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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 2026 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS [Day One]



The World All-Star Jockeys commenced in 2015 as a renewed version of the World Super Jockeys Series 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 270 top-caliber participants from abroad during its 37-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 **Richard Fourie** (South Africa), **Rafael Hernandez** (Canada), **Damian Lane** (Australia), **Zac Lloyd** (Australia), **Suraj Narredu** (India), **Marie Velon** (France) and **Tomohiro Yoshimura** (NAR Hyogo).

“Team JRA” taking on the challenge included **Kohei Matsuyama** (Western) who was selected for his victory in this year’s Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), along with **Takeshi Yokoyama** from the Eastern division and **Christophe Lemaire**, **Mirai Iwata** and **Yuga Kawada** from the Western division as the leaders in their respective jockey rankings (in wins) as of June 21. **Yutaka Take** (Western) and **Norihiro Yokoyama** (Eastern) were also selected to join the series based on their outstanding performances.

Last year, Thore Hammer Hansen (GER) collected 73 points by marking two wins, a fourth and a tenth to capture the champion title in his first appearance in this series. Craig Williams (AUS) and Ryusei Sakai (JRA Western) followed in second and third with 66 and 40 points, respectively. Team WAS won the team competition for the first time since it began in 2015.

[2026 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 1ST LEG]

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Sapporo Racecourse

10th Race

Post Time: 15:10

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	6	9	Asu Miru (JPN)	C3	Yutaka Take	56.0	4.3	(1)	1:08.7
2	4	5	B B Effort (JPN)	F4	Zac Lloyd	56.0	6.0	(3)	1/2
3	6	10	Mikino Baccarat (JPN)	C4	Takeshi Yokoyama	58.0	12.4	(6)	2
4	7	11	Bee Kong (JPN)	H5	Damian Lane	58.0	8.6	(5)	1/2
5	5	7	Extra Buck (GB)	H5	Marie Velon	58.0	28.1	(11)	Neck
6	5	8	Ho O Hessen (JPN)	C3	Yuga Kawada	56.0	18.9	(10)	Neck
7	8	13 B	Food Man (USA)	C4	Suraj Narredu	58.0	4.5	(2)	Neck
8	7	12	Peaceful Night (JPN)	M6	Christophe Lemaire	56.0	40.5	(12)	Head
9	2	2	Xebec (JPN)	H5	Norihiro Yokoyama	58.0	51.1	(13)	Nose
10	3	4 B	Meisho Migliore (JPN)	M5	Mirai Iwata	56.0	18.3	(9)	Neck
11	8	14	Viva Crown (JPN)	H5	Richard Fourie	58.0	18.0	(8)	Nose
12	4	6	Jacquard (JPN)	H8	Kohei Matsuyama	58.0	121.6	(14)	Neck
13	3	3	Uchuno Sekai (JPN)	C3	Tomohiro Yoshimura	56.0	7.8	(4)	2-1/2
14	1	1	Bel Be Stallone (JPN)	F4	Rafael Hernandez	56.0	15.4	(7)	7

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

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

1st: (9) **Yutaka Take**—forwardly placed 2-wide in 4th up to 3rd corner, disputed lead with three others 400m out and led turning for home, dueled with Zac Lloyd with 200m to go and held off that foe by 1/2 length

2nd: (5) **Zac Lloyd**—broke well, accelerated from mid-pack after 3rd corner, was blocked briefly but split horses in early stretch, chased Yutaka Take to the line with tied-fastest late drive, 1/2-length short

“She ran a terrific race. She broke well, stayed right behind the front runners and responded well. I nearly thought we could win it. The winner just happened to be better today

3rd: (10) **Takeshi Yokoyama**—4th from rear, gradually improved position, split horses in stretch with good turn of foot, dug in with tied-third fastest last-three-furlong speed

4th: (11) **Damian Lane**—positioned around 6th, tracked Yutaka Take along backstretch, angled out for clear path entering homestretch, but lacked final kick to threaten winner while holding well for 4th

“He used good speed to secure a good position and was in good rhythm throughout without giving up until the end. I think the extra ground he had to cover traveling outside was a bit tough for him”

5th: (7) **Marie Velon**—raced 2nd from last early, struggled to find space at early stretch but showed fine turn of speed in last furlong to overtake rivals for 5th

“He ran a great race. The pace was extremely fast, but he was able keep up easily and put in a good effort to the wire”

6th: (8) **Yuga Kawada**—tracked leader in 2nd, disputed lead into stretch, unable to keep up with Yutaka Take and Zac Lloyd and left to rally with rivals coming from behind

7th: (13) **Suraj Narredu**—raced in mid-pack but wide throughout, short of showing much when needed
“The wide draw was tough. The colt traveled in good rhythm but didn’t respond as much as I had hoped. He might be suited to longer distances”

8th: (12) **Christophe Lemaire**—smooth trip in mid-field between rivals down backstretch, forced to angle out with a wall of horses in front entering stretch but struggled to secure clear path until too late

9th: (2) **Norihiro Yokoyama**—saved ground in 4th, entered lane behind Zac Lloyd, failed to keep up with eventual runner-up in stretch, outrun to 9th

10th: (4) **Mirai Iwata**—hugged rails around 11th, showed effort but was checked by rival 100m out

11th: (14) **Richard Fourie**—advanced to press pace in 2nd from widest draw, weakened in last 200m
“He made a good start and had good speed but lost too much ground after having to take an outside route due to the wide break.”

12th: (6) **Kohei Matsuyama**—trailed in rear, no factor

13th: (3) **Tomohiro Yoshimura**—set pace, faded after 200m pole

14th: (1) **Rafael Hernandez**—saved ground in mid-field, dropped back after 3rd corner
“I was planning to set the pace since we broke from the inner-most stall but the filly didn't have it in her today.”

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 10.8 - 10.9 - 11.3 - 11.5 - 12.1
Last 4 furlongs: 45.8 Last 3 furlongs: 34.9

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

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.

[2026 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS 2ND LEG]

Saturday, August 22, 2026 Sapporo Racecourse 11th Race Post Time: 15:45

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	7	Can't Wait (JPN)	H5	Norihiro Yokoyama	58.0	6.2	(4)	1:59.9
2	3	4	Spark Richard (JPN)	G5	Zac Lloyd	58.0	61.1	(12)	Neck
3	8	14	Shonan Someday (JPN)	F4	Yuga Kawada	56.0	4.9	(3)	1/2

4	8	13 B	Diga Legend (JPN)	H5	Damian Lane	58.0	9.3	(6)	3/4
5	6	10	Speed Rich (JPN)	H5	Christophe Lemaire	58.0	4.6	(1)	Neck
6	5	8	Pink Jin (JPN)	M6	Marie Velon	56.0	18.5	(8)	Neck
7	6	9	T O Douglas (JPN)	H5	Richard Fourie	58.0	16.1	(7)	3
8	2	2	Weiser Barco (JPN)	G6	Suraj Narredu	58.0	82.6	(14)	Head
9	4	6	Taiki Laughter (JPN)	H6	Tomohiro Yoshimura	58.0	49.1	(11)	3
10	1	1 B	Weep Delight (JPN)	G5	Yutaka Take	58.0	26.1	(9)	2
11	4	5	Wide Aladdin (JPN)	H6	Takeshi Yokoyama	58.0	63.6	(13)	1/2
12	7	11	Chilcano (JPN)	M5	Rafael Hernandez	56.0	41.0	(10)	5
13	7	12	Win Tremendous (JPN)	H5	Mirai Iwata	58.0	8.8	(5)	4
FF	3	3	Fukuno Blue Lake (JPN)	C4	Kohei Matsuyama	58.0	4.7	(2)	

1st: (7) **Norihiro Yokoyama**—broke well and saved ground while squeezed against rails turning 1st corner, shifted to outside lane 800m out and made headway approaching final turn, steadily closed gap and accelerated impressively after taking command in final strides to hold off fast-closing rival from the outside to a neck victory

2nd: (4) **Zac Lloyd**—unhurried 3rd from rear, made headway after 1,000m to go, angled out for stretch run, launched fastest late speed to close in on eventual winner

“After some disappointing finishes in his previous runs, he upped his game and gave an amazing performance today. He felt good, ran smoothly from gate to wire and responded well. The winner had the upper hand today, but he ran a remarkable race and I’m very happy.”

3rd: (14) **Yuga Kawada**—shot forward from outside stall to lead well before 1st corner, sustained lead for most of the 2,000-meter trip before succumbing to 3rd

4th: (13) **Damian Lane**—up front behind Yuga Kawada and second behind that foe along backstretch, carried on impressively while overtaken by first two finishers from behind

“The pace was fast but he ran in good rhythm. He was used up but gave his all to the wire.”

5th: (10) **Christophe Lemaire**—raced off the rails around 6th early, advanced to join leaders turning for home and continued willingly to wire

6th: (8) **Marie Velon**—nicely positioned in around 3rd early, kept up with pace to stay in contention along final stretch while unable to cause serious threat for win

“It was a perfect trip—the mare ran an incredible race. The horses who shifted out responded very strongly but my mare also showed a tenacious drive to the line.”

7th: (9) **Richard Fourie**—5th from rear, steadily retreated to 2nd from last, saved ground and took inner route into stretch, showed late effort

“He gained good ground at the final stretch but because of the riderless horse in the race we stumbled at the first corner and was unable to get into a good rhythm mid-race.”

8th: (2) **Suraj Narredu**—tracked leader in 2nd early, gradually dropped position, failed to sustain bid

“We were able to get into a nice spot early but, disturbed by the riderless horse in the backstretch, we lost our rhythm.”

9th: (6) **Tomohiro Yoshimura**—positioned wide near rear, gradually advanced, showed little at stretch

10th: (1) **Yutaka Take**—trailed in far rear, made wide bid into lane, never reached contention

11th: (5) **Takeshi Yokoyama**—broke well, camped in mid-division, dropped back before 3rd corner, failed to respond thereafter

12th: (11) **Rafael Hernandez**—sat wide around 8th, never fired

“We weren’t affected much by the riderless horse during our trip but my horse failed to respond at the stretch.”

13th: (12) **Mirai Iwata**—4th from rear, still in rear entering straight, never a factor

Fail to Finish: (3) **Kohei Matsuyama**—unseated just after break

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 10.9 - 12.0 - 11.8 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 11.7 - 11.8 - 12.1 - 12.6

Last 4 furlongs: 48.2 Last 3 furlongs: 36.5

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

[Day One Summary]

Zac Lloyd Leads World All-Star Jockeys series at the End of Day One

Zac Lloyd accumulated 40 points to stand on top on the first day of this year’s World All-Star Jockeys. After finishing second with third favorite B B Effort in the first leg, the Sydney-based jockey scored a runner-up effort again, riding 12th choice Spark Richard in the second leg.

The 58-year-old **Norihiro Yokoyama** claimed the second leg with fourth favorite Can’t Wait and followed in second with 32 points. **Yutaka Take**, 57, won the first leg with race favorite Asu Miru and was ranked third with 31 points.

Team JRA currently leads with a total of 120 points, excelling Team WAS by 16 points. The last two legs of the series will be held tomorrow, Day Two—the third leg will be the 10th race and the fourth leg, the 12th race.

Prior to the series, Indian representative **Suraj Narredu** registered his first JRA victory in Race 6 with sixth pick Fier Chanter, his second mount in Japan.

“To ride in Japan was a big dream for me. It feels very special to win on my very first day and to do it in front of my family is always a very special moment. It's a very special moment for India as well. I thank the fans for their warm messages on social media and those who are here today waving the Indian flag,” commented **Suraj Narredu**.

2026 WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS POINT CHART

Standing	Jockey	Team	August 22, 2026		August 23, 2026		Total Points
			1st Leg	2nd Leg	3rd Leg	4th Leg	
1	Zac Lloyd (AUS)	WAS	2nd (20)	2nd (20)			40
2	Norihiro Yokoyama	JRA	9th (2)	1st (30)			32
3	Yutaka Take	JRA	1st (30)	10th (1)			31
4	Damian Lane (AUS)	WAS	4th (12)	4th (12)			24
5	Yuga Kawada	JRA	6th (8)	3rd (15)			23
6	Marie Velon (FR)	WAS	5th (10)	6th (8)			18
7	Takeshi Yokoyama	JRA	3rd (15)	11th (1)			16
8	Christophe Lemaire	JRA	8th (4)	5th (10)			14
9	Suraj Narredu (IND)	WAS	7th (6)	8th (4)			10
10	Richard Fourie (SAF)	WAS	11th (1)	7th (6)			7
11	Tomohiro Yoshimura (NAR)	WAS	13th (1)	9th (2)			3
12	Mirai Iwata	JRA	10th (1)	13th (1)			2
12	Rafael Hernandez (CAN)	WAS	14th (1)	12th (1)			2
12	Kohei Matsuyama	JRA	12th (1)	FF (1)			2
Team WAS (World All-Star) : 104 points			Team JRA : 120 points				

*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
 below 10th: 1 point / ER= Excluded from running (by stewards): 6 points / FF=Fail to Finish: 1 point

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 8,012,160,900

Attendance: 13,012

[Other Races Ridden by Foreign Participants]

1st race: Two-Year-Olds (Maiden), dirt, 1,700m, 12 runners

Damian Lane—6th on Pharaoh Queen (USA, F2), 2nd favorite
Rafael Hernandez—10th on Maruka Rose (JPN, F2), 10th favorite

2nd race: Two-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 1,800m, 6 runners

Zac Lloyd—6th on Lord Response (JPN, C2), 5th favorite

3rd race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), dirt, 1,700m, 14 runners

Rafael Hernandez—3rd on Leesan Mirror (JPN, C3), 5th favorite
Suraj Narredu—4th on Mont Royal (JPN, C3), 3rd favorite

4th race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 2,000m, 16 runners

Richard Fourie—10th on Kotinos (JPN, C3), 10th favorite

5th race: Two-Year-Olds (Newcomer), turf, 1,500m, 14 runners

Damian Lane—1st on Tsukimi (JPN, F2), race favorite
Rafael Hernandez—11th on Nova Cara (JPN, C2), 12th favorite

6th race: Three-Year-Olds (Maiden), turf, 2,600m, 13 runners

Suraj Narredu—1st on Fier Chanter (JPN, F3), 6th favorite
Zac Lloyd—10th on Rico Rapido (JPN, F3), 11th favorite
Richard Fourie—11th on Pagos Pinkouinos (JPN, F3), 9th favorite
Rafael Hernandez—12th on Cailleret (JPN, F3), 13th favorite

9th race: Clover Sho (Two-Year-Olds, Open Class), turf, 1,500m, 14 runners

Damian Lane—10th on Mon Biscuit (JPN, F2), 9th favorite

12th race: Niseko Tokubetsu (Three-Year-Olds & Up, 1 Win Class), dirt, 1,700m, 11 runners

Damian Lane—3rd on Summer Night (JPN, C4), 2nd favorite
Zac Lloyd—7th on Kokode Ikku (JPN, C4), 6th favorite