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**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 52ND ARIMA KINEN (G1)**

Established in 1956 under the name Nakayama Grand Prix, the current "Arima Kinen (Arima Memorial)" was re-named after the sudden death of the 2nd president of the JRA and Yoriyasu Arima (1884~1957) who suggested the idea of holding a G1 event at Nakayama Racecourse, where a new grandstand had just been completed at the time, that would gain as much popularity as the Japanese Derby held at Tokyo Racecourse. The race was to be a season-end Grand Prix event with an added interest of being contested between runners chosen by racing fans—an "All-Star" event in Japanese Racing. Votes through ballots cast at racecourses and off-track betting sites as well as through mail and internet, determine the ten most popular runners that are eligible to run in the year-end G1 event, while the remaining runners consist of selected foreign runners and Japanese horses automatically picked in the order of earnings during the season.

Since 2000, foreign runners that won the Japan Cup (G1) were also invited to run in the Grand Prix race, and Falbrav (ITY, by Fairy King) and Alkaased (USA, by Kingmambo) were both eligible to run in 2002 and 2005 respectively, however, both horses did not run.

Officially designated as an international G1 race this year, the Arima Kinen was opened to allow up to four foreign entries but non were nominated to run in its inaugural running.

Last year's winner was Deep Impact (JPN, by Sunday Silence), who was awarded JRA Horse of the Year for the second straight year (2005 and 2006). The race record of 2:29.5 was set by Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, Sunday Silence) in 2004.

### THE 52ND ARIMA KINEN (G1)

Sunday, December 23, 2007

Nakayama Racecourse

9th Race

Post time: 15:25

3-year-old & up, 2,500 meters (about 12-1/2 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Total prize money: ¥ 383,400,000 (about US\$ 3,333,000 US\$ 1 = ¥ 115)

3-y-o: 55kg (about 121lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares

2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere Bred born in 2004

Safety factor: 16 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 4)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	2	3	Maturida Gogh (JPN)	C4	57.0	Sunday Silence Paper Rain	M. Ebina S. Kunieda	F. Takahashi Okada Stud	2:33.6 (36.3)	52.3 (9)
2	4	7	Daiwa Scarlet (JPN)	F3	53.0	Agnes Tachyon Scarlet Bouquet	K. Ando K. Matsuda	K. Oshiro Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (36.6)	8.1 (5)
3	2	4	Daiwa Major (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Scarlet Bouquet	M. Demuro H. Uehara	K. Oshiro Shadai Farm	2-1/2 (36.4)	15.2 (6)
4	4	8	Roc de Cambes (NZ)	C3	53.0	Red Ransom Fairy Lights	M. Kinane N. Hori	K. Yoshida Karreman Bloodstock Ltd	Neck (36.5)	7.5 (4)
5	3	6	Pop Rock (JPN)	H6	57.0	Helissio Pops	O. Peslier K. Sumii	K. Yoshida Northern Farm	1-1/4 (36.9)	5.0 (2)
6	1	2	Dream Passport (JPN)	C4	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Grace Land	J. Takada H. Matsuda	Saison RaceHorse Co. Ltd Shiraoi Farm.	2 (36.3)	20.5 (7)
7	3	5	Legolas (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Carling	Y. Shibata Y. Kato	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	2 (37.0)	137.6 (15)
8	1	1	Meisho Samson (JPN)	C4	57.0	Opera House My Vivien	Y. Take S. Takahashi	Y. Matsumoto K. Hayashi	3/4 (37.2)	2.4 (1)
9	6	12	Inti Raimi (JPN)	H5	57.0	Special Week Andes Lady	Y. Fukunaga S. Sasaki	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (37.2)	27.4 (8)
10	6	11	Cosmo Bulk (JPN)	H6	57.0	Zagreb Iseno Toshio	M. Matsuoka K. Tabe	Big Red Farm Kano Bokujo	2 (38.1)	87.6 (12)
11	8	16	Vodka (JPN)	F3	53.0	Tanino Gimlet Tanino Sister	H. Shii K. Sumii	Y. Tanimizu Country Bokujo	Neck (37.9)	6.9 (3)
12	7	13	Delta Blues (JPN)	H6	57.0	Dance in the Dark Dixie Splash	Y. Kawada K. Sumii	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	Neck (38.0)	59.6 (10)
13	8	15	Chosan (JPN)	H5	57.0	Dance in the Dark Stay Young	N. Yokoyama T. Shimizu	N. Nagayama Bando Bokujo	3-1/2 (39.1)	71.1 (11)
14	7	14 B	Higher Game (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Fanjica	C. Lemaire Y. Okubo	H. Usuda Shadai Farm	1-3/4 (38.4)	94.1 (13)
15	5	9	Sun Zeppelin (JPN)	C3	55.0	Tenby Plant Ogygian	H. Kitamura M. Saito	N. Kato Domi Bokujo	5 (40.0)	111.1 (14)

	Fusaichi Pandora (JPN)	F4	55.0	Sunday Silence Lotta Lace	S. Fujita T. Shirai	F. Sekiguchi Northern Farm	Scratched
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FP=Final Position BK=Bracket Number PP=Post Position B=Blinkers L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE1: No Foreign Contenders.

NOTE2: Figures quoted under **Odds** are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and **Fav** indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 2:33.6

GOING: Good

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:

¥ 45,194,214,900

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

¥ 53,771,981,900

ATTENDANCE: 110,363

**PAY-OFF (for ¥100)**

WIN	No. 3	¥5,230	PLACE	No. 3	¥1,030
BRACKET QUINELLA	2 - 4	¥2,160		No. 7	¥370
QUINELLA	3 - 7	¥22,190		No. 4	¥530
EXACTA	3 - 7	¥69,020	QUINELLA PLACE	3 - 7	¥5,240
TRIO	3 - 4 - 7	¥73,320		3 - 4	¥5,500
TRIFECTA	3 - 7 - 4	¥800,880		4 - 7	¥1,520

- MATSURIDA GOGH (JPN)**, colt, bay, 4-year-old  
Sunday Silence / Paper Rain (Bel Bolide)  
Breeder: Okada Stud                      Owner: Fumie Takahashi  
Trainer: Sakae Kunieda                      Jockey: Masayoshi Ebina  
16 Starts, 7 Wins  
Added money: ¥183,570,000                      Career earnings: ¥388,865,000
- DAIWA SCARLET (JPN)**, filly, chesnut, 3-year-old  
Agnes Tachyon / Scarlet Bouquet (Northern Taste)  
Breeder: Shadai Farm                      Owner: Keizo Oshiro  
Trainer: Kunihide Matsuda                      Jockey: Katsumi Ando
- DAIWA MAJOR (JPN)**, horse, chesnut, 6-year-old  
Sunday Silence / Scarlet Bouquet (Northern Taste)  
Breeder: Shadai Farm                      Owner: Keizo Oshiro  
Trainer: Hiroyuki Uehara                      Jockey: Mirco Demuro

**Maturida Gogh** captured his first G1 title in this year's final event which attracted over 110,000 spectators that filled the racetrack at Nakayama. Sent to post ninth favorite after qualifying to run after several vote getters decided to withdraw their entries, **Maturida Gogh** came into the race in "much better condition than he was when near last in his last start in the Tenno Sho Autumn", according to winning jockey Masayoshi Ebina. Faced against a field that included proven multiple G1 winners such as **Meisho Samson**, **Daiwa Major**, **Daiwa Scarlet** and **Delta Blues** as well as **Vodka**, this year's Derby winning filly and the leader on the Arima voting list, the four-year-old son of Sunday Silence was keen after a good break though nicely in hand under skillful Ebina, and still had plenty of fight left when challenged at the straight. It was Ebina's second Arima Kinen title after winning in 2001 with Manhattan Cafe.

**Daiwa Scarlet** was first out to make her bid as pacesetter as **Chosan** pressed the pace on her outside. **Maturida Gogh** saved ground in third with **Sun Zeppelin** on his outside.

**Daiwa Major** was rated around fifth or sixth along the rails. As the field entered the stretch in front of the stands for the first lap, **Chosan** replaced the leader and opened the gap to three lengths while **Daiwa Scarlet** and **Maturida Gogh** continued to maintain a steady pace in second and third and **Daiwa Major** was allowed to drop further back in position and settling in mid-division.

The field began to close in on the leader approaching the third corner as **Chosan** began to tire from his early efforts and soon dislodged by **Daiwa Scarlet** soon after the 600-meter pole. However **Maturida Gogh** proved he had plenty left entering the final homestretch, emerging from between horses and holding off a tenacious chase by **Daiwa Scarlet** in her bid to regain her lead. **Daiwa Major**, who had come off his second Mile Championship (G1) title, also exhibited a great performance in his last run of his career under Italian jockey, Mirco Demuro, finishing 2-1/2 lengths behind his full-sister in third.

Race favorite, **Meisho Samson**, who had won both Tenno Sho (G1) titles in spring and in autumn, was perfectly placed at the head of the stretch after racing well off the pace for most of the journey, but was unable to give his usual charge and finished 8th

