


SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 81ST 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 the 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 in 1949—the distance was also altered to 2,000 meters in the following year.

Nine 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, Saturnalia (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) in 2019 and Contrail (JPN, by Deep Impact) last year.

This year's Satsuki Sho featured 2020 Best Two-Year-Old Colt and Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) victor **Danon the Kid** who commenced his 2021 campaign with a third in the trial, the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m, Mar.7), which was won by **Titleholder**. Those who earned their tickets to run in the first leg of the Triple Crown in other trials were: **Admire Hadar** (1st) and **Chevalier Rose** (2nd) from the Wakaba Stakes (Listed, 2,000m, Mar.20); and **Victipharus** (1st) and **Asamano Itazura** (2nd) from the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.21). Key runners coming off other races included **Gratias**, **Efforia** and **Deep Monster**, respective winners of the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m, Jan.17), the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m, Feb.14) and the Sumire Stakes (Listed, 2,200m, Feb.28), as well as **Lagom** and **Yoho Lake** who were the top two finishers in that order in the Kisaragi Sho (G3, 2,000m, Feb.7).

THE 81ST SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

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

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 238,600,000 (about US\$ 2,273,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

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	4	7	Efforia (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 b. 57.0	3.7 (2)	2:00.6 (36.7)	Epiphaneia Katies Heart (Heart's Cry)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Yuichi Shikato
2	7	13	Titleholder (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 b. 57.0	17.0 (8)	3 (37.5)	Duramente Mowen (Motivator)	Hiroshi Yamada Okada Stud Toru Kurita
3	2	3	Stella Veloce (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	C3 d.b. 57.0	14.3 (6)	Neck (36.7)	Bago Oh My Baby (Deep Impact)	Tsuyoshi Ono Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai
4	1	1	Admire Hadar (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 b. 57.0	8.8 (3)	Neck (37.1)	Lord Kanaloa Swear Tosho (Deep Impact)	Junko Kondo Northern Farm Ryuji Okubo
5	3	6	Yoho Lake (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C3 b. 57.0	21.5 (11)	Neck (36.6)	Deep Impact Crow Canyon (French Deputy)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
6	8	15	Gratias (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 b. 57.0	15.7 (7)	1/2 (37.2)	Heart's Cry Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yukihiko Kato
7	6	11	Deep Monster (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 br. 57.0	19.6 (10)	Neck (36.8)	Deep Impact Sisterly Love (Bellamy Road)	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Yano Bokujo Yasutoshi Ikee
8	8	16	Red Belle Aube (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C3 br. 57.0	18.8 (9)	2-1/2 (38.1)	Deep Impact Red Fantasia (Unbridled's Song)	TokyoHorseRacing Co., Ltd Mint Co. Hideaki Fujiwara

9	3	5	Victipharus (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 b. 57.0	10.1 (4)	1-3/4 (37.7)	Heart's Cry Virginia (Galileo)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Manabu Ikezoe
10	2	4	Elusive Panther (JPN) Takuya Ono	C3 d.b. 57.0	179.9 (15)	3/4 (37.2)	Heart's Cry Elusive Cat (King Kamehameha)	Tsunefumi Kusama Oiwake Farm Takashi Kubota
11	5	10	Chevalier Rose (JPN) Kosei Miura	C3 b. 57.0	109.1 (13)	1-1/4 (38.0)	Deep Impact Viane Rose (Sevres Rose)	U. Carrot Farm Northern Farm Hisashi Shimizu
12	6	12	World Revival (JPN) Yuji Hishida	C3 b. 57.0	158.0 (14)	Nose (38.8)	Epiphaneia Cecilia (Agnes Tachyon)	Akikazu Suzuki Amaba Bokujo Kazuya Makita
13	5	9	Lagom (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C3 ch. 57.0	13.8 (5)	3/4 (38.5)	Orfevre Sugar Shock (Candy Ride)	Masamichi Hayashi Northern Farm Takashi Saito
14	1	2	Lupus Tesoro (JPN) Takuya Kowata	C3 g. 57.0	194.7 (16)	1-3/4 (38.4)	Gold Ship Happiness for You (A.P. Indy)	Ryotokuji Kenji Holdings Co., Ltd. Ryotokuji Kenji Holdings Ltd Shizuya Kato
15	4	8	Danon the Kid (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	3.3 (1)	1 (39.3)	Just a Way Epic Love (Dansili)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takayuki Yasuda
16	7	14	Asamano Itazura (JPN) Junji Shimada	C3 d.b. 57.0	32.7 (12)	3-1/2 (39.8)	Victoire Pisa High Touch Queen (King Halo)	Juichi Hoshino Juichi Hoshino Takahisa Tezuka

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: ¥ 19,172,667,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 28,460,423,800

Attendance: 3,005

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.7	¥ 370	Bracket Quinella	4-7	¥ 1,150	Quinella	7-13	¥ 4,300
Place	No.7	¥ 170	Quinella Place	7-13	¥ 1,540	Exacta	7-13	¥ 5,510
	No.13	¥ 490		3-7	¥ 1,150	Trio	3-7-13	¥ 20,000
	No.3	¥ 380		3-13	¥ 3,560	Trifecta	7-13-3	¥ 82,320

Winner= 4 starts, 4 wins / Added money: ¥ 136,432,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 192,148,000

Unbeaten Efforia Claims Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) Title

Second favorite **Efforia** captured the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) undefeated since his debut and extending his winning streak to four for his first G1 title—he becomes the 19th undefeated Satsuki Sho winner following Saturnalia and Contrail in 2019 and 2020, respectively. Winning his debut start over 2,000 meters at Sapporo in August last year, the Epiphaneia colt followed with a win in the Hyakunichiso Tokubetsu (Tokyo, 1 Win Class, 2,000m) in November and a graded victory in the Kyodo News Hai (Tokyo, G3, 1,800m) in February this year. Trainer Yuichi Shikato won his second JRA-G1 title after the 2008 Japan Cup with Screen Hero. It was the fifth graded title and first G1 victory for jockey Takeshi Yokoyama who is in his fifth season as a jockey. He is the son of currently active jockey Norihiro Yokoyama who has won the same race with Seiun Sky back in 1998, the year when Takeshi was born. Takeshi's victory makes him the third second generation Satsuki Sho winner after Yutaka (father/Kunihiko) Take and Yuichi (father/Yoichi) Fukunaga.

Efforia broke smoothly and immediately secured a nice position behind the early leaders and inside **Danon the Kid** around third or fourth. While overtaken by a couple of rivals along the backstretch, **Efforia** moved up approaching the final corner and towards the inside rounding for home. Despite being pinched back briefly, Takeshi Yokoyama did not miss a beat in giving the green light as soon as an opening presented itself as the front runners spread out for the stretch run and the bay colt immediately

assumed command and effortlessly increased his speed while many struggled to find another gear over the soft turf, pulling away with each stride to a comfortable three-length victory.

“It’s such a great feeling,” commented Takeshi Yokoyama with a big smile which could easily be seen even with the facemask on. “I was fortunate to have been able to ride this colt since his debut and although I knew the colt, coming here undefeated, would be heavily backed and the pressure would be great, I believed that if I put my concentration on using whatever skills I had as a rider and bring out the best performance from my horse, that we would have a great chance of winning. The pace wasn’t that fast, so we were able to cruise along in a good position but we were a little tight going into the stretch and I could be sure of my win until the end.”

Eighth choice **Titleholder** jumped out from an outside draw, disputed the lead with **World Revival** and eventually settled in second position. Joined by **Red Belle Aube** in chasing the leader for the last half of the trip, the two horses ran in tandem with **World Revival** with **Titleholder** having a slight advantage up to the early stretch. While already taken over by the eventual winner in the early stretch, the Duramente colt showed tremendous effort in staying well to finish second best while unable to reach the winner.

Sixth favorite **Stella Veloce** was unhurried and saved ground well off the pace in mid-field. The Bago colt closed up with the rest of the field approaching the fourth corner while patiently waiting for an opening near the inside behind the eventual winner, then turned in an impressive turn of speed matching the winner in the last three furlongs, passing the tired early pacesetter in the last furlong and closing in rapidly to reach within a neck of **Titleholder** for third.

Race favorite **Danon the Kid** jumped energetically out of the gate but eventually in hand under Yuga Kawada while chasing the leaders outside the eventual winner in third or fourth and then overtaken by **Red Belle Aube** and **Asamano Itazura** who made an early move along the outside soon after entering the backstretch. The son of Just a Way angled out for the stretch run but ran out of steam from his effort over the soft going and faded quickly before reaching the final 200m pole.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (1) **Admire Hadar**—hugged rails around 6th, switched to outside turning last corners, sustained bid
- 5th: (6) **Yoho Lake**—settled around 10th, driven after 3rd corner, showed fastest late kick but belatedly
- 6th: (15) **Gratias**—ran 3-wide around 6th, responded after disadvantage at early stretch
- 7th: (11) **Deep Monster**—traveled around 14th, circled wide, passed tired rivals
- 8th: (16) **Red Belle Aube**—sat 4-wide around 6th, gradually made headway to 2nd, weakened in last 200m
- 9th: (5) **Victipharus**—positioned around 10th, checked at early stretch, showed brief effort
- 10th: (4) **Elusive Panther**—saved ground around 14th, never fired at stretch
- 11th: (10) **Chevalier Rose**—raced 3-wide around 10th, angled out for stretch run, showed little
- 12th: (12) **World Revival**—set pace, gradually fell back after top of stretch
- 13th: (9) **Lagom**—settled 3-wide around 7th, outrun after turning final corner
- 14th: (2) **Lupus Tesoro**—trailed in rear, advanced briefly, no factor
- 16th: (14) **Asamano Itazura**—traveled 3-wide in 5th, bumped at final corner, faded

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 11.7 - 12.5 - 11.9 - 12.1 - 11.4 - 11.9 - 12.1 - 12.3 - 12.6
Last 4 furlongs: 48.9 Last 3 furlongs: 37.0

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

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.