

## 2020 Hokkaido Selection Sale Preview

The 2020 Hokkaido Selection Sale was postponed after the initial spike of COVID-19 in the spring, moved back a month from July 21st to August 24th, the day before the Hokkaido Summer Sale. While a new spike in COVID-19 is currently ongoing in Japan, the sale is still on the calendar with safety precautions being made to ensure those who attend the sale is limited to active participants.

There are 225 lots cataloged in the sale this year, and five very popular young sires are well represented. Maurice(JPN) has the most lots of the sale with a total of 15. He is currently off the mark as a sire with his first crop, having debuted well earlier this summer. Epiphaneia(JPN) has been a blow out success with his first crop, which included dual classic winner Daring Tact(JPN). His offspring have proved popular in the sales, and with 14 lots, there will be plenty to choose from.

Duramente(JPN) already has six winners from his first crop, making him third in the Two-Year-Old Sire Rankings by earnings and proved a much-desired sire in July's Select Sale. He has 11 lots in the sale. Kizuna(JPN) has been one of the most popular and successful sons at stud for his late sire Deep Impact(JPN). He is fourth in the Two-Year-Old Sire Rankings and has ten lots in the sale. Lord Kanaloa(JPN) has been a sensation since his first crop produced the likes of Almond Eye(JPN). He almost always sells out in any sale that offers his progeny, and there are nine in this sale.

Champion Dirt horse Hokko Tarumae(JPN) is leading the freshman sire rankings by winners with eight individuals and had five lots in the sale. Half brother to both G1 Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia(JPN) and G1 Satsuki Sho winner Saturnalia(JPN), Champion Two-Year-Old Leontes(JPN) has shown a lot of promise with his first crop on the track as well with four winners, and he has eight lots going through the sale.

Drefong(USA)'s first crop has sold well in the sales since they started selling as foals last year, and he has eight in the Selection Sale. Another popular sire, Silver State(JPN), by Deep Impact(JPN), has also proven very popular with buyers early on and has six lots.

Hip 91 is a rare Deep Impact filly, likely the final Deep Impact yearling to be offered at public auction. The filly is out of G2 Indiana Oaks winner Tiz Windy(USA). Dual Classic winner Kawakami Princess(JPN) has Hip 128 in the sale, a colt by Dual Classic winner Duramente(JPN). Hip 166 is Champion Dirt horse Espoir City(JPN)'s half brother by G1 winner Drefong(USA).

There are three foreign stallions represented in the sale, including Hip 94, a colt out of a graded stakes-placed mare by Mastery(USA), Hip 129 a filly by Nathaniel(IRE) and Hip 70 a filly by Postponed(IRE).

The sale is loaded with colts this year, with 159 in total, and is rounded out by 66 fillies.

\*All stallion rankings and winners information is current as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Please contact our representatives if you are interested in purchasing at the 2020 Hokkaido Selection Sale or to inquire about the Japan-bred winner bonus program:

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Hokkaido Selection Sale Details:

- Sale type: Yearling
- Venue: Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shizunai, Hokkaido)
- Dates: August 24th (Mon)

Pre-sale inspections: 8:00am ~

Sale: 11:00am ~

●Number of cataloged lots: 225

- Online catalog available at: <http://www.hba.or.jp/english/index.html>