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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 76TH 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 receive 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 contenders included: 2015 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) champion and runner-up, **Leontes** (Best Two-Year-Old Colt) and **Air Spinel** who finished second and third, respectively, in this year's Yayoi Sho (G2, 2,000m) on March 6; unbeaten **Makahiki** who marked his third consecutive victory in the Yayoi Sho; **Admire Daio** and **Namura Shingu** who won their tickets to race in the Satsuki Sho by coming in first and second, respectively, in the Wakaba Stakes (2,000m) on March 19; **Mount Robson** who claimed his first grade-race victory in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m) on March 20; and 2015 Niigata Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,600m) winner **Lord Quest** and 2015 Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m) victor **Dreadnoughtus** who were third and seventh, respectively, in the Spring Stakes.

In addition to those that participated in the above trial races, **Prophet**, winner of the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m) on January 17; **Satono Diamond** who also marked a three-race winning streak since his debut in the Kisaragi Sho (G3, 1,800m) on February 7; and **Dee Majesty**, winner of the Kyodo News Service Hai (G3, 1,800m) on February 14 were among the high-level contenders.

### THE 76TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

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

Sunday, April 17, 2016 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 216,000,000 (about US\$ 1,800,000 <US\$1=¥120>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2013

Safety factor: 18 runners

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	8	18	Dee Majesty (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Hermes Tiara	M. Ebina Y. Ninomiya	Masaru Shimada Masaru Shimada	1:57.9 (34.0)	30.9 (8)
2	2	3	Makahiki (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Wikiwiki	Y. Kawada Y. Tomomichi	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	1-1/4 (33.9)	3.7 (3)
3	6	11	Satono Diamond (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Malpensa	C. Lemaire Y. Ikee	Hajime Satomi Northern Racing	1-1/4 (34.8)	2.7 (1)
4	7	15	Air Spinel (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Air Messiah	Y. Take K. Sasada	Lucky Field Co., Ltd. Tsunebumi Yoshihara	1/2+ Nose (35.5)	16.1 (4)
5	8	16	Leontes (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Cesario	M. Demuro K. Sumii	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	DQ&P (36.1)	2.8 (2)
6	3	5	Mount Robson (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Miss Pascali	T. Berry N. Hori	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.	1-1/4 (36.0)	25.9 (6)
7	5	9	Namura Shingun (JPN)	C3	57.0	Victoire Pisa Dream of Genie	H. Tanabe T. Takano	Mutsuhiro Namura Tanikawa Stud	1/2 (35.1)	85.9 (9)
8	7	14	Lord Quest (JPN)	C3	57.0	Matsurida Gogh Matsurida Waltz	K. Ikezoe S. Kojima	Lord Horse Club Samani Hori Bokujo	2-1/2 (35.4)	21.8 (5)
9	2	4	Admire Daio (JPN)	C3	57.0	Deep Impact Admire Marine	Y. Fukunaga Y. Tomomichi	Riichi Kondo Riichi Kondo	2-1/2 (36.2)	27.4 (7)
10	4	7	Umbruch	C3	57.0	Deep Impact	Y. Shibayama	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd.	3/4	306.4

			(JPN)			Umirage	N. Hori	Shadai Corporation Inc.	(35.7)	(16)
11	7	13	Prophet (JPN)	C3	57.0	Harbinger Jumeau	K. Tosaki Y. Ikee	U. Carrot Farm Northern Racing	1-1/4 (35.7)	90.1 (10)
12	3	6	Miraieno Tsubasa (JPN)	C3	57.0	Dream Journey Tamuro Bright	D. Shibata D. Ito	Nobuhiko Mishima Suwa Bokujo	1/2 (35.7)	124.3 (11)
13	4	8	Mikki Rocket (JPN)	C3	57.0	King Kamehameha Moneycantbuymelove	N. Yokoyama H. Otonashi	Mizuki Noda Northern Racing	1/2 (35.7)	150.4 (14)
14	5	10	Toa Raijin (JPN)	C3	57.0	Durandal Toa Lightning	T. Ono A. Murayama	Takayama Land Co., Ltd. Toa Bokujo	2 (35.7)	481.4 (18)
15	1	1	Dreadnoughtus (JPN)	C3	57.0	Harbinger Dia de la Novia	Y. Fujioka Y. Yahagi	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm	1-1/4 (37.2)	149.1 (13)
16	1	2	George Cinq (JPN)	C3	57.0	Victoire Pisa Hollywood Rose	H. Yoshida I. Sameshima	CHEVAL ATTACHE Co., Ltd. Masatsugu Kamada	3 (38.2)	129.0 (12)
17	6	12	Respect Earth (JPN)	C3	57.0	Manhattan Cafe Earth Green	Y. Ishikawa M. Ogasa	Green Farm Nasuno Bokujo	10 (40.1)	267.0 (15)
18	8	17	Admire Morale (JPN)	C3	57.0	Kinshasa no Kiseki Katsura Driver	H. Uchida H. Uehara	Riichi Kondo Northern Farm	4 (40.5)	414.6 (17)

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

DQ&P=Disqualified and Placed, or Demoted (demoted from 4th to 5th)

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: 1:57.9 (race record)      GOING: Firm      WEATHER: Fine  
 TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 18,646,312,700  
 TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 27,810,166,000      ATTENDANCE: 51,284

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No.18	¥3,090	BRACKET QUINELLA	2-8	¥450	QUINELLA	3-18	¥6,220
PLACE	No.18	¥530	QUINELLA PLACE	3-18	¥1,730	EXACTA	18-3	¥17,680
	No.3	¥160		11-18	¥1,760	TRIO	3-11-18	¥6,000
	No.11	¥150		3-11	¥320	TRIFECTA	18-3-11	¥70,390

**1. Dee Majesty (JPN)**, bay, colt, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Hermes Tiara (Brian's Time)

Owner: Masaru Shimada

Breeder: Masaru Shimada

Trainer: Yoshitaka Ninomiya

Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina

5 Starts, 3 Wins

Added money: ¥ 127,888,000

Career earnings: ¥ 176,059,000

Principal Race Performances:

'16 Kyodo News Service Hai (G3, 1,800m) 1st

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

Deep Impact / Wikiwiki (French Deputy)

Owner: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd.

Breeder: Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc.

Trainer: Yasuo Tomomichi

Jockey: Yuga Kawada

**3. Satono Diamond (JPN)**, bay, colt, 3-year-old

Deep Impact / Malpensa (Orpen)

Owner: Hajime Satomi

Breeder: Northern Racing

Trainer: Yasutoshi Ikee

Jockey: Christophe Lemaire

**Deep Impact Colts Dominate the Top Three with Dee Majesty Setting Record Time in This Year's Satsuki Sho**

Eighth pick **Dee Majesty** defeated a strong field of three-year-olds while breaking the record time by 0.1 second in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), the first leg of the three-year-old Triple Crown, to capture his first G1 title and second grade-race victory. Debuting in September of his two-year-old season, **Dee Majesty** broke his maiden in his third career start and, although being forced to withdraw from the following Hopeful Stakes (G2) in

December due to a minor leg problem, claimed the kick-off start of his three-year-old season in the Kyodo News Service Hai, in which he was posted sixth favorite. This win marked trainer Yoshitaka Ninomiya's sixth JRA-G1 victory following the 2014 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies with Shonan Adela and his first classic title. Jockey Masayoshi Ebina claimed his 25th JRA-G1 victory following his win in last year's Queen Elizabeth II Cup with Marialite and his second Satsuki Sho title—his first title being in 2014 with Isla Bonita.

Breaking slowly from stall 18, **Dee Majesty** settled toward the rear, around fifth from last, as the frontrunner **Respect Earth** set a fast pace. As the horses spread wide through the last two corners with **Leontes** heading the field, Masayoshi Ebina guided the Yoshitaka Ninomiya-trained colt to the outer route to make bid for the final attack. Responding willingly to the jockey's urging, **Dee Majesty** unleashed a powerful drive, flying past the front runners one by one—race favorite **Satono Diamond**, **Air Spinel** and finally **Leontes** 100 meters out—and continued to accelerate strongly for a comfortable 1-1/4-length victory.

Third choice **Makahiki** broke smoothly from stall three, eased back toward the rear and traveled wide behind **Dee Majesty** throughout the race. The Yasuo Tomomichi-trained bay exploded powerfully in the last stretch, running the last three furlongs the fastest in the field and, although unable to close in on the winner, finished 1-1/4-length ahead of the race favorite in second.

Odds-on-favorite **Satono Diamond** traveled two wide in midfield and was well-placed coming into the homestretch. The Yasutoshi Ikee-trained colt edged forward and, while overtaken by the top two finishers, pinned **Leontes** before the wire for a third-place finish.

Second pick **Leontes** pressed the pace in second, took command at the top of the stretch but was overtaken in the last 100 meters. Although finishing fourth behind **Satono Diamond**, the son of *King Kamehameha* was demoted to fifth for interfering with **Air Spinel** 200 meters out.

“We were slow out of the gate so I made up my mind to race him toward the rear as there were strong horses in the front. I was hoping to close in on the front runners from around the third corner and everything went as planned. He was responding really well turning the last corner and I knew then that he'll be able to take over the field at the top of the slope,” commented Masayoshi Ebina.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (15) **Air Spinel**—positioned in 6th, ran gamely but checked by **Leontes** 200m out, finished 5th, promoted
- 6th: (5) **Mount Robson**—sat near pace in 4th, accelerated until 100m out, weakened thereafter
- 7th: (9) **Namura Shingun**—ran 3-wide in mid-pack, advanced gradually, showed effort
- 8th: (14) **Lord Quest**—raced along rails in mid-division, ran gamely until 100m out
- 9th: (4) **Admire Daio**—traveled in 7th, failed to respond at stretch
- 10th: (7) **Umbruch**—ran in front of winner, even paced
- 11th: (13) **Prophet**—raced inside winner, accelerated briefly, lacked needed kick
- 12th: (6) **Miraieno Tsubasa**—hugged rails 3rd from last, quickened until 100m out
- 13th: (8) **Mikki Rocket**—traveled near rear, turned wide, passed tired rivals
- 14th: (10) **Toa Raijin**—trailed in rear, unable to reach contention
- 15th: (1) **Dreadnoughtus**—saved ground in mid-pack, failed to respond at stretch
- 16th: (2) **George Cinq**—sat along rails in 5th, no factor at stretch
- 17th: (12) **Respect Earth**—set fast pace, dropped back after 3rd corner
- 18th: (17) **Admire Morale**—prominent early in 3rd or 4th, faded before 4th corner

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 12.0 - 10.7 - 11.5 - 11.7 - 12.5 - 11.5 - 12.4 - 12.2 - 11.6 - 11.8  
 Last 4 furlongs: 48.0 Last 3 furlongs: 35.6

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

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.