hansa-Preis followed before his G1 debut in the Grosser Preis von Berlin, in which he finished third, 3-3/4 lengths behind 2014 Melbourne Cup winner *Protectionist*. He was sixth in his second G1 challenge, the Gran Premio del Jockey Club in Italy, and then made a major breakthrough when sent to post an outsider in the Grosser Preis von Bayern, where he made all over testing ground to win by 1-3/4 lengths.





2017 Grosser Preis von Baden
(Photo: Kennosuke Sasaki)

Career Performances of Guignol

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'17 11.01	Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	Munich (GER)	2400 Soft	F. Minarik (60.0)	1 / 9 (Iquitos)	2:37.8 (Neck)
09.03	Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2400 Good	F. Minarik (60.0)	1 / 6 (Iquitos)	2:32.5 (2-1/2)
07.01	Grosser Hansa-Preis (G2)	Hamburg (GER)	2400 Heavy	F. Minarik (60.0)	4 / 5 Dschingis Secret	2:38.3 (8-1/2)
05.28	Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (G2)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2200 Good	F. Minarik (60.0)	1 / 6 (Iquitos)	2:15.6 (Neck)
05.01	Prix Ganay (G1)	Saint-Cloud (FR)	2100 Good to Soft	V. Cheminaud (58.0)	6 / 7 Cloth of Stars	2:11.7 (4-1/2)
'16 11.01	Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	Munich (GER)	2400 Soft	M. Cadeddu (60.0)	1 / 9 (Racing History)	2:37.4 (1-3/4)
10.16	Gran Premio del Jockey Club (G1)	Milan (ITY)	2400 Soft	F. Minarik (59.0)	6 / 7 Ventura Storm	2:29.2 (14-1/4)
08.14	Grosser Preis von Berlin (G1)	Hoppegarten (GER)	2400 Good	F. Minarik (60.0)	3 / 6 Protectionist	2:41.1 (3-3/4)
07.03	Grosser Hansa-Preis (G2)	Hamburg (GER)	2400 Heavy	F. Minarik (60.0)	3 / 8 Protectionist	2:47.2 (7-1/4)
06.05	Grand Prix de Chantilly (G2)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Soft	P. Boudot (56.0)	4 / 8 One Foot In Heaven	2:35.5 (2-1/2)
04.24	Preis von Dahlwitz (Listed)	Hoppegarten (GER)	2000 Good	F. Minarik (55.0)	3 / 11 Articus	2:02.4 (2-1/2)
03.20	Preis des Weingutes Schloss Johannisberg Rheingau	Krefeld (GER)	2050 Soft	F. Minarik (54.0)	1 / 5 (Wind Chill)	2:13.3 (8-1/2)
'15 05.24	Prix de l'Avre (Listed)	Longchamp (FR)	2400 Good	F. Minarik (58.0)	5 / 7 Sarrasin	2:29.1 (4-3/4)
04.19	Rheinland-Preis	Cologne (GER)	2200 Good	F. Minarik (57.5)	1 / 9 (Nutan)	2:17.8 (Neck)

Iquitos

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (May 22, 2012)	
Origin	: Germany	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Adlerflug / Irika (Areion)	
Breeder	: Frau Dr. Erika Buhmann	
Owner	: Stall Mulligan	
Trainer	: Hans-Jurgen Groschel	
Jockey	: Daniele Porcu	
Career Record	: 19 starts, 6 wins, 6 seconds	
Career Earnings	: € 472,250	
'17 Season Record	: 6 starts, 1 win, 4 seconds	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Grosser Dallmayr Preis (G1)	1st
	: '16 Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	1st
	: '16 Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (G2)	1st
	: '17 Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	2nd
	: '17 Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (7th)	

Iquitos is the 2016 Horse of the Year in Germany, who ran an impressive seventh in last year's Japan Cup and returns for his second bid to claim the title this year. Well rested after his first visit to Japan, he began his five-year-old season by turning in good runner-up efforts in two G2 starts. He went on to capture his second career G1 triumph in the Grosser Dallmayr-Preis by a comfortable 1-1/2 lengths where he hugged the rails in second from the rear and split horses in the stretch to take command with a furlong to go. In his attempt to defend his Grosser Preis von Baden title, he closed in on the leaders from a far back position and caught all but the winner, finishing 2-1/2 lengths behind in second. After a seventh in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the German-bred bay is now coming off his Grosser Preis von Bayern start in which he made a strong bid circling wide from the far rear and closed in on Guignol but just missed by a neck.

The son of *Adlerflug* launched his racing career as a three-year-old and scored three consecutive wins after breaking his maiden in his second career start. He then stepped up to group-race level in the Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Krefeld where he showed a good late charge from traveling last but was a head short in second. **Iquitos** kicked off the 2016 season with a fourth, then marked his first group-race win in the Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft where he dashed from the rear to overtake the leader 300 meters out and stretched well to a two-length victory. After a 3-1/4-length second to *Protectionist* in the Grosser Hansa-Preis, the bay colt succumbed to fourth in his first G1 challenge in the Grosser Dallmayr-Preis.



He promptly claimed his first G1 victory in the Grosser Preis von Baden in which he came from his usual far back position with a tremendous burst of speed, pinning the leader 300 meters out and pulled away to win comfortably by a 2-3/4 length margin on soft going. Following a fourth in the Grosser Preis von Bayern, 16th pick **Iquitos** fought well in the Japan Cup where he charged through gaps in the straight and exerted a powerful closing kick to reach contention, finishing 0.6 seconds from winner Kitasan Black for a respectable seventh.



2017 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis
(Photo: Marc Rühl)

Career Performances of Iquitos

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'17 11.01	Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	Munich (GER)	2400 Soft	D. Porcu (60.0)	2 / 9 Guignol	2:37.8 (Neck)
10.01	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Soft	A. Starke (59.5)	7 / 18 Enable	2:28.6 (7)
09.03	Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2400 Good	A. Starke (60.0)	2 / 6 Guignol	2:32.5 (2-1/2)
07.30	Grosser Dallmayr-Preis (G1)	Munich (GER)	2000 Good	D. Porcu (60.0)	1 / 11 (Best Solution)	2:05.1 (1-1/2)
07.01	Grosser Hansa-Preis (G2)	Hamburg (GER)	2400 Heavy	A. Starke (60.0)	2 / 5 Dschingis Secret	2:38.3 (3-3/4)
05.28	Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (G2)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2200 Good	A. Starke (60.0)	2 / 6 Guignol	2:15.6 (Neck)
'16 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	I. Ferguson (57.0)	7 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (3-3/4)
11.01	Grosser Preis von Bayern (G1)	Munich (GER)	2400 Soft	I. Ferguson (60.0)	4 / 9 Guignol	2:37.4 (4-1/4)
09.25	Preis von Europa (G1)	Cologne (GER)	2400 Good	I. Ferguson (60.0)	5 / 8 Nightflower	2:29.3 (3-1/2)
09.04	Grosser Preis von Baden (G1)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2400 Soft	I. Ferguson (60.0)	1 / 10 (Nightflower)	2:33.7 (2-3/4)
07.31	Grosser Dallmayr-Preis (G1)	Munich (GER)	2000 Good	I. Ferguson (60.0)	4 / 12 Elliptique	2:07.8 (1)
07.03	Grosser Hansa-Preis (G2)	Hamburg (GER)	2400 Heavy	I. Ferguson (60.0)	2 / 8 Protectionist	2:47.2 (3-1/4)
05.29	Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (G2)	Baden-Baden (GER)	2200 Good	N. Richter (57.0)	1 / 8 (Articus)	2:17.3 (2)
04.24	Preis von Dahlwitz (Listed)	Hoppegarten (GER)	2000 Good	N. Richter (57.0)	4 / 11 Articus	2:02.4 (3)
'15 08.16	Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Krefeld (G3)	Krefeld (GER)	2050 Soft	W. Panov (57.0)	2 / 7 Palace Prince	2:07.6 (Head)
08.02	Vernel Rennen	Dusseldorf (GER)	1700 Good	N. Richter (57.5)	1 / 7 (Giolino)	1:42.1 (Neck)
06.08	Preis der Rennbahn Strasbourg Hoerdt	Baden-Baden (GER)	2000 Good	W. Panov (55.5)	1 / 10 (Daktani)	2:06.2 (11)
05.17	Reifenprofi Cup	Hannover (GER)	1600 Good	W. Panov (57.5)	1 / 6 (Miss Sommerroh)	1:40.9 (Nose)
04.26	Preis der Fruhlingsboten	Hoppegarten (GER)	1800 Good	W. Panov (58.0)	5 / 8 Turfdonna	1:52.2 (8-1/4)

Boom Time

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (October 26, 2011)	
Origin	: Australia	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Flying Spur / Bit of a Ride (Snippets)	
Breeder	: Mr. IK Loxton	
Owner	: David Hayes	
Trainer	: David Hayes	
Jockey	: Cory Parish	
Career Record	: 33 starts, 7 wins, 2 seconds, 7 thirds	
Career Earnings	: AUS\$ 2,459,025	
'17/18 Season Record	: 6 starts, 1 win, 2 thirds	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Caulfield Cup (G1)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

Six-year-old **Boom Time** captured his first and long-awaited group-race win in the G1 Caulfield Cup in October this year, in which the 13th favorite traveled in sixth, was caught between horses entering the lane but found room toward the inside and took command 100 meters out with an impressive late charge for a 1-1/4-length upset victory. The bay kicked off this season with a third and a ninth in handicap races then marked a third and a fourth in the G3 JRA Cup and the G2 Herbert Power Stakes, respectively, before landing his first G1 title. He is coming off a 15th in the Melbourne Cup where he sat near the pace but retreated in the straight. His trainer David Hayes will aim to land his second Japan Cup title following his first in 1990 with *Better Loosen Up*. **Boom Time** has won all his seven victories on left-handed courses.

The son of *Flying Spur* debuted as a two-year-old in May 2014 under trainer Trevor Andrews based at Ascot in Western Australia. Though winless for 10 months, he performed consistently, finishing within fifth in 10 out of 12 starts, before breaking his maiden in March of his three-year-old season in the listed Melvista Stakes with a 1-3/4-length victory. He then marked a well-fought third in the following G2 W.A.T.C. Derby and was transferred to the stable of Peter Moody based at Caulfield before concluding the season with a ninth in the G1 South Australian Derby.

After finishing fourth in his first two starts of his four-year-old season, he was sidelined for more than a year due to a serious tendon injury, during which he was again transferred to his present stable. Refreshed from his long break, he was third in his five-year-old comeback then scored three consecutive wins in handicap races—he won coming from behind in the first and from traveling in good striking position in the latter two. Though unsuccessful in two G1 starts that season, he accumulated two more wins—the listed Mornington Cup Prelude in February where he nailed the front in the last 50 meters from racing in fourth, and the Robert Taranto Handicap in April, in which



he pinned the leader in the first corner and further accelerated for a 2-1/4-length win—to register five wins and two thirds out of 11 starts.



2017 Caulfield Cup

Career Performances of Boom Time

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'17 11.07	Melbourne Cup (G1)	Flemington (AUS)	3200 Good3	C. Parish (53.0)	15 / 23 Rekindling	3:21.1 (13.95)
10.21	Caulfield Cup (G1)	Caulfield (AUS)	2400 Good3	C. Parish (52.0)	1 / 17 (Single Gaze)	2:27.6 (1.25)
10.14	Herbert Power Stakes (G2)	Caulfield (AUS)	2400 Good3	C. Parish (56.5)	4 / 10 Lord Fandango	2:27.6 (2.4)
09.29	JRA Cup (G3)	Moonee Valley (AUS)	2040 Good3	M. Zahra (56.0)	3 / 13 Jon Snow	2:07.1 (1.75)
09.09	Craig Opie Cup	Moonee Valley (AUS)	1600 Good4	C. Caserta (57.5)	9 / 12 Stampede	1:37.8 (5.2)
08.26	Ladbroke's Handicap	Moonee Valley (AUS)	1500 Good4	E. Brown (57.5)	3 / 14 Here to There	1:31.0 (0.6)
04.22	Sydney Cup (G1)	Randwick (AUS)	3200 Heavy8	C. Parish (53.5)	11 / 14 Polarisation	3:29.1 (31.1)
04.15	Robert Taranto Handicap	Caulfield (AUS)	2425 Good3	B. Mertens (58.5)	1 / 12 (De Little Engine)	2:28.9 (2.25)
03.25	Mornington Cup (Listed)	Mornington (AUS)	2400 Good3	D. Dunn (57.5)	5 / 13 Tally	2:27.0 (1.75)
03.11	Australian Cup (G1)	Flemington (AUS)	2000 Good3	R. Bayliss (59.0)	6 / 11 Humidor	2:01.0 (5.35)
02.25	Mornington Cup Prelude (Listed)	Caulfield (AUS)	2000 Good3	M. Zahra (55.5)	1 / 7 (Goldstream)	2:01.2 (0.4)
01.14	Magic Millions Trophy	Gold Coast (AUS)	2200 Good3	C. Williams (54.0)	5 / 16 Stratum Star	2:16.0 (1.8)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'16 12.17	Skipton Handicap	Flemington (AUS)	2500 Good4	R. Bayliss (54.0)	1 / 12 (Lord van Percy)	2:36.3 (1.25)
11.26	1PRINT Handicap	Moonee Valley (AUS)	2040 Good3	C. Williams (58.5)	1 / 13 (Master Zephyr)	2:06.4 (0.4)
11.05	Antler Luggage Handicap	Flemington (AUS)	1600 Good3	C. Williams (54.0)	1 / 13 (Mabeel)	1:36.3 (0.5)
10.23	Ladbroke's Cash In BM78 Handicap	Sale (AUS)	1400 Heavy9	D. Lane (58.0)	3 / 9 Vital Importance	1:29.9 (1.85)
'15 09.25	World Racing Tours Handicap	Moonee Valley (AUS)	1600 Good3	V. Duric (58.0)	4 / 10 Master Reset	1:35.5 (1.95)
09.05	Ranvet Handicap	Moonee Valley (AUS)	1500 Good4	D. Dunn (58.0)	4 / 14 Bon Rocket	1:31.0 (1.15)
05.09	South Australian Derby (G1)	Morphettville (AUS)	2500 Soft6	V. Duric (56.5)	9 / 16 Delicacy	2:37.9 (9.4)
04.11	W.A.T.C. Derby (G2)	Ascot (AUS)	2400 Soft6	S. Mc Gruddy (56.5)	3 / 12 Delicacy	2:38.2 (2.25)
03.28	Melvista Stakes (Listed)	Ascot (AUS)	2200 Good3	S. Mc Gruddy (54.0)	1 / 12 (Say Geronimo)	2:19.6 (1.75)
03.14	J.C. Roberts Stakes (Listed)	Ascot (AUS)	1800 Good3	S. Mc Gruddy (56.5)	3 / 11 Battle Hero	1:54.2 (1.5)
03.07	EBM Insurance Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1600 Good3	G. Smith (59.0)	4 / 10 Liberty Rise	1:39.4 (1.75)
02.25	Westspeed Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1500 Good3	G. Smith (58.0)	3 / 13 Rodeo Drive	1:31.0 (1.25)
02.14	Challenge Stakes (Listed)	Ascot (AUS)	1500 Good3	P. Harvey (56.0)	8 / 11 Neverland	1:31.1 (5)
'14 12.13	Kryptonite Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1600 Good3	P. Harvey (57.5)	2 / 9 French Champagne	1:38.0 (0.5)
12.06	Aquanita Stakes (Listed)	Ascot (AUS)	1800 Good3	P. Harvey (56.0)	9 / 12 Palace Intruder	1:50.6 (7)
11.27	Westspeed 3YO Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1500 Good4	P. Harvey (56.5)	2 / 11 Orright	1:31.9 (0.75)
11.15	Good Different Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1200 Good3	P. Harvey (57.0)	5 / 9 Furious Dame	1:10.2 (3.75)
11.08	Festival of Perth Racing Handicap	Ascot (AUS)	1200 Good3	J. Azzopardi (53.0)	4 / 7 Silver Magic Ships	1:11.9 (1.75)
06.21	Westspeed Nursery	Belmont (AUS)	1600 Good4	G. Smith (55.0)	3 / 11 Top Show	1:40.8 (3)
06.07	Westspeed Nursery	Belmont (AUS)	1400 Good3	G. Smith (55.5)	4 / 10 Keysbrook	1:25.3 (3.25)
05.21	SKYY Vodka Handicap	Belmont (AUS)	1200 Good4	G. Smith (57.0)	4 / 13 Myboypaul	1:14.0 (1.5)



The 37th Japan Cup

November 26, 2017

Profile of Japanese Horses




Cheval Grand

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 14, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Halwa Sweet (Machiavellian)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Kazuhiro Sasaki	
Career Record	: 21 starts, 6 wins, 5 seconds, 5 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 430,063,000	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 seconds, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	2nd
	: '16 Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	1st
	: '16 Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (3rd)	

[Trainer] Yasuo Tomomichi

Date of Birth	: August 11, 1963	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: December 1, 2002	
Career Record	: 3,135 starts, 436 wins, 319 seconds, 303 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 203 starts, 38 wins, 22 seconds, 22 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Queen Cup (G3, Admire Miyabi)	
	: '16 Shuka Sho (G1, Vivlos)	
	: '16 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (G1, Makahiki)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts, 1 third	

[Jockey] Hugh Bowman

Date of Birth	: July 14, 1980	
Date of First Ride	: November 21, 2015	
Date of First Win	: November 21, 2015	
Career Record	: 104 starts, 11 wins, 6 seconds, 16 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: None	
Recent Performances in Japan	: '15 Hopeful Stakes (G2, Hartley)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

*JRA races only

Third place finisher in last year's Japan Cup, **Cheval Grand** is a grade-race winner with three finishes within the money at the highest level and is in good form coming off a third in the G2 Kyoto Daishoten towards his second Japan Cup challenge. Earlier this year, **Cheval Grand** exhibited his tenacity in two good runner-up efforts over long distances in his first two starts of the season, the Hanshin Daishoten and the Tenno Sho (Spring). The five-year-old finished 1-1/2 lengths behind multiple G1 winner Satono Diamond in the Hanshin Daishoten, but outran him by a neck in the Tenno Sho (Spring) to finish second behind Kitasan Black, who renewed the race record by 0.9 seconds. Although finishing eighth in the following Takarazuka Kinen after changing tactics by setting the early pace, he kicked off his autumn campaign in the Kyoto Daishoten where he advanced from near the rear for third. He has a record of 3-1-2 in six career starts at 2,400m and is once again a potential candidate this year.

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

His big break came in the Hanshin Daishoten, his second start of his four-year-old season, where he hugged the rails in seventh, made headway from the third corner and shot to the front 300 meters out for his first grade-race victory. With confidence over the longer distance, **Cheval Grand** was sent off third choice in his first G1 start, the Tenno Sho (Spring), in which he saved ground in mid-division and showed good effort in chasing the two front runners for third. After registering a ninth in the Takarazuka Kinen, he picked up his form and marked a 1/2-length victory in the Copa Republica Argentina four months later. In his Japan Cup challenge, he took a wide trip after breaking from the farthest stall but uncoiled a strong last three-furlong run that timed the second fastest and dug in well for third, before capping off the season with a sixth in the Arima Kinen.



2016 Copa Republica Argentina



2016 Hanshin Daishoten


Career Performances of Cheval Grand

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [472]	3 (1)	14	14	9	6	3 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (0.1)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [470]	5 (6)	1	1	1	1	8 / 11 Satono Crown	2:11.4 (1.2)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	6 (4)	5	5	4	3	2 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5 (0.2)
03.19	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [474]	3 (2)	7	7	5	2	2 / 10 Satono Diamond	3:02.6 (0.2)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [484]	14 (5)	11	10	8	5	6 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.5)
11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [482]	17 (6)	9	9	12	10	3 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.5)
11.06	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [474]	11 (2)	6	7	6	5	1 / 15 (Albert)	2:33.4 (0.1)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	5 (5)	7	5	7	9	9 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.4)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (58.0) [468]	8 (3)	9	9	11	9	3 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (0.2)
03.20	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [470]	11 (1)	7	7	7	4	1 / 11 (Tanta Alegria)	3:05.8 (0.4)
01.17	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [480]	7 (1)	8	7	6	6	2 / 12 Reve Mistral	2:25.9 (0.3)
'15 12.13	Orion Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [474]	5 (1)	7	7	7	8	1 / 9 (Shiho)	2:28.1 (0.5)
10.31	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [476]	7 (1)	4	3	4	3	1 / 8 (A Shin Allonsy)	2:24.8 (0.3)
10.03	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	10 (1)	5	5	5	5	1 / 17 (Mikki Pouch)	2:28.3 (0.3)
08.30	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	9 (1)	10	11	10	6	2 / 16 Albert	1:59.7 (0.4)
05.09	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [464]	12 (7)	8	8	8	9	8 / 16 Satono Rasen	2:11.3 (0.6)
03.28	Mainichi Hai (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [470]	10 (8)	-	-	13	13	5 / 15 Musee Alien	1:47.2 (0.3)
'14 12.27	Erica Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (55.0) [478]	12 (1)	10	10	9	8	3 / 12 Beruf	2:02.4 (0.3)
11.29	Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Good	H. Uchida (55.0) [468]	5 (5)	7	7	8	8	3 / 8 Bell Lap	2:04.8 (0.1)
10.12	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (55.0) [468]	8 (1)	4	4	4	2	1 / 12 (Albert Dock)	2:00.8 (0.2)
09.21	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [464]	14 (3)	6	6	6	6	2 / 14 Dragon Verse	2:04.0 (0.0)


Decipher

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 8 (April 20, 2009)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Mizna (Dubai Millennium)	
Breeder	: Darley Japan K. K	
Owner	: HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum	
Career Record	: 43 starts, 9 wins, 9 seconds, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 411,659,000	
'17 Season Record	: 5 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	1st
	: '15 Sapporo Kinen (G2)	1st
	: '15 Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '14 (15th)	

[Trainer] Futoshi Kojima

Date of Birth	: April 11, 1947	
License Issued	: 1996	
Date of First Win	: March 9, 1997	
Career Record	: 5,558 starts, 470 wins, 479 seconds, 450 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 243 starts, 11 wins, 10 seconds, 14 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 American Jockey Club Cup (G2, Decipher)	
	: '15 Sapporo Kinen (G2, Decipher)	
	: '15 Hakodate Kinen (G3, Derby Fizz)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts	

[Jockey] Yuichi Shibayama

Date of Birth	: February 19, 1978	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2005	
Date of First Win	: July 19, 2003	
Career Record	: 8,813 starts, 522 wins, 587 seconds, 613 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 542 starts, 25 wins, 33 seconds, 39 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Hakodate Kinen (G3, Luminous Warrior)	
	: '15 Kinko Sho (G2, Mitra)	
	: '15 Swan Stakes (G2, 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.

With four graded titles under his belt and at eight years of age, **Decipher** makes his second Japan Cup challenge—his first was in 2014—with hopes of notching his first G1 win. The seasoned runner is gradually improving from three double-digit finishes in his first three starts of the season, coming off a well-fought seventh in a field of 15 in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) held over a stamina-sapping soft track that has often worked to his advantage in his past performances.

The son of *Deep Impact* made his debut at three, broke his maiden in his third start and finished within the money in five more out of nine starts that year. He was unsuccessful when tested over dirt early in his four-year-old season, but the late developer finally started to show his true form and strength back on turf as he notched three consecutive wins, a runner-up finish and then another win in the Kaiji Stakes. He stepped up in class as he capped off the season with a close fourth in his first grade-race challenge in the Fukushima Kinen. The Futoshi Kojima-trained horse continued to be consistent in his five-year-old season and landed his first graded win in the Epsom Cup where he hugged the rails near the pace early and dug in gamely between horses for a head win. However, he struggled to keep up with the intimidating speed of higher competition in his first two G1 starts, the Tenno Sho (Autumn) and the Japan Cup, finishing 12th and 15th, respectively.

In his six-year-old campaign, he was 2-2-1 in seven graded starts which included an eighth in the Tenno Sho (Autumn). His second graded win was in the Chunichi Shimbun Hai in which he took an economic trip in mid-pack and overcame traffic in early stretch for a 1-1/4-length win, and his third graded victory followed in the Sapporo Kinen where he ran tenaciously holding off strong closing rivals by a head. His latest win was his kick-off start of 2016, the American Jockey Club Cup, scored by a comfortable 1-1/4 length margin but he was below form for the rest of the season.



2016 American Jockey Club Cup



2015 Sapporo Kinen

Career Performances of Decipher

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	Y. Shibayama (58.0) [508]	6 (15)	- 17 14 10 (39.6)	7 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (1.6)
09.24	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Shibayama (56.0) [504]	7 (14)	2 2 2 2 (34.6)	6 / 17 Rouge Buck	2:13.8 (0.3)
08.20	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [500]	9 (10)	6 7 6 8 (36.1)	12 / 13 Sakura Empreur	2:00.4 (1.1)
06.04	Yasuda Kinen (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Shii (58.0) [502]	2 (15)	- - 3 3 (35.4)	13 / 18 Satono Aladdin	1:31.5 (1.2)
04.02	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [500]	9 (13)	7 7 8 7 (34.9)	10 / 14 Kitasan Black	1:58.9 (1.2)
'16 12.10	Challenge Cup (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Good	Y. Take (58.5) [504]	16 (3)	- - 7 7 (35.5)	9 / 18 Meiner Honey	1:46.5 (0.3)
11.20	Mile Championship (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [506]	1 (10)	- - 7 7 (35.5)	10 / 18 Mikki Isle	1:33.1 (0.6)
10.09	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	Y. Take (57.0) [506]	5 (4)	- 3 3 3 (34.9)	6 / 12 Rouge Buck	1:46.6 (0.9)
06.05	Yasuda Kinen (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [500]	4 (7)	- - 3 3 (33.9)	6 / 12 Logotype	1:33.0 (0.3)
03.26	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Take (57.0) [506]	3 (5)	1 1 1 1 (34.4)	5 / 9 Gold Actor	2:36.8 (0.5)
01.24	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [510]	3 (2)	6 7 6 4 (34.9)	1 / 16 (Super Moon)	2:12.0 (0.2)
'15 12.05	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [498]	1 (1)	3 3 3 2 (34.9)	2 / 12 Mitra	1:58.8 (0.2)
11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (58.0) [498]	1 (3)	- 5 8 10 (33.9)	8 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.5)
10.11	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [500]	4 (4)	- 5 5 5 (33.6)	2 / 13 A Shin Hikari	1:45.6 (0.2)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [496]	11 (5)	2 3 2 2 (36.0)	1 / 15 (Hit the Target)	1:59.0 (0.0)
06.14	Epsom Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [496]	12 (4)	- 10 10 8 (34.1)	3 / 13 A Shin Hikari	1:45.4 (0.1)
03.14	Chunichi Shimbun Hai (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [488]	1 (5)	7 7 10 7 (35.3)	1 / 18 (Deus Vult)	2:01.2 (0.2)
01.25	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [498]	6 (11)	3 4 6 5 (34.4)	5 / 17 Courir Kaiser	2:13.6 (0.4)
'14 11.30	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	G. Benoist (57.0) [500]	13 (14)	8 10 12 13 (36.8)	15 / 18 Epiphaneia	2:23.1 (2.9)
11.02	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (58.0) [498]	8 (8)	- 10 13 12 (34.4)	12 / 18 Spielberg	1:59.7 (0.6)
10.12	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [494]	1 (7)	- 4 5 5 (33.8)	4 / 15 Air Saumur	1:45.2 (0.1)
06.15	Epsom Cup (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [492]	1 (2)	- 4 8 9 (33.6)	1 / 17 (Meiner Lacrima)	1:46.2 (0.0)
05.17	Miyakooji Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	K. Take (56.0) [486]	12 (1)	- - 8 8 (34.3)	2 / 18 Grandezza	1:43.9 (0.9)
03.09	Osaka Jo Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [484]	10 (2)	- - 6 6 (35.2)	2 / 12 Smart Layer	1:45.7 (0.2)
01.05	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (55.0) [494]	8 (1)	9 9 7 6 (35.0)	3 / 16 Ocean Blue	2:00.1 (0.2)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'13 11.17	Fukushima Kinen (G3)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (55.0) [480]	10 (1)	11 12 5 6 (34.9)	4 / 16 Daiwa Falcon	1:57.3 (0.1)
10.20	Kaiji Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Soft	Y. Yoshida (57.0) [488]	8 (1)	- 3 4 4 (35.2)	1 / 12 (Red Raven)	1:51.8 (0.2)
09.14	Rainbow Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [482]	8 (2)	4 4 3 2 (34.2)	2 / 12 X Mark	2:00.4 (0.0)
08.11	Hidaka Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [488]	2 (1)	3 3 2 2 (36.6)	1 / 13 (Sol Levante)	2:02.5 (0.1)
06.23	Okushiri Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hakodate (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [482]	7 (1)	7 7 3 3 (34.3)	1 / 8 (D S Tide)	1:47.5 (0.4)
05.25	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (57.0) [488]	6 (1)	- 7 8 7 (33.4)	1 / 18 (Silent Clop)	1:46.5 (0.3)
05.11	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1600D* Good	Y. Take (57.0) [488]	14 (5)	- - 5 4 (36.8)	2 / 16 Omega Sparking	1:37.3 (0.0)
03.17	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (57.0) [498]	2 (2)	4 3 5 6 (35.1)	6 / 16 Longing Dancer	2:01.2 (0.5)
01.26	Four-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	1600D* Standard	Y. Take (56.0) [504]	5 (1)	- - 14 14 (36.3)	5 / 16 Logi Tail	1:38.5 (0.4)
'12 12.24	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	T. Eda (56.0) [502]	1 (4)	11 13 12 10 (35.2)	6 / 18 Cosmo Yucca	2:03.1 (0.5)
11.25	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [498]	7 (2)	4 5 6 6 (35.1)	10 / 18 Un Ange Passe	2:24.8 (1.1)
09.22	Namegawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [504]	5 (2)	11 11 11 10 (34.6)	2 / 12 Success Pursuit	1:59.1 (0.2)
09.01	Urasa Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [492]	3 (1)	- - 5 4 (33.6)	2 / 14 Mieno Kiseki	1:58.9 (0.4)
08.05	Tsubame Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Ebina (54.0) [486]	9 (1)	- - 5 5 (33.7)	3 / 16 Air Reprend	1:59.4 (0.1)
07.07	Minamisoma Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Soft	Y. Shibata (54.0) [486]	11 (1)	8 7 9 4 (35.4)	2 / 12 Federal Hall	2:03.3 (0.1)
06.10	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Yielding	Y. Take (56.0) [486]	12 (2)	- 12 12 11 (33.9)	1 / 16 (Cosmo Yucca)	2:03.5 (0.0)
05.27	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Take (56.0) [484]	5 (2)	- 14 12 12 (34.2)	4 / 18 Shadow Party	1:47.7 (0.3)
02.26	Three-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Yielding	Y. Take (56.0) [466]	9 (1)	10 10 2 3 (36.2)	3 / 16 Unavenged	2:08.9 (0.3)

[Note] *Dirt

Kitasan Black

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 10, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Black Tide / Sugar Heart (Sakura Bakushin O)	
Breeder	: Yanagawa Bokujo	
Owner	: Ono Shoji	
Career Record	: 18 starts, 11 wins, 2 seconds, 3 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 1,497,961,000	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 3 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	1st
	: '17 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	1st
	: '17 Osaka Hai (G1)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (1st)	

[Trainer] Hisashi Shimizu

Date of Birth	: July 4, 1972	
License Issued	: 2009	
Date of First Win	: August 16, 2009	
Career Record	: 2,339 starts, 172 wins, 135 seconds, 157 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 264 starts, 24 wins, 23 seconds, 18 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Kitanan Black)	
	: '17 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Kitanan Black)	
	: '17 Osaka Hai (G1, Kitanan Black)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 Start	
	Won: '16 Kitanan Black (JPN, by Black Tide)	



[Jockey] Yutaka Take

Date of Birth	: March 15, 1969	
Debut Year	: 1987	
Date of First Win	: March 7, 1987	
Career Record	: 20,813 starts, 3,938 wins, 2,912 seconds, 2,330 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 573 starts, 78 wins, 83 seconds, 59 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, Kitanan Black)	
	: '17 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, Kitanan Black)	
	: '17 Osaka Hai (G1, Kitanan Black)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 23 starts, 4 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
	Won: '16 Kitanan Black (JPN, by Black Tide)	
	: '10 Rose Kingdom (JPN, by King Kamehameha)	
	: '06 Deep Impact (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	
	: '99 Special Week (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	



Defending champion and 2016 Horse of the Year **Kitasan Black** became the fifth horse in JRA history to capture the Tenno Sho double (Spring and Autumn) with his latest win this fall—gradually accelerating from a slow break, he took an inner route at the final corner to take over the lead in early stretch and prevailed over the soft going for a neck win. Earlier in the season, he claimed back-to-back G1 titles, the Osaka Hai and the Tenno Sho (Spring), renewing the race record in the latter by 0.9 seconds. The five-year-old saved his strength in good striking position and easily assumed the lead while exhibiting incredible speed to hold off all competition in both starts. An uncharacteristic defeat in the Takarazuka Kinen followed where he failed to show his usual tenacity when entering the straight and faded to ninth but bounced back towards his second Japan Cup start.

Debuting in January 2015 as a three-year-old, the son of *Black Tide* immediately won his first three races including the graded Spring Stakes, before finishing third in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas). Although heavily beaten to 14th in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), his only double-digit finish so far, the bay colt bounced back to form, kicking off his autumn campaign with a 3/4-length win in the St. Lite Kinen. As fifth favorite in the following Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), **Kitasan Black** saved ground and was reserved in mid-pack, shot to the front while splitting horses in the stretch and held off his rivals by a neck for his first G1 victory. He was also impressive in his first challenge against older horses in the Arima Kinen where he held well after setting the pace for a close third.

He kicked off his four-year-old campaign with a runner-up finish in the Sankei Osaka Hai. In the following Tenno Sho (Spring), he dueled fiercely with Curren Mirotic in the final furlong and while giving up the lead briefly, fought back and poked his nose in front at the wire for the title. In the Takarazuka Kinen, he led the field almost to the wire but was caught in the final strides and capped off his spring campaign finishing third. Coming off his first autumn start with a neck win in the Kyoto Daishoten, the bay colt made his Japan Cup debut as race favorite, breaking from the innermost stall, and showcased a perfect gate-to-wire victory by a comfortable 2-1/2-length margin. He was seen taking the lead at the final corner before unleashing a strong stretch run in the season-end Arima Kinen, however, was pinned right before the wire by Satono Diamond to finish a neck second.



2017 Osaka Hai



2017 Tenno Sho (Spring)



2017 Tenno Sho (Autumn)


Career Performances of Kitasan Black

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	Y. Take (58.0) [542]	7 (1)	-	11	5	2	1 / 18 (Satono Crown)	2:08.3 (0.0)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Take (58.0) [542]	10 (1)	3	3	2	2	9 / 11 Satono Crown	2:11.4 (1.3)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [536]	3 (1)	2	2	2	1	1 / 17 (Cheval Grand)	3:12.5R (0.2)
04.02	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [540]	5 (1)	4	3	3	2	1 / 14 (Staphanos)	1:58.9 (0.1)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [536]	1 (2)	2	2	2	2	2 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.0)
11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [536]	1 (1)	1	1	1	1	1 / 17 (Sounds of Earth)	2:25.8 (0.4)
10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [538]	1 (1)	2	2	2	2	1 / 10 (Admire Deus)	2:25.5 (0.0)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Take (58.0) [536]	3 (2)	1	1	1	1	3 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (0.0)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [524]	1 (2)	1	1	1	1	1 / 18 (Curren Mirotic)	3:15.3 (0.0)
04.03	Sankei Osaka Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Take (58.0) [524]	7 (5)	1	1	1	1	2 / 11 Ambitious	1:59.3 (0.0)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	N. Yokoyama (55.0) [526]	11 (4)	1	1	1	1	3 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.1)
10.25	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [530]	4 (5)	5	5	10	8	1 / 18 (Real Steel)	3:03.9 (0.0)
09.21	St. Lite Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [532]	13 (6)	2	2	2	1	1 / 15 (Musee Alien)	2:13.8 (0.1)
05.31	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Kitamura (57.0) [520]	17 (6)	2	2	2	2	14 / 18 Duramente	2:23.2 (2.3)
04.19	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [510]	7 (4)	2	2	2	2	3 / 15 Duramente	1:58.2 (0.6)
03.22	Spring Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [504]	1 (5)	2	2	2	1	1 / 12 (Real Steel)	1:49.1 (0.0)
02.22	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Kitamura (56.0) [504]	7 (9)	-	2	2	2	1 / 14 (Satono Rasen)	2:01.4 (0.5)
01.31	Three-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Good	H. Goto (56.0) [510]	14 (3)	-	9	9	11	1 / 16 (Mikki Joy)	1:52.3 (0.2)

Last Impact

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 7 (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	: 35 starts, 7 wins, 3 seconds, 5 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 515,817,000	
'17 Season Record	: 5 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '15 Japan Cup (G1)	2nd
	: '14 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '16 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (10th), '15 (2nd)	

[Trainer] Katsuhiko Sumii

Date of Birth	: March 28, 1964	
License Issued	: 2000	
Date of First Win	: March 24, 2001	
Career Record	: 4,613 starts, 636 wins, 506 seconds, 407 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 298 starts, 45 wins, 42 seconds, 29 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kiseki) '17 Rose Stakes (G2, Rabbit Run) '17 Nikkei Sho (G2, Sciacchetta)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 14 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds Won: '14 Epiphaneia (JPN, by Special Week) '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)	

[Jockey] Keita Tosaki

Date of Birth	: July 8, 1980	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2013	
Date of First Win	: July 8, 2007	
Career Record	: 5,544 starts, 811 wins, 645 seconds, 544 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 814 starts, 156 wins, 114 seconds, 81 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Tanabata Sho (G3, Seewind) '17 Unicorn Stakes (G3, Sunrise Nova) '17 Falcon Stakes (G3, Kosoku Straight)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 6 starts	

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

2015 Japan Cup runner-up **Last Impact** is a three-time graded winner and a third-place finisher overseas. Although winless for nearly three years, the seven-year-old turned in a good sixth in his latest start in the Kyoto Daishoten, 0.5 seconds from the winner. After registering a 10th in last year's Japan Cup, he was tested over dirt at the beginning of this season and was switched back to turf but has yet to find his true form. However, the son of *Deep Impact*'s experience, demonstrated overseas as well, is not to be dismissed easily in his third Japan Cup challenge.

Last Impact broke his maiden in his first career start and was second in his only other race as a two-year-old. He registered 2-1-1 out of eight starts during his three-year-old campaign which included a fourth in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). His best season came in his four-year-old season when he claimed his first graded victory in the Kokura Daishoten, where he stormed to the front from a rearward position for a comfortable 2-1/2-length win. After marking two thirds in four grade-race starts, he landed back-to-back grade-race wins in the Kyoto Daishoten and the Kinko Sho two months later. He concluded the season with a promising seventh place in the year-end Arima Kinen, about two lengths from winner *Gentildonna*.

Since then, he has continued to run enthusiastically at the highest level which could be seen in his 2015 Tenno Sho (Spring) start over a demanding distance where he was 0.2 seconds from winner *Gold Ship* in fourth. In the 2015 Japan Cup, he raced impressively under British jockey Ryan Moore who gave him a ground-saving trip in mid-division and took a brief lead in the last half-furlong although caught by *Shonan Pandora* in the final strides to finish a neck-second. He also exhibited a good effort in the 2016 Dubai Sheema Classic in which he was a 3-1/2-length third to *Postponed*.



2015 Japan Cup (right)



2014 Kinko Sho

Career Performances of Last Impact

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [488]	10 (10)	1	1	1	1	6 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (0.5)
09.03	Niigata Kinen (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.5) [492]	14 (13)	-	-	16	15	16 / 17 Tatsu Gogeki	1:57.9 (1.1)
06.03	Naruo Kinen (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [486]	1 (6)	9	9	9	10	8 / 10 Stay in Seattle	1:59.4 (0.7)
05.20	Heian Stakes (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1900D* Standard	H. Shii (57.0) [484]	13 (13)	15	15	15	13	8 / 16 Great Pearl	1:55.7 (1.3)
01.22	Tokai Stakes (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	1800D* Standard	S. Ishibashi (56.0) [488]	6 (7)	13	12	9	9	9 / 16 Glanzend	1:53.2 (0.6)
'16 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [482]	6 (13)	5	5	5	5	10 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (1.1)
10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [490]	4 (5)	5	5	5	3	7 / 10 Kitasan Black	2:25.5 (0.6)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Kawada (58.0) [480]	6 (11)	9	9	7	6	7 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.0)
03.26	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	J. Moreira (57.0)	1					3 / 9 Postponed	2:26.9 (0.6)
02.28	Nakayama Kinen (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1800 Firm	F. Berry (56.0) [496]	7 (7)	2	2	2	1	6 / 11 Duramente	1:45.9 (0.5)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [496]	3 (9)	8	9	10	9	12 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.6)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	R. Moore (57.0) [494]	6 (7)	11	12	8	11	2 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.0)
11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Hishida (58.0) [492]	7 (9)	-	10	11	8	12 / 18 Lovely Day	1:58.4 (0.8)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [500]	7 (3)	9	9	9	4	6 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [492]	4 (5)	13	13	16	14	4 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.2)
03.22	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [490]	1 (2)	9	9	8	7	3 / 10 Gold Ship	3:05.9 (0.7)
'14 12.28	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Hishida (57.0) [484]	7 (7)	8	9	10	10	7 / 16 Gentildonna	2:35.3 (0.2)
12.06	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [486]	4 (1)	6	7	7	7	1 / 17 (Satono Noblesse)	1:58.8R (0.2)
10.14	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (56.0) [486]	7 (3)	3	3	3	3	1 / 12 (Tamamo Best Play)	2:24.2 (0.0)
09.07	Niigata Kinen (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [490]	15 (3)	-	-	13	13	3 / 18 Martinborough	1:58.3 (0.0)
08.10	Kokura Kinen (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Kawada (57.0) [494]	14 (1)	4	3	3	2	6 / 14 Satono Noblesse	1:59.8 (1.4)
05.04	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Kawada (58.0) [492]	11 (7)	4	4	3	2	9 / 18 Fenomeno	3:15.1 (0.6)
03.29	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [490]	2 (3)	7	7	8	8	3 / 15 Win Variation	2:34.4 (0.5)
02.23	Kokura Daishoten (G3)	Kokura (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Kawada (55.0) [490]	4 (1)	11	11	1	1	1 / 15 (Kahuna)	1:45.3 (0.4)
02.02	Shorai Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [484]	4 (1)	2	3	3	3	1 / 11 (Saffron Delight)	2:31.2 (0.2)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'13 10.20	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Soft	Y. Kawada (57.0) [486]	17 (8)	4 4 3 3 (36.9)	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 (34.9)	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 (34.1)	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 (35.3)	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 (33.7)	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 (34.6)	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 (34.8)	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 (34.2)	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 (35.6)	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 (35.3)	1 / 10 (Sunrise Silver)	2:03.2 (0.2)

Makahiki

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (January 28, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Deep Impact / Wikiwiki (French Deputy)	
Breeder	: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	
Owner	: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 11 starts, 5 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 419,366,600	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1)	1st
	: '16 Prix Niel (G2)	1st
	: '16 Yayoi Sho (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Yasuo Tomomichi

Date of Birth	: August 11, 1963	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: December 1, 2002	
Career Record	: 3,135 starts, 436 wins, 319 seconds, 303 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 203 starts, 38 wins, 22 seconds, 22 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Queen Cup (G3, Admire Miyabi)	
	: '16 Shuka Sho (G1, Vivlos)	
	: '16 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (G1, Makahiki)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts, 1 third	

[Jockey] Hiroyuki Uchida

Date of Birth	: July 26, 1970	
JRA Debut Year*	: 2008	
Date of First Win	: April 21, 2002	
Career Record	: 9,241 starts, 1,101 wins, 911 seconds, 909 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 854 starts, 84 wins, 72 seconds, 81 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Lord Derby Challenge Trophy (G3, Logi Chalice)	
	: '16 Aoba Sho (G2, Vanquish Run)	
	: '16 Capella Stakes (G3, Nobo Baccara)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 7 starts, 1 second	

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

Makahiki is making his first appearance in the Japan Cup, aiming to mark his first major win since his fruitful three-year-old campaign which were featured by his Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and Prix Niel victories. Although winless this season, the four-year-old versatile colt has performed consistently in his four starts and is coming off a fifth in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) where he displayed the second fastest charge from a rearward position on a rain-soaked track.

The son of *Deep Impact* began his career, immediately breaking his maiden in his one and only start as a two-year-old, and landed back-to-back wins in his first two starts the following season, which included his first grade-race victory in the G2 Yayoi Sho—he closed in strongly with the fastest late charge from the far rear to register a neck win. He once again ran the fastest last three furlongs from a rear spot in his classics challenge, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), but was 1-1/4 lengths short in second. In the Tokyo Yushun, the bay colt preserved his strength in mid-field this time and exploded with incredible speed in the last furlong, holding off the fast closing Satono Diamond by a nose to capture the derby title.

Makahiki was then sent to France and promptly got the best of a three-horse rally when claiming the Prix Niel by a neck. His next Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe challenge ended in a disappointing 14th, his only double-digit finish so far, and he was unraced for the rest of season. He kicked off the present season with a close third in the Kyoto Kinen and was 2-3/4 lengths from winner Kitasan Black in the following G1 Osaka Hai where he closed well from racing wide to fourth. The four-year-old's first autumn start was in the Mainichi Okan in which he was bumped right after the break but regained his momentum to reach contention, finishing 0.3 seconds from the winner to score a good sixth.



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2016 Prix Niel

Career Performances of Makahiki

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	H. Uchida (58.0) [504]	15 (9)	- 15 17 15 (38.6)	5 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (1.2)
10.08	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	2 (2)	- 5 6 6 (33.3)	6 / 12 Real Steel	1:45.6 (0.3)
04.02	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [502]	14 (2)	11 12 13 10 (33.9)	4 / 14 Kitasan Black	1:58.9 (0.4)
02.12	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Good	R. Moore (57.0) [502]	3 (1)	5 5 5 4 (34.9)	3 / 10 Satono Crown	2:14.1 (0.2)
'16 10.02	Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0)	14		14 / 16 Found	2:23.6 (4.0)
09.11	Prix Niel (G2)	Chantilly (FR)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (58.0)	5		1 / 5 (Midterm)	2:35.8 (0.0)
05.29	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [502]	3 (3)	7 8 8 8 (33.3)	1 / 18 (Satono Diamond)	2:24.0 (0.0)
04.17	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Kawada (57.0) [498]	3 (3)	17 17 15 13 (33.9)	2 / 18 Dee Majesty	1:57.9 (0.2)
03.06	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [496]	11 (2)	12 9 9 8 (33.6)	1 / 12 (Leontes)	1:59.9 (0.0)
01.23	Wakagoma Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [496]	5 (1)	5 5 6 4 (32.6)	1 / 8 (Noble Mars)	2:02.4 (0.2)
'15 10.18	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [506]	5 (1)	- - 5 5 (33.5)	1 / 11 (Enbharr)	1:47.7 (0.4)

One and Only

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (February 23, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Heart's Cry / Virtue (Taiki Shuttle)	
Breeder	: North Hills Co., Ltd.	
Owner	: North Hills Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 32 starts, 4 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 466,121,100	
'17 Season Record	: 7 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '14 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1)	1st
	: '14 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	1st
	: '15 Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (8th), '15 (7th), '14 (7th)	

[Trainer] Shinsuke Hashiguchi

Date of Birth	: March 31, 1975
License Issued	: 2015
Date of First Win	: March 5, 2016
Career Record	: 341 starts, 26 wins, 26 seconds, 29 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 178 starts, 12 wins, 9 seconds, 13 thirds
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start



[Jockey] Norihiro Yokoyama

Date of Birth	: February 23, 1968
Debut Year	: 1986
Date of First Win	: April 29, 1986
Career Record	: 18,908 starts, 2,674 wins, 2,279 seconds, 1,992 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 383 starts, 37 wins, 33 seconds, 29 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 NHK Mile Cup (G1, Aerolithe) '17 St. Lite Kinen (G2, Mikki Swallow) '17 Tokai Stakes (G2, Glanzend)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 17 starts, 1 second, 1 third



The 2014 Japanese Derby winner **One and Only** will take on his fourth consecutive Japan Cup challenge—he marked two sevenths then an eighth, finishing closest to the winner by only 0.3-second in his second bid. Raced seven times this season over distances between 1,600m and 3,200m, the dark bay was among the fastest three over the last three furlongs four times, though his best score so far was a fifth in his kick-off start, the American Jockey Club Cup.

One and Only broke his maiden in his third start in September as a two-year-old and claimed his first grade-race victory in his last start of the season in the Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes by displaying his powerful late charge. Opening his three-year-old season with a very close second in the Yayoi Sho where he turned in the field's fastest finish, he was again the fastest in the final three furlongs in the following Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) where he came from way back but belatedly for fourth place behind Isla Bonita. The three-year-old 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 a successive graded victory in the following G2 Kobe Shimbu Hai, he finished a disappointing ninth in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) and took on his first challenge against older G1 caliber in the Japan Cup then the Arima Kinen, which resulted in seventh and 13th, respectively. The son of *Heart's Cry* kicked off his four-year-old season with his first overseas challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic in March where he finished a credible third behind *Dolniya* and *Flintshire*. While racing only at graded level since the end of his debut year, he continues to be in a dry spell since his Kobe Shimbun Hai victory in 2014, his third-place finish in Dubai being the best of his four-year-old season and his fifth-place finish in his second Dubai challenge being his best in 2016.



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2014 Kobe Shimbun Hai

Career Performances of One and Only

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [494]	17 (16)	- 11 14 18 (45.0)	17 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (8.0)
10.08	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [492]	10 (10)	- 7 8 8 (33.0)	7 / 12 Real Steel	1:45.6 (0.4)
07.23	Chukyo Kinen (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [496]	7 (7)	- 15 15 16 (34.3)	10 / 16 Win Gagnant	1:33.2 (1.1)
05.28	Meguro Kinen (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	N. Yokoyama (58.0) [486]	15 (7)	18 18 18 18 (34.0)	10 / 18 Fame Game	2:30.9 (0.9)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	R. Wada (58.0) [496]	14 (11)	3 3 3 5 (36.6)	11 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5 (1.6)
03.19	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Take (57.0) [496]	7 (3)	6 6 6 7 (37.7)	7 / 10 Satono Diamond	3:02.6 (2.4)
01.22	American Jockey Club Cup (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.0) [500]	7 (6)	10 11 13 12 (36.0)	5 / 17 Tanta Alegria	2:11.9 (0.6)
'16 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Tanabe (57.0) [496]	7 (14)	2 2 2 2 (35.3)	8 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.8)
11.06	Copa Republica Argentina (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Shibayama (58.0) [508]	3 (7)	6 8 8 8 (34.2)	8 / 15 Cheval Grand	2:33.4 (0.6)
09.25	All Comers (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [500]	11 (5)	10 10 10 10 (34.4)	7 / 12 Gold Actor	2:11.9 (0.4)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	H. Tanabe (58.0) [492]	4 (13)	2 2 2 3 (38.6)	14 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (2.0)
03.26	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Firm	Y. Take (57.0)	5		5 / 9 Postponed	2:26.9 (0.9)
02.14	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Yielding	H. Uchida (57.0) [502]	10 (5)	2 3 3 4 (37.9)	6 / 15 Satono Crown	2:17.7 (1.4)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [498]	8 (10)	11 11 12 13 (34.8)	9 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.5)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [498]	3 (13)	3 4 4 3 (34.6)	7 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.3)
11.01	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [498]	11 (11)	- 5 4 4 (34.7)	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 (32.9)	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 (35.0)	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 (34.4)	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 (35.4)	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 (35.6)	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 (35.1)	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 (34.0)	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 (34.3)	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 (35.5)	2 / 13 To the World	2:01.4 (0.0)

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'13 12.21	Radio Nikkei Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Good	C. Lemaire (55.0) [474]	1 (7)	9 8 8 8 (34.8)	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 (33.7)	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 (35.2)	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 (33.4)	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 (34.5)	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 (35.3)	12 / 16 Hunter Barows	1:52.5 (1.0)

Rainbow Line

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (April 1, 2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Stay Gold / Regenbogen (French Deputy)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Masahiro Mita	
Career Record	: 18 starts, 3 wins, 3 seconds, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 229,112,000	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Arlington Cup (G3)	1st
	: '16 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1)	2nd
	: '17 Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (6th)	

[Trainer] Hidekazu Asami

Date of Birth	: May 11, 1951
License Issued	: 1991
Date of First Win	: March 14, 1992
Career Record	: 6,065 starts, 509 wins, 513 seconds, 535 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 262 starts, 20 wins, 17 seconds, 30 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Swan Stakes (G2, Sungrazer)
	: '16 Arlington Cup (G3, Rainbow Line)
	: '13 Capella Stakes (G3, Northern River)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 1 start

[Jockey] Yasunari Iwata

Date of Birth	: March 12, 1974
JRA Debut Year*	: 2006
Date of First Win	: September 16, 2000
Career Record	: 11,448 starts, 1,447 wins, 1,366 seconds, 1,273 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 737 starts, 77 wins, 69 seconds, 87 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Fuchu Himba Stakes (G2, Crocosmia)
	: '17 Shion Stakes (G3, Deirdre)
	: '17 Niigata Nisai Stakes (G3, Frontier)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 9 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.

Four-year-old **Rainbow Line** is coming off an impressive third-place finish in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) where the 13th choice entered the stretch close to the favorites and ran strongly to finish a neck and 2-1/2 lengths behind Kitanon Black and Satono Crown. He kicked off this season in the Nikkei Sho as second favorite where he traveled wide and met traffic coming into the stretch but managed to find room to accelerate to fourth. While finishing 12th in the Tenno Sho (Spring) from racing in the very rear, he fared well in the following Takarazuka Kinen, advancing from tenth to fifth in the homestretch. While yet to live up to his expectations, the son of *Stay Gold* will continue to explore his potentials in the coming Japan Cup, in which he finished a respectable sixth with the fastest finish last year.

Debuting in August of his two-year-old season, the bay colt broke his maiden in his third start and finished ninth in his first grade-race attempt in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes before concluding the season with a win in an allowance race. His first grade-race win came in the second start of his three-year-old season in the Arlington Cup, in which he was rated toward the rear and won over a six-horse rally by a nose. He finished a well-fought third in his first G1 challenge as 12th favorite in the NHK Mile Cup where he was just short of reaching the winner and was overtaken by the runner-up just before the wire.

Though succumbing to eighth in his first start over 2,400 meters in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), **Rainbow Line** came back fresh after a three-month break to come in third, a neck behind runner-up Maurice, in his first attempt against older horses in the Sapporo Kinen, and was runner-up in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger)—despite being posted ninth favorite due to the extra distance, he exerted an impressive late charge down the stretch after rounding the corners the widest of the field toward the rear and crossed the wire 2-1/2 lengths behind the winner—before his first challenge against international competition in the 2016 Japan Cup.



2016 Arlington Cup (second from front)



2015 Senryo Sho


Career Performances of Rainbow Line

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	Y. Iwata (58.0) [452]	8 (13)	-	10	12	5	3 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (0.4)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	Y. Iwata (58.0) [444]	7 (7)	10	9	10	6	5 / 11 Satono Crown	2:11.4 (0.9)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	M. Demuro (58.0) [442]	16 (7)	17	17	17	14	12 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5R (1.8)
03.25	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [448]	9 (2)	8	8	8	9	4 / 16 Sciacchetta	2:32.8 (0.3)
'16 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [438]	14 (8)	12	12	14	13	6 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.6)
10.23	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [444]	11 (9)	14	14	16	12	2 / 18 Satono Diamond	3:03.3 (0.4)
08.21	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [442]	2 (4)	11	11	12	11	3 / 16 Neorealism	2:01.7 (0.4)
05.29	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [432]	4 (12)	14	13	14	14	8 / 18 Makahiki	2:24.0 (0.7)
05.08	NHK Mile Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [430]	18 (12)	-	-	9	9	3 / 18 Major Emblem	1:32.8 (0.1)
04.09	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [432]	2 (4)	-	14	13	12	5 / 16 Dantsu Prius	1:33.9 (0.1)
02.27	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [438]	6 (4)	-	-	9	5	1 / 14 (Dantsu Prius)	1:34.1 (0.0)
01.10	Shinzan Kinen (G3)	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Miyuki (56.0) [434]	5 (7)	-	-	9	7	6 / 18 Logi Cry	1:34.1 (0.4)
'15 12.27	Senryo Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	H. Miyuki (55.0) [434]	1 (4)	-	-	8	7	1 / 10 (Sunrise Couronne)	1:35.8 (0.0)
11.23	Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	M. Ebina (55.0) [436]	8 (8)	-	7	7	7	9 / 11 Smart Odin	1:49.5 (0.6)
10.31	Hagi Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [442]	5 (4)	-	-	3	4	3 / 5 Black Spinel	1:47.6 (0.2)
08.30	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [444]	9 (1)	6	6	3	2	1 / 9 (Tizona)	1:49.5 (0.4)
08.15	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [452]	11 (2)	10	9	7	5	2 / 14 Love Leo	1:50.1 (0.4)
08.02	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	H. Shii (54.0) [454]	7 (2)	3	3	3	3	2 / 7 Prophet	1:52.3 (0.3)


Rey de Oro

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (February 5, 2014)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Bay	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: King Kamehameha / La Dorada (Symboli Kris S)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: U. Carrot Farm	
Career Record	: 6 starts, 5 wins	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 377,778,000	
'17 Season Record	: 3 starts, 2 wins	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1)	1st
	: '17 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	1st
	: '16 Hopeful Stakes (G2)	1st
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	: 7,680 starts, 1,339 wins, 973 seconds, 794 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 220 starts, 36 wins, 30 seconds, 18 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Rey de Oro) '17 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Soul Stirling) '17 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Tower of London)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 18 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	: 4,020 starts, 709 wins, 544 seconds, 458 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 697 starts, 166 wins, 114 seconds, 92 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Shuka Sho (G1, Deirdre) '17 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Rey de Oro) '17 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Soul Stirling)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 12 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.

This year's Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) victor **Rey de Oro**, opting to face older caliber instead of heading for the last leg of the Triple Crown, is coming off a win in the Kobe Shimbun Hai in September, where he traveled in fourth and demonstrated a powerful stretch kick for a comfortable two-length victory. A versatile runner who can race in various positions, the son of *King Kamehameha* has won five out of six starts, three of which are graded, and is looking to become the first three-year-old to capture the Japan Cup since *Gentildonna* in 2012.

Trained by Kazuo Fujisawa, winner of the 2004 Japan Cup with *Zenno Rob Roy*, **Rey de Oro** was posted race favorite and won all his three starts as a two-year-old by comfortable margins—he captured his debut race from waiting in good striking position toward the front; registered his second win sitting near the rear; and claimed his first graded victory in the year-end Hopeful Stakes with a good turn of foot from the rear and taking the front 200 meters out for a 1-1/4-length win.

While being named as one of the major candidates for the three-year-old classics, **Rey de Oro** was forced to skip the trial race and head straight to the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) due to a delay in conditioning. Posted fifth favorite in the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, the bay colt sat toward the rear and ran the second fastest over the last three furlongs but was unable to threaten the top runners in fifth. Regaining his form in the following Tokyo Yushun where he was posted second favorite, he again settled toward the rear but made an early move in the backstretch due to the slow pace, advanced to second behind the leader and further accelerated after taking the front 200 meters out for his first G1 victory, giving Fujisawa his first Derby title.



2017 Tokyo Yushun



2016 Hopeful Stakes

Career Performances of Rey de Oro

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'17 09.24	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (56.0) [476]	8 (1)	4	4	3	3	1 / 14 (Kiseki)	2:24.6 (0.3)
05.28	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [480]	12 (2)	13	14	2	2	1 / 18 (Suave Richard)	2:26.9 (0.1)
04.16	Satsuki Sho (G1) (Japanese 2000 Guineas)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (57.0) [484]	5 (5)	16	16	16	14	5 / 18 Al Ain	1:57.8 (0.4)
'16 12.25	Hopeful Stakes (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [476]	2 (1)	12	12	11	8	1 / 14 (Meiner Sphene)	2:01.3 (0.2)
12.03	Habotan Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [476]	11 (1)	9	11	11	10	1 / 12 (Komano Impulse)	2:01.0 (0.2)
10.09	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Yielding	C. Lemaire (55.0) [476]	1 (1)	-	4	5	3	1 / 16 (Port Vendres)	2:04.3 (0.2)

Satono Crown

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 10, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Marju / Jioconda (Rossini)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 15 starts, 7 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 632,103,100	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	1st
	: '16 Hong Kong Vase (G1)	1st
	: '17 Kyoto Kinen (G2)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Noriyuki Hori

Date of Birth	: November 9, 1967
License Issued	: 2002
Date of First Win	: May 17, 2003
Career Record	: 3,210 starts, 487 wins, 333 seconds, 311 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 208 starts, 41 wins, 20 seconds, 15 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Takarazuka Kinen (G1, Satono Crown) '17 Nakayama Kinen (G2, Neorealism) '17 Kyoto Kinen (G2, Satono Crown)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 third



[Jockey] Mirco Demuro

Date of Birth	: January 11, 1979
JRA Debut Year*	: 2015
Date of First Win	: December 4, 1999
Career Record	: 4,350 starts, 755 wins, 573 seconds, 454 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 592 starts, 151 wins, 92 seconds, 70 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, Mozu Katchan) '17 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kiseki) '17 Sprinters Stakes (G1, Red Falx)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 10 starts, 1 win, 1 second Won: '08 Screen Hero (JPN, by Grass Wonder)



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

Satono Crown, winner of last year's Hong Kong Vase, registered his first JRA-G1 title in the Takarazuka Kinen in June this year, where he broke from the outermost draw and exerted the fastest late kick on the soft track. He is coming off a close second in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) where he came looming up inside Kitanasan Black after racing in midfield and just missed by a neck.

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

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

He marked back-to-back wins in the Kyoto Kinen this year, winning out a fierce rally with multiple grade-race winners in the homestretch. He finished sixth in the following Osaka Hai, which was upgraded to G1 from this year, and when on to claim his first G1 title in Japan in the Takarazuka Kinen.



2017 Takarazuka Kinen



2016 Hong Kong Vase


Career Performances of Satono Crown

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


Sciacchetra

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 4 (March 17,2013)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Colt / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Manhattan Cafe / Samaaha (Singspiel)	
Breeder	: Northern Racing	
Owner	: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 9 starts, 4 wins, 1 second, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 144,585,000	
'17 Season Record	: 5 starts, 1 win, 1 second	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Nikkei Sho (G2)	1st
	: '17 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Katsuhiko Sumii

Date of Birth	: March 28, 1964	
License Issued	: 2000	
Date of First Win	: March 24, 2001	
Career Record	: 4,613 starts, 636 wins, 506 seconds, 407 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 298 starts, 45 wins, 42 seconds, 29 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, Kiseki) '17 Rose Stakes (G2, Rabbit Run) '17 Nikkei Sho (G2, Sciacchetra)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 14 starts, 2 wins, 2 seconds, 4 thirds Won: '14 Epiphaneia (JPN, by Special Week) '09 Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet)	

[Jockey] Yuichi Fukunaga

Date of Birth	: December 9, 1976	
Debut Year	: 1996	
Date of First Win	: March 2, 1996	
Career Record	: 15,882 starts, 2,035 wins, 1,738 seconds, 1,616 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 627 starts, 101 wins, 74 seconds, 70 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Yayoi Sho (G2, Cadenas) '17 Negishi Stakes (G3, Kafuji Take) '16 Shuka Sho (G1, Vivlos)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 5 starts, 1 second, 1 third	

Four-year-old **Sciacchetra** has proved his talent and good turn of foot by capturing his first graded title this year in the G2 Nikkei Sho. His G1 challenges that followed were less successful and the colt, named after the Italian wine, hopes to bounce back from his 15th-place finish in his first autumn start, the Tenno Sho (Autumn), where he settled wide in third from the widest draw and failed to sustain bid before the final corner on the soft going.

Still physically immature and sustaining a knee fracture as a two-year-old, Sciacchetra made a delayed debut two weeks after the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in June last year and immediately claimed his first career win by a comfortable 1-1/2-length margin after storming down the lane from a mid-field position. However, still physically under par, his next start ended in a third and was given an effective three-month layoff after which he won two allowance races consecutively in his autumn campaign by 3-1/2 lengths and 3/4 length, respectively. He was heavy race favorite and marked the fastest last three-furlong runs in all four starts of his debut season.

This season, the *Manhattan Cafe* colt made his first grade-race challenge in the Nikkei Shinshun Hai. Carrying the second lightest weight of 53kg, **Sciacchetra** traveled in mid-field before dueling strongly with the eventual winner but was nosed out to finish second. In his next start in the Nikkei Sho, he was sent off fourth favorite among a stellar 16-horse field which included G1 winners such as Gold Actor and Dee Majesty. The four-year-old advanced well in the backstretch from a rearward position, angled wide in the last corner and unleashed a furious stretch drive, nailing the leader in the last 50 meters to capture the title by 3/4 length.

His first G1 challenge was in the Tenno Sho (Spring) and as third pick, he ran out of steam and dropped away in the straight to finish ninth after racing prominently in fifth to sixth. His unwaning popularity sent him off as second favorite in the following Takarazuka Kinen in which he pressed the pace and assumed the lead in early stretch, gave way to the late chargers but finished a respectable fourth.



2017 Nikkei Sho



2017 Nikkei Shinshun Hai (right)


Career Performances of Sciacchetra

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	C. Demuro (58.0) [526]	18 (11)	-	3	5	8	15 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (6.8)
06.25	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	C. Lemaire (58.0) [510]	6 (2)	2	2	2	2	4 / 11 Satono Crown	2:11.4 (0.6)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Tanabe (58.0) [508]	1 (3)	5	5	6	5	9 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5R (1.2)
03.25	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	H. Tanabe (55.0) [510]	13 (4)	11	11	8	8	1 / 16 (Miraieno Tsubasa)	2:32.8 (0.1)
01.17	Nikkei Shinshun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Good	S. Hamanaka (53.0) [516]	3 (2)	6	6	5	5	2 / 14 Mikki Rocket	2:25.7 (0.0)
'16 12.11	Sakaiminato Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [518]	5 (1)	6	6	5	5	1 / 9 (Richie Richie)	2:13.7 (0.1)
10.01	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Good	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [518]	1 (1)	7	7	8	7	1 / 18 (Light Fantasia)	2:27.1 (0.6)
07.03	Mino Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (54.0) [512]	8 (1)	4	4	4	5	3 / 10 Sunrise Couronne	1:59.9 (0.2)
06.12	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [516]	2 (1)	12	12	11	9	1 / 16 (Meisho Onimaru)	2:00.4 (0.2)

Soul Stirring

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 3 (February 13, 2014)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Filly / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Frankel / Stacelita (Monsun)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd.	
Career Record	: 8 starts, 5 wins, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 277,178,000	
'17 Season Record	: 5 starts, 2 wins, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1)	1st
	: '16 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1)	1st
	: '17 Tulip Sho (G3)	1st
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	: 7,680 starts, 1,339 wins, 973 seconds, 794 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 220 starts, 36 wins, 30 seconds, 18 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, Rey de Oro) '17 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Soul Stirring) '17 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, Tower of London)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 18 starts, 1 win, 5 thirds Won: '04 Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, by Sunday Silence)	

[Jockey] Cristian Demuro

Date of Birth	: July 8, 1992	
Date of First Ride	: February 12, 2011	
Date of First Win	: January 14, 2012	
Career Record	: 761 starts, 106 wins, 90 seconds, 102 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 55 starts, 7 wins, 6 seconds, 5 thirds	
Recent Performances in Japan	: '17 Swan Stakes (G2, Sungrazer) '17 Fantasy Stakes (G3, Beluga) '13 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Ayusan)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

*JRA races only

Soul Stirling's victory in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies last year gave her legendary sire, *Frankel* his first post-retirement G1 victory. The Best Two-Year-Old Filly of 2016 validated her champion title in her three-year-old season when becoming a classics winner in the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks). She then faced older males in her fall campaign, beginning with the Mainichi Okan in which she raced in front and finished eighth. Her second challenge against top G1 caliber in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) was impressive as the Kazuo Fujisawa-trained filly overcame the testing ground and while having to turn wider than the other top finishers, made up ground for sixth place.

Debuting in July last year, **Soul Stirling** won her first career start, living up to expectations as one of *Frankel*'s first crop and out of multiple-G1 winner *Stacelita*, and then proceeded to win the Ivy Stakes. In the following Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, she took advantage of an inside draw after making a clean break, stayed near the pace at fourth or fifth along the rails up to the last corner, edged closer to the leader as she approached the 200-meter pole and pulled away with ease while holding off a strong charge from behind.

Extending her winning streak to four in her three-year-old kick-off, the Tulip Sho, she was sent to post as the heavy favorite in the following Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas). First time racing over non-firm tracks, the *Frankel* filly was slow in responding coming into the straight and, while gradually picking up speed in mid-stretch, failed to threaten the eventual winner and just managed to hold on for third, her first defeat. **Soul Stirling**, however, produced a dominating performance in the following Yushun Himba where she positioned nicely among the leaders and, smooth into her stretch drive along the center lane, assumed command before the furlong pole and drew away to a comfortable victory.



2017 Yushun Himba



2016 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies


Career Performances of Soul Stirring

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	C. Lemaire (54.0) [480]	9 (4)	- 7 9 10 (39.4)	6 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (1.4)
10.08	Mainichi Okan (G2)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Lemaire (53.0) [480]	1 (1)	- 1 1 1 (34.0)	8 / 12 Real Steel	1:45.6 (0.5)
05.21	Yushun Himba (G1) (Japanese Oaks)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	C. Lemaire (55.0) [474]	2 (1)	3 4 2 2 (34.1)	1 / 18 (Mozu Katchan)	2:24.1 (0.3)
04.09	Oka Sho (G1) (Japanese 1000 Guineas)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Good	C. Lemaire (55.0) [474]	14 (1)	- - 6 5 (35.4)	3 / 17 Reine Minoru	1:34.5 (0.1)
03.04	Tulip Sho (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [476]	10 (1)	- - 5 5 (33.8)	1 / 12 (Miss Panthere)	1:33.2 (0.3)
'16 12.11	Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [472]	2 (1)	- - 3 4 (34.8)	1 / 18 (Lys Gracieux)	1:34.0 (0.2)
10.22	Ivy Stakes (Open Class)	Tokyo (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [480]	7 (2)	- 3 4 3 (33.9)	1 / 9 (Persian Knight)	1:48.9 (0.3)
07.31	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	C. Lemaire (54.0) [480]	3 (1)	5 5 6 4 (34.2)	1 / 8 (Admire Mambai)	1:51.4 (0.0)

Sounds of Earth

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 6 (April 12, 2011)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Neo Universe / First Violin (Dixieland Band)	
Breeder	: Shadai Farm	
Owner	: Teruya Yoshida	
Career Record	: 23 starts, 2 wins, 8 seconds, 1 third	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 470,496,000	
'17 Season Record	: 3 starts	
Principal Race Performances	: '16 Japan Cup (G1)	2nd
	: '15 Arima Kinen (G1)	2nd
	: '16 Nikkei Sho (G2)	2nd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (2nd), '15 (5th)	

[Trainer] Kenichi Fujioka

Date of Birth	: January 1, 1961	
License Issued	: 2001	
Date of First Win	: May 24, 2003	
Career Record	: 3,742 starts, 403 wins, 357 seconds, 292 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 227 starts, 33 wins, 21 seconds, 30 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '16 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Jeweler)	
	: '16 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, Big Arthur)	
	: '16 Centaur Stakes (G2, Big Arthur)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts, 1 second	

[Jockey] Hironobu Tanabe

Date of Birth	: February 12, 1984	
Debut Year	: 2002	
Date of First Win	: August 3, 2002	
Career Record	: 9,119 starts, 703 wins, 689 seconds, 744 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 585 starts, 75 wins, 73 seconds, 52 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Nikkei Sho (G2, Sciacchetta)	
	: '17 Keisei Hai Autumn Handicap (G3, Grand Silk)	
	: '17 Keisei Hai (G3, Komano Impulse)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 2 starts	

Six-year-old **Sounds of Earth**, while yet to capture a graded victory, boasts seven runner-up efforts at graded level—three of them in G1 races including last year’s Japan Cup. Kicking off this season with his first overseas challenge in the Dubai Sheema Classic in March, which unfortunately resulted in sixth out of seven runners, he came back fresh after a five-month break to finish fourth in the Sapporo Kinen in August where the dark bay met traffic at the top of the straight but stretched well thereafter. Though coming off a 13th in the Kyoto Daishoten, he is determined to outdo his last year’s runner-up effort in his third Japan Cup challenge.

Winless in his three starts of his two-year-old season, **Sounds of Earth** landed his first victory in his three-year-old debut race and marked another win before coming in second in his first graded challenge, the Kyoto Shimbun Hai. While his first G1 attempt in the following Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) resulted in 11th, his opening race of the autumn season in the Kobe Shimbun Hai was quite impressive as the 11th-pick dark bay rallied strongly for a head second. He was runner-up again in the following Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) where the fourth pick closed in with the fastest late drive while 1/2-length short of winner Toho Jackal who renewed the race record and course record by as much as 1.7 seconds.

Finishing fourth and ninth in his first two starts of his four-year-old season, the son of *Neo Universe* launched his autumn campaign with a runner-up effort in the Kyoto Daishoten and was fifth in his first Japan Cup challenge where he stretched well coming into the lane but weakened in the last 100 meters. **Sounds of Earth** almost captured his first G1 title in the year-end Arima Kinen, in which he closed in on Gold Actor with impressive speed but just missed by a neck.

He kicked off his five-year-old season with another runner-up effort in the Nikkei Sho and finished a disappointing 15th in his second Tenno Sho (Spring) challenge but gradually showed an uplift in his performance, finishing fourth in the Kyoto Daishoten then coming in 2-1/2 lengths behind Kitan Black and besting the rest of the field in his second Japan Cup challenge. He concluded the season with an eighth in the year-end Arima Kinen.



2015 Arima Kinen (right)



2014 Kikuka Sho (left)

Career Performances of Sounds of Earth

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'17 10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	N. Yokoyama (56.0) [500]	2 (2)	6	6	6	8	13 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (1.6)
08.20	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	N. Yokoyama (57.0) [512]	7 (4)	3	5	6	6	4 / 13 Sakura Empereur	2:00.4 (0.3)
03.25	Dubai Sheema Classic (G1)	Meydan (UAE)	2410 Good	C. Lemaire (57.0)	4					6 / 7 Jack Hobbs	2:32.3 (1.8)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [506]	6 (4)	11	12	10	8	8 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.8)
11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	12 (5)	7	7	9	9	2 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (0.4)
10.10	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [510]	8 (3)	8	7	9	9	4 / 10 Kitasan Black	2:25.5 (0.2)
05.01	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	Y. Fujioka (58.0) [502]	15 (5)	4	4	4	6	15 / 18 Kitasan Black	3:15.3 (3.2)
03.26	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [506]	4 (1)	2	2	2	2	2 / 9 Gold Actor	2:36.8 (0.1)
'15 12.27	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	9 (5)	3	3	5	6	2 / 16 Gold Actor	2:33.0 (0.0)
11.29	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	M. Demuro (57.0) [502]	10 (5)	7	7	8	5	5 / 18 Shonan Pandora	2:24.7 (0.3)
10.12	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [504]	10 (2)	4	4	5	5	2 / 10 Lovely Day	2:23.6 (0.2)
05.03	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Uchida (58.0) [496]	15 (4)	6	6	8	7	9 / 17 Gold Ship	3:14.7 (0.7)
03.28	Nikkei Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	M. Demuro (55.0) [500]	10 (1)	11	11	11	11	4 / 12 Admire Deus	2:30.2 (0.3)
'14 10.26	Kikuka Sho (G1) (Japanese St. Leger)	Kyoto (JPN)	3000 Firm	M. Ebina (57.0) [496]	4 (4)	10	10	8	4	2 / 18 Toho Jackal	3:01.0 (0.1)
09.28	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Fujioka (56.0) [488]	11 (8)	11	11	11	7	2 / 16 One and Only	2:24.4 (0.0)
06.01	Tokyo Yushun (G1) (Japanese Derby)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	S. Hamanaka (57.0) [494]	1 (11)	3	4	4	3	11 / 17 One and Only	2:24.6 (1.2)
05.10	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	S. Hamanaka (56.0) [498]	11 (8)	10	9	9	7	2 / 18 Hagino Hybrid	2:11.0 (0.2)
04.19	Hanamizuki Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (56.0) [498]	3 (1)	5	5	5	5	1 / 8 (Strawberry King)	2:03.0 (0.0)
03.22	Wakaba Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	M. Demuro (56.0) [504]	2 (3)	5	5	4	4	3 / 12 Admire Deus	2:01.4 (0.4)
02.22	Three-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	C. Demuro (56.0) [502]	4 (1)	4	4	7	7	1 / 16 (Admire Cima)	2:02.1 (0.1)
'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)

Tosen Basil

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 1, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Dark Bay or Brown	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Harbinger / Careless Whisper (Fuji Kiseki)	
Breeder	: Northern Farm	
Owner	: Takaya Shimakawa	
Career Record	: 17 starts, 5 wins, 3 seconds, 2 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 137,612,000	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 second, 1 third	
Principal Race Performances	: '17 Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	2nd
	: '17 Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	3rd
	: '15 Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	3rd
Past Japan Cup Performances	: '16 (11th)	

[Trainer] Hideaki Fujiwara

Date of Birth	: June 29, 1965
License Issued	: 2000
Date of First Win	: March 3, 2001
Career Record	: 3,972 starts, 609 wins, 466 seconds, 378 thirds
'17 Season Record	: 266 starts, 47 wins, 41 seconds, 31 thirds
Recent Career Highlights	: '15&'16 Victoria Mile (G1, Straight Girl)
	: '16 Meguro Kinen (G2, Cryptogram)
	: '16 Chukyo Kinen (G3, Garibaldi)
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 6 starts



Tosen Basil is coming off a runner-up effort in the Kyoto Daishoten, in which he was rated further up than usual, inherited the lead 200 meters out and managed to hold off the strong challenge by Cheval Grand while being overtaken by Smart Layer before the wire. He finished a respectable third in his five-year-old kick-off start, the Hanshin Daishoten, exerting his usual late drive with the second fastest time over the last three furlongs. Though finishing eighth in the following Tenno Sho (Spring) and seventh in the Niigata Kinen in September, his second-place finish in the Kyoto Daishoten shows that he is gradually recapturing his form to revenge his 11th-place finish in last year's Japan Cup.

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

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

Fifth in his first start after a nine-month break in June of his four-year-old season, he bounced back in the Atsumi Tokubetsu in July, in which he was rated second from last, advanced between horses through the last corners and took command in the final strides for a neck victory. He continued to demonstrate his explosive charge from behind in the following Aganogawa Tokubetsu and the October Stakes, both in which he overtook the lead in the last 100 meters for a 3/4 and 1-1/4-length win, respectively, before his first G1 attempt in the Japan Cup.



2016 October Stakes



2016 Aganogawa Tokubetsu

Career Performances of Tosen Basil

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)				Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))
'17 10.09	Kyoto Daishoten (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2400 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [482]	8 (6)	3	3	3	2	2 / 15 Smart Layer	2:23.0 (0.1)
09.03	Niigata Kinen (G3)	Niigata (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [484]	13 (2)	-	-	14	15	7 / 17 Tatsu Gogeki	1:57.9 (0.2)
04.30	Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1)	Kyoto (JPN)	3200 Firm	H. Shii (58.0) [480]	13 (9)	11	11	11	12	8 / 17 Kitasan Black	3:12.5 (1.2)
03.19	Hanshin Daishoten (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	3000 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [482]	4 (5)	9	9	9	7	3 / 10 Satono Diamond	3:02.6 (0.6)
'16 11.27	Japan Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [478]	10 (12)	11	11	9	10	11 / 17 Kitasan Black	2:25.8 (1.1)
10.10	October Stakes (Allowance (16Million & Less))	Tokyo (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Uchida (56.0) [480]	7 (1)	9	8	8	8	1 / 10 (Happy Moment)	2:27.8 (0.2)
08.21	Aganogawa Tokubetsu (Allowance (10Million & Less))	Niigata (JPN)	2200 Firm	H. Uchida (57.0) [480]	13 (1)	9	8	5	5	1 / 15 (World Impact)	2:11.8 (0.1)
07.24	Atsumi Tokubetsu (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Chukyo (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (57.0) [478]	5 (1)	8	8	8	5	1 / 9 (Sunday Wizard)	2:13.6 (0.0)
06.26	Three-Year-Olds & Up (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Tosaki (57.0) [480]	7 (2)	6	7	6	7	5 / 10 Satono Etoile	2:15.1 (0.9)
'15 09.27	Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2)	Hanshin (JPN)	2400 Firm	H. Shii (56.0) [470]	9 (7)	14	13	14	13	3 / 15 Lia Fail	2:26.7 (0.7)
05.30	Shirayuri Stakes (Open Class)	Kyoto (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [468]	3 (2)	-	-	13	13	7 / 14 Albert Dock	1:46.2 (0.3)
05.09	Kyoto Shimbun Hai (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Firm	Y. Iwata (56.0) [468]	3 (4)	11	11	12	12	4 / 16 Satono Rasen	2:11.3 (0.1)
03.08	Yayoi Sho (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Good	Y. Iwata (56.0) [472]	8 (3)	8	8	7	7	5 / 11 Satono Crown	2:01.8 (0.7)
'14 12.06	Habotan Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Tosaki (55.0) [470]	6 (1)	10	10	8	8	1 / 10 (Kakadu)	2:00.8 (0.0)
10.18	Shigiku Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	2000 Firm	Y. Iwata (55.0) [468]	5 (1)	6	6	6	6	2 / 7 Tir Na Nog	2:00.5 (0.0)
08.17	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Sapporo (JPN)	1800 Firm	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [468]	10 (1)	3	5	3	2	1 / 14 (Satono Rasen)	1:51.2 (0.2)
06.29	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hanshin (JPN)	1800 Good	Y. Fukunaga (54.0) [462]	11 (2)	-	-	6	5	2 / 12 Tir Na Nog	1:51.9 (0.0)


Yamakatsu Ace

Age (Date of Foaling)	: 5 (March 22, 2012)	
Origin	: Japan	
Sex / Color	: Horse / Chestnut	
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: King Kamehameha / Yamakatsu Marilyn (Grass Wonder)	
Breeder	: Okada Bokujo	
Owner	: Kazuo Yamada	
Career Record	: 26 starts, 7 wins, 1 second, 4 thirds	
Career Earnings	: ¥ 417,352,000	
'17 Season Record	: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 thirds	
Principal Race Performances	: '17&'16 Kinko Sho (G2)	1st
	: '15 New Zealand Trophy (G2)	1st
	: '16 Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	1st
Past Japan Cup Performances	: None	

[Trainer] Kaneo Ikezoe

Date of Birth	: October 22, 1952	
License Issued	: 1997	
Date of First Win	: April 4, 1999	
Career Record	: 4,573 starts, 334 wins, 346 seconds, 350 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 229 starts, 20 wins, 27 seconds, 21 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17&'16 Kinko Sho (G2, Yamakatsu Ace)	
	: '15 New Zealand Trophy (G2, Yamakatsu Ace)	
	: '16 Nakayama Kimpai (G3, Yamakatsu Ace)	
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	: 11,504 starts, 1,050 wins, 1,033 seconds, 962 thirds	
'17 Season Record	: 520 starts, 47 wins, 56 seconds, 51 thirds	
Recent Career Highlights	: '17 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, Reine Minoru)	
	: '17&'16 Kinko Sho (G2, Yamakatsu Ace)	
	: '16 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, Sinhelite)	
Past Japan Cup Performances	: 4 starts, 1 win, 1 second	
	Won: '15 Shonan Pandora (JPN, by Deep Impact)	

Five-year-old **Yamakatsu Ace** captured his fifth grade-race victory in this year's Kinko Sho, his first start of the season, where he pulled away strongly from the rallying group less than 100 meters out for a 1-1/4-length win. He marked a good third with the second fastest late charge in the G1 Osaka Hai, finishing 1-1/4 lengths from Kitanan Black, and scored another third in the Sapporo Kinen following a four-month break. Although the soft going impeded the chestnut's performance in his latest Tenno Sho (Autumn) start, his multiple endeavors at G1 level and the good turn of foot he displayed when finishing fourth in last year's Arima Kinen are promising factors in his first Japan Cup challenge.

The son of *King Kamehameha* broke his maiden in his second start as a two-year-old and marked his next win the following season in his second start. Raced at graded level since, he claimed the G2 New Zealand Trophy in his third grade-race bid where he angled wide from mid-division and took the front in the last half-furlong to score a 3/4-length win. He was heavily defeated in his first G1 challenge, the NHK Mile Cup that followed, and has been raced mainly over 2,000 meters since. He capped off his three-year-old campaign with a length victory in the Fukushima Kinen, demonstrating the fastest late kick from a mid-group spot.

Yamakatsu Ace continued to fare well, commencing his four-year-old season in the Nakayama Kimpai where he advanced from a wide trip in fifth and hit the wire 3/4-length in front for a consecutive graded win. After a string of mundane results, he scored his next win in the Kinko Sho later that year with another good burst of speed in the final half furlong. As eighth favorite in the year-end Arima Kinen, he took an economic trip in mid-division and ran the fastest in the last three furlongs for a good fourth, finishing two lengths from the winner.



2017 Kinko Sho



2016 Kinko Sho

Career Performances of Yamakatsu Ace

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wt.) [Horse]	PP (Fav)	Position (L3F)			Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin (sec.))	
'17 10.29	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Soft	K. Ikezoe (58.0) [504]	5 (7)	-	7	9	10	11 / 18 Kitasan Black	2:08.3 (2.5)
08.20	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [508]	3 (1)	6	5	5	4	3 / 13 Sakura Empereur	2:00.4 (0.2)
04.02	Osaka Hai (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [514]	13 (4)	10	10	9	7	3 / 14 Kitasan Black	1:58.9 (0.2)
03.11	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [516]	6 (1)	8	8	8	6	1 / 16 (Lord Vent d'Or)	1:59.2 (0.2)
'16 12.25	Arima Kinen (G1)	Nakayama (JPN)	2500 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [508]	4 (8)	9	10	13	12	4 / 16 Satono Diamond	2:32.6 (0.3)
12.03	Kinko Sho (G2)	Chukyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [504]	13 (4)	6	8	8	7	1 / 13 (Paddle Wheel)	1:59.7 (0.0)
10.30	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (58.0) [484]	13 (13)	-	3	3	2	15 / 15 Maurice	1:59.3 (1.5)
08.21	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Good	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [488]	7 (3)	4	4	3	3	5 / 16 Neorealism	2:01.7 (0.7)
06.26	Takarazuka Kinen (G1)	Hanshin (JPN)	2200 Good	K. Ikezoe (58.0) [498]	17 (15)	16	16	14	13	13 / 17 Marialite	2:12.8 (1.6)
06.04	Naruo Kinen (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [502]	10 (1)	6	5	3	2	6 / 14 Satono Noblesse	1:57.6 (0.4)
02.14	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto (JPN)	2200 Yielding	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [504]	1 (2)	8	8	8	7	5 / 15 Satono Crown	2:17.7 (0.6)
01.05	Nakayama Kimpai (G3)	Nakayama (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [492]	5 (3)	5	5	4	2	1 / 13 (Meiner Frost)	2:01.2 (0.1)
'15 11.15	Fukushima Kinen (G3)	Fukushima (JPN)	2000 Yielding	A. Tsumura (54.0) [486]	1 (2)	9	9	6	2	1 / 16 (Mitra)	2:02.5 (0.2)
10.24	Fuji Stakes (G3)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [478]	8 (7)	-	-	9	9	13 / 16 Danon Platina	1:32.7 (0.9)
08.23	Sapporo Kinen (G2)	Sapporo (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (54.0) [474]	8 (10)	7	7	7	8	4 / 15 Decipher	1:59.0 (0.1)
07.19	Hakodate Kinen (G3)	Hakodate (JPN)	2000 Firm	K. Ikezoe (53.0) [478]	1 (7)	2	2	2	2	3 / 16 Derby Fizz	1:59.1 (0.6)
05.10	NHK Mile Cup (G1)	Tokyo (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Ikezoe (57.0) [488]	11 (7)	-	-	7	5	13 / 18 Clarity Sky	1:33.5 (1.0)
04.11	New Zealand Trophy (G2)	Nakayama (JPN)	1600 Good	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [482]	8 (7)	-	9	9	8	1 / 16 (Grand Silk)	1:34.8 (0.1)
03.21	Falcon Stakes (G3)	Chukyo (JPN)	1400 Good	S. Fujita (56.0) [488]	8 (5)	-	-	13	11	3 / 18 Tagano Azaghal	1:22.9 (0.0)
02.28	Arlington Cup (G3)	Hanshin (JPN)	1600 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [492]	6 (10)	-	-	10	10	6 / 12 Young Man Power	1:35.9 (0.2)
02.01	Three-Year-Olds (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1400 Firm	K. Ikezoe (56.0) [492]	11 (4)	-	-	7	8	1 / 11 (Kids Light On)	1:22.2 (0.2)
01.17	Shiraume Sho (Allowance (5Million & Less))	Kyoto (JPN)	1600 Good	S. Fujita (56.0) [494]	6 (7)	-	-	3	2	4 / 9 Narita Star One	1:35.2 (0.4)
'14 09.27	Kikyo Stakes (Open Class)	Hanshin (JPN)	1400 Firm	K. Ikezoe (54.0) [478]	10 (3)	-	-	4	3	6 / 11 Navion	1:21.6 (0.4)
09.07	Suzuran Sho (Open Class)	Sapporo (JPN)	1200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (54.0) [480]	14 (5)	-	-	8	5	2 / 15 Peisha of Law	1:10.8 (0.0)
07.06	Two-Year-Olds (Maiden)	Hakodate (JPN)	1200 Firm	S. Fujita (54.0) [480]	2 (3)	-	-	3	3	1 / 10 (Apollo no Shinzan)	1:10.8 (0.2)
06.22	Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer)	Hakodate (JPN)	1200 Firm	K. Ikezoe (54.0) [476]	11 (2)	-	-	3	2	6 / 14 Meiner Espace	1:09.5 (1.7)



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Past Results of Foreign Runners



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

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

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

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

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

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

S=Scratched FF=Fail to Finish

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