

## 2025 Hokkaido Training Sale Review

The 2025 Hokkaido Training Sale cataloged 103 juveniles and was held on Tuesday, May 20th at Sapporo Racecourse. As the second-smallest edition in the past decade, the sale grossed a total of ¥504,460,000 (US\$3,603,286), with an average price of ¥7,418,529 (US\$52,989) and a median of ¥5,335,000 (US\$38,107). Compared to 2024, the median price dropped significantly by 15%, while the average saw a slight dip of 2.8%. However, the clearance rate rose to 72.3%, up 1.4 percentage points from last year.

The average price was notably influenced by the sale-topper, Lot 7, a colt by Contrail (JPN) out of Teorema (JPN). The colt was purchased by Life House Co., Ltd for ¥68,200,000 (US\$487,143), setting a new record for the highest price ever at the Hokkaido Training Sale. Contrail, a first-season two-year-old sire, currently stands for ¥18,000,000 (US\$128,571) at Shadai Stallion Station, with 130 foals registered in his first Japanese crop.

Life House also purchased the highest-priced filly of the sale, Lot 75, out of two-time JRA winner Oakville (JPN), a half-sister to Sunrise Vega (JPN), a G3 winner. Oakville is also a half-sister to the dam of another G3 winner, Sunrise Hope (JPN). Notably, Life House—run by Mr. Matsuoka's family—owned both Sunrise Vega and Sunrise Hope.

The reigning leading consignor, MAX Training Farm, sold eight horses for a total of ¥116,490,000 (US\$832,071), successfully defending their title. Their total sales nearly doubled last year's results, largely contributed by the sale of Lot 7.

JRA two-year-old racing will kick off on June 7th, the weekend following the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby).

US\$1 = JP¥140



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