

SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 66TH ARIMA KINEN (G1)

Established in 1956 under the name “Nakayama Grand Prix,” the race was renamed to Arima Kinen (Arima Memorial) a year later after the sudden passing of the second JRA president, Yoriyasu Arima. Arima initiated the idea of holding an attractive event at Nakayama Racecourse, where a new grandstand had just been completed at that time, in an attempt to create a race that would receive as much attention as the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) held at Tokyo Racecourse. The Arima Kinen was designed to be a season-end Grand Prix, in which the runners are selected by fan poll—an “All-Star” event in Japanese racing. Following last year, the fans could only cast their votes online to select the ten most popular runners, as the voting at JRA racecourses and off-track betting sites was cancelled due to COVID-19. Among the horses entered in the race, ten runners with the most votes are entitled to run in the race while the rest of the field is determined in order of earnings. Foreign runners that won the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m) became eligible to race in the Arima in 2000, then the race was designated as an international G1 race and open to a maximum of six foreign runners in 2007.

Recent Arima Kinen victors such as Orfevre (JPN, by Stay Gold; '13), Gentildonna (JPN, by Deep Impact; '14), Kitasan Black (JPN, by Black Tide; '17) and Lys Gracieux (JPN, by Heart's Cry; '19) have capped off their stellar racing careers with an impressive win in the race.

This year's contenders that were among the top ten horses voted included; **Efforia** (1st), victor of both Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) and Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m) this year; **Chrono Genesis** (2nd), who aimed to become first horse to claim four consecutive Grand Prix races; **Titleholder** (3rd) and **Akai Ito** (7th), respective winners of the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger, G1, 3,000m) and the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1, 2,200m); and 2017 Kikuka Sho champion **Kiseki** (9th).

Other notable contenders included **Deep Bond** (15th), three-time G2 winner including the Prix Foy (2,400m), **Stella Veloce** (18th), who marked two thirds and a fourth in this year's Triple Crown, and **Aristoteles** (23th), victor of the American Jockey Club Cup (G2, 2,200m) in January.

Horses that were ranked among the top ten but passed up their entry were: Sodashi (JPN, F3, by Kurofune; 4th); Shahryar (JPN, D3, by Deep Impact; 5th); Lei Papale (JPN, F4, by Deep Impact; 6th); Akaitorino Musume (JPN, F3, by Deep Impact; 8th); and Uberleben (JPN, F3, by Gold Ship; 10th).

THE 66TH ARIMA KINEN (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 2,500 meters (about 12.5 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:25

Total prize money: ¥ 648,000,000 (about US\$ 6,172,000 <US\$1=¥105>)

3-y-o: 55kg (about 121 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 57kg (about 126 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018

Course Record: 2:29.5

Race Record: 2:29.5 [Zenno Rob Roy (JPN, by Sunday Silence), 2004]

Safety factor: 16 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	5	10	Efforia (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C3 b. 55.0	2.1 (1)	2:32.0 (35.9)	Epiphaneia Katies Heart (Heart's Cry)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Yuichi Shikato
2	3	5	Deep Bond (JPN) Ryuji Wada	C4 br. 57.0	20.9 (5)	3/4 (36.1)	Kizuna Zephyranthes (King Halo)	Shinji Maeda Murata Bokujo Ryuji Okubo
3	4	7	Chrono Genesis (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M5 g. 55.0	2.9 (2)	1/2 (36.0)	Bago Chronologist (Kurofune)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Takashi Saito
4	5	9	Stella Veloce (JPN) Mirco Demuro	C3 d.b. 55.0	7.9 (3)	1/2 (35.9)	Bago Oh My Baby (Deep Impact)	Tsuyoshi Ono Northern Racing Naosuke Sugai

5	8	16	Titleholder (JPN) Kazuo Yokoyama	C3 b. 55.0	10.2 (4)	1-1/2 (36.9)	Duramente Mowen (Motivator)	Hiroshi Yamada Okada Stud Toru Kurita
6	6	11	Aristoteles (JPN) Yutaka Take	C4 b. 57.0	47.7 (9)	3 (36.4)	Epiphaneia Blue Diamond (Deep Impact)	Hideko Kondo Hideko Kondo Hidetaka Otonashi
7	7	13	Akai Ito (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F4 br. 55.0	31.8 (6)	1/2 (36.6)	Kizuna Wadjet (Symboli Kris S)	Koji Oka Koji Oka Kazuya Nakatake
8	2	3	Mozu Bello (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	H5 b. 57.0	146.2 (14)	2-1/2 (37.1)	Deep Brillante Harlan's Ruby (Harlan's Holiday)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Naoyuki Morita
9	4	8	You Can Smile (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	H6 b. 57.0	150.6 (16)	1/2 (36.9)	King Kamehameha Mood Indigo (Dance in the Dark)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasuo Tomomichi
10	8	15	Kiseki (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H7 d.b. 57.0	43.8 (7)	Neck (37.6)	Rulership Blitz Finale (Deep Impact)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasuyuki Tsujino
11	3	6	Win Kiitos (JPN) Yuji Tannai	F4 d.b. 55.0	70.0 (12)	4 (38.5)	Gold Ship Excuse (Boston Harbor)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yoshitada Munakata
12	6	12	Shadow Diva (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	M5 d.b. 55.0	144.5 (13)	Nose (38.4)	Heart's Cry Diamond Diva (Dansili)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Makoto Saito
13	1	2	Panthalassa (JPN) Yuji Hishida	C4 b. 57.0	45.5 (8)	1/2 (39.1)	Lord Kanaloa Miss Pemberley (Montjeu)	Hiroo Race Co., Ltd. PANGLOSS Y.K. Toshihiro Hirosaki et al. Yoshito Yahagi
14	1	1	Persian Knight (JPN) Cristian Demuro	H7 d.b. 57.0	62.3 (11)	3/4 (38.8)	Harbinger Orient Charm (Sunday Silence)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Yasutoshi Ikee
15	2	4	Melody Lane (JPN) Mirai Iwata	M5 b. 55.0	146.8 (15)	3-1/2 (38.8)	Orfevre Mowen (Motivator)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Naoyuki Morita
16	7	14	Asamano Itazura (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C3 d.b. 55.0	51.1 (10)	1-1/4 (38.4)	Victoire Pisa High Touch Queen (King Halo)	Juichi Hoshino Juichi Hoshino Takahisa Tezuka

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / 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: ¥ 49,097,246,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 62,876,558,500

Attendance: 6,140

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.10	¥ 210	Bracket Quinella	3-5	¥ 1,000	Quinella	5-10	¥ 1,740	
Place	No.10	¥ 110		Quinella Place	5-10	¥ 540	Exacta	10-5	¥ 2,070
	No.5	¥ 280			7-10	¥ 170	Trio	5-7-10	¥ 1,440
	No.7	¥ 130			5-7	¥ 730	Trifecta	10-5-7	¥ 7,180

Winner= 7 starts, 6 wins, 1 second / Added money: ¥ 303,360,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 736,636,000

Three-Year-Old Efforia Beats Stellar Field in Grand Prix Arima Kinen

Race favorite **Efforia** prevailed in this year's Arima Kinen, registering his third G1 victory following his Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and Tenno Sho (Autumn) triumphs. Defeated only once in his seven career starts, the Epiphaneia colt now reigns at the pinnacle of his foes as he tops the list of the most money earned in the 2021 season. As a three-year-old, his earnings of 719,347,000 yen stands in second behind Orfevre's record (805,524,000 yen) in 2011. Both trainer Yuichi Shikato and jockey Takeshi Yokoyama claimed their fourth JRA-G1 win following their Tenno Sho (Autumn) victory with the colt in October. Takeshi's father is active jockey Norihiro Yokoyama who also won the Arima Kinen

in 1996 and makes them the second father and son to win the title following Kunihiro and Yutaka Take.

The field broke evenly with **Panthalassa** gunning for the lead followed by **Win Kiitos** and **Titleholder** while **Efforia** was relaxed on the heels of biggest rival **Chrono Genesis** in mid-pack. As the pace setter's five-length lead began to fizzle rounding the final turns, **Efforia** slowly made headway from the outside, hit the top of the lane in front of **Chrono Genesis** fourth from the frontrunner, took over the lead after the furlong marker and shook off **Deep Bond**, who showed a stubborn challenge beside him, in the final strides for a 3/4-length victory.

"He wasn't in the same perfect condition today as in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) in which he was 120%, but his potential proved he still could give a remarkable performance even with the added distance—2,500 meters was the longest he's ever run. Unlike in the Derby, he was relaxed and positioned well and was able to show his true strength," commented jockey Takeshi Yokoyama after the race before bowing deeply in front of the fans.

Fifth pick **Deep Bond**, after sitting in sixth and three lengths ahead of **Efforia**, moved up with the field after the third corner and was driven to enter the lane in third. Skillfully guided by jockey Ryuji Wada to the outside, the Kizuna colt ran strongly dueling with the eventual winner in the last furlong but failed to keep up while holding off the rest of the field by 1/2 length for second.

Defending champion and second choice **Chrono Genesis** was settled in around seventh behind **Deep Bond** and right in front of **Efforia**, chased the winner into the straight and showed effort battling **Stella Veloce** on her outside, but was unable to threaten the top two finishers and capped off an extraordinary racing career in third.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (9) **Stella Veloce**—sat behind winner in 10-11th, showed tied fastest late kick, belatedly
5th: (16) **Titleholder**—tracked leader in 2nd, inherited lead at final corner, weakened in last 100m
6th: (11) **Aristoteles**—raced 2nd from rear, gradually made headway, showed effort until 100m out
7th: (13) **Akai Ito**—traveled 3-wide in 12th, circled wide, lacked needed kick
8th: (3) **Moza Bello**—was off slow, ran in 13th, switched to outside at early stretch, never threatened
9th: (8) **You Can Smile**—settled 3rd from rear along rails, angled out, passed tired rivals
10th: (15) **Kiseki**—sat 3-wide around 7th, advanced to 3rd up to final corner, outrun in stretch
11th: (6) **Win Kiitos**—took economic trip around 3rd, fell back at stretch
12th: (12) **Shadow Diva**—prominent early around 3rd, faded after final corner
13th: (2) **Panthalassa**—set pace, opened gap over five lengths at one point, outrun in last 300m
14th: (1) **Persian Knight**—saved ground around 5th, faded after 200m pole
15th: (4) **Melody Lane**—hugged rails around 10th inside winner, never fired
16th: (14) **Asamano Itazura**—trailed in far rear, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 6.9 - 11.3 - 11.6 - 11.5 - 11.9 - 12.5 - 12.6 - 12.2 - 12.4 - 12.4 - 12.2 - 12.0 - 12.5
Last 4 furlongs: 49.1 Last 3 furlongs: 36.7

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

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.