

2020 Hokkaido Summer Sale Preview

There are 1148 yearlings cataloged for the 2020 Hokkaido Summer Sale held in Shizunai on August 25th through the 28th. There are 643 colts and 505 fillies in the sale. Each year the Summer Sale is the largest sale for thoroughbred horses in all of Japan.

Due to the large scale of the sale, there is plenty of options sire wise, 143 different stallions to be exact. Asia Express(USA) clocks in the most lots of any stallion in the sale with 39 yearlings offered. As a first-crop sire, he had six winners so far. The freshman sire with the best results by winners is Hokko Tarumae(JPN), the dirt champion by King Kamehameha(JPN), who has 11 individual winners so far. That fantastic first few months should make his 28 lots in the sale very popular. Leontes(JPN), the champion half brother to G1 winner Epiphaneia(JPN) and Saturnalia(JPN), is also off to a fantastic start with four individual winners. He has 18 lots in the sale. Duramente(JPN) and Maurice(JPN) are two of the most high profile freshman sires going this year they have performed well enough, especially in the JRA to attract a lot of attention at sales earlier this year. Duramente(JPN) has 19 lots, and Maurice(JPN) has 11 lots. Other notable freshman sires in the sale are Discreet Cat(USA) with 23 lots, Lovely Day(JPN) with 16 lots, Mikki Isle(JPN) with ten lots, Creator(USA) with six lots, A Shin Hikari(JPN) has seven lots, and Makfi(GB) has 12 lots.

Four popular young sires are represented in the sale, including Epiphaneia(JPN), who has made quite the splash this year with his dual classic winner Daring Tact(JPN). He has 12 lots in the sale. Just a Way(JPN) has proven to be able to produce tough runners, much like his sire Heart's Cry(JPN), and he has eight lots in the sale. Kizuna(JPN), one of the most promising young sons of Deep Impact(JPN) at stud, has three lots in the sale. Real Impact(JPN) was the first son of Deep Impact(JPN) to sire a G1 winner himself earlier this year, he has two yearlings in the sale.

First season sires are always exciting to inspect, and there are several exciting ones well represented in the Summer Sale. Copano Rickey(JPN) was a champion dirt horse for years and has proven quite popular with breeders. He has 35 lots in the sale. As a son of leading dirt stallion Gold Allure(JPN), his offspring will be exciting to watch next year. The Factor(USA), was loaned to the JBBA for one season and 27 of his lone season of Japanese bred offspring are being offered at the sale. Big Arthur(JPN) was one of the last top sprinters Sakura Bakushin O(JPN) sired before his death; he has 25 lots in the sale. American Patriot(USA) brings G1 winning turf credentials with his popular War Front(USA) bloodline; he has 23 lots in the sale. Satono Aladdin(JPN), a G1 winning son of Deep Impact(JPN) from a similar cross as Kizuna(JPN), has 23 lots in the sale. Drefong(USA), who has proven amazingly popular in earlier sales, has seven lots. Lani(USA) and Silver State(JPN) never were able to live up to their potential fully on the track, but the ability they showed was enough to land them with a stallion contract. They have 20 and 15 lots in the sale respectively.

The most prolific stallions in Japan are often hard to find at public auction later in the season since their popularity usually leads to private sales many months prior. Sinister Minister(USA) has been a mainstay at the Summer Sale and one of the best dirt sires in the entire country. He has 28 yearlings cataloged this year. Harbinger(GB) has matured into a reliable sire in Japan,

mixing well with the Sunday Silence(USA) lines that are so prevalent here. He has 13 lots in the sale. Top sires can also be found in the sale; Daiwa Major(JPN) has four lots, Heart's Cry(JPN), and Lord Kanaloa(JPN) both have one lot each.

There are three foreign sires represented in the sale Raven's Pass(USA), Rio de La Plata(USA), and Territories(IRE).

Some notable entries in this year's Summer Sale are Hip 1089, a half-sister to Champion Two-Year-Old Seiun Wonder(JPN) by the well established Pyro(USA). Hip 498, a half-sister to G2 winner Meiner Lacrima(JPN) by first-crop sire The Factor(USA). Hip 1340 a half-sister to G2 winner Capote Star(JPN) by first-crop sire Isla Bonita(JPN).

*All stallion rankings and winners information is current as of August 7th, 2020.

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

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Hokkaido Summer Sale Details:

- Sale type: Yearling
- Venue: Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shizunai, Hokkaido)
- Dates: August 25th (Tues) ~ August 28th (Fri)

Pre-sale inspections: 8:00am ~

Sale: 12:00am ~

- Number of cataloged lots: 1148
- Online catalog available at: <http://www.hba.or.jp/english/index.html>