

Hokkaido Summer Sale Preview

The 2021 renewal of the Hokkaido Summer Sale had a swell of applicants this year, so they extended the sale from its planned four days into five days back at the end of June. Each year the sale had produced many graded stakes winners for the past ten years in both the JRA and the NAR. Some of the notable performers to come out of the Summer Sale over the past ten years are G1 NHK Mile Cup winner Meiner Ho O(JPN) by Suzuka Phoenix(JPN) and six-time G1 winner and promising young sire Maurice(JPN) by Screen Hero(JPN). The sale has a fantastic record of producing JPN1 Zen Nihon Nisai Yushun winners, a step race towards the G1 Kentucky Derby in the United States. The value of the sale based on the success of its graduates can not be overstated. Last year's sale has already had its first graded stakes performer, Grande(JPN) by Discreet Cat(USA), who ran third in the G3 Hakodate Nisai Stakes, the first graded stakes for two-year-olds in Japan. He has already earned more than his hammer price on the track. This year's sale will go from August 23rd through August 27th at the Hokkaido Sales Pavilion in Shizunai, Hokkaido.

Of the 1413 cataloged yearlings, there will be 781 colts and 632 fillies in the sale. Some notable entries are Hip 713, by Leontes(JPN) is a half-sister to 10 time G1/JPN1 winner Hokko Tarumae(JPN), and Hip 1179 by Civil War(JPN) is a half brother to G1 Japan Cup Dirt winner Nihonpiro Ours(JPN).

Many of Japan's Top 20 stallions of 2020 are represented this year in the sale. Champion sprinter and miler Lord Kanaloa(JPN) has been one of the hottest young sires since his offspring first debuted in 2017. While he only has one lot in the sale, it could prove very popular based on his statistics. Triple Crown winner Orfevre(JPN), with two lots in the sale, has been on a steady rise in the stallion ranks as his offspring continue to bring him more and more graded stakes success almost every month. Rulership(JPN), with seven lots, has been one of the most reliable sons of King Kamehameha(JPN) at stud and a popular option with both breeders and buyers. With three lots, Daiwa Major(JPN) is one of the last remaining sons of the great sire of sires Sunday Silence(USA) and has tremendous success with his juveniles and milers. Henny Hughes(USA) has been a hit ever since he was imported into Japan in 2014, getting full books nearly every year and producing a high percentage of winners. He has 18 lots in the sale this year. Champion sprinter Kinshasa no Kiseki(AUS), with 16 lots in the sale, has been another popular stallion at the sales with high percentages of winners each year. G1 Japanese Derby hero Kizuna(JPN) has been Deep Impact(JPN)'s most successful son at stud to date after having sired a slew of graded stakes winners over the past few years, and he has eight lots in the sale. Epiphaneia(JPN) has shown tremendous promise as a stallion with two classic winners from his first two crops and a high rate of winners otherwise. He has five lots in the sale. Pyro(USA) has yet another popular sire of winners, especially in the NAR, and has twenty-one lots in the sale. Harbinger(GB) has sired five G1 winners as a stallion in Japan and plenty of other graded stakes winners. He is always a popular stallion at the sales, and he has ten lots in the sale.

Several other notable sophomore stallions have been performing well in 2021. Leontes(JPN) is the half-brother of Epiphaneia(JPN) and has been doing well. The sophomore stallion has twenty-nine lots in the sale. Six-time G1 winner Maurice(JPN) has had three graded stakes winners so far this year, and his first crop has been showing a lot of promise down in Australia as well. He has fifteen lots in the sale. Gold Ship(JPN) was a bit undervalued when his offspring first hit the sales, but he had two graded stakes winners from his first crop and a G1 Japanese Oaks winner from his second. He has four lots in the sale. G1 Japanese Derby

winner Duramente(JPN), with four lots in the sale, has shown a lot of promise in with his early runners and has been very popular with buyers at the sales.

Freshman stallions that are showing early promise are always very popular during the yearling sales. Silver State(JPN) has been leading the way in the early rankings of freshman sires this year despite having his promising career cut short due to an injury. His offspring have been lighting up the boards for years already, and now, with his fantastic early performances, his 16 lots should be popular at the sale. G1 winning sprinter Drefong(USA), with 17 lots, has been working hard to hit the top of the charts himself, and his two-year-old wins have been very impressive. American Patriot(USA) has been performing well along with fellow War Front(USA) sired stallion The Factor(USA). The Factor(USA) was only in Japan for one season. Since both are in the top 10 of the freshman sire rankings, the 23 lots by American Patriot(USA) should prove a popular investment for buyers. 11 time G1/JPN1 winner Copano Rickey(JPN) has been showing a lot of promise over the NAR dirt with his first crop and has 35 lots in the sale. Isla Bonita(JPN) was one of top sire Fuji Kiseki(JPN)'s last crops and looks to carry on his sire's success. He has 24 lots in the sale. G1 winning sprinter Big Arthur(JPN), with 27 lots in the sale, is another stallion hoping to carry on his late sire's successes to the next generation. He is by top speedy sire Sakura Bakushin O(JPN) and has had success in both the NAR and JRA, just like his sire.

First crop stallions are the most exciting part of yearling sales, blending the past with dreams of future success. Satono Crown(JPN) was a G1 winner in Japan and Hong Kong and has 32 lots in the sale. Beach Patrol(USA), with 29 lots in the sale, was a three-time G1 winner in the United States where he competed at the highest level over the turf for three years and brings the successful Lemon Drop Kid(USA) line to Japan. Best Warrior(USA)'s success over the Japanese dirt helped inspire the importation of Majestic Warrior(USA) to Japan. He has 26 lots in the sale. G1 Dubai Turf winner Real Steel(JPN) is a young son of Deep Impact(JPN), whose full sister Loves Only You(JPN) has now won G1 races in Hong Kong and Japan. He has 20 lots in the sale. Declaration of War(USA), with 19 lots in the sale, has already sired seven G1 winners worldwide, so his first crop should be of great interest to buyers in Japan. Red Falx(JPN)'s sire Swept Overboard(USA) was always a popular stallion with buyers based on his offspring's precocity. He has 19 lots in the sale. G1 Breeders' Cup Turf winner Talismanic(GB) brings an exciting outcross to the Sunday Silence(USA) heavy breeding pool in Japan. He has 17 lots in the sale. Champion sprinter Fine Needle(JPN), with 17 lots, is reliable stallion Admire Moon(JPN)'s best son at stud. Shanghai Bobby(USA), who has 16 lots in the sale, has already produced G1 winners and ten other graded stakes winners from his seasons before being imported to Japan. Satono Diamond(JPN) is a two-time G1 winner by Deep Impact(JPN) and has six lots in the sale. Back to back G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Mind Your Biscuits(USA) should bring some good speed to the Japanese breed; he has six lots in the sale.

*All stallion information is current as of July 21st, 2021, and includes NAR and JRA data.

Please get in touch with our representatives if you are interested in purchasing at the 2021 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 Pavilion (Shizunai, Hokkaido)
- Dates: August 23rd (Mon) ~ August 27th (Fri)

Pre-sale inspections: Everyday 8:00am ~

Sale: Everyday 12:00pm ~

- Number of cataloged lots: 1413
- Online catalog available at: <https://www.hba.or.jp/en.php>