

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 82ND OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS, G1)

The Oka Sho, which is the first of the five JRA Classics held during the year, determines the champion three-year-old filly possessing the fastest speed running over 1,600 meters and serves as an opportunity to scout potential broodmare talents. The Japanese equivalent to the One Thousand Guineas originated in England, the Oka Sho was first held at Nakayama Racecourse in Chiba, run over 1,800 meters and under the name “Nakayama Yonsai Himba Tokubetsu”, then changed its distance and venue under the new name, “Oka Sho” (Oka, meaning cherry flower which is in full bloom at this time of the season). With the entire graded races opening its doors to foreign-trained horses in 2010, the three-year-old Classics including this race entered a new phase with international G1 status. While speed is a much required ability to win this race, the extension of the homestretch as well as a deeper turf surface and an uphill stretch at Hanshin after the track renovation in 1991 has added “stamina” as an added qualification—a newly added outside turf track further extended the homestretch in 2006.

The Oka Sho, together with the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks, G1, 2,400m) and the Shuka Sho (G1, 2,000m), is also widely considered as the fillies’ version of the “Triple Crown”, a title which has been claimed by six fillies in the past including Almond Eye (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa) who concluded her stellar career with her ninth G1 triumph in the 2020 Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) and Daring Tact (JPN, by Epiphaneia) who became the first undefeated filly to complete the sweep in 2020. Sodashi (JPN, by Kurofune) became the first white horse to win the classic in last year’s edition and was awarded the Best Three-Year-Old Filly.

The Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1, 1,600m) champion and 2021 Best Two-Year-Old Filly **Circle of Life** finished third in the Tulip Sho (G2, 1,600m, Mar.5) where **Namur** claimed her first graded title, followed by **Pin High** in second. Those who earned their tickets in other trial races were Anemone Stakes (L, 1,600m, Mar.13) winner **Cross Majesty** and runner-up **Raspberry Mousse**, and **Sublime Anthem**, **Namura Clair** and **Anegohada**, top three finishers of the Fillies’ Revue (G2, 1,400m, Mar.13) in that order. The field also included **Lilac**, **Alluring Way** and **Presage Lift**, respective winners of the Fairy Stakes (G3, 1,600m, Jan.10), the Elfin Stakes (L, 1,600m, Feb.5) and the Queen Cup (G3, 1,600m, Feb.12), **Lovely Your Eyes**, runner-up in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies as well as **Stars on Earth** who marked a second in both the Fairy Stakes and the Queen Cup.

THE 82ND OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS, G1)

3-year-olds, Fillies, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Hanshin Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 281,800,000 (about US\$ 2,451,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

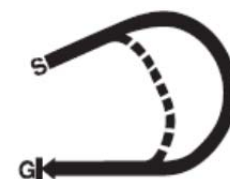
Course Record: 1:31.1

Race Record: 1:31.1 [Sodashi (JPN, by Kurofune), 2021]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

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	8	Stars on Earth (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F3 d.b. 55.0	14.5 (7)	1:32.9 (33.5)	Duramente Southern Stars (Smart Strike)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Mizuki Takayanagi
2	3	6	Water Navillera (JPN) Yutaka Take	F3 br. 55.0	6.2 (3)	Nose (34.0)	Silver State Shining Sayaka (King Halo)	Masato Yamaoka Fushikida Bokujo Koshiro Take
3	1	1	Namura Clair (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F3 br. 55.0	14.5 (6)	1/2 (33.9)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
4	8	16	Circle of Life (JPN) Mirco Demuro	F3 b. 55.0	5.1 (2)	Neck (33.3)	Epiphaneia Sea Breeze Life (Admire Japan)	Masatake Iida Chiyoda Farm Shizunai Sakae Kunieda
5	3	5	Pin High (JPN) Ryo Takakura	F3 ch.	38.5 (13)	Neck (33.4)	Mikki Isle Lated	Shinobu Kitahata Shinobu Kitahata

				55.0			(Jungle Pocket)	Katsunori Tanaka
6	2	4	Personal High (JPN) Yutaka Yoshida	F3 b. 55.0	79.5 (17)	Head (33.8)	Deep Impact Personal Diary (City Zip)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yoshito Yahagi
7	6	12	Belle Cresta (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	F3 b. 55.0	22.3 (9)	Nose (33.5)	Duramente Belle Allure (Numerous)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Naosuke Sugai
8	2	3	Alluring Way (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	F3 d.b. 55.0	13.5 (5)	Neck (34.0)	Just a Way Alluring Life (French Deputy)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc. Kenichi Fujioka
9	4	7	Sublime Anthem (JPN) Mirai Iwata	F3 b. 55.0	32.5 (11)	Neck (33.7)	Lord Kanaloa Pastophoria (Symboli Kris S)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Hideaki Fujiwara
10	8	18	Namur (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F3 b. 55.0	3.2 (1)	Neck (33.7)	Harbinger Sambre et Meuse (Daiwa Major)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
11	7	14	Presage Lift (JPN) Keita Tosaki	F3 d.b. 55.0	11.3 (4)	1-1/2 (33.5)	Harbinger Supreme Gift (Deep Impact)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
12	1	2	Kafuji Tetragon (JPN) Yoshihiro Furukawa	F3 b. 55.0	169.7 (18)	1-3/4 (34.9)	Kizuna Kafuji Jewel (Dalakhani)	Mamoru Kato Taihei Stud Farm Co., Ltd Hidenori Take
13	5	9	Cross Majesty (JPN) Miyabi Muto	F3 b. 55.0	65.4 (15)	1/2 (34.6)	Dee Majesty Tenzan Konohana (Charismatic)	Takashi Tsuji Fujiwara Breeding Stud Takahiro Mizuno
14	8	17	Voller Blute (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 d.b. 55.0	36.9 (12)	Head (34.1)	Epiphaneia Blumenblatt (Admire Vega)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Keisuke Miyata
15	7	15	Anegohada (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F3 br. 55.0	78.0 (16)	Neck (34.6)	Kizuna Initial W (War Emblem)	Koji Oka Koji Oka Shozo Sasaki
16	5	10	Lilac (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	F3 b. 55.0	22.4 (10)	1-1/4 (34.1)	Orfevre Viva Bouquet (King Kamehameha)	Seichi Serizawa Seiichi Serizawa Ikuo Aizawa
17	7	13	Raspberry Mousse (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F3 b. 55.0	58.2 (14)	Neck (35.0)	Rulership Wild Raspberry (Falbrav)	Kazutaka Hosaka Northern Farm Toru Hayashi
18	6	11	Lovely Your Eyes (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	F3 bl. 55.0	21.2 (8)	1-1/4 (35.3)	Logotype Open Your Eyes (Victoire Pisa)	Yasuyuki Iuchi Shadai Farm Yoichi Kuroiwa

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: ¥ 19,378,186,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 28,814,644,800

Attendance: 8,530

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.8	¥ 1,450	Bracket Quinella	3-4	¥ 2,550	Quinella	6-8	¥ 3,740	
Place	No.8	¥ 360		Quinella Place	6-8	¥ 1,250	Exacta	8-6	¥ 9,050
	No.6	¥ 220			1-8	¥ 2,100	Trio	1-6-8	¥ 11,740
	No.1	¥ 400			1-6	¥ 1,110	Trifecta	8-6-1	¥ 72,700

Winner= 6 starts: 2 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 157,594,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 198,353,000

Stars on Earth Snatches Oka Sho Title and First Fillies' Classics of 2022

Seventh favorite **Stars on Earth** claimed this year's Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) in a photo-finish over **Water Navillera**, capturing her first graded victory in the first leg of the three-year-old's Classics for fillies. The dark bay filly scored her first win in her second career start last October and was a neck second in both of her Fairy Stakes (G3, 1,600m) and Queen Cup (G3, 1,600m) challenges this season.

Winning trainer Mizuki Takayanagi, who opened his yard in 2010, registered his second graded win and first JRA-G1 victory. For jockey Yuga Kawada, who captured the Oka Sho title once in 2014 on board Harp Star, this is his 19th JRA-G1 victory—his latest was with Danon Kingly in the Yasuda Kinen last year.

Stars on Earth traveled two-wide in mid-pack while third pick **Water Navillera** broke sharply to sit on the heels of pacesetter **Kafuji Tetragon** before the field bunched up rounding the final turn. As the fillies gave their all climbing the stretch hill, **Water Navillera** took command after passing the furlong pole and while trying hard to shake off the persistent **Namura Clair**, **Stars on Earth** was searching fiercely for running room a few lengths behind. Finally slipping through a gap and being bumped by **Personal High** while doing so, the Duramente filly displayed an incredible closing kick in the final strides to snatch the win from **Water Navillera** at the wire.

“I’m just so glad that she actually snatched the win at the end—I knew we had caught up but couldn’t tell who’d won. I’d been aware during workouts that she was a bit difficult to control but besides keeping that in mind, the plan today was to stay in mid-pack and let her run in a comfortable rhythm. It was definitely her strength and determination that shone and gave us the win today. I’m looking forward to how she develops from here,” commented Yuga Kawada.

Sixth favorite **Namura Clair** tracked the frontrunners around fourth on the rails and was driven to inherit the lead briefly inside **Water Navillera** but failed to keep up and was overtaken by the eventual winner before the wire while holding off the fast-closing **Circle of Life** by a neck for third place.

Race favorite and Tulip Sho victor **Namur** took a wide trip near the rear after breaking from the widest stall and mildly improved position before hitting the straight but lacked the final kick and finished 10th.

Other Horses:

4th: (16) **Circle of Life**—settled around 13th, angled out, showed fastest late kick, belatedly

5th: (5) **Pin High**—saved ground around 12th, accelerated at stretch, met traffic 200m out, launched another bid

6th: (4) **Personal High**—raced around 8th, checked 200m out, showed brief response inside winner

7th: (12) **Belle Cresta**—traveled around 13th, angled out at top of stretch, quickened in last 200m

8th: (3) **Alluring Way**—settled around 4th, met traffic at early stretch, lacked needed kick

9th: (7) **Sublime Anthem**—sat around 8th in front of winner, even paced

11th: (14) **Presage Lift**—was off slowly, trailed in rear, showed belated charge

12th: (2) **Kafuji Tetragon**—broke sharply to set pace, weakened in last 200m

13th: (9) **Cross Majesty**—tracked leaders 3-wide around 4th, gradually fell back

14th: (17) **Voller Blute**—was off late, raced near rear, circled wide, never fired

15th: (15) **Anegohada**—ran 3-wide outside winner, ran gamely up to 200m pole

16th: (10) **Lilac**—broke poorly, traveled near rear, unable to reach contention

17th: (13) **Raspberry Mousse**—positioned 4-wide around 4th, dropped back after final corner

18th: (11) **Lovely Your Eyes**—chased leader in 2nd or 3rd, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 10.8 - 11.4 - 12.2 - 12.0 - 11.1 - 11.5 - 11.5

Last 4 furlongs: 46.1 Last 3 furlongs: 34.1

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

4th corner (*2,6)11(1,3,13)(9,15)(4,8,7)18(5,12)(16,17)(10,14)

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.