

## **2006 WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES**

The World Super Jockey Series, established in 1987, is a popular event in which first-class jockeys from around the world exhibit their skill in riding for race-fans in Japan.

The participating jockeys, who have made outstanding performance through this season, ride in a series of four races on Japanese mounts decided by drawing lots.

Points are allocated to each rider, depending on the final place in each race, to determine the overall winner of the event.

This year, we welcome eight top-class jockeys from Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong to join six high ranking Japanese jockeys to claim this year's title. The races are due to be held over two days on December 2nd and 3rd at Hanshin Racecourse.

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The Japan Racing Association



## OUTLINE OF 2006 WORLD SUPER JOCKEYS SERIES

### **1. Date:**

December 2, 2006 (Saturday)

December 3, 2006 (Sunday)

### **2. Racecourse:**

Hanshin Racecourse

### **3. Race Conditions:**

December 2 (Sat.)

1. 2006 Golden Spur Trophy: 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs) dirt-9R
2. 2006 Golden Whip Trophy: 1,600 meters (about 1 mile) turf-11R

December 3 (Sun.)

3. 2006 Golden Saddle Trophy: 1,400 meters (about 7 furlongs) turf-10R
4. 2006 Golden Boots Trophy: 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs) turf-12R

### **4. Draw for Mounts:**

Date of draw: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at Rittou Training Center

### **5. Jockeys:**

- a. The Japan Racing Association will invite foreign jockeys from North America, Europe, Oceania and Asia as follows:

North America (U.S.A. and Canada):	2 jockeys
Europe (U.K., France, Ireland, Germany and Italy):	3 jockeys
Oceania (Australia and New Zealand):	2 jockeys
Asia (Hong Kong):	1 jockey

- b. Japan will be represented by 6 jockeys. They will consist of leading jockeys in terms of wins during January 1 through October 29 of 2006 from both the Eastern and Western area and a third jockey representing NAR (Regional Public Racing).  
A selection committee will be organized within the JRA to decide three additional jockeys (one from the East and two from the West) depending on any notable achievements during the season. However, if the candidates do not carry enough decisive factors to meet the required number of votes, the runner-up jockeys of each respective area will automatically be eligible to participate .
- c. JRA will decide one jockey each of both representative jockey and reserve jockey by the recommendation of Regional Public Racing no later than October 31, 2006.

In the event the Regional Public jockey (including the reserve jockey) is unable to ride before November 20, the jockey decided by JRA will be the representative Regional Public jockey.

- d . In the event that any of the invited jockeys are unable to take part after November 21 thus not making the total of 14 additional jockeys from JRA will be selected accordingly to fill up the required number.

**6. Method of Determining Jockeys' Award Rankings:**

The following points will be awarded to each jockey according to the placing of the horse. Thereafter, the award rankings will be determined by the total points over four races. Jockeys are unable to ride due to scratching or other events or reasons beyond the jockey's control are awarded the same points as the last jockey that finished the race. No points are awarded in the event of disqualification or in such cases where the jockey is at fault.

1st:	20 points	8th:	4 points
2nd:	15 points	9th:	3 points
3rd:	13 points	10th:	2 points
4th:	11 points	11th:	2 points
5th:	10 points	12th:	1 point
6th:	6 points	13th:	1 point
7th:	5 points	14th:	1 point

Note: Calculation of points in event of a dead-heat:

The total points of the number of horses in the dead-heat will be equally apportioned and credited to each of the jockeys involved in the dead-heat.

**7. Jockeys' Awards:**

In accordance with the riding results over 4 races, the following prize money and prizes will be awarded to the top 3 jockeys.

1st:

¥ 3 million (about US\$26,000) plus trophy ¥300,000(aboutUS\$2,600)

2nd:

¥ 2 million (about US\$17,400)

3rd:

¥1 million (aboutUS\$ 8,695)

Note: The currency exchange rate used in this bulletin is  
¥115.00=US\$1.00

## NORTH AMERICA (U.S.A.)

### JAVIER CASTELLANO



Birth date: October 23, 1977  
Year of Debut: 1996  
'05 Season Record: 1,158 mounts, 206 wins  
'06 Season Record: 966 mounts, 160 wins  
(as of Nov. 6, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'06 Jockey Club Gold Cup G1 (Bernardini).  
'06 Gazelle Stakes G1 (Pine Island)  
'06 Travers Stakes G1 (Bernardini)  
'06 Alabama Stakes G1 (Pine Island)  
'06 Preakness Stakes G1 (Bernardini)

Born into a racing family in Venezuela—his late father and uncle having been jockeys in Venezuela and his brother Abel Jr. also an active jockey riding in Calder, U.S.A—Castellano started his jockey career in his home country in 1996 before moving his base to Florida, U.S.A. in the following year.

His first victory in the U.S. came only a month after his North American debut, riding Phone Man at Calder in July 1997. He also topped the jockey standings at Tropical-at-Calder meets in 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 before seeking more success in New York.

Proving an immediate success, he posted his first two G1 victories in the Beldame Stakes and the Gazelle Stakes aboard Exogenous and ranked sixth in the New York jockey standings in his first year and was the runner-up in 2002. He also won the leading jockey title at Aqueduct's Inner Track meet in 2002/2003.

He captured his first Breeders' Cup race in 2004, guiding Ghostzapper to victory in the Classic, which propelled the horse to Horse of the Year. This year, he landed his first Triple Crown with Bernardini in the 2006 Preakness Stakes.

Participation in the WSJS: First

## NORTH AMERICA (U.S.A)

### EDGAR PRADO



Birth date: June 12, 1967  
Year of Debut: 1983  
'05 Season Record: 1,460 mounts, 299 wins  
'06 Season Record: 1,216 mounts, 236 wins  
(as of Nov. 6, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'06 Breeders' Cup Distaff G1 (Round Pond)  
'06 Man o' War H. G1 (Cacique)  
'06 Ballerina BC G1 (Dubai Escapade)  
'06 Coaching Club American Oaks G1 (Wonder Lady Anne L)  
'06 Mother Goose G1 (Bushfire)  
'06 Manhattan H. G1 (Cacique)

Born in Lima, Peru and now residing in Florida, U.S.A., Prado, whose father was a former trainer and two of his brothers currently active as a jockey and a jockey-turned-trainer, began his career in Peru and won his first race on Tatin in October 1983.

By the following year, he was already a leading jockey in his native country, and so he decided to seek his future in North America and began as a contract rider for Manny Azpurua in Florida in 1986. His first win in the United States was with Single Love in June of that year. Prado then moved to Maryland and was the leading rider there six times in '91-'93, '96-'98. During this time, Prado also took part in the '94 Young Jockeys World Championship (YJWC) and was the overall champion in the event. In 1997, he made it to the top of the national jockey standings with 536 wins and kept his title for three years running. In 1999, he made a move to New York where his performance enhanced his reputation on a national level while riding for trainer John Kimmel who gave him the chance to prove his riding skills in grade-one races.

His highlights since moving to New York include two Belmont Stakes titles with Sarava in 2002 and with Birdstone in 2004, in which he stopped Triple Crown attempts on both occasions—War Emblem in '02 and Smarty Jones in '04. He also won his first two Breeders' Cup title with Folklore (BC Juvenile Fillies, G1) and Silver Train (BC Sprint, G1) in 2005. This year, he added another title in the Kentucky Derby with Barbaro and captured the BC Distaff (G1) with Round Pond.

Establishing himself as a top-call rider, Prado ranked second behind John Velazquez last season and is currently on top this year (as of No.6, 2006) in the jockey's leader board (earnings).

Participation in the WSJS: Fifth

## EUROPE (England)

### RYAN MOORE



Birth date: September 18, 1983  
Year of Debut: 2000  
'05 Season Record: 1041 mounts, 120 wins  
'06 Season Record: 1169 mounts, 182 wins  
(as of November 7, 2006)

Recent Career Highlights:  
'06 International Stakes (G1 Notnowcato)

Ryan Moore was crowned champion flat jockey for the first time this year to become the youngest champion since Pat Eddery secured the first of his 11 championships in 1974 at the age of 22.

The fast rising star celebrated his first G1 title in August this year when winning the International Stakes with Sir Michael Stoute-trained Notnowcato. Also riding in the UAE during the winter season for Satish Seemar, he rode H E Sheikh Rashid Bin Mohammed-owned Feet So Fast in the 2004 Keio Hai Spring Cup (JPN-GII) in Tokyo, in which he finished third.

Tailor-made to become a jockey—his father is a jump jockey-turned-trainer, grandfather a former trainer, his mother a former race-rider and his brother Jamie an accomplished jump jockey—Ryan began his racing career over jumps, registering his first victory over hurdles at Towcester in 2000.

However, Ryan has gained success on the flat riding for distinguished trainers, his father Gary Moore, Richard Hannon, Amanda Perrett and eight-time champion trainer Sir Michael Stoute.

His group-race wins total nine out of 76 starts including consecutive wins in the Dubai International Airport World Trophy (G3) in 2004 and 2005 aboard The Tatling (IRE).

Participation in the WSJS: First

## EUROPE (France)

### IORITZ MENDIZABAL



Birth date: May 2, 1974  
Year of Debut: 1992  
'05 Season Record: 715 mounts, 138 wins  
'06 Season Record: 667 mounts, 142 wins  
(as of Oct. 26, 2006)

Recent Career Highlights:  
'06 Prix Saint-Alary (Germance)

Born in San Sebastian, Spain, Mendizabal began riding ponies in the local village and left his country to enter a jockey school at Mont de Marsan in France at the age of 14.

Starting out as apprentice to Michel Laborde, Mendizabal scored his first win in 1990 on Ninive La Douce at Gemozac, and has ridden mostly for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget since 1991. Spending his early years making steady efforts to climb up the ladder to success, his hard work paid off in 2001 when he finished 4th in the jockey's rankings with 96 wins, and his record has continued to show an upward trend ever since. The 2003 season also marked a year in which he claimed his first group-race title aboard Commercante in the Prix de Psyche (G3) at Deauville.

He led the national jockey standings in France for the first time in 2004 with a national record of 220 wins out of 969 rides, but finished third the following year, losing his national record to Christophe Soumillon, as he was sidelined with a serious injury during the early part of the 2005 season. He has improved his score again this year though still falling behind Soumillon by more than 10 wins.

Having exceeded his 1,000 mark in career wins, he landed his second group-one title in the Prix Saint-Alary with Germance this year—it was his second victory in the race after claiming the 2004 title with Ask For The Moon.

Participation in the WSJS: Second

## EUROPE (Germany)

### ANDREAS SUBORICS



Birth date: August 11, 1971  
Year of Debut: 1987  
'05 Season Record: 181 mounts, 38 wins  
'06 Season Record: 444 mounts, 107 wins  
(as of Oct. 26, 2006)

Recent Career Highlights:  
'06 Grosser Mercedes Benz-Preis G1 (Arcadio)

Born in Austria and currently based in Cologne, Germany, Andreas Suborics acquired his license in 1987 and broke his maiden in April 1988 in Vienna aboard Donjan. He landed his first G1 victory on A Magicman in the Prix de la Foret in '96 and claimed another G1 victory in his home country Austria in the Osterreichisches Derby (G1) with Damiano in 1999.

The Austrian riding sensation has ridden all over the world from Europe, North America, Dubai, Asia and Australia, and has captured a number of G1 races with top German runners such as Tiger Hill ('98 Grosser Preis Von Baden, '99 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis Bayerisches Zuchtrennen ), Silvano ('01 Arlington Million, USA, '01 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup, HK), Paolini, ('01 Gran Premio de Milano, Premio Presidente della Repubblica, ITA) and more recently, Paita ('04 Criterium Saint-Cloud) and Shirocco ('04 Deutsches Derby, '04 Gran Premio del Jockey Club). He has participated in the Japan Cup with Paolini ('01) and in the Japan Cup Dirt with Pappus ('02) in which he finished 13th and 16th respectively. He also has an experience riding in Japan under a short-term jockey license during January through February in 2004 during which he won seven out of 81 starts including a GIII title.

Based in Germany, the talented jockey claimed the champion jockey title twice in 2002 and 2004 with 109 and 104 wins respectively and though he missed out on a majority of starts after a fall early in the 2005 season, he is on track to renewing his personal best with 107 wins out of 444 starts as of October 26, 2006.

He and Douglas Whyte from Hong Kong finished in a tie sharing the 2004 World Super Jockey Series title.

Participation in the WSJS: Third

## OCEANIA (Australia)

### DARREN BEADMAN



Birth date: November 17, 1965  
Year of Debut: 1982  
'04/'05 Season Record: 625 mounts, 143 wins  
'05/'06 Season Record: 555 mounts, 152 wins  
(as of Nov. 20, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'06 AJC Derby G1 (Headturner)  
'06 Champagne Stakes G1 (Mentality)  
'06 All-Aged Stakes G1 (Paratroopers)

Beadman started his career as jockey in 1982 when he was seventeen. He earned 48 wins and became the leading apprentice jockey in the same year. Moreover, he partnered with Inspired and became the second apprentice in history to win the Golden Slipper Stakes. In the '94/'95 and '95/'96 seasons, making partnership with able horse Octagonal, he retained his title as leading jockey for two consecutive years. Eleven G1 wins including four G1 wins with Octagonal acquired in a single year indicate what a talented rider he is. He also made outstanding performances with Saintly in the '95/'96 Melbourne Cup and Cox Plate.

He came back in the 1999 / 2000 season after his sudden retirement in 1997. With racing experiences in France and Hong Kong, he is a popular character for his sociable and gentlemanly manner. He was also president of the Jockey Union of the state of N.S.W.

He made remarkable performance with John Hawkes-trained Lonhro and was leading Group One jockey of the '02/'03 season. He also won the 'George Moore Medal', a champion jockey award of Racing NSW, collecting the award for his effort of guiding home 141 winners, establishing a new record for wins in a single season.

He has continually renewed his winning record and has marked yet another record during the '05/'06 with 152 wins—a margin of 80 wins from the runner-up with 72.

Participation in the WSJS: Fourth

## OCEANIA (Australia)

### CRAIG WILLIAMS



Birth date	May 23, 1977
Year of Debut	1993
'04/05 Season	374 mounts, 35 wins
'05/06 Season	490 mounts, 70 wins

(as of Nov. 20, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

- '06 Tattersall's Cox Plate G1 (Fields Of Omagh)
- '06 Thousand Guineas G1 (Miss Finland)
- '06 Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes G1 (Rewaaya)
- '06 Golden Slipper G1 (Miss Finland)
- '06 Dubai Rosehill Guineas G1 (De Beers)

Craig Williams was born into a racing family—his father Allan Williams is a jockey-turned-trainer now based in Cranbourne and his two brothers Jason and Damien are also trainers while his relatives on his mother's side, his grandfather Tom Harrison and three uncles, Doug, Kevin and Tony Harrison are all trainers as well. Beginning his jockey career as apprentice to his father in 1993, Williams scored his first win on Pride Of Demus at Ballarat on July 22, 1993.

Having acquired his Jockey A license in 1997, he registered his first G1 victory aboard Lee Freedman-trained Grand Echezeaux in the 2000 Australasian Oaks at Morphettville and then embarked on a globetrotting racing career beginning with England where he stayed for four seasons, riding 52 winners during 2000 including Godolphin's Tobougg with whom he partnered to win two G1 titles in the Dewhurst Stakes (GB-G1) and the Prix de la Salamandre (FR-G1).

Though without further grade-race successes during his overseas endeavor which lasted until returning to Melbourne in 2005, Williams rode 14 winners in Dubai during 2002 and teamed up with Hong Kong-based Australian trainer David Hayes, riding more than 100 winners in Hong Kong.

His relationship with Hayes continued back in Australia and Williams, who had become a full-fledged jockey through his experience overseas, quickly emerged as the top jockey on Melbourne's jockey premiership, and his major G1 titles have already totaled seven since his comeback.

Participation in the WSJS: First

## ASIA (Hong Kong)

### BRETT PREBBLE



Birth date: September 23 1977  
Year of Debut: 1993  
'04/'05 Season Record: 466 mounts, 37 wins  
'05/'06 Season Record: 479 mounts, 63 wins  
(as of Nov. 20, 2006)

Recent Career Highlights:  
'06 Yasuda Kinen GI (Bullish Luck)  
'06 Hong Kong Champion's Mile G1 (Bullish Luck)

Brett Prebble's recent success and no doubt one of his biggest highlight of his career is his champion title in partnership with Tony Cruz-trained Bullish Luck in this year's Asian Mile Championship Series. Bullish Luck subsequently was named Horse of the Year of the 05/06 season as well as champion miler, while Prebble ranked second in the annual jockey standings with 63 wins—over twenty wins more than his previous year.

A Hong-Kong based Melbourne jockey, Prebble landed his first win with Wait On Me at Edenhope in 1993 and registered his first G1 victory in his first group-one challenge at only 17 years of age with Daacha in the Sydney Cup. With the strong backing of trainer John Meagher who spotted the potential in the gifted jockey, it was not long before he joined the top ranks. He was champion apprentice for three consecutive years during '96 through '98 and was on top of the Melbourne jockey's leader board in the '99/'00 and '00/'01 seasons.

In December 2002, Prebble notched his 1,000th win at the age of 25 and became the first Australian jockey to claim a G1 title in Hong Kong when winning the Champions & Chater Cup aboard Precision.

After going back and forth between Australia and Hong Kong as well as riding in Singapore, New Zealand and Japan in between, Prebble left home to ride in Hong Kong for the entire season in 2004 and was ranked eighth in number of wins.

Participation in the WSJS: Second

## JAPAN (JRA Eastern District)

### EIJI NAKADATE



Birth date:	July 22, 1965
Year of Debut:	1984
Career Record:	12,881 mounts, 1,294 wins
'06 Season Record:	789 mounts, 89 wins (as of Oct. 29, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'05 Falcon Stakes (GIII) Kazusa Line  
'04 Niigata Kinen (GIII) Super Gene

Nakadate won his first race aboard Todoroki King at Tokyo Racecourse in May 1984, but his first grade-race victory was not to come until eight years later when winning the '92 Flower Cup (GIII) with Brand Art.

His credibility, riding technique and good nature has won him the trust of many trainers, and naturally, the number of his mounts and wins has accumulated—his personal best being 105 wins during the 2005 season. Although he has not marked any grade-race wins this year, he became the 12th jockey in JRA history to land 1,200 career wins in April. He was awarded Best Jockey (winning rate) in 2001 and 2002, and Fair Play Awards in '90, '93, '94, '97, '99 and '02.

His best mount is no doubt three-time JRA Award winning Hishi Amazon with whom Nakadate enjoyed the success of winning nine of his 22 career grade-race titles during '93 to '95, including the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup (GI, 2,200m).

Participation in the WSJS:    Second

## JAPAN (JRA Eastern District)



### **NORIIHIRO YOKOYAMA**

Birth date: February 23, 1968  
Year of Debut: 1986  
'Career Record: 12,212 mounts, 1,746 wins  
'06 Season Record: 527 mounts, 89 wins  
(as of Oct. 29, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'06 Breeders' Gold Cup (GII) Hard Crystal  
'06 Nikkei Sho (GII) Lincoln  
'06 Elm Stakes (GIII) Hishi Atlas

Growing up in a racing family where his father Tomio was a former winning jockey of the Kikka Sho and Tenno Sho, and his uncle Shinji Okuhira also a trainer, it was only natural for him and his brother Yoshikazu to seek their future as a jockey.

Acquiring his jockey license in 1986, he landed his first win in his 21st start at Nakayama Racecourse in April with Kioi God. Exceeding 30 wins in his second season and capturing his first grade-race victory in '88 in the Winter Stakes (Sodakazan), the talented jockey's big break came in the '90 season when he won eight graded stakes including his first GI victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup with Kyoei Tap and was listed among the top ten jockeys in the national ranking.

Consistent in adding to his list of grade-race titles throughout his twenty-year career, his most prosperous years were '96 when he landed three GI victories, the Yasuda Kinen with Trot Thunder, the Tenno Sho Spring and the Arima Kinen with Sakura Laurel, and '98 when he won his first two classics winners, the Satsuki Sho (GI, Japanese 2000 Guineas) and the Kikuka Sho (GI, Japanese St. Leger) with Seiun Sky. In the same year, he took part in the WSJS and was second overall.

A freelance jockey since 2000, Yokoyama landed his 1,700th win on September 30th this year and added two GIII wins to achieve 89 career grade-race wins. His record of most wins on a single race-day, winning six races in a row among seven starts from race 2 thru race 7, stands unbroken to this day.

Participation in the WSJS: Sixth

## JAPAN (JRA Western District)

### YUTAKA TAKE



Birth date:	March 15, 1969
Year of Debut:	1987
Career Record:	14,065 mounts, 2,953 wins
'06 Season Record:	703 mounts, 161 wins (as of Oct. 29, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

- '06 Takarazuka Kinen (GI) Deep Impact
- '06 NHK Mile Championships (GI) Logic
- '06 Tenno Sho Spring (GI) Deep Impact

Yutaka Take is the son of jockey-turned-trainer Kunihiko Take, who was known as the “Turf Specialist” in his days, and elder brother to Koshiro Take, also a jockey with much talent and a star in his own right.

Take has been a sensational jockey since his debut in 1987, when he scored 69 wins to claim the champion title for rookies. He has and continues to renew practically every record available along with what he himself has set, not to mention the 2005 record of 212 wins in a single season. While swiftly climbing the stairs to stardom, he has also broadened his horizons by moving his base to Southern California in 2000 and then to France in 2001 and 2002 while he continued to ride in Japan, accumulating many grade-race victories.

The recent feat of winning the Triple Crown title from an undefeated race record with gifted Sunday Silence’s colt, Deep Impact last year has become a legend, and the pair has added to it another two GI victories this year, in the Takarazuka Kinen and the Tenno Sho Spring.

This fall, the extraordinary amount of attention from the Japanese public doubtlessly put Yutaka Take under enormous pressure when challenging the Prix de L’Arc de Triomphe with the legendary colt. In the field of eight world renowned horses, Take took the lead two furlongs out but grudgingly gave way in the last sixteenth to finish a third and later disqualified. It was Take’s third attempt at the distinguished Longchamp course and once again the fulfillment of his dream has been put on hold.

Participation in the WSJS: Eighteenth

## JAPAN (JRA Western District)

### YASUNARI IWATA



Birth date: March 12, 1974  
Year of Debut: 1991 (NAR), 2006 (JRA)  
Career Record: 1,946 mounts, 245wins  
'06 Season Record: 855 mounts, 121 wins  
(as of Oct. 29, 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

'06 Melbourne Cup (G1, AUS) Delta Blues  
'06 JBC Classic (GI) Time Paradox

The overall winner of the 2005 WSJS, the former Sonoda Racecourse-based Yasunari Iwata made his jockey debut in NAR regional public racing in 1991, landing his first win six days after his first ride, and quickly rose to stardom, consistently registering over 200 wins since '96. In combination with K.S. Yoshizen, Iwata became the winning jockey of Hyogo's Triple Crown at the age of 22 ('96) and led the jockey standings of the Hyogo prefecture for the first time in 2000, repeating the feat in '02 and in '04.

Enthusiastically taking the opportunity to ride in JRA races while still affiliated with the NAR, he scored more than 20 wins during '03 and '04 and claimed a GI title in the '04 Kikuka Sho with Delta Blues as well as a GIII-win with Believe in the '02 Centaur Stakes. After transferring his license from the NAR to the JRA this year, he has achieved over 110 wins including three grade-race victories, giving him the runner-up position in the leading jockeys in Kansai.

Along with his remarkable achievements this season, his first overseas campaign in Australia also proved to be a great success as he and his winning mount in the '04 Kikuka Sho (GI, Japanese St. Leger), Delta Blues, dominated the Emirates Melbourne Cup (G1, AUS, 3,200m) held at Flemington Racecourse on November 7th. In a large field of 23, he won over runner-up and his stablemate, Pop Rock by a head.

Participation in the WSJS: Second

## JAPAN (JRA / Western District)

### Special selection by JRA Election Committee for WSJS Jockeys

#### SHINJI FUJITA



Birth date:	February 27, 1972
Year of Debut:	1991
Career Record:	10,328 mounts, 1,341 wins
'06 Season Record:	791 mounts, 111 wins (as of Oct. 29 2006)

#### Recent Career Highlights:

- '06 Diamond Stakes (GIII) Macky Max
- '06 Kyoto Shinbun Hai (GII) Toho Alan
- '06 Queen Stakes(GIII) Daring Heart

Debuting in 1991, Shinji Fujita concluded his first season with 39 wins, including a grade-race win in the Radio Tampa Hai Sansai Stakes (GIII) with Northern Conduct, receiving the JRA award for the most winning newcomer of '91. He claimed his first GI victory the following year in the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup with Takeno Velvet and gained recognition as a potential top rider.

He lived up to expectations in '96 when becoming the second youngest jockey, at 24, to win the Japanese Derby (GI), with Fusaichi Concorde, and then finished runner-up in the same race in '97 with Silk Justice. The team went on to win the year's final big event in the '97 Arima Kinen (GI). Every single year since his debut, he has never missed winning a grade-race title, a record he shares only with star jockey Yutaka Take. His dauntless attitude and skillful riding are especially popular with young race goers, not to mention his earnestness which can be shown by the fact that he has been awarded the JRA Fair Play Award thirteen times.

This year, Fujita landed his 1,300th career win in September after celebrating 10,000 career mounts the month before. Among his wins this season are the Diamond Stakes (GIII, 3,400m) with Macky Max, the Kyoto Shinbun Hai (GII, 2,200m) with Toho Alan, and the Queen Stakes (GIII, 1,800m) with Daring Heart. With Macky Max, while crossing the wire 2-1/2 lengths ahead of the runner up, the pair set a new Tokyo Racecourse record of 3:30.3. All three horses were trained by Hideaki Fujiwara.

Participation in the WSJS: Eighth

## JAPAN (NAR)

### Kusuhiko Hamaguchi



Birth date: March 28, 1960  
Year of Debut: 1976  
Career Record: 16,499 mounts, 2,110 wins  
'06 Season Record: 443 mounts, 93 wins  
(as of Oct. 24, 2006)  
\*data is from NAR racing

Recent Career Highlights:  
'05 Tokai Kikka Sho, Queen of Queen  
'03 Summer Cup, Brooklyn Guy

Exactly 30 years ago, Kusuhiko Kasamatsu marked his first win on the same day of his debut at the NAR Kasamatsu Race Course, his longtime home base situated in central Japan. Steadily accumulating wins since his debut, he landed his 2,000th career win in 2005 and is in a dead heat for the title of leading jockey this year with fellow NAR jockeys such as Masanori Higashikawa (Kasamatsu) and Yukio Abe (Aichi), both racing successfully not only in NAR but in JRA races also.

Mounting son of King Halo, Queen of Queen from 2004, the pair took home five wins and five seconds in 23 races including the Tokai Kikka Sho in '05 which was the highlight of their partnership. During his three-decade career, he has achieved 2,118 wins on 16,535 mounts and although the 46-year-old jockey has not acquired any major titles this year, his races in the NAR preliminaries for the seat in this year's WSJS were remarkable, winning the first race and steadily achieving points in the remaining three. He celebrates his first attempt at this series.

Participation in the WSJS: First