

Menko Corner

Sumo Menko Database 1860s - 1964

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In the February issue of Sumo Fan Magazine, I presented the first third of the sumo menko set, name and catalogue-number database from the mid 1800s through to 1954. The first third boasts the most unique sets in existence as well as the most expensive sets produced. These sets are usually very hard to find and even more

difficult to come across in good condition. The 1930s and 1940s are dominated by R and M series sets. In April, I presented the second part of the database from 1955-1957, and the emergence of the BB and BC bromide sets is evident during this time, and came to dominate the industry until the end of menko production. In this

issue of SFM, I'll present the entire database with the final part from 1958-1964, the end of the sumo menko era. The 1960s only produced in the neighborhood of 20 sets and the last known set was made in 1964. As time goes on, I'll add any new sets that I identify, which is usually on the order of six per year. Cheers!

Set Names	Catalog #
1860 Kesho Mawashi 0	M1860
1911 Kyoiku Rikishi 8-10-11-12-13	R111
1930 Kesho-Mawashi 2-3	M301
1930 Kimarite 0	M302
1931 Rikishi 4	R311
1932 Rikishi 5	R321
1933 Dai Gunbai 0 - Type 1: Purple Ink on Back	M331-1
1933 Dai Gunbai 0 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	M331-2
1933 Dai Gunbai Bromide 0	BB331
1933 Rikishi 4-5	R331
1933 Rikishi 5	R332
1934 Rikishi 4	R341
1935 Mini Disks	C351
1935 Rikishi 5 – Series 1	R351
1935 Rikishi 5 – Series 2	R352
1936 Rikishi 5	R361
1936 Rikishi Thin 5	R362
1937 Kokugikan Set	S371
1937 Dai Rikishi 4-5	R371
1937 Rikishi 4-5	R372
1937 Rikishi Thick 5	R373
1937 Rikishi Thin 5	R374
1938 Rikishi 4-5-6	R381
1938 Rikishi 6	R382
1939 Dai Rikishi 5	R391
1939 Dai Rikishi Thin 5	R392
1939 Gunbai 5	M391
1939 Piero 5	M392
1939 Rikishi 3	R393
1939 Rikishi 6	R394
1940 Kokugikan Set	S401
1940 Gunbai 5	M401

Set Names	Catalog #
1940 Nagoya Gunbai 5	M402
1940 Nagoya Trophy 4	M403
1940 Rikishi 3	R401
1940 Rikishi 4	R402
1940 Rikishi 5 – Series 1	R403
1940 Rikishi 5 – Series 2	R404
1940 Rikishi Thin 5	R405
1940 Sensou 4	M404
1941 Rikishi 5	R411
1941 Gunbai	M411
1941 Kokugikan Set	S411
1942 Nagoya Gunbai	M421
1946 Hoshi Rikishi 4	R461
1946 Kagome Rikishi Down 3	R462
1946 Kagome Rikishi Down 4	R463
1946 Kagome Rikishi Up 4	R464
1946 Kimarite 7	M461
1950 Rikishi 2	R501
1951 Kagome Rikishi 5 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock	R511-1
1952 Kagome Rikishi 5 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock	R511-2
1951 Rikishi 5	R512
1951 Sanenchi 5 - Type 1: Dark Blue Ink on Back	M511-1
1952 Sanenchi 5 - Type 2: Light Blue Ink on Back	M511-2
1953 Sanenchi 5 - Type 3: Purple Ink on Back	M511-3
1951 Sanenchi Block 5	M512
1951 Tsugaku 3	M513
1952 Gunbai 4 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front, Purple Ink on Back	M521-1
1952 Gunbai 4 - Type 2: Tan Paper Stock, Dull Front, Grey Ink on Back	M521-2
1952 Gunbai 4 - Type 3: Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front, Purple Ink on Back	M521-3
1952 Gunbai 5	M522
1952 Gunbai Bromide 4	M523
1952 Kagome Trump 4	M524
1952 Trump 5-6	M525
1953 Kagome Rikishi 7 - Type 1: Red with Green	R531-1
1953 Kagome Rikishi 7 - Type 2: Green with Red	R531-2
1953 Kagome Sanenchi 7 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M531-1
1953 Kagome Sanenchi 7 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front	M531-2
1953 Kimarite Bromide 0	BB531
1953 Trump 6 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Rough Gloss Front	M532-1
1953 Trump 6 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Smooth Gloss Front	M532-2
1953 Trump 6 - Type 3: Grey Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Dull Front	M532-3
1953 Trump 6 - Type 4: Grey Paper Stock, Thin Paper Stock, Dull Front	M532-4
1954 Asahi Sanenchi 10 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front, No Asahi Gangu Mark	M541-1
1954 Asahi Sanenchi 10 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front	M541-2
1954 Asahi Sanenchi 10 - Type 3: Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front, No Asahi Gangu Mark	M541-3
1954 Basho 7 - Type 1: Gold Ink on Front, Tan Paper Stock, Blue Ink on Back	M542-1
1954 Basho 7 - Type 2: Gold Ink on Front, Grey Paper Stock, Brown/Purple Ink on Back	M542-2
1954 Basho 7 - Type 3: Gold Ink on Front, Tan Paper Stock, Brown/Purple Ink on Back	M542-3
1954 Basho 7 - Type 4: Gold Ink on Front, Grey Paper Stock, Brown/Purple Ink on Back, Solid Shikona Box	M542-4

Set Names	Catalog #
1954 Basho 7 - Type 5: No Gold Ink on Front, Dark Ink on Back, Solid Shikona Box	M542-5
1954 Basho 7 - Type 6: No Gold Ink on Front, Brown Ink on Back, Solid Shikona Box	M542-6
1954 Basho 7 - Type 7: No Gold Ink on Front, Dark Ink on Back, Opaque Shikona Box	M542-7
1954 Basho 7 - Type 8: No Gold Ink on Front, Brown ink on Back, Opaque Shikona Box	M542-8
1954 Caricature 7 -Type 1: Dark Ink on Back	M543-1
1954 Caricature 7 -Type 2: Aqua Ink on Back	M543-2
1954 Caricature 7 -Type 3: Orange Ink on Back	M543-3
1954 Kagome Sensou Trump 8-9 - Type 1: Grey Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M544-1
1954 Kagome Sensou Trump 8-9 - Type 2: Tan Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M544-2
1954 Kagome Sensou Trump 8-9 - Type 3: Grey Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Dull Front	M544-3
1954 Kagome Sensou Trump 8-9 - Type 4: Tan Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock, Dull Front	M544-4
1954 Kagome Sensou Trump 8-9 - Type 5: Grey Paper Stock, Thin Paper Stock, Dull Front	M544-5
1954 Kodomo Quiz 5 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M545-1
1954 Kodomo Quiz 5 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front	M545-2
1954 Maruta Renga 7-8-9	H541
1954 Niji Rikishi 7-8	R541
1954 Niji Trump 7-8 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	M546-1
1954 Niji Trump 7-8 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	M546-2
1954 Rikishi 6-7-8	R542
1954 Rokakuke 8-9 - Type 1: Thick Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M547-1
1954 Rokakuke 8-9 - Type 2: Thick Paper Stock, Dull Front	M547-2
1954 Rokakuke 8-9 - Type 3: Thin Paper Stock, Dull Front	M547-3
1954 Sanenchi 6 - Type 1: Stripe Border on Front, Thin Paper Stock, Blue Ink on Back, Dull Front	M548-1
1954 Sanenchi 6 - Type 2: Solid White Border on Front, Thin Paper Stock, Purple Ink on Back, Dull Front	M548-2
1954 Sanenchi 6 - Type3: Solid White Border on Front, Thick Paper Stock, Purple Ink on Back, Gloss Front	M548-3
1954 Sanenchi 15-16	M549
1954 YakyuSumo Karuta	K541
1955 Asahi Gunbai 9-10	M551
1955 Denki 8-9 - Type 1: White Ink on Front, Grey Paper Stock, Thin Paper Stock	M552-1
1955 Denki 8-9 - Type 2: Gold Ink on Front, Tan Paper Stock, Thick Paper Stock	M552-2
1955 Denki 8-9 - Type 3: Green Ink on Back	M552-3
1955 Kagome Renga 10	H551
1955 Kagome Rikishi 10 - Type 1: Thick Paper Stock, Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front	R551-1
1955 Kagome Rikishi 10 - Type 2: Thin Paper Stock, Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front	R551-2
1955 Karuta	K551
1955 Kusuri 10	M553
1955 Maru 10 - Type 1: Thick Paper Stock, Tan Paper Stock, Gloss Front	M554-1
1955 Maru 10 - Type 2: Thin Paper Stock, Grey Paper Stock, Dull Front	M554-2
1955 Niji Stripe 7-8 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	M555-1
1955 Niji Stripe 7-8 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	M555-2
1955 Prize Sheet Menko	P551
1955 Renga 8-9 - Type 1: Thick Paper Stock	H552-1
1955 Renga 8-9 - Type 2: Extremely Thick Paper Stock	H552-2
1955 Renga 9	H553
1955 Sanenchi Thick 9-10-11-12 - Type 1: Dull Front	M556-1
1955 Sanenchi Thick 9-10-11-12 - Type 2: Gloss Front	M556-2
1955 Trump 6	M557
1955 Uchu Trump 14 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	M558-1

Set Names	Catalog #
1955 Uchu Trump 14 - Type 2: Red-Brown Ink on Back	M558-2
1955 Uchu Trump 14 - Type 3: Green Ink on Back	M558-3
1955 SumoYakyu Game	G551
1956 Dai Shikona 12-13 - Type 1: Gold Ink on Front, Thick Paper Stock	M561-1
1956 Dai Shikona 12-13 - Type 2: White Ink on Front, Thick Paper Stock	M561-2
1956 Dai Shikona 12-13 - Type 3: White Ink on Front, Thin Paper Stock	M561-3
1956 Gold Trump 9	M562
1956 Hanagata Rikishi 0	R561
1956 Kagome Caricature Trump 7-8 - Type 1: White Paper Stock on Front	M563-1
1956 Kagome Caricature Trump 7-8 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock Front and Back	M563-2
1956 Kagome Renga 6	H561
1956 Kagome Sensou Trump 7-8 - Type 1: Gloss Front	M564-1
1956 Kagome Sensou Trump 7-8 - Type 2: Dull Front	M564-2
1956 Kagome Uchu 10	BC561
1956 Kaminari Sensou 8 - Type 1: Gloss Front, Grey Paper Stock, Light Ink on Back	M565-1
1956 Kaminari Sensou 8 - Type 2: Dull Front, Grey Paper Stock, Dark Ink on Back	M565-2
1956 Kaminari Sensou 8 - Type 3: Dull Front, Grey Paper Stock, Light Ink on Back	M565-3
1956 Kaminari Sensou 8 - Type 4: Dull Front, Tan Paper Stock, Light Ink on Back	M565-4
1956 Karuta	K561
1956 Marukami Hoshi 6 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock	BC562-1
1956 Marukami Hoshi 6 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock	BC562-2
1956 Marukami Hoshi 6 - Type 3: Tan Paper Stock, Blank Back	BC562-3
1956 Marukami Hoshi 6 - Type 4: Grey Paper Stock, Blank Back	BC562-4
1956 Marukami Hoshi Bromide 6	BB562
1956 Marusan Jyunishi Nagai 3-5-6 - Type 1: Printed Back	BC563-1
1956 Marusan Jyunishi Nagai 3-5-6 - Type 2: Blank Back	BC563-2
1956 Marusan Jyunishi Nagai Bromide 3-5-6 - Type 1: Printed Back	BB563-1
1956 Marusan Jyunishi Nagai Bromide 3-5-6 - Type 2: Blank Back	BB563-2
1956 Maruta Sanenchi 8-9-10 - Type 1: Gloss Front, Tan Paper Stock	M566-1
1956 Maruta Sanenchi 8-9-10 - Type 2: Dull Front, Grey Paper Stock	M566-2
1956 Maruta Sanenchi 12-13 - Type 1: Dull Front	M567-1
1956 Maruta Sanenchi 12-13 - Type 2: Gloss Front	M567-2
1956 Maruta Trump 8-9	M568
1956 Mitsuwa Trump 14	M569
1956 Renga 10-11-12-13	H562
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 1: Gloss Front, Thick Paper Stock, Blue Ink on Back	M5610-1
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 2: Dull Front, Thin Paper Stock, Blue Ink on Back	M5610-2
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 3: Gloss Front, Thick Paper Stock, Brown Ink on Back	M5610-3
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 4: Dull Front, Thick Paper Stock, Brown Ink on Back	M5610-4
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 5: Dull Front, Thin Paper Stock, Brown Ink on Back	M5610-5
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 6: Orange Ink on Back	M5610-6
1956 Sanenchi 9-10 - Type 7: Green Ink on Back	M5610-7
1956 Sanenchi Block 9-10 - Type 1: Purple Ink on Back	M5611-1
1956 Sanenchi Block 9-10 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	M5611-2
1956 Sanenchi Block 10-12	M5612
1956 Sanenchi Mini 11-13	M5613
1956 Sanenchi Slant 10 - Type 1: Blue Ink on Back	M5614-1
1956 Sanenchi Slant 10 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	M5614-2
1956 Shiori Set	B561

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1956 Stripe Trump 9-10	M5615
1956 Tsuriyane 7-8-9 - Type 1: Blue Ink on Back	M5616-1
1956 Tsuriyane 7-8-9 - Type 2: Grey Ink on Back	M5616-2
1956 Waku 6-8	M5617
1957 Banzuke 0	M571
1957 Basho 12	BC571
1957 Dohyo Iri 9-10	M572
1957 Gunbai 9-10-11	M573
1957 Jyunishi 6 - Type 1: Thin Numbers	BC572-1
1957 Jyunishi 6 - Type 2: Thick Numbers	BC572-2
1957 Kagome Rikishi 10-11 - Type 1: Gloss Front	R571-1
1957 Kagome Rikishi 10-11 - Type 2: Dull Front	R571-2
1957 Marukami Prize Sheet	P571
1957 Marukami Sensou 6	BC573
1957 Marusho Sensou 5 - Type 1: Grey Ink Back	BC574-1
1957 Marusho Sensou 5 - Type 2: Brown Ink Back	BC574-2
1957 Marusho Sensou 5 - Type 3: Blue Ink Back	BC574-3
1957 Marusho Sensou Bromide 5	BB574
1957 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 1: Green Ink on Back	BC575-1
1957 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 2: Blank Back	BC575-2
1957 Marusho Tawara Bromide 5	BB575
1957 Maruta Nazo Nazo 6-7	M574
1957 Sagari 7 - Type 1: Green Ink Back, Thin Kanji on Front	BC576-1
1957 Sagari 7 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back, Thick, Block Kanji on Front	BC576-2
1957 Sagari 7 - Type 3: Grey Ink on Back	BC576-3
1957 Sagari 7 - Type 4: Blank Back	BC576-4
1957 Sagari Bromide 7	BB576
1957 Sanenchu 7-8-9	M578
1957 Sanenchu Straight 11-12-13	M575
1957 Stripe 9-10-11	M576
1957 Suna 7 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	BC577-1
1957 Suna 7 - Type 2: Red Ink in Back	BC577-2
1957 Suna 7 - Type 3: Green Ink on Back	BC577-3
1957 Suna 7 - Type 4: Grey Ink on Back	BC577-4
1957 Suna 7 - Type 5: Thick Kanji, Blank Back	BC577-5
1957 Suna 7 - Type 6: Thin Kanji, Blank Back	BC577-6
1957 Tsuki 10	M577
1957 Yakyu/Sumo Karuta Set	K591
1957 Yamakatsu Dai Gunbai 6-7 - Type 1: Grey Paper Stock	BC578-1
1957 Yamakatsu Dai Gunbai 6-7 - Type 2: Tan Paper Stock	BC578-2
1957 Yamakatsu Dai Gunbai 6-7 - Type 3: White Paper Stock	BC578-3
1957 Yamakatsu Gyoji 5 - Type 1: Grey Ink in Back	BC579-1
1957 Yamakatsu Gyoji 5 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	BC579-2
1957 Yamakatsu Gyoji Bromide 5	BB579
1957 Yamakatsu Tou Bromide 6	BB571
1958 Dai Gunbai 6 - Type 1: White Border on Front, Tan Paper Stock	BC581-1
1958 Dai Gunbai 6 - Type 2: No White Border, Tan Paper Stock	BC581-2
1958 Dai Gunbai 6 - Type 3: White Border on Front, Grey Paper Stock	BC581-3
1958 Dash 7-8 - Type 1: Green Ink on Back	M581-1

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1958 Dash 7-8 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	M581-2
1958 Dash 7-8 - Type 3: Gold Ink on Front, Blue Ink on Back	M581-3
1958 Dou Kiku 7 - Type 1: Blue Ink on Back	BC582-1
1958 Dou Kiku 7 - Type 2: White Border on Front, Blue Ink on Back	BC582-2
1958 Dou Kiku 7 - Type 3: Brown Ink on Back	BC582-3
1958 Dou Kiku Bromide 7	BB582
1958 Hadaiya Gunbai 6	BC583
1958 Hadaiya Maru 6	BC584
1958 Hata 6	BC585
1958 Heya 6	BC586
1958 Hokyoku 8-10	M582
1958 Kimarite 6 - Type 1: Heya Information on Front, White Border, Brown Ink on Back	BC587-1
1958 Kimarite 6 - Type 2: Heya Information on Front, White Border, Blue Ink on Back	BC587-2
1958 Kimarite 6 - Type 3: No Heya Information on Front, No White Border, Brown Ink on Back	BC587-3
1958 Kimarite 6 - Type 4: No Heya Information on Front, No White Border, Brown Ink on Back, Animals instead of Kimarite	BC587-4
1958 Kimarite 6 - Type 5: No Heya Information on Front, No White Border, Green Ink on Back	BC587-5
1958 Marukami Kimarite 6	BC588
1958 Marukami Kimarite Bromide 6	BB588
1958 Maruta Nibusa 6-7 - Type 1: Broad Calligraphy Kanji on Front	BC589-1
1958 Maruta Nibusa 6-7 - Type 2: Small Block Kanji on Front	BC589-2
1958 Mitsuwa Trump 20 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	M583-1
1958 Mitsuwa Trump 20 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	M583-2
1958 Sanenchu Thin 11-12-13 - Type 1: Grey Paper Stock, Brown Ink on Back	M584-1
1958 Sanenchu Thin 11-12-13 - Type 2: Tan Paper Stock, Blue Ink on Back	M584-2
1958 Zashi 0	Z581
1959 3-Part Trump	G591
1959 Aka Bromide 7	BB598
1959 Comic 9-10-11	M591
1959 Dai Gunbai Bromide 6	BB599-1
1959 Dai Gunbai Bromide 6	BB599-2
1959 Gunbai Sensou 6-7 - Type 1: Brown Ink on Back	M592-1
1959 Gunbai Sensou 6-7 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	M592-2
1959 Hana 6-7-8	M593
1959 Kimarite 6 - Type 1: Grey paper stock, Green Ink on Back	BC591-1
1959 Kimarite 6 - Type 2: Tan paper stock, Green Ink on Back	BC591-2
1959 Kimarite 6 - Type 3: Tan paper stock, Brown Ink on Back	BC591-3
1959 Maruo Uchu 7 - Type 1: Green Ink on Back	BC592-1
1959 Maruo Uchu 7 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	BC592-2
1959 Maruo Uchu 7 - Type 3: Purple Ink on Back	BC592-3
1959 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 1: Blue Ink on Back, Tan Paper Stock	BC593-1
1959 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back, Grey Paper Stock	BC593-2
1959 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 3: Brown Ink on Back, Small Kanji on Front	BC593-3
1959 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 4: Brown Ink on Back, Large Kanji on Front	BC593-4
1959 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 5: Purple Ink on Back, Grey Paper Stock	BC593-5
1959 Maruta Gunbai 7	M594
1959 Maruta Kita Gunbai 6-7	BC594
1959 Sagari 7 - Type 1: White Border on Front	BC595-1
1959 Sagari 7 - Type 2: No Border	BC595-2
1959 Tophy 6	BC598

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1959 Yamakatsu Mizuoke 6 - Type 1: Red Ink on Back	BC596-1
1959 Yamakatsu Mizuoke 6 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	BC596-2
1959 Yamakatsu Mizuoke Bromide 6	BB596
1959 Yamakatsu Trump 7 -Type 1: Grey Paper Stock	BC597-1
1959 Yamakatsu Trump 7 -Type 2: Tan Paper Stock	BC597-2
1960 Anime 6	BC601
1960 Dai Gunbai 6	BC602
1960 Doyusha Fusa 7 - Type 1: Tan Paper Stock	BC603-1
1960 Doyusha Fusa 7 - Type 2: Grey Paper Stock	BC603-2
1960 Kimarite Bromide 6 -Type 1: Green Ink on Back	BB608-1
1960 Kimarite Bromide 6 - Type 2: Blue Ink on Back	BB608-2
1960 Marusan Jyunishi Bromide 5-6	BB609
1960 Trump 7-8	M601
1961 Kabaya Gum Set	A611
1961 Doyusha Shiki 5	G611
1961 Hoshi Rikishi 7-8	R611
1961 Kashiwado Taiho Trump 4	BC611
1962 Marukami Gohei 6 - Type 1: Purple Ink on Back	BC621-1
1962 Marukami Gohei 6 - Type 2: Green Ink on Back	BC621-2
1962 Marukami Gohei 6 - Type 3: Blue Ink on Back	BC621-3
1962 Marukami Gohei 6 - Type 4: Red Ink on Back	BC621-4
1962 Maruta Kimarite 7	BC622
1963 Shogaku Yonen	Z631
1964 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 1: Blue Ink on Back	BC641-1
1964 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 2: Red Ink on Back	BC641-2
1964 Marusho Tawara 5 - Type 3: Grey Ink on Back	BC641-3

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