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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 53RD 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, 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 *Alkaused* (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 in 2007, the Arima Kinen was opened to allow up to four foreign entries (six foreign entries this year), but non were nominated to run in its inaugural running. This year, Luca Cumani-trained *Purple Moon* (IRE) who finished 9th in this year's Japan Cup, withdrew his entry in the Arima after his runner-up effort in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase (HKG, G1) two weeks later, therefore, no foreign runners are included this year.

Last year's champion *Maturida Gogh* made his bid to defend his title coming off an impressive fourth place in the Japan Cup while *Daiwa Scarlet*, who was second last year, also came into the race with a career record of 7-4-0 out of 11 career starts. The all-star field also included Japan Cup winner, *Screen Hero*, who again paired up with Italian jockey Mirco Demuro for their second G1 attempt and multiple G1 winner *Meisho Samson* who was to make this race his last run of his career.

The race record of 2:29.5 was set by *Zenno Rob Roy* (JPN, by Sunday Silence) in 2004.

THE 53RD ARIMA KINEN (G1)

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

Sunday, December 28, 2008 Nakayama Racecourse 10th Race Post time: 15:25

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 2005

Safety factor: 16 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 6)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	8	13	Daiwa Scarlet (JPN)	F4	55.0	Agnes Tachyon Scarlet Bouquet	K. Ando K. Matsuda	K. Oshiro Shadai Farm	2:31.5 (36.4)	2.6 (1)
2	8	14	Admire Monarch (JPN)	H7	57.0	Dream Well Split the Night	Y. Kawada H. Matsuda	R. Kondo Northern Farm	1-3/4 (35.8)	90.2 (14)
3	4	6	Air Shady (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sunday Silence Air Deja vu	H. Goto M. Ito	Lucky Field Co. Ltd. Shadai Farm	3/4 (36.4)	36.1 (10)
4	7	11	Dream Journey (JPN)	C4	57.0	Stay Gold Oriental Art	K. Ikezoe Y. Ikee	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Shadai Corporation Inc.	Nose (35.9)	24.1 (7)
5	5	8	Screen Hero (JPN)	C4	57.0	Grass Wonder Running Heroine	M. Demuro Y. Shikato	T. Yoshida Shadai Farm	Neck (36.5)	6.4 (3)
6	5	7	Al Nasrain (JPN)	C4	57.0	Admire Vega Elatis	O. Peslier S. Matsumoto	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1 (36.4)	18.3 (5)
7	1	1	Kawakami Princess (JPN)	M5	55.0	King Halo Takano Secretary	N. Yokoyama K. Nishiura	Mitsuishi Kawakami Bokujo Co. Ltd Mitsuishi Kawakami Bokujo	2 (37.0)	19.0 (6)
8	6	9	Meisho Samson (JPN)	H5	57.0	Opera House My Vivien	Y. Take S. Takahashi	Y. Matsumoto K. Hayashi	Nose (37.3)	8.4 (4)
9	4	5	Flotation (JPN)	C3	55.0	Special Week Daiichi Flone	C. Lemaire K. Hashiguchi	H. Usuda Shadai Farm	1-1/4 (37.5)	27.3 (8)
10	2	2	Venture Nine (JPN)	C3	55.0	Eishin Sandy Glad Hand	Y. Shibata S. Kobiyama	Y. Motosugi Seto Bokujo	Neck (36.8)	80.0 (13)
11	3	3	Cosmo Bulk (JPN)	H7	57.0	Zagreb Iseno Toshio	M. Matsuoka K. Tabe	Big Red Farm Kano Bokujo	1/2 (37.0)	75.7 (12)
12	6	10	Maturida Gogh (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Paper Rain	M. Ebina S. Kunieda	F. Takahashi Okada Stud	1-3/4 (37.5)	4.4 (2)
13	3	4	Air Zipangu (JPN)	G5	57.0	El Condor Pasa Air Passion	S. Fujita H. Fujiwara	Lucky Field Co. Ltd. Fujiwara Bokujo	5 (38.3)	54.4 (11)
14	7	12	Asakusa Kings (JPN)	C4	57.0	White Muzzle Croupier Star	H. Shii R. Okubo	K. Tahara Shadai Farm	2-1/2 (39.1)	29.5 (9)

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: 2:31.5

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Fine

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥ 42,867,705,100

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥ 53,014,596,400

ATTENDANCE: 117,093

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No. 13	¥260	PLACE	No. 13	¥130
BRACKET QUINELLA	8 - 8	¥18,640		No. 14	¥2,280
QUINELLA	13 - 14	¥29,490	No. 6	¥600	
EXACTA	13 - 14	¥33,490	13 - 14	¥7,160	
TRIO	6 - 13 - 14	¥192,500	QUINELLA PLACE	6 - 13	¥1,360
TRIFECTA	13 - 14 - 6	¥985,580		6 - 14	¥28,200

- DAIWA SCARLET (JPN)**, filly, chestnut, 4-year-old
 Agnes Tachyon / Scarlet Bouquet (Northern Taste)
 Breeder: Shadai Farm Owner: Keizo Oshiro
 Trainer: Kunihide Matsuda Jockey: Katsumi Ando
 12 Starts, 8 Wins
 Added money: ¥183,192,000 Career earnings: ¥786,685,000
- ADMIRE MONARCH (JPN)**, horse, bay, 7-year-old
 Dream Well / Split the Night (Tony Bin)
 Breeder: Northern Farm Owner: Riichi Kondo
 Trainer: Hiroyoshi Matsuda Jockey: Yuga Kawada
- AIR SHADY (JPN)**, horse, chestnut, 7-year-old
 Sunday Silence / Air Deja Vu (Northern Taste)
 Breeder: Shadai Farm Owner: Lucky Field Co.,Ltd.
 Trainer: Masanori Ito Jockey: Hiroki Goto

Daiwa Scarlet proved a different class among the field of mixed G1 runners of “all-star” status, extending her remarkable record to eight wins and four seconds out of twelve career starts. Her Arima Kinen title represented a historic achievement in becoming the first female Arima Kinen winner in 37 years and fourth overall.

Quick to assume command from an outside gate, Katsumi Ando who has been her partner ever since her debut, let her relax in a moderate pace through most of the journey and had plenty to show in front of the frenzied crowd exceeding 110,000 that showed up for the final G1 event of the 2008 season. Fastest over the last three furlongs, **Admire Monarch** came in second 1-3/4 lengths behind the winner while **Air Shady** finished third.

Winner of the Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) as a three-year-old, **Daiwa Scarlet** also proved well up to G1 standard against a mixed field when finishing second in the Arima Kinen last year. After kicking off this season with her seventh career win in the Sankei Osaka Hai (G2, 2,000m), she was found to have developed a splint on her cannon bone in her right foreleg and did not make her comeback until the Tenno Sho Autumn (G1, 2,000m) in which she finished a 2-cm second to **Vodka** who renewed the race record in the race.

All broke well with race favorite **Daiwa Scarlet** sprinting for the lead from stall 13 and **Kawakami Princess** following in second from gate one. **Meisho Samson**, partnered by Yutaka Take for his final run of his career, chased the leaders beside **Asakusa Kings** in third and fourth while Japan Cup winner **Screen Hero** and **Air Shady** were rated in mid-division. Defending champion **Matsurida Gogh** was positioned well off the pace than usual outside **Al Nasrain** and **Dream Journey** while **Admire Monarch** trailed the field along the rail.

Meisho Samson took over **Kawakami Princess** for second and **Matsurida Gogh** gradually made headway along the outside as the field began to close up approaching the end of the backstretch with **Screen Hero** also advancing in his inside towards the last corner. **Admire Monarch** also made a quick move to circle the field from behind to secure a clear run to the finish.

As the field turned for home, **Daiwa Scarlet** maintained an uncontested lead throughout as **Screen Hero** and **Meisho**

Samson both lost their energy in mid-stretch while rallying for second place and eventually dislodged by the late chargers emerging along the outside.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 06.9 - 11.2 - 11.9 - 11.2 - 11.9 - 13.0 - 13.2 - 12.4 - 11.5 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 11.7 - 12.7
Last 4 furlongs: 48.3 Last 3 furlongs: 36.4

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

Note1: **Underlined bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note2: 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.