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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 162ND TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)



“The Emperor’s Cup” was first held in 1905 to encourage the horse racing sport through annual events that gave the winner the highest honor of being awarded the Imperial prize. Then the Tenno Sho (Autumn) was established in 1937 together with its counterpart, Tenno Sho (Spring), under the name “Teishitsu Goshoten Kyoso” and held biannually in both the Eastern and Western part of Japan. The race was officially renamed the “Tenno Sho” in 1947. Both the spring and autumn races, which secured its status as the most prestigious events for older horses, were run over 3,200 meters in the early years. Later, the autumn version was shortened to 2,000 meters in 1984 so that the spring version could determine the best stayer, while the Tenno Sho (Autumn) would be the main target for middle-distance champions. This also gives the three-year-olds, who find the third leg of the Triple Crown, the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m), to be beyond their suitability, an alternative G1 as the ultimate goal for their autumn campaign. The Tenno Sho (Autumn) entered a new chapter in its long history when opening its doors to foreign contenders as an international race in 2005.

This year, in her first autumn start, **Almond Eye** aimed to defend her Tenno Sho (Autumn) title as well as become the first Japanese horse to capture an eighth G1 title over turf. Runners who also kicked off their autumn campaign in this race were two-time Hong Kong G1 title holder **Win Bright**, back-to-back Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m) victor **Fierement**, 2017 Best Two-Year-Old Colt **Danon Premium**, Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m) champion **Chrono Genesis** and Arima Kinen (G1, 2,500m) victor **Blast Onepiece**. Trial race finishers included **Daiwa Cagney** and 2017 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) winner **Kiseki**, who both came off a second in the Mainichi Okan (G2, 1,800m; Oct.11) and the Kyoto Daishoten (G2, 2,400m; Oct.11), respectively.

THE 162ND TENNO SHO (AUTUMN) (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 2,000 meters (about 10 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, November 1, 2020 Tokyo Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 325,000,000 (about US\$ 3,010,000 <US\$1=¥108>)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2017

Course Record: 1:56.1 Race Record: 1:56.1 [Tosen Jordan (JPN, by Jungle Pocket), 2011]

Safety factor: 18 runners Going: 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	9	Almond Eye (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 b. 56.0	1.4 (1)	1:57.8 (33.1)	Lord Kanaloa Fusaichi Pandora (Sunday Silence)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Sakae Kunieda
2	5	6	Fierement (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	H5 b. 58.0	17.4 (5)	1/2 (32.7)	Deep Impact Lune d'Or (Green Tune)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takahisa Tezuka
3	6	7	Chrono Genesis (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	F4 g. 56.0	4.4 (2)	Neck (32.8)	Bago Chronologist (Kurofuno)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
4	8	11 B	Danon Premium (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H5 br. 58.0	21.6 (6)	2 (34.0)	Deep Impact Indiana Gal (Intikhab)	Danox Co., Ltd. K. I. Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
5	6	8	Kiseki (JPN) Yutaka Take	H6 d.b. 58.0	16.7 (4)	2-1/2 (34.1)	Rulership Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Katsuhiko Sumii
6	3	3 B	Daiwa Cagney (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida	G6 d.b. 58.0	89.8 (10)	2-1/2 (34.5)	King Kamehameha Triplex (Sunday Silence)	Masakazu Oshiro Shadai Farm Takanori Kikuzawa

7	8	12	Jinambo (JPN) Mirco Demuro	H5 d.b. 58.0	89.0 (9)	Neck (34.4)	Deep Impact Apapane (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Noriyuki Hori
8	2	2	Cadenas (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	H6 b. 58.0	146.1 (11)	1/2 (33.9)	Deep Impact French Riviera (French Deputy)	Koji Maeda Grand Stud Kazuya Nakatake
9	7	10	Scarlet Color (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	M5 b. 56.0	42.3 (8)	Head (33.7)	Victoire Pisa Ventus (War Emblem)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Ltd. Ryo Takahashi
10	5	5	Win Bright (JPN) Masami Matsuoka	H6 g. 58.0	180.6 (12)	1-1/4 (34.5)	Stay Gold Summer Eternity (Admire Cozzene)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yoshihiro Hatakeyama
11	1	1	Blast Onepiece (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H5 b. 58.0	32.3 (7)	3/4 (34.6)	Harbinger Tsurumaru Onepiece (King Kamehameha)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Masahiro Otake
12	4	4	Danon Kingly (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C4 d.b. 58.0	13.3 (3)	7 (35.8)	Deep Impact My Goodness (Storm Cat)	Danox Co., Ltd. Mishima Bokujo Kiyoshi Hagiwara

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: ¥ 21,508,973,200

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 30,824,098,100

Attendance: 1,310

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.9	¥ 140	Bracket Quinella	5-7	¥ 780	Quinella	6-9	¥ 970
Place	No.9	¥ 110	Quinella Place	6-9	¥ 420	Exacta	9-6	¥ 1,180
	No.6	¥ 260		7-9	¥ 180	Trio	6-7-9	¥ 960
	No.7	¥ 140		6-7	¥ 670	Trifecta	9-6-7	¥ 4,130

Winner= 14 starts, 10 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 152,520,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 1,612,029,900

Almond Eye Captures Eighth G1 Turf Victory in Tenno Sho (Autumn)

Overwhelming favorite **Almond Eye** showcased another compelling performance and claimed a back-to-back Tenno Sho (Autumn) title, the first since Symboli Kris S in 2002 and 2003. While she is now the sixth horse to mark seven JRA-G1 wins, the five-year-old Lord Kanaloa mare has gone down in history to become the first JRA horse ever to capture eight G1 titles over turf including the 2019 Dubai Turf. This is the sixth triumph by a filly/mare this year in G1 races opened to both male and female runners, renewing the record of five set in 2008. Following the Victoria Mile victory with **Almond Eye**, trainer Sakae Kunieda now boasts a total of 18 JRA-G1 wins while jockey Christophe Lemaire has now 32 JRA-G1 wins in his pocket, his latest registered last month in the Sprinters Stakes with Gran Alegria. This is Christophe's third consecutive Tenno Sho (Autumn) victory following the 2018 version with Rey de Oro and 2019 with **Almond Eye**, and fifth consecutive Tenno Sho victory, a new JRA record, which includes the 2019 and 2020 Spring version with Fierement.

Almond Eye was placed in handy position, in fourth to fifth, after breaking from stall nine while **Danon Premium** led the field two to three lengths in front of **Daiwa Cagney** and **Kiseki** in that order. Chasing the three into the stretch, the star of the show had no trouble finding her stride, steadily accelerating to inherit the lead from **Danon Premium** just after the furlong pole and pulled away while holding off the strong enclosure of **Fierement** for a half-length victory.

“Today, the mare was relaxed before the start and we were able to break well. She showed a great turn of foot in the straight but ran out of steam a bit climbing the hill. The others were gaining on us but she didn't give up.

I have to admit, to win the eighth G1 title was a big pressure, but she didn't let us down—her performance was awesome. Her future lay in the hands of the owner and trainer but I would very much like to ride her again,” commented a slightly teary Christophe Lemaire after the race.

Fifth pick **Fierement** traveled in around 10th behind **Chrono Genesis** and switched to the outside after struggling to find a clear path at the top of the stretch. Accelerating impressively with the fastest last-three-furlong speed and although unable to tag the winner, this year's victor of the spring version dug in well to cross the wire a neck in front of **Chrono Genesis** for second.

Second favorite **Chrono Genesis** sat in front of **Fierement** in the early stages, circled wide for the stretch run and with the second-fastest late drive, swooped past the pacesetter less than 100 meters out but was caught by the runner-up at the wire.

Other Horses:

4th: (11) **Danon Premium**—set pace, led and showed tenacity before overtaken by top finishers

5th: (8) **Kiseki**—chased leaders in third in front of winner, showed effort but no match for top finishers

6th: (3) **Daiwa Cagney**—tracked leaders in 2nd, ran gamely until 200m pole, outrun thereafter

7th: (12) **Jinambo**—settled 3-wide in 7th, sustained bid, weakened in last 200m

8th: (2) **Cadenas**—trailed in rear, turned wide, passed tired rivals

9th: (10) **Scarlet Color**—sat 2nd from rear, showed brief effort, even paced in last 200m

10th: (5) **Win Bright**—traveled around 5th behind winner, never fired after turning stretch

11th: (1) **Blast Onepiece**—raced around 8th early, made headway along rails, showed little at stretch

12th: (4) **Danon Kingly**—ran around 5th behind winner, faded after 400m pole

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.7 - 11.7 - 12.1 - 12.1 - 11.9 - 12.0 - 11.7 - 10.9 - 11.1 - 11.6
Last 4 furlongs: 45.3 Last 3 furlongs: 33.6

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

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.