2019 Hokkaido Autumn Sale Preview

As another year zips by the final yearling sale in Japan is once again around the corner, with the 2019 renewal of the Hokkaido Autumn Sale catalog release including 445 yearlings. The two-day sale will include 445 yearlings as well as an additional 43 yearlings entered after the conclusion of the September Sale on September 18th. While the catalog for the original 445 yearlings has been issued, the addition 43 yearlings catalog pages will have a special supplemental catalog issued later.

Though much a sale for those looking for type over pedigree there are several stand out pedigrees in the Autumn Sale this year including Hip 51 G2 Stayers Stakes winner Desperado(JPN)'s half-sister by Kizuna(JPN), Hip 90 G2 Keio Hai 2yo Stakes winner Karada Legend(JPN)'s half-sister by Civil War(JPN), Hip 94 G2 Milers Cup winner Reach the Crown(JPN)'s half brother by Real Impact(JPN), and Hip 168 G1 Kikuka Sho winner Big Week(JPN)'s half brother by Tosen Jordan(JPN).

There are 127 different sires to choose from in the Autumn Sale this year including some of the most successful stallions in Japan and some promising younger stallions. Heart's Cry(JPN) and his son Just a Way(JPN) have one and two lots in the sale. Heart's Cry(JPN) is the best Sunday Silence(USA) son left at stud since the passing of Deep Impact(JPN) and his young son Just a Way(JPN) has been making a name for himself in the shed with his first and second crops on the track already. Daiwa Major(JPN) has been another remarkably reliable son of Sunday Silence(USA) at stud, and while he only has two lots in the sale, his G1 winning son Curren Black Hill(JPN) has ten lots.

Lord Kanaloa(JPN) is set to take over King Kamehameha's role as best non-Sunday Silence(USA) sire in Japan, and he has one lot in the sale. Other King Kamehameha sired stallions are prevalent in the sale. Dirt G1 winner and turf G1 placed Belshazzar(JPN) has 13 lots in the sale and is a promising young sire. Ten-time dirt G1 winner Hokko Tarumae(JPN) and G1 Japanese Derby winner Duramente(JPN), both by King Kamehameha(JPN) have seven and six lots in the sale respectively. Two other young King Kamehameha(JPN) sires in the sale are G1 Tenno Sho Aki winner Lovely Day(JPN) and Champion Two-Year-Old Leontes(JPN), who is also a half brother to G1 Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia(JPN) and G1 Satsuki Sho winner Saturnalia(JPN). They have six and four lots in the sale. Epiphaneia(JPN) who has been off to a good start with his first crop this year has three in the sale, while first crop sire Maurice(JPN) who will debut next year, has five lots.

With the passing of Deep Impact(JPN), the pressure is on his sons at stud to fill the hole he has left in the Japanese breeding industry. Dual G1 winner Real Impact(JPN) has been off to an impressive start with his first two-year-olds hitting the track this spring, has five lots in the sale. A Shin Hikari(JPN) a G1 winner in Hong Kong and France, has three in the sale. G1 winning miler Mikki Isle(JPN) has three lots in the sale. By far the most successful son of Deep Impact(JPN) to stud at date has been G1 Japanese Derbywinning Kizuna(JPN) who had his first graded stakes winner just last month from his first crop of two-year-olds. His second crop has been in high demand at the sales so far this year, and he had three lots in the Autumn Sale.

Henny Hughes(USA) has enjoyed a great run in Japan and has proven to be able to produce runners on both dirt and turf and had one yearling up for auction. His son Asia Express(USA) is a perfect example Henny Hughes(USA)'s diverse tendencies, being a G1 winner on turf and G3 winner on dirt. His first crop are yearlings, and he has seven in the sale. Harbinger(GB) has settled into his Japanese stallion career very well over the past few years with multiple graded stakes winners and many performing at the highest level, including Derdire(JPN) who won the G2 Nassau Stakes in England this summer. He has three lots in the sale. Six-time G1 winner Gold Ship(JPN) has started to gain traction with his first crop of two-year-olds, and he is represented by one yearling. Makfi(GB) is a newer import to Japan, and this is his first crop born here. He has five yearlings that will be going through the ring in this year's Autumn Sale.

Please contact our representatives if you are interested in purchasing at the 2019 Hokkaido Autumn Sale or to inquire about the Japan-bred winner bonus program: Satomi Oka (Ms)

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Hokkaido Autumn Sale Details:

• Sale type: Yearling

• Venue: Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shizunai, Hokkaido)

• Dates: October 15th (Tues) to 16 (Wed)

Pre-sale inspections: 8:30am \sim

Sale: 12:00pm

• Number of cataloged lots: 488

• Online catalog available at: http://www.hba.or.jp/english/index.html