

Makybe Diva Tuning up for the Emperor's Cup in Kyoto

Makybe Diva has moved to Kyoto Racecourse from Nakayama on Friday, April 15th, to get ready for the upcoming Tenno Sho Spring JPN G1 (Emperor's Cup), 3200m on turf, on Sunday, May the 1st. The ride to Kyoto took approximately seven and a half hours, but her groom Clinton Youngson commented that she handled the travel well. She weighed 478kg the next day which is 2kg less than her weight in the April Stakes, her last race, on the April 10th.

After a few days of light work on the dirt course, she had a gallop on the 19th, going 2000m in 2' 30.9 and doing the last 600m in 39.8 with Matthew Allen aboard. Also on the 21st, she went 2000m in 2'25.3, with the last 400m in 24.1. She weighed 478kg this day and her connections commented that they feel she is in good shape. Her Jockey Glen Boss is scheduled to return to Japan on the 24th.

26 horses have made the first nomination for the 131st running of the Tenno Sho. Nine contenders by the top sire Sunday Silence have been nominated and of them, **Sunrise Pegasus**, who has won the Sankei Osaka Hai (G2) and **Heart's Cry** who finished second in that race are most likely to be the local favorites.

The barrier draw is scheduled to be announced at 16:00 on Thursday, April 28th.



Makybe Diva in April Stakes