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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 2023 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS [Day One]**



The World All-Star Jockeys commenced in 2015 as a renewed version of the World Super Jockeys Series and staged at Sapporo Racecourse in the summer. The annual event, though called off due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, is popular in Japan and throughout the world and boasts a total of more than 250 top-caliber participants from abroad during its 34-year history.

In this series, points are awarded to each jockey according to their placing in each race, and the total points accumulated from the four races run over the two-day period are calculated at the end of the second day to determine the champion. At the same time, a team competition is carried out where “Team WAS (World All-Star)” comprising overseas jockeys and NAR (National Association of Racing; local public racing) jockeys compete against “Team JRA” jockeys in their bid to attain the most points as a team.

This year’s “Team WAS” included **Alexis Badel** (HK), **Rachel King** (AUS), **Joao Moreira** (BRZ), **Luke Morris** (GB), **Umberto Rispoli** (USA), **Marie Velon** (FR) and **Minoru Miyagawa** (NAR Kochi). “Team JRA” taking on the challenges included **Keita Tosaki**, the JRA Award Most Valuable Jockey (MVJ) winner in 2022, and **Takeshi Yokoyama** from the Eastern division, **Yuga Kawada**, **Christophe Lemaire**, **Mirai Iwata** and **Ryusei Sakai** from the Western division were also among the lineup as the leaders in their respective jockey rankings (in wins) as of June 25. **Yutaka Take** (Western) was also selected to join the series based on his outstanding performances.

Last year, **Yutaka Take** captured his much-awaited second champion title since claiming the 1992 World Super Jockeys Series. He was followed by 2019 champion **Yuga Kawada** in second and Kohei Matsuyama (JRA) in third. Theo Bachelot (FR) led the foreign participants in overall fourth. Team JRA won the team competition to remain undefeated in six years since the team competition began in 2015.

**[2023 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 1ST LEG]**

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Sapporo Racecourse

10th Race

Post Time: 15:00

3-year-olds & up, 2 Wins Class, 1,200 meters (about 6 furlongs), turf, right-handed

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 14 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Jockey	Weight (kg)	Odds	(Fav)	Margin
1	8	14	Dover Hawk (JPN)	C3	<b>Rachel King</b>	56.0	4.2	(1)	1:09.2
2	3	4	Thalia (JPN)	F3	<b>Umberto Rispoli</b>	54.0	15.2	(7)	Head
3	6	10	Galilei (JPN)	G6	<b>Mirai Iwata</b>	58.0	16.2	(8)	Neck
4	7	11	Tosen Thunder (JPN)	C4	<b>Christophe Lemaire</b>	58.0	5.9	(2)	Neck
5	4	5	Smart Lucida (JPN)	H5	<b>Ryusei Sakai</b>	58.0	6.1	(3)	2-1/2
6	8	13	Jolie Dame (JPN)	F3	<b>Marie Velon</b>	54.0	12.3	(6)	3/4
7	1	1	T O Sparrow (JPN)	C4	<b>Keita Tosaki</b>	58.0	6.7	(5)	Neck
8	3	3	Meisho Funkei (JPN)	H5	<b>Takeshi Yokoyama</b>	58.0	23.8	(11)	Nose
9	6	9	Sunny Ocean (JPN)	G5	<b>Luke Morris</b>	58.0	112.1	(13)	1-1/4
10	2	2	Seiren (JPN)	M5	<b>Yutaka Take</b>	56.0	56.0	(12)	Nose
11	7	12	Sun Dubuque (JPN)	C4	<b>Yuga Kawada</b>	58.0	20.8	(10)	1-1/2
12	4	6 B	Mikino Bass Drum (JPN)	H5	<b>Alexis Badel</b>	58.0	231.9	(14)	3
13	5	7	Yu Growth Factor (JPN)	F4	<b>Joao Moreira</b>	56.0	20.8	(9)	5
14	5	8	Ambivalent (JPN)	C3	<b>Minoru Miyagawa</b>	56.0	6.3	(4)	3

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker

NOTE: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 11.7 - 10.1 - 10.7 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.7

Last 4 furlongs: 47.4 Last 3 furlongs: 36.7

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

4th corner 6-(4,11)(8,12)10(7,9,**14**)13(1,5)(3,2)

**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.

1st: (14) **Rachel King**—broke from widest stall, 4th to 5th from rear in backstretch, took widest route into stretch, fastest stretch drive, dug in strongly to take over 3 rivals before wire for win

“It’s a great feeling (to have won). It’s incredible to just be here and competing on this world stage with all these world-class jockeys. I’ve been privileged to have been invited by the JRA, but to get a winner in the first leg is even better and hopefully we can continue that luck. The trainer let me know that the horse can be a little bit “hot” and get a little bit worked up, so not to push too much out of the gates, just try to make sure he relaxes, but he (the trainer) was confident that the horse would finish off strongly, which happened. The atmosphere here is incredible. It’s great to see so many people cheering and calling all of our names... so as I’ve said before, it’s a privilege to be here and have this amazing support, so thank you for the support and hopefully I can get another winner during the weekend to let you cheer even more.”

2nd: (4) **Umberto Rispoli**—tracked leader while saving ground in second, inherited lead soon after last corner, held on gamely under pressure in four-horse rally, overtaken by winner just before wire for second

“The filly was eager to go so I had to hold her back during the trip, but once I let her go, she showed a good turn of speed.”

3rd: (10) **Mirai Iwata**—rated in midfield 2-wide, early move approaching last two corners, accelerated well after wide turn into straight, closed in rapidly to rally but overtaken by eventual winner and finished third

4th: (11) **Christophe Lemaire**—broke sharply, chased leader around fifth, passed tired pacesetter to 2nd in early stretch but unable to reach leader and overtaken by strong late chargers from behind

5th: (5) **Ryusei Sakai**—fraction late out of the gate and near rear early, driven forward to improve position and showed impressive turn of foot after turning wide into stretch overtaking rivals while short of reaching the first four

6th: (13) **Marie Velon**—traveled in 9th, driven after 3rd corner, passed tired rivals at stretch

“The pace was really fast and we had to make a lot of effort to keep up, but she didn’t give in and held on well to the finish.”

7th: (1) **Keita Tosaki**—slow start, hugged rails in 10-11th, threaded through horses in early stretch to improve position

8th: (3) **Takeshi Yokoyama**—unhurried second from rear, showed effort in lane

9th: (9) **Luke Morris**—sat around 7th, advanced to 4th entering lane but lacked needed response

“The pace was really fast but my horse did well to secure a good position behind Rispoli in mid-pack. He was out of steam though by the last furlong.”

10th: (2) **Yutaka Take**—trailed in very rear, passed tiring rivals in stretch

11th: (12) **Yuga Kawada**—traveled wide in 4th, faded

12th: (6) **Alexis Badel**—set fast pace, widening gap between rest of field by 6-7 lengths at one point, overtaken at final corner and weakened thereafter

“I think it was a good race. It was a shame my horse got a little overkeen.”

13th: (7) **Joao Moreira**—sat in mid-division in 6-7th, used up and faded in last 200 meters

14th: (8) **Minoru Miyagawa**—traveled 6-7 lengths behind pacesetter in second, ran out of steam before entering lane

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## [2023 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 2ND LEG]

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Sapporo Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:35

3-year-olds & up, 3 Wins Class, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 14 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Jockey	Weight (kg)	Odds	(Fav)	Margin
1	5	8	Meiner Chrysolia (JPN)	C4	<b>Yutaka Take</b>	58.0	8.5	(5)	2:00.7
2	6	10	Pod Bullet (JPN)	C4	<b>Rachel King</b>	58.0	25.4	(9)	2-1/2
3	5	7	Edel Blume (JPN)	F4	<b>Takeshi Yokoyama</b>	56.0	4.6	(2)	Neck
4	1	1	Escobar (JPN)	G5	<b>Yuga Kawada</b>	58.0	3.3	(1)	Nose
5	8	13	Climbing Lily (JPN)	M5	<b>Alexis Badel</b>	56.0	6.8	(4)	1/2
6	6	9	Taisei Sirius (JPN)	G6	<b>Keita Tosaki</b>	58.0	146.8	(14)	Nose
7	2	2	Win Eclair (JPN)	F4	<b>Mirai Iwata</b>	56.0	10.8	(6)	3/4
8	8	14	Morino Kannachan (JPN)	M5	<b>Marie Velon</b>	56.0	32.5	(10)	1
9	7	12	Marino Azura (JPN)	M5	<b>Joao Moreira</b>	56.0	6.3	(3)	Neck
10	3	3	Eingebung (JPN)	M5	<b>Minoru Miyagawa</b>	56.0	43.6	(12)	1/2
11	3	4	Seiun Platina (JPN)	C4	<b>Umberto Rispoli</b>	58.0	23.7	(8)	1
12	4	5	Platina Treasure (JPN)	H5	<b>Luke Morris</b>	58.0	22.3	(7)	3
13	4	6	Lance of Earth (JPN)	M5	<b>Ryusei Sakai</b>	56.0	110.5	(13)	1/2
14	7	11	Silverio (JPN)	H6	<b>Christophe Lemaire</b>	58.0	33.7	(11)	2-1/2

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 11.5 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 11.7 - 12.1 - 12.0 - 12.3

Last 4 furlongs: 48.1 Last 3 furlongs: 36.4

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

1st: (8) **Yutaka Take**—smooth break and unhurried early, sitting well off pace, picked up speed approaching last corner and in contention after turning wide into stretch, continued strongly to take command soon after 100-meter mark and drew away to win comfortably

2nd: (10) **Rachel King**—broke through gate before start and underwent vet check before cleared to start breaking from stall 15 due to damaged gate (10), quick to secure forward position in fourth after restart, made headway from 800 meters out, led before turning for home, pressured by rivals from behind but stayed on well to finish second best while no match for winner

“I was able to keep him in good rhythm and felt how much strength he had in him. The steady pace also worked in our favor. We didn’t have any trouble keeping up when the field quickened from the 800-meter marker.”

3rd: (7) **Takeshi Yokoyama**—pressed pace in second or third while saving ground, continued along inside around last corner and squeezed his way between horses to duel with Rachel King before both were overtaken by winner, finished third, a neck behind runner-up

4th: (1) **Yuga Kawada**—lugged out at break, stayed along rails then angled out slightly to make headway after third corner, overtaken by winner soon after furlong pole while staying well for 4th

5th: (13) **Alexis Badel**—angled in toward rails from wide gate, settled in 10th, struggled behind horses, found opening too late but dug in eagerly for 5th

“She showed a good turn of foot at the end, but the turf was in terrible condition near the rails and he couldn’t stretch as hoped.”

6th: (9) **Keita Tosaki**—pressed pace in 2nd-3rd, dropped back to 6th turning last two corners, unable to find space to improve position in stretch

7th: (2) **Mirai Iwata**—traveled 2-wide in 6th, met brief traffic at top of lane, even paced

8th: (14) **Marie Velon**—trailed in rear after slow break, made wide bid in last two corners, mild late response

“We were too far behind in the early stages. I tried to ascend alongside the eventual winner but was

unable to keep up with that kind of speed.”

9th: (12) **Joao Moreira**—settled around 7th by rails, met traffic entering lane, never fired

10th: (3) **Minoru Miyagawa**—broke well, settled 3rd from rear, improved position before last corner, showed effort in straight but never reached contention

11th: (4) **Umberto Rispoli**—broke sharply, led field up to final turn, gradually tired from early efforts and faded

“We were well in front in the first half of the race but the rest was a bit disappointing.”

12th: (5) **Luke Morris**—raced around 7th, outrun turning last corners, showed little thereafter

“He broke well and sat in good mid-pack position in the backstretch. He just didn’t respond in the last 400 meters and stopped in the last 200. The distance could have been a bit too long for him.”

13th: (6) **Ryusei Sakai**—wide trip in mid-pack, fell back at 3rd corner, 2nd from last before turning for home, never fired

14th: (11) **Christophe Lemaire**—trailed in far rear, no factor

### [Day One Summary]

### **Team JRA Excelled Team WAS by 20 Points after Day One**

The first day of the two-day series concluded with **Rachel King** coming on top with 50 points by winning the first leg on board race favorite Dover Hawk and coming in second in the second leg with ninth pick Pod Bullet. “To be at top after day one is amazing, I can’t think of a better start. I am truly grateful to the trainers and staff who prepared my mounts and I hope I can win the overall series tomorrow,” commented King after the end of Day One.

Nineteen points behind in second was defending champion **Yutaka Take** who was 10th in the first leg with 12th favorite Seiren but collected 30 points by winning the second leg with fifth choice Meiner Chrysolia. Tied third with 21 points were **Umberto Rispoli** who finished second and 11th and **Mirai Iwata** who was third and seventh, in the first and second leg, respectively.

Team WAS accumulated 102 points while Team JRA excelled with 122.

### 2023 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS POINT CHART

Standing	Jockey	Team	August 26, 2023		August 27, 2023		Total Points
			1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	
1	<b>Rachel King (AUS)</b>	WAS	1st (30)	2nd (20)			50
2	<b>Yutaka Take</b>	JRA	10th (1)	1st (30)			31
3	<b>Mirai Iwata</b>	JRA	3rd (15)	7th (6)			21
3	<b>Umberto Rispoli (USA)</b>	WAS	2nd (20)	11th (1)			21
5	<b>Takeshi Yokoyama</b>	JRA	8th (4)	3rd (15)			19
6	<b>Keita Tosaki</b>	JRA	7th (6)	6th (8)			14
7	<b>Yuga Kawada</b>	JRA	11th (1)	4th (12)			13
7	<b>Christophe Lemaire</b>	JRA	4th (12)	14th (1)			13
9	<b>Marie Velon (FR)</b>	WAS	6th (8)	8th (4)			12
10	<b>Ryusei Sakai</b>	JRA	5th (10)	13th (1)			11
10	<b>Alexis Badel (HK)</b>	WAS	12th (1)	5th (10)			11
12	<b>Luke Morris (GB)</b>	WAS	9th (2)	12th (1)			3
12	<b>Joao Moreira (BRZ)</b>	WAS	13th (1)	9th (2)			3
14	<b>Minoru Miyagawa (NAR)</b>	WAS	14th (1)	10th (1)			2
<b>Team WAS (World All-Star) : 102 points</b>			<b>Team JRA : 122 points</b>				

\*1st: 30 points / 2nd: 20 points / 3rd: 15 points / 4th: 12 points / 5th: 10 points / 6th: 8 points / 7th: 6 points / 8th: 4 points  
9th: 2 points / 10th: 1 point / 11th: 1 point / 12th: 1 point / 13th: 1 point / 14th: 1 point

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 6,545,572,500

Attendance: 9,992

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### **[Other Races Ridden by Foreign Participants]**

1st race: Two-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 1,200m, 11 runners

Joao Moreira—4th on Waino Naomi (JPN, F2), 3rd favorite

2nd race: Two-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 1,800m, 5 runners

Joao Moreira—4th on Life Saving (JPN, C2), 2nd favorite

3rd race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden, Fillies), dirt, 1,000m, 12 runners

Joao Moreira—1st on A Shin Email (JPN, F3), favorite

4th race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), dirt, 1,700m, 14 runners

Umberto Rispoli—6th on Schleife (JPN, F3), 11th favorite

Alexis Badel—12th on Cross Leaf (JPN, F3), 12th favorite

5th race: Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer), dirt, 1,700m, 13 runners

Joao Moreira—2nd on Thunder Yunibansu (JPN, C2), favorite

Umberto Rispoli—6th on Porpora Ziel (JPN, C2), 4th favorite

Luke Morris—9th on Win Creed (JPN, C2), 6th favorite

6th race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 1,500m, 14 runners

Rachel King—13th on I Wanna Idol (JPN, F3), 12th favorite

7th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (1 Win Class), turf, 1,800m, 13 runners

Joao Moreira—2nd on Emanuele (JPN, C3), 3rd favorite

8th race: Three-Year-Olds & Up (1 Win Class, Fillies & Mares), dirt, 1,700m, 14 runners

Rachel King—8th on Your Flash (JPN, F3), 10th favorite

Luke Morris—13th on Little Poppy (JPN, F4), 9th favorite

9th race: Rusutsu Tokubetsu (Three-Year-Olds & Up, 1 Win Class), turf, 2,600m, 14 runners

Joao Moreira—3rd on Dover Eagle (JPN, C3), 3rd favorite

Luke Morris—6th on Born in Grande (JPN, C3), 5th favorite

12th race: Niseko Tokubetsu (Three-Year-Olds & Up, 1 Win Class), dirt, 1,700m, 12 runners

Joao Moreira—3rd on Sunrise Skaal (JPN, C4), favorite

Umberto Rispoli—6th on Red Dexter (JPN, C4), 3rd favorite