



SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 86TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1) JRA

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 2010 subsequently received the JRA Best Three-Year-Old Colt Award in recognition of their outstanding performances throughout the year—Victoire Pisa (JPN, by Neo Universe; 2010), Orfevre (JPN, by Stay Gold; 2011), Gold Ship (JPN, by Stay Gold; 2012), Isla Bonita (JPN, by Fuji Kiseki; 2014), Duramente (JPN, by King Kamehameha; 2015), Saturnalia (JPN, by Lord Kanaloa; 2019), Contrail (JPN, by Deep Impact; 2020), Efforia (JPN, by Epiphaneia; 2021) and Museum Mile (JPN, by Leontes; 2025).

This year, the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m; Dec.21) champion and Best Two-Year-Old Colt of 2025 **Cavallerizzo** kicked off his three-year-old season in this race while the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) victor **Lovcen** came off a third in the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m; Feb.15), which was won by **Realize Sirius**. Among those who successfully earned their Satsuki Sho berths in the trial races were **Basse Terre** (1st), **Reichsadler** (2nd) and **Admire Quads** (3rd) in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m; Mar.8); **Ask Edinburgh** (2nd) and **Acrophase** (3rd) in the Spring Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Mar.15); and **Matenro Gale** (1st) and **Lord Filer** (2nd) in the Wakaba Stakes (Listed, 2,000m; Mar.21). The field also included **Peintre Naif**, **Green Energy**, **Zoroastro** and **Altramuz**, respective winners of the Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,800m; Nov.24), the Keisei Hai (G3, 2,000m; Jan.18), the Kisaragi Sho (G3, 1,800m; Feb.10) and the Mainichi Hai (G3, 1,800m; Mar.28), as well as Hopeful Stakes runner-up **Forte Angelo**.

THE 86TH SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS, G1)

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

Sunday, April 19, 2026 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 434,000,000 (about US\$ 2,800,000 <US\$1=¥155>)

3-y-o: 57kg (about 126 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2023

Course record: 1:56.5 Race record: 1:56.5 [Lovcen (JPN, by World Premiere), 2026]

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	2	4	Lovcen (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	4.0 (1)	1:56.5 (34.2)	World Premiere Songwriting (Giant's Causeway)	Forest Racing Northern Farm Haruki Sugiyama
2	7	15	Realize Sirius (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	C3 g. 57.0	6.2 (4)	3/4 (34.4)	Poetic Flare Red Mirabel (Stay Gold)	Yosuke Imafuku Shadai Farm Takahisa Tezuka
3	5	9	Reichsadler (JPN) Daisuke Sasaki	C3 b. 57.0	23.4 (9)	3/4 (33.8)	Siskin Krailling (Heart's Cry)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yuki Uehara
4	3	5	Ask Edinburgh (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	C3 br. 57.0	42.8 (12)	Neck (34.2)	Leontes Honey Trip (Manhattan Cafe)	Toshihiro Hirosaki Toshihiro Hirosaki Yuichi Fukunaga
5	3	6	Forte Angelo (JPN) Kiwamu Ogino	C3 b. 57.0	32.8 (10)	1-1/4 (33.4)	Fierement Lady Angela (Dark Angel)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Shunsuke Yoshida Yuki Uehara
6	1	2	Sound Move (JPN) Taisei Danno	C3 b. 57.0	86.5 (17)	Nose (34.1)	Real Steel Sound Lucia (Screen Hero)	Yuichi Masuda Yuichi Masuda Takashi Saito
7	6	12	Green Energy (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C3 ch. 57.0	4.5 (2)	Nose (33.6)	Suave Richard Cymbal (Singspiel)	Takafumi Suzue Masaki Isogawa Yuki Uehara

8	5	10	Large Ensemble (JPN) Riki Takasugi	C3 b. 57.0	193.4 (18)	1/2 (34.2)	Benbatl Nasuno Forte (Just a Way)	Green Farm Co., Ltd. Nasuno Bokujo Ryo Takei
9	2	3	Sanono Greater (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 b. 57.0	77.3 (14)	1-1/4 (33.9)	Greater London Meme Kuzariana (Jungle Pocket)	Nobuyuki Sano Okita Bokujo Kazuyuki Ogata
10	4	8	Matenro Gale (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C3 b. 57.0	10.8 (5)	1 (33.8)	Epiphaneia Desert Ride (Candy Ride)	Chiyono Terada Shimokobe Farm Kenji Nonaka
11	8	18	Basse Terre (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C3 b. 57.0	17.0 (6)	Head (33.6)	Kitasan Black Mambia (Aldebaran)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
12	7	14	Zoroastro (JPN) Mirai Iwata	C3 g. 57.0	35.6 (11)	Neck (34.0)	Maurice Almirena (Deep Impact)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Keisuke Miyata
13	1	1	Cavallerizzo (JPN) Damian Lane	C3 b. 57.0	6.1 (3)	Neck (35.0)	Saturnalia Balladist (Heart's Cry)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tatsuya Yoshioka
14	6	11	Peintre Naif (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	C3 d.b. 57.0	18.8 (8)	1-1/4 (34.5)	Kizuna Art Brut (Makfi)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
15	8	17	Admire Quads (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C3 b. 57.0	17.4 (7)	1/2 (35.4)	Real Steel Date Line (Zoffany)	Junko Kondo Northern Farm Yasuo Tomomichi
16	7	13	Acrophase (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C3 b. 57.0	81.7 (16)	3/4 (35.2)	Lord Kanaloa Culminate (Deep Impact)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yutaka Okumura
17	4	7	Lord Filer (JPN) Yutaka Take	C3 b. 57.0	79.6 (15)	Nose (34.8)	Kizuna Premium Gift (Orfevre)	Lord Horse Club Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Tatsuya Yoshioka
18	8	16	Altramuz (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 d.b. 57.0	50.2 (13)	5 (35.8)	Isla Bonita Dejimano Hana (Screen Hero)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Kenji Nonaka

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: ¥ 22,802,115,300

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 33,598,784,900

Attendance: 44,635

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.4	¥ 400	Bracket Quinella	2-7	¥ 1,160	Quinella	4-15	¥ 1,350
Place	No.4	¥ 170	Quinella Place	4-15	¥ 580	Exacta	4-15	¥ 2,310
	No.15	¥ 250		4-9	¥ 1,320	Trio	4-9-15	¥ 10,420
	No.9	¥ 500		9-15	¥ 2,310	Trifecta	4-15-9	¥ 40,110

Winner= 4 starts: 3 wins & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 224,507,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 313,216,000

Lovcen Wins Gate-To-Wire in Record Smashing Time in This Year's Satsuki Sho

Race favorite **Lovcen** claimed this year's Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), the first leg of the Triple Crown, setting a new track record at 1:56.5, shortening the previous one by 0.1 seconds. The World Premiere colt won his debut start at Kyoto (2,000m) in November and notched the following Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) as a two-year-old. In his first start of this season, the dark bay colt was third, a head and neck behind winner Realize Sirius, in the Kyodo News Hai (G3, 1,800m) on February 15. Trainer Haruki Sugiyama scored his eighth JRA-G1 victory following the Hopeful Stakes with this colt while he has won the classics in 2020—the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) and the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) with Daring Tact. Jockey Kohei Matsuyama registered his tenth JRA-G1 win following the Oka Sho with Star Anise a week earlier and second Satsuki Sho title after Al Ain in 2017 and became the seventh jockey to win both the Oka Sho and the Satsuki Sho in the same year.

After a smooth break, **Lovcen** was sent to the front before the first turn and maintained his lead down the backstretch with fourth favorite and two-time graded winner **Realize Sirius**, who immediately glided up to stalk the pace after breaking from a wide stall, closely sitting a half-length behind in second. As the field tightened up at the last corner, the two frontrunners entered the lane head-to-head and briefly dueled up to the 200-meter marker. From that point, **Lovcen** found another gear to climb the grueling hill with good speed and gradually pulled away, holding off the persistent Poetic Flare colt to clear the wire 3/4 lengths ahead for the win.

“We had a good draw and we knew that when it comes to Nakayama’s turf and with the experience from last year, we’d have a better chance if we ran near the front. To be honest, I wasn’t thinking of setting the pace but the colt broke really well and we went with the flow. He showed amazing speed and to break the record also proves how much stamina he has—he’s such a strong and versatile colt. (Asked how Matsuyama felt after claiming back-to-back classics) I owe it all to my incredible mounts,” commented Kohei Matsuyama after the race.

Coming off a second in the Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen (G2, 2,000m) on March 8, ninth favorite **Reichsadler** sat around tenth and shifted out, securing a clear path for his stretch run rounding the final corner. The Siskin colt launched a late drive—the fourth fastest over the last three furlongs—and closed in on the frontrunners stride by stride but failed to threaten the top two finishers while pinning the tenacious **Ask Edinburgh** right before the wire to secure third place by a neck margin.

Other contenders:

- 4th: (5) **Ask Edinburgh**—sat around 5th, ran gamely, weakened in final strides
- 5th: (6) **Forte Angelo**—broke poorly, gradually advanced on rails, launched fastest late speed
- 6th: (2) **Sound Move**—hugged rails around 7th, even paced
- 7th: (12) **Green Energy**—ran wide around 14th, showed effort but had too much ground to cover
- 8th: (10) **Large Ensemble**—settled around 6th, lacked needed kick
- 9th: (3) **Sanon Greater**—saved ground around 13th, angled out, needed more
- 10th: (8) **Matenro Gale**—raced wide in 17th, showed belated charge
- 11th: (18) **Basse Terre**—trailed in rear, circled wide, passed tired rivals
- 12th: (14) **Zoroastro**—unhurried around 15th, unable to reach contention
- 13th: (1) **Cavallerizzo**—took economic trip around 4th, showed little at stretch
- 14th: (11) **Peintre Naif**—positioned wide around 12th, never responded
- 15th: (17) **Admire Quads**—chased leaders wide around 3rd, failed to sustain bid
- 16th: (13) **Acrophase**—ran wide around 6th, failed to keep up with rivals at stretch
- 17th: (7) **Lord Filer**—stumbled at break, raced around 10th, outrun after 4th corner
- 18th: (16) **Altramuz**—traveled wide around 10th, dropped back after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.4 - 10.5 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 11.7 - 11.6 - 11.8 - 11.4 - 11.1 - 11.7
 Last 4 furlongs: 46.0 Last 3 furlongs: 34.2

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

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.