

2019 Hokkaido September Sale Review

As a new addition to the Japanese sales calendar, the 2019 Hokkaido September Sale was by all accounts a great success grossing ¥1,597,860,000(US\$14,933,271) with an average of ¥4,401,818(US\$41,138) and median of ¥3,456,000(US\$32,299) and a clearance rate of 73.8% for the two day sale. Kizuna(JPN) took home the prize for sale topper when his colt out of Venera(JPN) sold for ¥20,628,000(US\$192,785) to North Hills. The highest-priced filly was an Orfevre(JPN) out of Crosswater(USA) was bought by Maekawa Kikaku Co., Ltd. for ¥14,040,000(US\$131,214).

G1 Japanese Derby winner Kizuna(JPN) grossed more than any other stallion at the sale, bringing in ¥75,492,000(US\$705,532) with an average price of ¥12,582,000(US\$117,588) for the six lots sold. Champion Two-Year-Old Asia Express(USA) also had an excellent two days, selling 15 lots, the most of any stallion represented at the sale. The son of Henny Hughes(USA) grossed ¥71,820,000(US\$671,214) and averaged ¥4,788,000(US\$44,747) with his highest priced lot, Hip 55 out of For Me(JPN) going to Akira Nakatsuji for ¥11,880,000(US\$111,028).

As almost always is the case both South Vigorous(USA) and Sinister Minister(USA) were exceedingly popular at the sales. Each grossed ¥61,776,000(US\$577,345) and ¥61,128,000(US\$571,289) respectively. South Vigorous(USA) was represented by some of his last crop, and Keiji Nagai went to ¥13,500,000(US\$126,168) for Hip 335, a filly out of Feeling Good(JPN). South Vigorous(USA) averaged ¥7,722,000(US\$72,168) while Sinister Minister(USA) averaged ¥6,792,000(US\$63,476).

The final Japanese yearling sale of 2019 will be the Hokkaido Autumn Sale on October 15th and 16th in Shizunai, Hokkaido.

US\$1 = ¥107