



TRAINING REPORT

27th running of the Japan Cup

8th running of the Japan Cup Dirt

Training Report of Foreign Entrees

November 21, 2007 (Wednesday)

FOREIGN ENTRIES—JAPAN CUP DIRT

At Tokyo Racecourse

JACK SULLIVAN (USA, g6, chestnut)

-jogged 2/3 lap, lightly cantered 3/4 lap, walked (dirt course)

(Exercised from 7:59 to 8:20 ridden by A. Morris)

“He’s doing good and is very strong. We didn’t do much today, but it’s all because we wanted to get him ready for tomorrow—just give him a breeze. The weather is very nice and sunny, the track was warm and we’re just enjoying it.

Regarding the draw, I’d prefer the middle, not along the rail where it gets crowded, not outside because it’s obviously a disadvantage so middle is best. A big field, small field doesn’t make any difference.

The boss is on his way here, so what we’ll do tomorrow depends on him.”

(Comments taken from A. Morris)

KANDIDATE (GBR, h5, bay)

-walked 1/4 lap, cantered and then galloped 1 lap, jogged 1/2 lap (dirt course)

(Exercised from 8:13 to 8:26, ridden by R. Moore)

“The horse’s appetite is great. The jockey galloped him this morning, and it was a good breeze. If he’s able to break well, I’d say an inner stall would be a good pick. The size of the field isn’t a problem. We just hope he can give everything he’s got.

We’re planning a light canter tomorrow. The horse does more than he’s asked to do

when the jockey's on board, so the jockey won't ride him tomorrow.

The horse is well suited for the Tokyo course because he's the type that runs while kicking the surface of the dirt, so since the Tokyo dirt course isn't that deep, I think he'll be able to make the most of his flexibility and do well in the race."

(Comments taken from P. Desmond Reape)

"The horse is in good form and he looks very happy. Since his workload has been pretty light after his arrival in Japan, I wanted to give him a good gallop. Today is the last time we'll do any fast work with him. The dirt here is different from the dirt in other countries but it's not a problem. The atmosphere is great and I myself am enjoying it."

(Comments taken from R. Moore)

STUDENT COUNCIL (USA, h5, bay)

-walked 1/2 lap, jogged 1/4 lap, cantered 1 1/2 laps (strong on the stretch) (dirt course)

(Exercised from 7:50 to 8:12, ridden by J. Marquez)

"Today, I saw the horse for the first time since he left for Japan, and I'm happy to see that he looks even better. He's well hydrated, he's eating well and is gaining weight which indicates that he's in good condition. I think he likes the Tokyo course—he finished his gallop quite strongly and the up hill part doesn't seem to bother him at all. Tomorrow, we'll do what we did similar to this morning and we don't plan to gallop him.

(Comments taken from V. Cerin)

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*Upon completion of quarantine procedures, three horses were transferred from Shiroi International Quarantine Center and one from Kyoto Racecourse to the international stables of Tokyo Racecourse today. Comments taken from their connections are as follows;

HALICARNASSUS (IRE, c3, bay)

-Departed Shiroi International Quarantine Center at 11:24

-Arrived at Tokyo Racecourse at 13:25

"Everything is going smoothly since our arrival. He's been eating well and drinking well and his weight hasn't changed. He's a laid-back horse and a good traveler which is an important factor. There is some pressure for a three year old to do well against the world's top caliber, but we're definitely going to do whatever we can. Running in the Prix L'Arc de Triomphe was never in the agenda and he's done a couple of gallops back home so he's fit and ready. Darryll (the jockey) will be riding him on the

grass tomorrow, just to get the feel of the track. And the trainer will decide on when he'll gallop, which I would guess will be on Friday."

(Comments taken from L. White)

PAPAL BULL (GBR, c4, bay)

-Departed Shiroi International Quarantine Center at 11:16

-Arrived at Tokyo Racecourse at 13:20

"Everything has gone right. We can see that he's regained his weight. He's leveled off. We always gallop him two days before the race so we won't do any fast work tomorrow. Our trainer Mr. Stoute will arrive in Japan tomorrow, so he will decide the training menu after seeing the horse. So far, everyday we have been doing a little more than the previous day—we've built him up slowly."

(Comments taken from G. Weir)

SADDEX (GBR, c4, bay)

-Departed Shiroi International Quarantine Facilities at 11:38

-Arrived at Tokyo Racecourse at 13:35

"He lost about 20 kg's when he arrived in Japan and was tired for the first two days, but he's been much stronger these last three days and he's in good form. We'll see how he settle's in tonight, provided he maintains his appetite and condition. Then we will decide whether we can go on with the plan to gallop him tomorrow—the last decision will be up to the trainer though.

He's a flexible horse that can handle any track—soft or firm—and he can also race from any position. The pace was pretty slow in the Prix l'Arc de Triomphe and he ran out of steam in the stretch (6th place).

To be honest, Dylan Thomas' withdrawal from this race has given us a bigger chance to win. Unlike the Arc, we always thought the Japan Cup's stronger pace would suit Saddex. But I do think it's too bad that we can't race against Dylan Thomas."

(Comments taken from T. Mundry)

ARTISTE ROYAL (IRE, h6, bay)

-Departed Kyoto Racecourse at 6:23

-Arrived at Tokyo Racecourse at 12:53

"He traveled with no problem. We'll keep an eye on his condition, but plan to gallop him tomorrow. He's a happy and relaxed horse. He's eating well and is in good form. We asked Joe Talamo to ride our horse again since there was no reason to change him as he did really well in his last race. He's an unbelievably talented jockey for his age."

(Comments taken from N. Drysdale)

Japan Cup Dirt (G1) :	Nov. 24 (sat) Tokyo 11th race	2,100m dirt
Japan Cup (G1) :	Nov. 25 (sun) Tokyo 10th race	2,400m turf