

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 164TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)

“The Emperor’s Cup” was first held in 1905 to encourage the horse racing sport through annual events that gave the winner the highest honor of being awarded the Imperial prize. Then the Tenno Sho (Autumn) was established in 1937 together with its counterpart, Tenno Sho (Spring), under the name “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” and held biannually in both the Eastern and Western part of Japan. The race was officially renamed the “Tenno Sho” in 1947. Both the spring and autumn races, which secured its status as the most prestigious events for older horses, were run over 3,200 meters in the early years. Later, the autumn version was shortened to 2,000 meters in 1984 so that the spring version could determine the best stayer, while the Tenno Sho (Autumn) would be the main target for middle-distance champions. This also gives the three-year-olds, who find the third leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), to be beyond their suitability, an alternative G1 as the ultimate goal for their autumn campaign. The Tenno Sho (Autumn) entered a new chapter in its long history when opening its doors to foreign contenders as an international race in 2005.

Last year, Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) claimed a back-to-back Tenno Sho (Autumn) title, the first since Symboli Kris S (USA, by Kris S.) in 2002 and 2003, and also became the first JRA horse ever to capture eight G1 titles over turf.

Three classic winners, who began their fall season with this race, were 2020 Best Sprinter or Miler **Gran Alegria**, last year’s Triple Crown victor **Contrail** and this year’s Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) champion **Efforia**. The Tenno Sho (Spring) winner **World Premiere** also kicked off his autumn campaign in this race, aiming to become the sixth horse to claim both editions in the same year after Kitan Black in 2017. The field also included **Hishi Iguazu**, victor of the Nakayama Kinen (G2, 1,800m, Feb.28), **Curren Bouquetd’or**, coming off a fourth in the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m, Jun.27), 2017 Mile Championship (G1, 1,600m) champion **Persian Knight**, and two-time graded winner **Tosen Surya**.

THE 164TH TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, October 31, 2021 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 3,095,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

Course Record: 1:56.1

Race Record: 1:56.1 [Tosen Jordan (JPN, by Jungle Pocket), 2011]

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	3	5	Efforia (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 b. 56.0	3.4 (3)	1:57.9 (33.2)	Epiphaneia Katies Heart (Heart's Cry)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yuichi Shikato
2	1	1	Contrail (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C4 br. 58.0	2.5 (1)	1 (33.0)	Deep Impact Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song)	Shinji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Yoshito Yahagi
3	5	9	Gran Alegria (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 b. 56.0	2.8 (2)	Neck (33.8)	Deep Impact Tapitsfly (Tapit)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Kazuo Fujisawa
4	4	8	Sanrei Pocket (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H6 d.b. 58.0	113.5 (10)	1-3/4 (33.6)	Jungle Pocket Admire Punch (Wild Rush)	Keiji Nagai Samani Kyoei Bokujo Yoshitada Takahashi
5	8	15	Hishi Iguazu (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H5 br. 58.0	40.4 (7)	1-3/4 (33.7)	Heart's Cry La Liz (Bernstein)	Masahide Abe Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
6	2	4	Potager (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C4 b. 58.0	23.3 (5)	Neck (34.1)	Deep Impact Ginger Punch (Awesome Again)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi

7	7	13	Persian Knight (JPN) Takuya Ono	H7 d.b. 58.0	159.1 (13)	Head (33.1)	Harbinger Orient Charm (Sunday Silence)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yasutoshi Ikee
8	6	12	Last Draft (JPN) Kosei Miura	H5 d.b. 58.0	190.4 (14)	1-1/2 (33.6)	Novellist Marcellina (Deep Impact)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Hirofumi Toda
9	8	16	You Can Smile (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H6 b. 58.0	153.0 (12)	Neck (33.4)	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo (Dance in the Dark)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
10	6	11 B	Muito Obrigado (JPN) Yoshitomi Shibata	H7 b. 58.0	332.6 (16)	3/4 (33.8)	Rulership Pisa no Graf (Sunday Silence)	Ichikawa Yoshimi Holdings Co., Ltd. Yoshimi Ichikawa Koichi Tsunoda
11	4	7	World Premiere (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H5 d.b. 58.0	30.2 (6)	Head (33.7)	Deep Impact Mandela (Acatenango)	Ryoichi Otsuka Northern Racing Yasuo Tomomichi
12	7	14	Curren Bouquetd'or (JPN) Keita Tosaki	M5 b. 56.0	19.6 (4)	1/2 (34.7)	Deep Impact Solaria (Scat Daddy)	Takashi Suzuki Shadai Farm Sakae Kunieda
13	2	3	Mozu Bello (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H5 b. 58.0	104.6 (9)	1/2 (34.2)	Deep Brillante Harlan's Ruby (Harlan's Holiday)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Naoyuki Morita
14	5	10 B	Kaiser Minoru (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	H5 b. 58.0	146.7 (11)	Nose (35.0)	Lord Kanaloa Strike Root (Smart Strike)	Minoru Yoshioka Fujiwara Farm Yoshihito Kitade
15	3	6	Tosen Surya (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	H6 ch. 58.0	67.1 (8)	1/2 (34.8)	Lohengrin Tosen Gracia (Durandal)	Takaya Shimakawa Takaya Shimakawa Jiro Ono
16	1	2	Cadenas (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	H7 b. 58.0	257.8 (15)	2 (33.8)	Deep Impact French Riviera (French Deputy)	Koji Maeda Grand Stud Kazuya Nakatake

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / 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: ¥ 22,341,461,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 32,207,965,100

Attendance: 9,867

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.5	¥ 340	Bracket Quinella	1-3	¥ 400	Quinella	1-5	¥ 390
Place	No.5	¥ 120	Quinella Place	1-5	¥ 170	Exacta	5-1	¥ 850
	No.1	¥ 110		5-9	¥ 200	Trio	1-5-9	¥ 350
	No.9	¥ 110		1-9	¥ 170	Trifecta	5-1-9	¥ 2,040

Winner= 6 starts, 5 wins, 1 second / Added money: ¥ 153,360,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 433,276,000

Efforia Becomes First Three-Year-Old in 19 Years to Capture the Tenno Sho (Autumn)

Third favorite **Efforia** captured this year's Tenno Sho (Autumn), winning a close race between the three strong favorites, to become the first three-year-old to win the race since Symboli Kris S in 2002. The Epiphaneia colt won this year's Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m) in February and then the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) in April to mark his fourth consecutive win since his debut last summer. He experienced his first loss in his previous start, the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m) in May where he finished just a nose second to Shahryar. Trainer Yuichi Shikato won his third JRA-G1 title after the Satsuki Sho this year. Jockey Takeshi Yokoyama captured his third JRA-G1 title following last week's Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger) with Titleholder. With this win, Takeshi Yokoyama accomplished a grandfather-father-son Tenno Sho (Autumn) victory—his grandfather and former jockey Tomio won the title in 1969 and father and active jockey Norihiro in 2009.

Efforia settled sixth from the front, turned the last two corners wide, took the outer route entering the lane

and responded willingly to the jockey's urging. The three-year-old bay displayed an impressive burst of speed, overtaking **Gran Alegria** passing the 200-meter pole and holding off the strong late charge by the race favorite to capture the Tenno Sho title in his first start against older horses.

"I cried with joy for the first time in my life, as I was very disappointed with the result of the Derby. He's a good starter and a clever racer so I decided to believe in his ability and ride him without thinking too much. We were able to race in an ideal position and I didn't insist on the inner course as I knew that he can handle it even if we had to turn a little wider. While the COVID-19 crisis is still lingering, the number of spectators is gradually increasing and I am grateful that we were able to win the race in front of many fans," commented Takeshi Yokoyama.

Race favorite **Contrail** hugged the rails in ninth after breaking smoothly from stall one, rounded the corners two wide and stirred to the outside at the top of the stretch to avoid traffic. The Deep Impact colt unleashed a powerful late charge that timed the fastest over the last three furlongs but, while dislodging the second favorite before the wire, was unable to catch up with the winner to finish a length behind in second.

Second pick **Gran Alegria** travelled around third in good striking position, advanced to second through the 3rd/4th corners and briefly took command 300 meters out but was unable to find another gear to hold off the strong challenges by the winner and the runner-up to finish a length and a neck behind in third.

Other Horses:

4th: (8) **Sanrei Pocket**—made headway to 6th along rails, responded well but no match for top finishers

5th: (15) **Hishi Iguazu**—sat outside winner around 7th, showed effort and improved position

6th: (4) **Potager**—tracked leaders around 3rd, remained in contention up to 200m pole, weakened

7th: (13) **Persian Knight**—settled in 15th, showed belated charge, 2nd fastest over last 3 furlongs

8th: (12) **Last Draft**—ran near favorite around 10th, even paced, never threatened

9th: (16) **You Can Smile**—positioned in 13th, angled out, lacked needed kick

10th: (11) **Muito Obrero**—raced around 11th, circled wide, passed tired rivals

11th: (7) **World Premiere**—saved ground in 14th, checked 300m out, showed little

12th: (14) **Curren Bouquetd'or**—advanced to 3rd from wide draw, dropped back in last 200m

13th: (3) **Mozu Bello**—traveled around 11th, unable to reach contention

14th: (10) **Kaiser Minoru**—set pace, gradually fell back after 400m pole

15th: (6) **Tosen Surya**—chased leaders around 3rd, ran gamely up to 200m pole, faded

16th: (2) **Cadenas**—trailed in rear, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.8 - 11.5 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 12.3 - 12.0 - 11.8 - 11.1 - 11.1 - 11.4
Last 4 furlongs: 45.4 Last 3 furlongs: 33.6

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