

2020 Hokkaido September Sale Preview

Last year, the Hidaka Breeders Association launched the September Sale, a new addition to their yearly yearling auction schedule. The yearlings offered here have had another month to mature physically and allowed their human counterparts to rest and be ready for another potentially big week. This year's September Sale will be held over three days, Tuesday, September 22nd through Thursday, September 24th. 643 yearlings are cataloged with 268 being colts and 375 being fillies.

Some highlights from the catalog are colts like Hip 543, a half brother to G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen winner Laurel Guerreiro(JPN) by G1 Satsuki Sho winner Dee Majesty(JPN). Hip 489, a half-sister to G2 Daily Hai Nisai Stakes winner T M Inazuma(JPN) by Admire Moon(JPN). Hip 370 a half brother to G3 Radio Nikkei Sho winner Babbitt(JPN) by Vincennes(JPN) and Hip 492 a half-sister to JPN3 Hokkaido Sprint Cup winner Meisho Iron(JPN) by Admire Moon(JPN).

Among the stallions to choose from this sale, some are very well established, stallions like Rulership(JPN), who has four in the sale, while Harbinger(GB) and Lord Kanaloa(JPN) both have three. Daiwa Major(JPN), who is always popular and a rare find this late in the auction season has two lots in the sale. Some hotshot sires burning up the sophomore sire rankings are also included, like Epiphaneia(JPN), who has two in the sale and a dual classic winner from his first crop. Real Impact(JPN) also has two lots in the sale, but he too has already had a G1 winner from his first crop. Kizuna(JPN) has been a really hot sire at the sales and on the track and has four lots in the sale.

Successful freshman sires are always in great demand in the year they debut. Maurice(JPN) and Duramente(JPN) are 1-2 in the rankings by earnings so far, though Maurice(JPN) has eight winners Duramente(JPN) 's ten. They each have four lots in the sale. Makfi(GB) has a strong go of things in the Selection and Summer Sales due to his ten winners so far, so with 11 lots in the sale, he could make a splash again. Leontes(JPN), the half brother of Epiphaneia(JPN), has six winners, but that is more than enough to get him up to 4th on freshman sires' earnings ranking. He has four lots in the sale. Danon Legend(USA) has been a surprise hit, with 13 winners so far, while most of them are in the NAR, those buyers should be out in force to look at his 12 yearlings in the sale. Lovely Day(JPN) also has 12 lots in the sale, and they will be bolstered by his seven individual winners from his first crop. Asia Express(USA) also has seven winners, but one has gone on to win an NAR stakes race already, making him one to watch if you are looking for a dirt runner. He has 14 lots in the sale. Hokko Tarumae(JPN), who has 14 lots in the sale, should give his 14 yearlings a significant boost this September. Discreet Cat(USA) has seven winners so far and eight yearlings in the sale. Mikki Isle(JPN) has only had four winners, but all were in the JRA. He has eight yearlings in the September Sale.

Some exciting first-crop sires will be available as well. Champion Dirt Horse Copano Rickey(JPN) will have 15 yearlings available, and so will Lani(USA), the only Japanese trained horse to ever compete in all three of the American Triple Crown races. Silver State(JPN), a speedy son of Deep Impact(JPN) who has been exceptionally popular at the sales despite having retired early due to injury, has 14 in the sale and G1 Satsuki Sho winner Isla Bonita(JPN) has 13 lots in the sale. Two sons of the successful US sire War Front(USA) are represented as well with

American Patriot(USA) having 13 and The Factor(USA) having 12 in the sale. Ten yearlings will represent G1 winning Sprinter Big Arthur(JPN) while G1 Yasuda Kinen winner Satono Aladdin(JPN) will have seven up for auction. Horse of the Year Kitanasan Black(JPN) has been a hit at prior sales and will have two yearlings in the 2020 September Sale.

*All stallion rankings and winners information is current as of August 31st, 2020, and includes both JRA and NAR data.

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

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Hokkaido September Sale Details:

- Sale type: Yearling
- Venue: Hokkaido Sales Complex (Shizunai, Hokkaido)
- Dates: September 22nd (Tues) ~ September 24th (Thu)

Pre-sale inspections: 8:30am ~

Sale: 12:00am ~

●Number of cataloged lots: 643

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