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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 79TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)



The Satsuki Sho, which is the first of the three legs of JRA's Triple Crown Classics for three-year-olds including the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) and the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), is comparable to British Two Thousand Guineas. The "Yokohama Norinsho Shoten Yonsai YobiUma", the precursor of the Satsuki Sho, was first run over 1,850 meters at Yokohama Racecourse in 1939 then moved its venue to Tokyo Racecourse four years later before given its current name and shifted again to Nakayama Racecourse in 1949—the distance was also altered to 2,000 meters in the following year.

Seven of the past Satsuki Sho champions since 2005 subsequently received the JRA Best Three-Year-Old Colt Award, in recognition of their outstanding performances throughout the year—*Deep Impact* (JPN, *Sunday Silence*) in 2005, *Meisho Samson* (JPN, by *Opera House*) in 2006, *Victoire Pisa* (JPN, by *Neo Universe*) in 2010, *Orfevre* (JPN, by *Stay Gold*) in 2011, *Gold Ship* (JPN, by *Stay Gold*) in 2012, *Isla Bonita* (JPN, by *Fuji Kiseki*) in 2014 and *Duramente* (JPN, by *King Kamehameha*) in 2015. Triple Crown winners *Deep Impact* and *Orfevre* were also named the Horse of the Year.

This year's key runners that came off three trial races were: from the Yayoi Sho (G2, 2,000m; Mar.3), **Meisho Tengen** (1st), **Schwarz Riese** (2nd), **Breaking Dawn** (3rd), two-time graded winner **Nishino Daisy** and Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m) victor **Last Draft** who finished fourth and seventh, respectively; from the Wakaba Stakes (Listed, 2,000m; Mar.16), **Velox** (1st); and from the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.17), 2018 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,400m) victor **Fantasist** (2nd) and 2018 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) runner-up **Kurino Gaudi** (6th). The field also included **Danon Kingly**, 2018 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes winner and Best Two-Year-Old Colt **Admire Mars** and 2018 Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m) winner **Courageux Guerrier** who came off a win, a second and a third, respectively, in the Kyodo News Service Hai (G3, 1,800m; Feb.10), **Saturnalia** and **Lance of Puraana**, winners of the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m; Dec.28) and the Mainichi Hai (G3, 1,800m; Mar.23), respectively, and **Satono Lux** and **Admire Justa**, top two finishers of the Sumire Stakes (L, 2,200m; Feb.24).

Al Ain (JPN, by *Deep Impact*) renewed the race record to 1:57.8 in 2017.

THE 79TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

3-year-old Colts & Fillies, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, April 14, 2019 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥238,600,000 (about US\$2,074,800 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2016

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	6	12	Saturnalia (JPN)	C3	57.0	Lord Kanaloa Cesario	C. Lemaire K. Sumii	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1:58.1 (34.1)	1.7 (1)
2	4	7	Velox (JPN)	C3	57.0	Just a Way Selkis	Y. Kawada M. Nakauchida	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Head (34.4)	9.0 (4)
3	2	4	Danon Kingly (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact My Goodness	K. Tosaki K. Hagiwara	Danox Co., Ltd. Mishima Bokujo	Nose (34.5)	5.8 (3)
4	1	1	Admire Mars (JPN)	C3	57.0	Daiwa Major Via Medici	M. Demuro Y. Tomomichi	Riichi Kondo Northern Farm	2 (34.9)	5.7 (2)
5	3	6	Courageux Guerrier (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Jumeau	N. Yokoyama Y. Ikee	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1-1/2 (34.7)	109.4 (14)
6	8	16	Tagano Diamante (JPN)	C3	57.0	Orfevre Tagano Reventon	H. Tanabe I. Sameshima	Ryoji Yagi Niikappu Tagano Farm Ltd	1-1/4 (34.4)	183.5 (15)
7	6	11	Last Draft (JPN)	C3	57.0	Novellist Marcellina	A. Starke H. Toda	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm	1/2 (34.8)	67.8 (10)
8	8	17	Admire Justa (JPN)	C3	57.0	Just a Way Admire Teresa	Y. Iwata N. Sugai	Riichi Kondo Northern Racing	Head (34.5)	72.1 (11)
9	7	14	Daddy's Mind (JPN)	C3	57.0	Tosen Homareboshi Katies Gift	H. Miyazaki T. Aoki	Daishi Tajima Daishi Tajima	1-1/2 (35.8)	475.0 (17)
10	8	18	Naimama	C3	57.0	Danon Ballade	D. Shibata	Shigeyuki Okada	1/2	489.5

			(JPN)			Nishino Madoka	Y. Muto	Domi Bokujo	(34.6)	(18)
11	7	13	Breaking Dawn (JPN)	C3	57.0	Victoire Pisa Agnes Sakura	Y. Fukunaga K. Nakatake	Koki Maeda Kosho Bokujo	Head (34.9)	99.0 (13)
12	5	10	Schwarz Riese (JPN)	C3	57.0	Heart's Cry Soberania	S. Ishibashi N. Hori	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	2 (35.5)	34.8 (7)
13	2	3	Fantasist (JPN)	C3	57.0	Lord Kanaloa Deep in Ask	Y. Take T. Umeda	Toshihiro Hirosaki Toshihiro Hirosaki	Head (35.8)	25.9 (5)
14	1	2	Satono Lux (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Listen	K. Ikezoe Y. Ikee	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Northern Farm	Nose (35.3)	35.4 (8)
15	5	9	Meisho Tengen (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Meisho Beluga	K. Miura K. Ikezoe	Yoshio Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo	Nose (34.9)	51.4 (9)
16	7	15	Kurino Gaudi (JPN)	C3	57.0	Screen Hero Kurino Billionaire	Y. Fujioka N. Fujisawa	Hiroharu Kurimoto Hiroharu Kurimoto	2 (36.5)	240.7 (16)
17	4	8	Nishino Daisy (JPN)	C3	57.0	Harbinger Nishino Hinagiku	M. Katsuura N. Takagi	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Nishiyama Stud	3/4 (35.9)	30.2 (6)
18	3	5	Lance of Puraana (JPN)	C3	57.0	Cape Blanco My Puraana	K. Matsuyama M. Honda	Yoshinori Itsukage Fujiwara Farm	4 (37.4)	83.0 (12)

FP=Final Position / BK=Bracket Number / PP=Post Position / Wgt=Weight / L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 1:58.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Cloudy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 18,260,282,300

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 27,335,325,100

ATTENDANCE: 50,752

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.12	¥170	BRACKET QUINELLA	4-6	¥670	QUINELLA	7-12	¥950
PLACE	No.12	¥110	QUINELLA PLACE	7-12	¥360	EXACTA	12-7	¥1,140
	No.7	¥200		4-12	¥270	TRIO	4-7-12	¥1,480
	No.4	¥160		4-7	¥660	TRIFECTA	12-7-4	¥4,390

1. Saturnalia (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 3-year-old

Lord Kanaloa / Cesario (Special Week)

4 Starts, 4 Wins

Added money: ¥ 133,016,000

Career earnings: ¥ 227,157,000

Owner: U. Carrot Farm

Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Katsuhiko Sumii

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

2. Velox (JPN), bay, colt, 3-year-old

Just a Way / Selkis (Monsun)

Owner: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Breeder: Northern Farm

Trainer: Mitsumasa Nakauchida

Jockey: Yuga Kawada

3. Danon Kingly (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / My Goodness (Storm Cat)

Owner: Danox Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Mishima Bokujo

Trainer: Kiyoshi Hagiwara

Jockey: Keita Tosaki

Unbeaten Race Favorite Saturnalia Claims This Year's Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) Title

Overwhelming race favorite **Saturnalia** won this year's Satsuki Sho to register two consecutive G1 victories following the year-end Hopeful Stakes. Unbeaten in all his for starts since his debut last year, the son of *Lord Kanaloa* and out of *Cesario* became the 17th unbeaten colt to claim the Satsuki Sho since *Deep Impact* in 2005. Trainer Katsuhiko Sumii claimed his 25th JRA-G1 title following his win in the 2017 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) with *Kiseki* and his second Satsuki Sho victory following his win with *Victoire Pisa* in 2010. This win

marked jockey Christophe Lemaire's 24th JRA-G1 win following the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) title with Gran Alegria just last week. He became the ninth jockey in JRA history to have won all five classic titles for three-year-old colts and fillies.

Breaking smoothly from stall 12, **Saturnalia** settled in mid-division, around ninth from **Lance of Puraana** who set a moderate pace. Traveling wide behind **Velox**, the son of *Lord Kanaloa* closed the gap between the frontrunners turning the last two corners and surged out behind **Velox** after entering the lane. With four horses rallying to take the front at the 200-meter pole, **Saturnalia**, **Velox** and **Danon Kingly** continued to maintain strong speed in the last 100 meters to launch a fierce rally up to the wire with **Saturnalia** managing to come home a head in front.

"I rode him for the first time in the race but I had confidence in him. He seemed a bit nervous and drifted towards the inside when we took command before the crowd. His condition was not 100% as it was his first start this year but he should be in top condition going into the Japanese Derby," commented Christophe Lemaire.

Fourth choice **Velox** traveled two wide in striking position, around 5-6th from the front. The son of *Just a Way* was the first to enter the lane and while falling back to third in the three-horse rally, found another gear in his last strides to beat **Danon Kingly** by a nose for second place.

Third favorite **Danon Kingly** broke sharply and settled fourth from the front while taking an economic trip by the rails. The *Deep Impact* colt met traffic entering the lane but found a narrow space between horses, unleashed a powerful charge from the inside to launch a fierce rally with the eventual winner and runner-up and, though taking the front at one point, was a head and a nose short at the wire to finish third.

Other Horses:

4th: (1) **Admire Mars**—raced towards front, switched to outside for clear path, no match for top 3 finishers

5th: (6) **Courageux Guerrier**—traveled inside winner, quickened in last 200m, belatedly

6th: (16) **Tagano Diamante**—settled 2nd from rear, advanced after 3rd corner, showed belated charge

7th: (11) **Last Draft**—ran behind winner, angled out, even paced at stretch

8th: (17) **Admire Justa**—sat 3rd from rear along rails, accelerated between horses, belatedly

9th: (14) **Daddy's Mind**—stalked leader in 2nd, led briefly at early stretch, weakened in last 200m

10th: (18) **Naimama**—positioned towards rear, circled wide, passed tired rivals

11th: (13) **Breaking Dawn**—saved ground in mid-group, met traffic 200m out, lost momentum

12th: (10) **Schwarz Riese**—took economic trip in mid-division, lacked needed kick

13th: (3) **Fantasis**—hugged rails in mid-pack, never fired at stretch

14th: (2) **Satono Lux**—raced 3-wide in mid-group, found little room at early stretch, never threatened

15th: (9) **Meisho Tengen**—trailed in rear, unable to reach contention

16th: (15) **Kurino Gaudi**—chased leaders in 3rd, ran out of steam at stretch

17th: (8) **Nishino Daisy**—traveled 3-wide in mid-division, outrun after 3rd corner

18th: (5) **Lance of Puraana**—set pace, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.3 - 10.5 - 12.0 - 11.8 - 12.5 - 12.1 - 12.2 - 11.7 - 11.6 - 11.4
Last 4 furlongs: 46.9 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

Positions at each corner: 1st corner 5(14,15)4,7(1,6,**12**)11(3,2,8)10-(13,18)-(17,16)-9
2nd corner 5,14(4,15)(1,7)(3,6,**12**)(11,8)(10,2)-(13,18)(17,16)-9
3rd corner (*5,14)15(4,1,7)(3,6,**12**)(10,11,8)(13,2)(17,16)(18,9)
4th corner (5,*14,15)7(4,1)**12**(3,6)(10,11,8,16)(13,17,2,18)-9

NOTE 1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

NOTE 2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.