

**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 85TH 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 being 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.

The 2024 Hopeful Stakes Stakes (G1, 2,000m, Dec.28) winner and Best Two-Year-Old Colt, **Croix du Nord**, kicked off the current season with this race. Runners who earned their Satsuki Sho berths in the trial races included **Faust Rasen**, **Vincentio** and **Alohi Alii**, the top three finishers (in that order) in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m, Mar.9); **Piko Chan Black**, **Fukuno Blue Lake** and **King Squall**, the top three in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m, Mar.16); and **Giovanni**, winner of the Wakaba Stakes (Listed, 2,000m, Mar.22). The field also included **Eri King**, **Nishino Agent**, **Satono Shining**, **Masquerade Ball** and **G T Adamant**, respective winners of the Kyoto Nisai Stakes (G3, 2,000m, Nov.23), the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m, Jan.19), the Kisaragi Sho (G3, 1,800m, Feb.9), the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m, Feb.16) and the Sumire Stakes (Listed, 2,200m, Mar.1), as well as 2024 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) runner-up **Museum Mile**.

THE 85TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

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

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 434,000,000 (about US\$ 2,765,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

Course Record: 1:56.6

Race Record: 1:57.0 [Museum Mile (JPN, by Leontes), 2025]

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	6	11	Museum Mile (JPN) Joao Moreira	C3 d.b. 57.0	10.6 (3)	1:57.0 (34.1)	Leontes Museum Hill (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Daisuke Takayanagi
2	5	10	Croix du Nord (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	C3 br. 57.0	1.5 (1)	1-1/2 (34.7)	Kitasan Black Rising Cross (Cape Cross)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
3	3	6	Masquerade Ball (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	13.7 (4)	Neck (33.9)	Duramente Mask Off (Deep Impact)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Takahisa Tezuka
4	3	5	Giovanni (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 b. 57.0	23.4 (7)	1/2 (34.3)	Epiphaneia Barefoot Lady (Footstepsinthesand)	KR Japan Taihei Stud Farm Co. Ltd Haruki Sugiyama
5	8	16	Satono Shining (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C3 d.b. 57.0	8.6 (2)	Head (34.5)	Kizuna Sweetie Girl (Star Dabblers)	Hajime Satomi Shimokobe Farm Haruki Sugiyama
6	8	18	Magic Sands (JPN) Daisuke Sasaki	C3 d.b. 57.0	201.5 (16)	1 (33.8)	Kizuna Kona Brewers (King Kamehameha)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai
7	2	3	King Squall (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	C3 d.b. 57.0	40.1 (9)	1 (33.9)	Duramente Rain On The Dune (Frankel)	DMM Dream Club Co., Ltd. Tobino Bokujo Yoshito Yahagi

8	7	13	Alohi Alii (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C3 ch. 57.0	56.5 (11)	1 (35.5)	Duramente Espoir (Orfevre)	Tsuyoshi Suzuki Grace Inc. Hiroyasu Tanaka
9	7	15	Vincentio (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 d.b. 57.0	19.8 (6)	Neck (34.7)	Real Steel Celia (King Kamehameha)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Kazutomo Mori
10	7	14	Kalamatianos (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 b. 57.0	60.8 (12)	Neck (34.6)	Rey de Oro Dancar (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takeshi Okumura
11	1	2	Eri King (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	18.7 (5)	Nose (34.9)	Kizuna Youngstar (High Chaparral)	Susumu Fujita Northern Racing Mitsumasa Nakauchida
12	2	4	Tjuta (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 b. 57.0	110.1 (15)	Neck (35.5)	Duramente Champagne Anyone (Street Sense)	La Mere Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Yoshito Yahagi
13	1	1	Nishino Agent (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 d.b. 57.0	91.1 (14)	1/2 (35.3)	Isla Bonita Victoria Smile (Novellist)	Shigeyuki Nishiyama Kamii Stud Naoto Chiba
14	4	8	G T Adamant (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C3 d.b. 57.0	41.3 (10)	Neck (35.7)	Rulership Kaunis Kukka (Manhattan Cafe)	Toshihiko Tabata Orion Farm Hiroyuki Uemura
15	8	17 B	Faust Rasen (JPN) Makoto Sugihara	C3 b. 57.0	39.8 (8)	Neck (36.0)	Mozu Ascot Peisha Felice (Special Week)	Toshiya Miyazaki Tomoda Bokujo Masayuki Nishimura
16	4	7	Fukuno Blue Lake (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	C3 br. 57.0	261.1 (18)	2 (35.1)	Win Bright Blue Excel (Lord Kanaloa)	Yuko Fukushima K's Inc. Masahiro Takeuchi
17	6	12	Dragon Boost (JPN) Yuji Tannai	C3 b. 57.0	244.6 (17)	1/2 (36.0)	Screen Hero Toko Dione (Empire Maker)	Miho Mizutani Z Stable Kenta Fujino
18	5	9	Piko Chan Black (JPN) Shu Ishibashi	C3 d.b. 57.0	74.7 (13)	1-1/2 (36.7)	Kitsan Black Trump Queen (Neo Universe)	Mieko Ishibe Champions Farm Yuki Uehara

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: 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: ¥ 23,289,377,500

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 34,183,819,300

Attendance: 42,156

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.11	¥ 1,060	Bracket Quinella	5-6	¥ 700	Quinella	10-11	¥ 680
Place	No.11	¥ 200	Quinella Place	10-11	¥ 280	Exacta	11-10	¥ 2,470
	No.10	¥ 110		6-11	¥ 1,280	Trio	6-10-11	¥ 2,730
	No.6	¥ 280		6-10	¥ 490	Trifecta	11-10-6	¥ 22,670

Winner= 6 starts: 3 wins, 1 second & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 227,944,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 282,579,000

Museum Mile Captures First G1 Title with Overwhelming Victory in This Year's Satsuki Sho in Record Time

Third favorite **Museum Mile** claimed this year's Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), the first leg of the Triple Crown, renewing the race record by 0.1 second to 1:57.0. Debuted in August last year (3rd; Chukyo, 1,600m), the son of Leontes broke his maiden in his second start in October (Kyoto, 1,800m) and registered another win in the following Kigiku Sho (Kyoto, 1 Win Class, 2,000m). He concluded his two-year-old season with a second in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) and kicked off the current season with a fourth in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m) on March 9. This win marked trainer Daisuke Takayanagi's first classic title and third JRA-G1 victory after last year's Victoria Mile with Ten Happy Rose. Jockey Joao Moreira became the sixth jockey since Christophe Lemaire in 2019 to claim both the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m)—held a week earlier—and this race in the same year and now has five JRA-G1 titles under his belt.

Breaking smoothly from gate 11, **Museum Mile** traveled wide in mid-division, around eighth from the frontrunner. The Leontes colt swung wide turning for home to make bid from the outside, rallied briefly with **Croix du Nord** 150 meters out but soon pulled away with a powerful turn of speed to capture his first G1 title with a 1-1/2-length margin.

“When I sat on him this afternoon, I could feel that he’s very special, he’s got a very nice body and temperament. I thought this might be the horse to win. When we were turning for home, we were a bit unbalanced, maybe because the ground was not so smooth, but when I got him on the stretch, he just dashed home, and when he took the lead 150 meters to go, he kept running away, showing me that he’s got so much ability. It was so nice to ride this horse and I believe he’s got plenty more to give,” commented Joao Moreira.

Best Two-Year-Old Colt of 2024 and overwhelming race favorite **Croix du Nord** traveled around fourth, turned the last two corners wide and surged to the front at the top of the stretch to briefly take the lead at the 200-meter pole. Though overtaken by **Museum Mile** 150 meters out, the Kitanas Black colt ran persistently, holding off the strong charges from behind, to secure second place.

Fourth pick **Masquerade Ball**, who came off a victory in the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m) in February, sat behind the eventual winner around 11th, angled out slightly for a stretch run with the second fastest late drive but failed to catch the top two finishers while securing third place by half a length.

Other Horses:

4th: (5) **Giovanni**—settled around 6th, dropped back while rounding last corners widely, quickened
5th: (16) **Satono Shining**—raced wide around 9th, advanced for stretch run, needed more
6th: (18) **Magic Sands**—traveled near rear, circled wide, launched fastest late kick
7th: (3) **King Squall**—hugged rails around 14th, angled out at early stretch, showed belated charge
8th: (13) **Alohi Alii**—ran near rear early, made headway at backstretch, showed little in last 200m
9th: (15) **Vincentio**—positioned behind winner around 14th, passed tired rivals
10th: (14) **Kalamatianos**—saved ground around 12th, struggled to find clear path at stretch
11th: (2) **Eri King**—settled around 9th, driven after 3rd corner, failed to respond
12th: (4) **Tjuta**—chased leader in 2nd, rallied for lead until 150m out, weakened
13th: (1) **Nishino Agent**—took economic trip around 4th near race favorite, showed effort until 200m pole
14th: (8) **G T Adamant**—tracked leaders in 3rd, remained in contention up to 200m pole
15th: (17) **Faust Rasen**—trailed in rear early, advanced rapidly at backstretch to lead, used up at stretch
16th: (7) **Fukuno Blue Lake**—raced wide around 12th, gradually dropped position
17th: (12) **Dragon Boost**—traveled wide around 6th, failed to keep up with rivals after final corner
18th: (9) **Piko Chan Black**—set pace, joined by **Faust Rasen** 800m to go, faded at stretch

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.1 - 10.2 - 12.2 - 12.5 - 12.3 - 11.4 - 11.5 - 11.8 - 11.4 - 11.6
Last 4 furlongs: 46.3 Last 3 furlongs: 34.8

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

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.