



SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 82ND 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) in 2020. Last year's champion Efforia (JPN, by Epiphaneia) went on to claim the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m) and the Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m), and was named Horse of the Year of 2021.

Do Deuce, Best Two-Year-Old Colt of 2021, kicked off the current season in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m, Mar.6) which is one of trial races towards the Satsuki Sho and was a neck second to **Ask Victor More** with **Born This Way** in third. Those who prepped in other trial races included **Desierto**, winner of the Wakaba Stakes (L, 2,000m, Mar.19), as well as **Be Astonished** and **Satono Helios** who finished first and third, respectively, in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Mar.20). **Equinox**, **Killer Ability**, **Onyankopon** and **Danon Beluga**, who came off their respective wins in the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Nov.20), the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m, Dec.28), the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m, Jan.16) and the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m, Feb.13) were also among the lineup.

THE 82ND SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

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

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 2,827,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

Course Record: 1:57.8

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

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	7	14	Geoglyph (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	C3 ch. 57.0	9.1 (5)	1:59.7 (34.3)	Drefong Aromatico (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
2	8	18	Equinox (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 br. 57.0	5.7 (3)	1 (34.6)	Kitasan Black Chateau Blanche (King Halo)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
3	6	12	Do Deuce (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 b. 57.0	3.9 (1)	1-1/4 (33.8)	Heart's Cry Dust and Diamonds (Vindication)	Kieffers Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
4	1	1	Danon Beluga (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	5.0 (2)	Neck (34.6)	Heart's Cry Coasted (Tizway)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Noriyuki Hori
5	1	2	Ask Victor More (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 b. 57.0	9.9 (6)	Neck (35.3)	Deep Impact Kartica (Rainbow Quest)	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Yasuhito Tamura
6	6	11	Onyankopon (JPN) Akira Sugawara	C3 b. 57.0	19.0 (8)	Neck (34.3)	Eishin Flash Chariot d'Or (Victoire Pisa)	Kunio Tahara Shadai Farm Shigeyuki Kojima
7	3	6	Justin Rock (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 d.b. 57.0	35.0 (10)	3/4 (34.2)	Leontes Flower Rock (Ammirare)	Masahiro Miki Sakai Bokujo Tatsuya Yoshioka

8	7	15	Lagulf (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	C3 d.b. 57.0	162.7 (16)	Neck (34.3)	Maurice Abandonne (Falbrav)	Takashi Muraki Smile Farm Yoshitada Munakata
9	5	10	Justin Palace (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 br. 57.0	20.9 (9)	1-1/4 (34.5)	Deep Impact Palace Rumor (Royal Anthem)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Haruki Sugiyama
10	4	8	Dante's View (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	C3 b. 57.0	86.2 (15)	Nose (34.9)	King Kamehameha Crow Canyon (French Deputy)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
11	7	13	Be Astonished (JPN) Ryuji Wada	C3 d.b. 57.0	72.7 (13)	Neck (35.2)	American Patriot Mao Rio (Neo Universe)	Toru Muranaka Versailles Farm Yuzo Iida
12	8	17 B	Matenro Leo (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	84.7 (14)	Neck (33.9)	Heart's Cry Saratoga Venus (Brian's Time)	Chiyono Terada Inoke Bokujo Mitsugu Kon
13	2	4	Killer Ability (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 br. 57.0	7.6 (4)	1/2 (35.0)	Deep Impact Killer Graces (Congaree)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
14	4	7	Born This Way (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	C3 d.b. 57.0	49.3 (12)	Neck (35.6)	Heart's Cry Windhuk (Platini)	Osamu Hirata Shadai Farm Koji Maki
15	3	5	Grand Line (JPN) Kosei Miura	C3 br. 57.0	210.9 (17)	1-1/4 (35.1)	Duramente Grand Charme (Dylan Thomas)	La Mere Co., Ltd. La Mere Co., Ltd. Noboru Takagi
16	8	16	Desierto (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C3 d.b. 57.0	15.5 (7)	2-1/2 (36.3)	Drefong Admire Sceptre (King Kamehameha)	La Mere Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takayuki Yasuda
17	5	9	Satono Helios (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C3 b. 57.0	47.5 (11)	2-1/2 (36.1)	Epiphaneia Air Magdalene (Sunday Silence)	Satomi Horse Company Co., Ltd. Tsunebumi Yoshihara Yasuo Tomomichi
18	2	3	Tosen Vanno (JPN) Takuya Kowata	C3 d.b. 57.0	311.8 (18)	6 (36.9)	Vanquish Run Tosen Sonja (Fantastic Light)	Takaya Shimakawa Takaya Shimakawa Satoru Kobiyama

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: ¥ 21,697,319,700

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Attendance: 9,102

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.14	¥ 910	Bracket Quinella	7-8	¥ 1,730	Quinella	14-18	¥ 3,570
Place	No.14	¥ 240	Quinella Place	14-18	¥ 1,220	Exacta	14-18	¥ 7,540
	No.18	¥ 210		12-14	¥ 530	Trio	12-14-18	¥ 4,190
	No.12	¥ 140		12-18	¥ 550	Trifecta	14-18-12	¥ 32,840

Winner= 5 starts: 3 wins, 1 second / Added money: ¥ 174,325,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 235,814,000

Geoglyph Rules in Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas)

Fifth choice **Geoglyph** claimed this year's first leg of the Triple Crown Classics, the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), giving his sire Drefong, who stands stud duty in Japan from 2018, his first JRA-G1 title. After debuting in June last year, **Geoglyph** notched two consecutive wins including the Sapporo Nisai Stakes (G3, 1,800m) and capped off his two-year-old season with a fifth in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) in December. The colt had commenced the current season with a second to **Danon Beluga** in the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m) on February 13. His trainer Tetsuya Kimura celebrates his first classic title and second JRA-G1 victory following the 2018 Mile Championship with Stelvio. Jockey Yuichi Fukunaga, who pocketed his most recent G1 title in the February Stakes this season with Cafe Pharoah, now has 34 JRA-G1 titles under his belt. This is his second Satsuki Sho title following his 2020 triumph with Triple Crown winner Conrail.

The race unfolded with **Ask Victor More** setting the pace and **Geoglyph** traveling on the heels of **Equinox** and in tandem with **Danon Beluga** in mid-pack. Switching to an outside path after the third corner to make a smooth and strong wide bid into the straight, the son of Drefong chased and fought for the lead with **Equinox** into the last furlong, weakened for a brief second but found another gear to dig in overtake his stablemate and gained a short lead near the finish to clear the wire by a length.

“His start was good and we were able to sit in an ideal position which was crucial in winning today. I already knew that he was in good form when I rode him during workouts and had every belief that, although the colt was fifth pick, he was capable of winning today. The colt has the strength to sustain his speed so I geared him wide launching an early bid before the fourth corner. I’m just glad I was able to do my job. In the upcoming Derby, we’ll have to see if he can handle the 400-meter added distance,” commented Yuichi Fukunaga after the race.

Third pick and breaking from the widest stall, **Equinox** turned the first corner three-wide around seventh and gradually made headway to enter to the stretch in third. The Kitanan Black colt stretched well to inherit the lead passing the 200m pole but was challenged and finally pinned by the eventual winner before the wire while holding the rest of the field by 1-1/4 lengths.

Race favorite **Do Deuce** broke smoothly but was reserved in second to third from the rear and made headway after the third corner to launch his bid entering the lane with the widest move still near the rear. The Heart’s Cry colt under Yutaka Take unleashed a strong closing kick from there and although with too much ground to make up, pinned second favorite **Danon Beluga** before the wire for third.

Other Horses:

4th: (1) **Danon Beluga**—took economic trip inside eventual winner around 5th, rallied with top two finishers briefly, passed pacesetter while outrun by **Do Deuce** just before wire

5th: (2) **Ask Victor More**—set pace, sustained lead up to 200m pole, weakened in last 100m

6th: (11) **Onyankopon**—sat 3-wide around 11th, accelerated on outer stretch, was too late

7th: (6) **Justin Rock**—positioned along rails around 15th, responded well but never threatened

8th: (15) **Lagulf**—traveled 3-wide around 14th, passed tired rivals at stretch

9th: (10) **Justin Palace**—was off slowly, sat 2nd from rear, gradually advanced, even paced at stretch

10th: (8) **Dante’s View**—settled in 7-8th, lacked needed kick at stretch

11th: (13) **Be Astonished**—sat in 4th, showed brief effort, weakened in last 100m

12th: (17) **Matenro Leo**—trailed in rear, circled wide, showed belated charge

13th: (4) **Killer Ability**—broke poorly, hugged rails in 7-8th, showed effort until 100m out

14th: (7) **Born This Way**—saved ground in 3rd, outrun in last 200m

15th: (5) **Grand Line**—raced around 13th, unable to reach contention

16th: (16) **Desierto**—tracked leader in 2nd from wide draw, ran out of steam at early stretch

17th: (9) **Satono Helios**—settled 3-wide in 7-8th, nothing left in stretch

18th: (3) **Tosen Vanno**—traveled around 11th, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.6 - 11.0 - 11.6 - 12.2 - 12.8 - 12.3 - 12.3 - 12.0 - 11.4 - 11.5

Last 4 furlongs: 47.2 Last 3 furlongs: 34.9

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

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.