



SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 82ND KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST. LEGER, G1)

The history of Kikuka Sho, the Japanese St. Leger and the last leg of the Triple Crown race for three-year-old colts and fillies, dates back to 1938—a year after Japan's 11 racing clubs integrated into one organization named Nihon Keiba Kai (forerunner of the JRA). Initially called “Kyoto Norin-sho Shoten Yonsai Yobiuna Kyoso”, the race was renamed to Kikuka Sho in 1948. The race was temporarily shifted to Hanshin Racecourse for the second time since 1979 due to renovations carried out at Kyoto Racecourse where the race is regularly held.

The Kikuka Sho features three-year-olds, most of who have matured dramatically during the five months following the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) and their summer break. The Kikuka Sho winners have both the speed and the stamina to prove their caliber as the potential breeding stock. The last of the eight Triple Crown winners in JRA history was Contrail (JPN, by Deep Impact) who followed in the footsteps of his sire by accomplishing the feat undefeated last year.

This year's Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) victor Efforia (JPN, by Epiphaneia) and Tokyo Yushun winner Shahryar (JPN, by Deep Impact) chose to face older foes in their next respective starts in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (Oct.31) and the Japan Cup (Nov.28) instead of the Kikuka Sho.

Asamano Itazura came off a victory in the St. Lite Kinen (G2, 2,200m, Sep.20), one of the trial races towards the Kikuka Sho while 2020 Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) runner-up **Orthoclase** finished third with other proven grade-race winners **Victipharus**, **Gratias** and **Titleholder** who was runner-up in the Satsuki Sho following in fifth, ninth and 13th, respectively. **Stella Veloce**, third in two of his previous Triple Crown starts, came off his second graded title in the Kobe Shimbun Hai (G2, 2,200m, Sep.26), another trial race, in which **Red Genesis** (2nd) and **Monte Dio** (3rd) also earned their berth to start in the final leg. The Kikuka Sho field also included **Weiss Meteor**, winner of the Radio Nikkei Sho (G3, 1,800m, Jul.4) as well as **Arrivo**, **Veloce Oro**, **Air Sage**, **Divine Love** and **Road to Fame** who came off their respective wins against older foes in allowance races (2 Wins Class).

THE 82ND KIKUKA SHO (JAPANESE ST. LEGER, G1)

3-year-olds, Colts and Fillies, 3,000 meters (about 15 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 24, 2021 Hanshin Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 259,200,000 (about US\$ 2,469,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

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

Course Record: 3:02.5

Race Record: 3:01.0 [Toho Jackal (JPN, by Special Week), *Kyoto*, 2014]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy

FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	2	3	Titleholder (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 b. 57.0	8.0 (4)	3:04.6 (35.1)	Duramente Mowen (Motivator)	Hiroshi Yamada Okada Stud Toru Kurita
2	8	18	Orthoclase (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 d.b. 57.0	5.4 (3)	5 (34.8)	Epiphaneia Marialite (Deep Impact)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd Northern Farm Takashi Kubota
3	6	11	Divine Love (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	F3 b. 55.0	17.3 (6)	Head (35.2)	Epiphaneia Deep Love (Deep Impact)	Yoshiro Kubota Yasushi Kubota Takashi Saito
4	7	14	Stella Veloce (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	C3 d.b. 57.0	4.1 (2)	Nose (34.7)	Bago Oh My Baby (Deep Impact)	Tsuyoshi Ono Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai
5	4	7	Deep Monster (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 br. 57.0	18.1 (7)	1-1/2 (34.9)	Deep Impact Sisterly Love (Bellamy Road)	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Yano Bokujo Yasutoshi Ikee
6	5	9	Veloce Oro (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	C3 ch. 57.0	44.1 (12)	Neck (34.9)	Gold Ship Precious Life (Taiki Shuttle)	Tsuyoshi Ono Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Naosuke Sugai
7	7	13	Arrivo (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 b. 57.0	40.3 (11)	3/4 (35.4)	Duramente Esmeraldina (Harlan's Holiday)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Haruki Sugiyama
8	4	8	Air Sage (USA) Yusuke Fujioka	C3 b. 57.0	36.3 (10)	3/4 (35.9)	Point of Entry Nokaze (Empire Maker)	Lucky Field Co., Ltd. Winchester Farm Manabu Ikezoe

9	1	2	Asamano Itazura (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 d.b. 57.0	13.1 (5)	Head (34.7)	Victoire Pisa High Touch Queen (King Halo)	Juichi Hoshino Juichi Hoshino Takahisa Tezuka
10	8	17	Victipharus (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	C3 b. 57.0	18.4 (8)	3/4 (35.7)	Heart's Cry Virginia (Galileo)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Manabu Ikezoe
11	3	6	Sefer Rasiel (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	C3 b. 57.0	90.8 (17)	1/2 (36.6)	Kizuna Dark Sapphire (Out of Place)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Daisuke Takayanagi
12	2	4	Road to Fame (JPN) Yuji Tannai	C3 b. 57.0	60.1 (15)	1/2 (35.4)	Matsurida Gogh Ladrao Fama (White Muzzle)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Kazuyuki Ogata
13	3	5	Red Genesis (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	3.9 (1)	1/2 (35.1)	Deep Impact Ryzhkina (Storm Cat)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd Hidetoshi Yamamoto Yasuo Tomomichi
14	5	10	Monte Dio (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C3 b. 57.0	46.4 (13)	2 (36.9)	Just a Way Dionisia (Tejano Run)	Motoaki Mori Shadai Farm Hirofumi Shii
15	8	16	Gratias (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 b. 57.0	59.7 (14)	Neck (36.8)	Heart's Cry Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yukihiro Kato
16	7	15	Weiss Meteor (JPN) Genki Maruyama	C3 b. 57.0	21.7 (9)	2-1/2 (36.3)	King Kamehameha Chateau Blanche (King Halo)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takaki Iwato
17	6	12	North the World (JPN) Ryuji Wada	C3 br. 57.0	105.5 (18)	2-1/2 (36.4)	Deep Impact Path of Dreams (Giant's Causeway)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Ryuji Okubo
18	1	1	World Revival (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 b. 57.0	85.4 (16)	6 (38.1)	Epiphaneia Cecilia (Agnes Tachyon)	Akikazu Suzuki Amaba Bokujo Kazuya Makita

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: ¥ 17,504,068,700

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 25,905,564,000

Attendance: 4,798

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.3	¥ 800	Bracket Quinella	2-8	¥ 1,600	Quinella	3-18	¥ 2,420
	No.3	¥ 290		3-18	¥ 1,050	Exacta	3-18	¥ 5,220
Place	No.18	¥ 210	Quinella Place	3-11	¥ 2,590	Trio	3-11-18	¥ 14,610
	No.11	¥ 480		11-18	¥ 1,410	Trifecta	3-18-11	¥ 79,560

Winner= 8 starts, 3 wins, 2 seconds / Added money: ¥ 150,079,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 287,459,000

Titleholder Gives Sire Duramente First G1 Title in Wire-to-Wire Kikuka Sho Victory

Fourth favorite Titleholder turned in a wire-to-wire victory—the first since Seiun Sky in 1998—in the 3,000-meter Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger), becoming the first G1 winner for sire Duramente (by King Kamehameha), the 2015 winner of the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby). **Titleholder** won his two-year-old debut over 1,800 meters in October last year and was second and fourth in his following Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) and Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m), respectively. He kicked off his three-year-old campaign with his first grade-race victory in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m) and was runner-up in the Satsuki Sho (G1, 2,000m) but finished sixth in the Tokyo Yushun (G1, 2,400m) then was heavily beaten in his fall debut, the St Lite Kinen (G2, 2,200m), unable to escape traffic at the straight and finishing 13th. Trainer Toru Kurita picked up his fourth grade-race and first G1 title since opening his yard in 2011. Jockey Takeshi Yokoyama, won his second career G1 title after landing the Satsuki Sho with Efforia.

Titleholder made full use of his inside draw and rushed out to take the lead under Takeshi Yokoyama and drew away by five lengths from the rest of field, passing the first 1,000-meter mark in 60 seconds. As the field stretched out into a single file along the backstretch then closed in approaching the final turn, the Duramente colt continued to keep his lead into the straight and found another gear which enabled him to

pull away again from his foes and cross the finish line uncontested to a five-length victory.

“We had a terrible race last time out so I was determined to win it this time and I’m glad it panned out. I personally thought that the distance was maybe too much to ask from this colt, but he showed otherwise and performed well above my expectations so I’m ashamed for doubting him in anyway. As far as the race, I concentrated in keeping him comfortable in a long race like this—he’s an honest horse, in a way too honest and always gives his full effort—so knowing that once in front he would settle, I let him go as he liked and didn’t try to hold him back too much. He has a lot to look forward to in the future but it would require a little skill as a rider to conserve his energy depending on the situations,” commented Takeshi Yokoyama.

Orthoclase was reserved in mid division early and made headway following **Stella Veloce** into the stretch as the two joined **Divine Love** in a rally for second position and overtook that foe in the last strides to finish second best.

Divine Love chased the leaders in sixth along the rails, made her bid along the center lane after entering the straight in fifth, advanced to second 200 meters out while unable to reach the leader and was soon joined by **Orthoclase** and **Stella Veloce** on her outside and out-finished by the former while hanging on to third place by a nose.

Stella Veloce who appeared a little keen during the post parade was allowed to settle from a smooth break and was positioned between horses, fifth or sixth from the rear, and made headway along the outside 800 meters out. While having much ground to cover throughout the 3,000-meter trip from an outside draw, the Bago colt showed impressive effort although no match for the winner, finishing a head and nose behind the runner-up in fourth.

Race favorite **Red Genesis** was a fraction slow to pick up his speed coming out of the gate, racing third from last outside a rival and failed to reach contention.

Other Horses:

5th: (7) **Deep Monster**—saved ground around 8th, circled wide, showed belated charge

6th: (9) **Veloce Oro**—settled around 12th, quickened between horses, belatedly

7th: (13) **Arrivo**—traveled around 8th, responded well until 100m out, outrun in final strides

8th: (8) **Air Sage**—chased leaders in 3rd early, ran gamely up to 200m pole, weakened thereafter

9th: (2) **Asamano Itazura**—ran near rear, accelerated between horses, tied fastest over last 3 furlongs

10th: (17) **Victipharus**—raced 3-wide around 8th, checked 300m out, lacked needed kick

11th: (6) **Sefer Rasiel**—trailed in rear early, made headway to 2nd, weakened in last 200m

12th: (4) **Road to Fame**—took economic trip around 12th, unable to reach contention

14th: (10) **Monte Dio**—tracked leader in 2nd then 3rd, outrun in last 300m

15th: (16) **Gratias**—advanced to 4th from wide stall, ran out of steam 300m out

16th: (15) **Weiss Meteor**—traveled 3-wide around 14th, even paced at stretch

17th: (12) **North the World**—hugged rails around 15th, no factor

18th: (1) **World Revival**—disputed for lead, eased back to 5-6th, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.5 - 11.1 - 11.5 - 12.1 - 12.8 - 12.6 - 12.8 - 14.3 - 13.1 - 12.6 - 12.4 - 11.7 - 11.5 - 11.4 - 12.2
Last 4 furlongs: 46.8 Last 3 furlongs: 35.1

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

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.