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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 18TH JBC CLASSIC**



The JBC Classic, which is the main event of the JBC festival, is an important race that leads up to JRA's Champions Cup (G1, dirt, 1,800m) a month later. Past JBC Classic victors include several JRA Award Best Dirt Horse winners such as *Admire Don* ('03&'04); *Vermilion* ('07); *Hokko Tarumae* ('14); *Copano Rickey* ('15); and *Sound True* ('16).

Year	Venue	Distance	Winner	Affiliation
2001	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Regular Member (JPN, C4, by Commander in Chief)	JRA
2002	Morioka (Iwate)	dirt, 2,000m	Admire Don (JPN, C3, by Timber Country)	JRA
2003	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Admire Don (JPN, C4, by Timber Country)	JRA
2004	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Admire Don (JPN, H5, by Timber Country)	JRA
2005	Nagoya (Aichi)	dirt, 1,900m	Time Paradox (JPN, H7, by Brian's Time)	JRA
2006	Kawasaki (Kanagawa)	dirt, 2,100m	Time Paradox (JPN, H8, by Brian's Time)	JRA
2007	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Vermilion (JPN, H5, by El Condor Pasa)	JRA
2008	Sonoda (Hyogo)	dirt, 1,870m	Vermilion (JPN, H6, by El Condor Pasa)	JRA
2009	Nagoya (Aichi)	dirt, 1,900m	Vermilion (JPN, H7, by El Condor Pasa)	JRA
2010	Funabashi (Chiba)	dirt, 1,800m	Smart Falcon (JPN, H5, by Gold Allure)	JRA
2011	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Smart Falcon (JPN, H6, by Gold Allure)	JRA
2012	Kawasaki (Kanagawa)	dirt, 2,100m	Wonder Acute (JPN, H6, by Charismatic)	JRA
2013	Kanazawa (Ishikawa)	dirt, 2,100m	Hokko Tarumae (JPN, C4, by King Kamehameha)	JRA
2014	Morioka (Iwate)	dirt, 2,000m	Copano Rickey (JPN, C4, by Gold Allure)	JRA
2015	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Copano Rickey (JPN, H5, by Gold Allure)	JRA
2016	Kawasaki (Kanagawa)	dirt, 2,100m	Awardee (USA, H6, by Jungle Pocket)	JRA
2017	Oi (Tokyo)	dirt, 2,000m	Sound True (JPN, G7, by French Deputy)	JRA

This year's line-up included the top four finishers of the trial Nippon TV Hai (dirt, 1,800m; Oct.3); winner **K T Brave** who also won this year's Kawasaki Kinen (dirt, 2,100m), 2016 Tokyo Daishoten (G1, dirt, 2,000m) victor **Apollo Kentucky** in second, 2016 Best Dirt Horse **Sound True** in third and 2017 Champions Cup runner-up **T M Jinsoku** was fourth. 2018 February Stakes (G1, dirt, 1,600m) champion **Nonkono Yume** and 2017 Kawasaki Kinen victor **All Blush** came off a fourth and fifth, respectively, in the Mile Championship Nambu Hai (dirt, 1,600m; Oct.8). The Korea Cup (dirt, 1,800m; Sep.10) runner-up **Chrysolite** also ran along with **Centurion**, **Sunrise Soar** and **Omega Perfume**, winners of the March Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,800m), the Heian Stakes (G3, dirt, 1,900m) and the Sirius Stakes (G3, dirt, 2,000m), respectively.

**THE 18TH JBC CLASSIC**

3-year-old & up, 1,900 meters (about 9.5 furlongs), dirt, right-handed

Sunday, November 4, 2018 Kyoto Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 195,400,000 (about US\$ 1,777,000 <US\$1=¥110>)

3-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2015

Safety factor: 16 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	4	8	K T Brave (JPN)	H5	57.0	Admire Max K T Laurel	Y. Fukunaga H. Sugiyama	Kazuyoshi Takimoto Kazuyoshi Takimoto	1:56.7 (37.0)	4.2 (3)
2	7	14	Omega Perfume (JPN)	C3	55.0	Swept Overboard Omega Fragrance	R. Wada S. Yasuda	Reiko Hara Shadai Farm	3/4 (36.7)	3.7 (2)
3	2	4	Sunrise Soar (JPN)	C4	57.0	Symboli Kris S Amelia	C. Lemaire H. Kawachi	Takao Matsuoka Tomita Bokujo	1 (38.4)	3.2 (1)
4	5	9	Nonkono Yume (JPN)	G6	57.0	Twining Nonko	H. Uchida Y. Kato	Chizu Yoshida Shadai Farm	1/2 (36.3)	12.2 (5)
5	4	7	Sound True (JPN)	G8	57.0	French Deputy Kyoei Truth	T. Ono N. Takagi	Hiroshi Yamada Okada Stud	3/4 (36.8)	22.8 (7)

6	3	5	Asukano Roman (JPN)	H7	57.0	Agnes Digital Asukano Himiko	K. Dazai Y. Kawamura	Chiro Toyoda Chiro Toyoda	Nose (37.3)	221.3 (14)
7	8	15	T O Energy (JPN)	C3	55.0	Kane Hekili Silky Craft	Y. Iwata T. Miya	Tomoya Ozasa Yoshitake Abe	1-3/4 (38.6)	108.7 (10)
8	3	6	Meiner Basara (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sinister Minister Southern Ray Star	K. Tosaki M. Matsuyama	K. Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Hamaguchi Bokujo	1-1/2 (38.5)	202.6 (13)
9	1	2	Tagano Gold (JPN)	H7	57.0	Gold Allure Antevorte	O. Shimohara M. Atarashi	Hideyuki Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd	1/2 (37.7)	336.7 (16)
10	7	13	All Blush (JPN)	H6	57.0	War Emblem Blushing Princess	C. Demuro A. Murayama	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	Nose (38.5)	112.9 (11)
11	1	1	Centurion (JPN)	H6	57.0	King Kamehameha Hundred Score	H. Miyuki Y. Tamura	Yasushi Kubota Oiwake Farm	1-3/4 (38.4)	25.7 (8)
12	6	11	Katsugeki Kitokito (JPN)	H5	57.0	Spicule Lei Bisty	M. Ohata I. Nishikimi	Hiroyuki Nonogaki Katsuhiko Asano	1-1/4 (37.9)	307.5 (15)
13	6	12	Apollo Kentucky (USA)	H6	57.0	Langfuhr Dixiana Delight	M. Demuro K. Yamauchi	Apollo Thoroughbred Club Doug Branham	1-1/2 (38.1)	7.7 (4)
14	5	10	T M Jinsoku (JPN)	H6	57.0	Kurofune My Discovery	Y. Furukawa K. Kihara	Masatsugu Takezono Masatsugu Takezono	3 (40.3)	12.8 (6)
15	8	16	Chrysolite (JPN)	H8	57.0	Gold Allure Chrysoprase	Y. Take H. Otonashi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	2 (38.6)	29.4 (9)
16	2	3	Stern Glanz (JPN)	H7	57.0	Stay Gold Twospecial	F. Matoba S. Kokubo	Takatoshi Sakai Shadai Farm	8 (40.7)	173.5 (12)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / B=Blinker / Wgt=Weight / L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 1:56.7

GOING: Standard

WEATHER: Fine

#### PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.8	¥420	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-7	¥650	QUINELLA	8-14	¥760
PLACE	No.8	¥150	QUINELLA PLACE	8-14	¥340	EXACTA	8-14	¥1,690
	No.14	¥140		4-8	¥310	TRIO	4-8-14	¥910
	No.4	¥130		4-14	¥280	TRIFECTA	8-14-4	¥4,890

#### 1. K T Brave (JPN), chestnut, horse, 5-year-old

Admire Max / K T Laurel (Sakura Laurel)

Owner: Kazuyoshi Takimoto Breeder: Kazuyoshi Takimoto

Trainer: Haruki Sugiyama Jockey: Yuichi Fukunaga

31 Starts, 11 Wins

Added money: ¥ 93,402,000 Career earnings: ¥ 551,730,000

#### 2. Omega Perfume (JPN), gray, colt, 3-year-old

Swept Overboard / Omega Fragrance (Gold Allure)

Owner: Reiko Hara Breeder: Shadai Farm

Trainer: Shogo Yasuda Jockey: Ryuji Wada

#### 3. Sunrise Soar (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old

Symboli Kris S / Amelia (Special Week)

Owner: Takao Matsuoka Breeder: Tomita Bokujo

Trainer: Hiroshi Kawachi Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

#### K T Brave Conquers Fierce Competition in JBC Classic

Third favorite **K T Brave** displayed a remarkable stretch run against a stellar field of graded winners to claim this

year's JBC Classic. After registering an eighth in his debut start over turf as a two-year-old, the son of *Admire Max* was switched to dirt racing and has successfully collected 11 wins which are all over distances of 1,800 meters or more; the Hyogo Championship, the Hakusan Daishoten and the Urawa Kinen in 2016; the Nagoya Daishoten, the Teio Sho in 2017; the Kawasaki Kinen, the Diolite Kinen and his most recent win, the Nippon TV Hai this year. This is the first JBC Classic victory for both trainer Haruki Shigeyama and jockey Yuichi Fukunaga while Fukunaga has won the JBC Sprint with *Sterling Rose* in 2002.

**K T Brave** traveled two-wide in mid-field, made an early move after the third corner, moved up in position and entered the straight in third. With a clear path ahead of him, the chestnut unleashed an impressive run to the line swooping past the stubborn **Sunrise Soar** 100 meters out while holding off the fast closing **Omega Perfume** by 3/4 length for the title.

"The horse was in top condition which made me very confident today. He struggled a bit to keep up with the fast pace, but he has won at the highest level under the same kind of circumstances so I wasn't worried about that. There's no doubt he has many wins ahead of him and I'm happy we did well today", jockey Yuichi Fukunaga commented after the race.

Three-year-old and second favorite **Omega Perfume** raced wide after breaking from stall 14 and was unhurried in lower mid-field, a length behind **K T Brave**. Kicking into gear after the third corner, **Omega Perfume** chased the eventual winner into the straight and with a tremendous burst of speed stormed down the stretch, tagging **Sunrise Soar** close to the wire, but was 3/4 length short from the winner for second.

Race favorite **Sunrise Soar** broke well and was driven to the front, briefly surrendered the lead between the third and last turn but quickened to hit the straight first, stretched well but succumbed to the fast closing speed of **K T Brave** 100 meters out and then **Omega Perfume** in the final strides for third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (9) **Nonkono Yume**—trailed 3-length behind field, circled wide and made ground with fastest finish

5th: (7) **Sound True**—settled near the rear early, advanced along the rails after final turn

6th: (5) **Asukano Roman**—rated just off the rails in mid-pack, tracked **Omega Perfume** to join rally, left behind 200m out

7th: (15) **T O Energy**—rushed out of gate to dispute lead, pressed pace up to 200-meter pole, even paced

8th: (6) **Meiner Basara**—chased pace in front group, rallied up to final furlong, unable to quicken thereafter

9th: (2) **Tagano Gold**—saved ground further back than mid field, failed to threaten

10th: (13) **All Blush**—chased pace up front early, outrun early stretch

11th: (1) **Centurion**—raced mid division behind front runners advanced briefly into stretch but failed to fire

12th: (11) **Katsugeki Kitokito**—eased and rated between foes in mid-pack, outrun early stretch

13th: (12) **Apollo Kentucky**—raced 3rd from last, unable to reach contention

14th: (10) **T M Jinsoku**—stalked pace, briefly took over lead after 3rd corner, retreated in early stretch

15th: (16) **Chrysolite**—broke from farthest stall, fourth from rear, last to hit stretch, never fired

16th: (3) **Stern Glanz**—saved ground in 3rd to 4th, gradually retreated by last turn, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 7.1 - 11.2 - 11.9 - 12.9 - 12.2 - 11.5 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.7 - 13.2  
Last 4 furlongs: 49.9      Last 3 furlongs: 38.1

Positions at each corner:

1st corner	4(3,15,10)(6,13)-(1, <u>8</u> )(5,11,14)16,2,12,7-9
2nd corner	(*4,15)(3,10)6,13,1, <u>8</u> (5,11,14)(2,16)(7,12)-9
3rd corner	(4,*10)15-(6,13)-(1, <u>8</u> )(3,5)(2,14)(7,11,12)16-9
4th corner	4(10,15)-(6, <u>8</u> )(1,13)(5,14)2(7,12)(3,11)9-16

**NOTE 1:** Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

**NOTE 2:** Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or

more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.