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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 80TH 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, Duramente (JPN, by King Kamehameha) in 2015, and Saturnalia (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) last year. Triple Crown winners Deep Impact and Orfevre were also named the Horse of the Year.

The Satsuki Sho of this year became their three-year-old debut for 2019 Best Two-Year-Old Colt and Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) victor **Contrail** and **Salios**, winner of the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m), while those coming off trial races included **Satono Flag** and 2019 Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) victor **Black Hole** who were first and fourth, respectively, in the Yayoi Sho (Deep Impact Kinen) (G2, 2,000m; Mar.8), **Chimera Verite**, runner-up in the Wakaba Stakes (L, 2,000m; Mar.21) and the two top finishers of the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.22), winner **Galore Creek** and **Weltreisende**, runner-up in this the race and also runner-up in the Hopeful Stakes.

This year's Satsuki Sho field also included **My Rhapsody**, **Crystal Black**, **Cortesia**, **Darlington Hall** and **L'Excellence**, respective winners of the Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m; Nov.23), the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m; Jan.19), the Kisaragi Sho (G3, 1,800m; Feb.9), the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m; Feb.16) and the Sumire Stakes (L, 2,000m).

**THE 80TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)**

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

Sunday, April 19, 2020 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 238,600,000 (about US\$ 2,210,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Course Record: 1:57.8 Race Record: 1:57.8 [Al Ain (JPN, by Deep Impact), 2017]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: Good Weather: Fine

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	1	1	Contrail (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C3 br. 57.0	2.7 (1)	2:00.7 (34.9)	Deep Impact Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yoshito Yahagi
2	4	7	Salios (JPN) Damian Lane	C3 ch. 57.0	3.8 (3)	1/2 (35.4)	Heart's Cry Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
3	8	16	Galore Creek (JPN) Lyle Hewitson	C3 b. 57.0	41.2 (8)	3-1/2 (35.7)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Gold Relic (Kingmambo)	Yukio Mizukami Kasamatsu Bokujo Hiroyuki Uehara
4	4	8	Win Carnelian (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 ch. 57.0	360.0 (17)	1-1/4 (36.5)	Screen Hero Cosmo Crystal (Meiner Love)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuichi Shikato
5	3	5	Satono Flag (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 b. 57.0	3.6 (2)	1-1/4 (36.4)	Deep Impact Balada Sale (Not For Sale)	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Sakae Kunieda
6	7	13	Darlington Hall (GB) Mirco Demuro	C3 b. 57.0	18.5 (6)	Neck (35.9)	New Approach Miss Kenton (Pivotal)	Godolphin Canning Bloodstock Ltd Tetsuya Kimura
7	2	3	Cortesia (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 br. 57.0	100.9 (13)	1/2 (36.1)	Symboli Kris S Ciel et Mer (Jungle Pocket)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Takashi Suzuki

8	8	17	Weltreisende (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 d.b. 57.0	13.0 (4)	Nose (36.3)	Dream Journey Mandela (Acatenango)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasutoshi Ikee
9	5	9	Black Hole (JPN) Yukito Ishikawa	C3 d.b. 57.0	99.5 (12)	1-1/4 (35.7)	Gold Ship Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
10	3	6	Deep Bond (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C3 br. 57.0	360.9 (18)	Head (36.8)	Kizuna Zephyranthes (King Halo)	Shinji Maeda Murata Bokujo Ryuji Okubo
11	1	2	L'Excellence (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C3 b. 57.0	62.9 (9)	Head (36.1)	Deep Impact Xcellence (Champs Elysees)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe
12	5	10	American Seed (USA) Genki Maruyama	C3 b. 57.0	319.1 (16)	Neck (36.1)	Tapit Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever)	Katsumi Yoshizawa Courtlandt Farm Kenichi Fujioka
13	6	12	My Rhapsody (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 br. 57.0	22.6 (7)	Head (36.6)	Heart's Cry Teddy's Promise (Salt Lake)	Kieffers Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
14	8	18	Bitterender (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 b. 57.0	81.2 (11)	1-1/4 (37.2)	Orfevre Bitter Sweet (Afleet Alex)	K. Hidaka Breeders Union Sakurai Bokujo Ikuo Aizawa
15	7	15	Rhinebeck (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C3 d.b. 57.0	160.8 (14)	Neck (37.1)	Deep Impact Apapane (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
16	6	11	Crystal Black (JPN) Yutaka Yoshida	C3 d.b. 57.0	14.6 (5)	3/4 (36.4)	Kizuna Ash Cake (Taiki Shuttle)	Isamu Okada Okaribe Bokujo Fumimasa Takahashi
17	7	14	Chimera Verite (JPN) Kota Fujioka	C3 d.b. 57.0	63.5 (10)	Neck (37.7)	Kizuna Lumiere Verite (Cozzene)	Makoto Kato Makoto Kato Kazuya Nakatake
18	2	4	Tempin (JPN) Yuji Nakai	C3 d.b. 57.0	237.4 (15)	4 (37.6)	Just a Way Pretty Kapolei (Kurofune)	Your Story Niikappu Hashimoto Bokujo Takayuki Yasuda

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 15,371,814,700

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,589,711,400

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.1	¥ 270	Bracket	Quinella	1-4	¥ 640	Quinella	1-7	¥ 660
Place	No.1	¥ 140	Quinella	Place	1-7	¥ 330	Exacta	1-7	¥ 1,120
	No.7	¥ 170			1-16	¥ 2,250	Trio	1-7-16	¥ 9,150
	No.16	¥ 690			7-16	¥ 2,610	Trifecta	1-7-16	¥ 26,310

Winner= 4 starts, 4 wins / Added money: ¥ 134,633,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 245,900,000

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

**Contrail** validated his G1 victory last year in his three-year-old debut, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and remained unbeaten in all four career starts. He will be aiming for his third G1 title in the coming Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) in the hope of following the footsteps of his sire Deep Impact. Following his victory in his September debut as a two-year-old, the brown colt scored his first graded victory in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) in November, concluded the season with a G1 victory in the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) and named JRA's 2019 Best Two-Year-Old Colt. Trainer Yoshito Yahagi claimed his second G1 of this season after the February Stakes with Mozu Ascot and 11th JRA-G1 overall. Jockey Yuichi Fukunaga won his 26th JRA-G1 title, the first since the Hopeful Stakes with the same colt last year, and became the 11th JRA jockey to have won all five classic titles for three-year-old colts and fillies.

Breaking from the innermost stall, **Contrail** stayed along the rails and sat off the pace in mid-field behind a brisk pace set by **Chimera Verite**. As the field closed up approaching the third corner, Fukunaga shifted the Deep Impact colt to the outside and almost came out of nowhere then immediately into contention with the front runners after circling wide into the stretch. The last furlong was a duel match with **Salios** who didn't give way easily but **Contrail** outran the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes victor by half a length to claim the first leg of the Triple Crown.

“He won strongly today. The race itself wasn't the way as I had expected—I actually had the idea of him racing further up in front as usual—but as it turned out, he wasn't keen to go up front early and I didn't push him so we were positioned much farther behind going around the second corner, so I had no choice but to change lanes to the outside after that, but with the way he was moving in the post parade and the response once I took him to the outside, I had every confidence in him entering the stretch. His power was so that I thought we might pull away but **Salios** didn't let us win so easily. Winning the way he did today, I am confident that he has every reason to handle the extended distance in the coming Derby,” commented Yuichi Fukunaga.

Third choice **Salios**, who came into the race unbeaten in three starts as a two-year-old, two of them graded titles including the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes, broke well from stall seven and tracked the pace around fifth position just off the rails for most of the trip. The Heart's Cry colt maintained good speed as the field started to close up from behind and assumed command at the furlong pole while immediately joined by the winner from the outside but held well to the wire although beaten in the last strides.

Eighth pick **Galore Creek** under Lyle Hewitson broke from an outside draw and watched the early front runners pass before edging closer and outside the eventual winner in mid-field. The Kinshasa no Kiseki colt made gradual headway approaching the third corner, had to shift to the outside again as the horses in front closed his path soon into the stretch but showed impressive speed in the last stages while having to cover ground for third.

#### Other Horses:

4th: (8) **Win Carnelian**—chased leader in 2nd, showed tenacity but overtaken by **Galore Creek** in last 100m

5th: (5) **Satono Flag**—traveled 3-wide in 9th, made headway and turned for home in 4th, lacked needed kick

6th: (13) **Darlington Hall**—took wide trip behind winner, quickened in last 200m, belatedly

7th: (3) **Cortesia**—ran in 10th along rails, found little room at early stretch, showed effort

8th: (17) **Weltreisende**—raced around 7th, ran willingly until 100m out, weakened

9th: (9) **Black Hole**—trailed in rear, circled wide, showed belated charge, tied 3rd fastest over last 3 furlongs

10th: (6) **Deep Bond**—hugged rails around 4th, ran gamely until 100m out, outrun thereafter

11th: (2) **L'Excellence**—saved ground around 14th, improved position at stretch but never a threat

12th: (10) **American Seed**—keen to go rounding 1st corner, settled towards rear, passed tired rivals

13th: (12) **My Rhapsody**—sat around 12th outside winner, driven after 3rd corner, failed to respond

14th: (18) **Bitterender**—tracked leaders in 3rd, showed brief effort up to 200m pole, weakened thereafter

15th: (15) **Rhinebeck**—raced 3-wide in 6th, advanced along backstretch, gradually fell back after 3rd corner

16th: (11) **Crystal Black**—traveled 2nd from rear, unable to reach contention

17th: (14) **Chimera Verite**—set pace from wide stall, widened gap at backstretch, tired at stretch

18th: (4) **Tempin**—broke well, took economic trip around 7th, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 11.3 - 12.1 - 11.8 - 12.4 - 12.9 - 12.2 - 11.9 - 11.8 - 12.1

Last 4 furlongs: 48.0      Last 3 furlongs: 35.8

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

**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.