

**SUBJECT: RESULTS OF THE 70TH 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, and the fans can cast their votes online to select the ten most popular runners. Among the horses entered in the race, ten runners with the most votes are entitled to run, while the rest of the field is determined in order of earnings. The race was designated as an international G1 race in 2007 with the winner’s prize money raised to 500 million last year, making it the richest race along with the Japan Cup.

The Arima Kinen has been known as a final stage before retirement for JRA’s legendary runners 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) who capped off their stellar racing careers with impressive wins in this race.

This year’s contenders who were among the top ten horses voted by fans included: defending champion **Regaleira** (1st) who came off her third G1 victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2,200m; Nov. 16); **Meisho Tabaru** (4th), victor of the Takarazuka Kinen (G1, 2,200m); **Justin Palace** (6th), winner of the 2023 Tenno Sho (Spring) (G1, 3,200m); **Museum Mile** (7th), the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m) champion who went on to finish second in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m; Nov. 2); and **Danon Decile** (8th), winner of the 2024 Tokyo Yushun (G1, 2,400m) and this year’s Dubai Sheema Classic (G1, 2,410m) who came off a third in the Japan Cup (G1, 2,400m; Nov. 30).

Also among the field, ranked within the top 40 fan-voted horses, were two-time G1 champion **Tastiera** (25th), multiple graded winner **Shin Emperor** (30th) and G2 victors **Admire Terra** (31st) and **Mystery Way** (40th).

Horses ranked among the top ten in the fan poll that passed up their entry were Croix du Nord (JPN, C3, by Kitasan Black; 2nd), Masquerade Ball (JPN, C3, by Duramente; 3rd), Bellagio Opera (JPN, H5, by Lord Kanaloa; 5th), Energico (JPN, C3, by Duramente; 9th) and Redentor (JPN, C4, by Rulership; 10th).

**THE 70TH ARIMA KINEN (G1)**

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

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 1,090,000,000 (about US\$ 6,943,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

3-y-o: 56kg (about 123-124 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs),

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

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	2	4	Museum Mile (JPN) Cristian Demuro	C3 d.b. 56.0	3.8 (3)	2:31.5 (34.6)	Leontes Museum Hill (Heart's Cry)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Daisuke Takayanagi
2	5	10 B	Cosmo Kuranda (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C4 d.b. 58.0	111.5 (12)	1/2 (35.5)	Al Ain Southern Speed (Southern Image)	Big Red Farm Big Red Farm Shizuya Kato
3	5	9	Danon Decile (JPN) Keita Tosaki	C4 ch. 58.0	3.8 (2)	Neck (35.0)	Epiphaneia Top Decile (Congrats)	Danox Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Shogo Yasuda
4	3	5	Regaleira (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F4 b. 56.0	3.3 (1)	1/2 (34.6)	Suave Richard Roca (Harbinger)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Tetsuya Kimura
5	4	7	Sunrise Zipangu (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	C4 b. 58.0	122.5 (13)	3/4 (34.8)	Kizuna Saimaa (Zoffany)	Life House Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Kyoko Maekawa

6	8	16	Tastiera (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	H5 b. 58.0	35.4 (8)	1 (35.7)	Satono Crown Partitura (Manhattan Cafe)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Noriyuki Hori
7	2	3 B	Justin Palace (JPN) Taisei Danno	H6 br. 58.0	12.7 (5)	1/2 (35.2)	Deep Impact Palace Rumor (Royal Anthem)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Haruki Sugiyama
8	1	1	Excite Bio (JPN) Kiwamu Ogino	C3 b. 56.0	29.7 (7)	Nose (35.5)	Rey de Oro Animate Bio (Zenno Rob Roy)	Bio K. Bio Co., Ltd. Teiichi Konno
9	6	12	Meiner Emperor (JPN) Yuji Tannai	H5 d.b. 58.0	111.5 (11)	1 (35.9)	Gold Ship Meine Theresia (Roses in May)	Thoroughbred Club Ruffian Co., Ltd. Big Red Farm Hisashi Shimizu
10	4	8	Chevalier Rose (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	H7 b. 58.0	154.1 (14)	3/4 (35.5)	Deep Impact Viane Rose (Sevres Rose)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Hisashi Shimizu
11	7	13	Admire Terra (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C4 g. 58.0	50.3 (9)	Neck (36.1)	Rey de Oro Admire Miyabi (Heart's Cry)	Junko Kondo Junko Kondo Yasuo Tomomichi
12	8	15	Elton Barows (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	H5 b. 58.0	180.3 (16)	1-1/4 (36.1)	Deep Brillante Shonan Carat (Brian's Time)	Hirotsugu Inokuma Hirotsugu Inokuma Haruki Sugiyama
13	3	6	Meisho Tabaru (JPN) Yutaka Take	C4 b. 58.0	5.8 (4)	Neck (36.7)	Gold Ship Meisho Tsubakuro (French Deputy)	Yoshitaka Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo Mamoru Ishibashi
14	1	2	Shin Emperor (FR) Ryusei Sakai	C4 ch. 58.0	26.6 (6)	Head (36.0)	Siyouni Starlet's Sister (Galileo)	Susumu Fujita Ecurie Des Monceaux Yoshito Yahagi
15	7	14	Arata (JPN) Takuya Ono	H8 b. 58.0	174.2 (15)	3/4 (35.9)	King Kamehameha Sunshine (Heart's Cry)	Takamitsu Murata Shadai Farm Yusuke Wada
16	6	11	Mystery Way (JPN) Hiroki Matsumoto	G7 d.b. 58.0	53.5 (10)	Neck (36.8)	Just a Way Gypsy Highway (High Chaparral)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Shinya Kobayashi

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: ¥ 71,345,206,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 90,387,204,800

Attendance: 56,409

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.4	¥ 380	Bracket Quinella	2-5	¥ 600	Quinella	4-10	¥ 22,520
Place	No.4	¥ 170	Quinella Place	4-10	¥ 4,150	Exacta	4-10	¥ 29,210
	No.10	¥ 1,070		4-9	¥ 310	Trio	4-9-10	¥ 16,580
	No.9	¥ 150		9-10	¥ 3,240	Trifecta	4-10-9	¥ 131,710

Winner= 10 starts: 5 wins, 2 seconds & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 503,528,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 961,799,000

### **Three-Year-Old Museum Mile Powers Past Rivals to Claim 2025 Arima Kinen**

Third favorite **Museum Mile** claimed his second G1 title by dominating the year-end “All-Star” Grand Prix, the Arima Kinen. The son of Leontes marked two wins in his two-year-old debut year and concluded the season with a second in the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m). This year, he kicked off with a fourth-place finish before capturing the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m), then finished sixth in the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby, G1, 2,400m). His autumn campaign began with a graded win in the St. Lite Kinen (G2, 2,200m) in September, followed by a 3/4-length second in the Tenno Sho (Autumn) (G1, 2,000m), his first start against older foes in early November. Trainer Daisuke Takayanagi claimed his fourth JRA-G1 title following his win in the Satsuki Sho with the colt, while jockey Cristian Demuro, who narrowly missed last year’s Arima Kinen with Shahryar by a nose, registered his seventh JRA-G1 victory, following his Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes win with Cavallerizzo just a week earlier.

A bit slow out of gate four, **Museum Mile** settled toward the rear, around 11th-12th from the front. The son of Leontes shadowed **Danon Decile** for most of the trip, swung wide around the final two corners and unleashed a powerful late charge behind the second pick with a time-tied fastest last-three-furlong drive. The three-year-old dark bay passed his rivals one by one, outrunning the last two frontrunners—**Danon Decile** and then **Cosmo Kuranda**—in the final strides to reach the wire a half-length in front to claim his Arima Kinen title.

“I’m really happy to win the race on the last day of racing of this year. It was a revenge from last year. Last year, Regaleira cut my dream and this year, I brought it back. I just followed Danon Decile all the way—he opened the way for us in the last stretch—and when we came outside, I knew we could beat him. The horse likes the Nakayama track, so it was a big advantage for us. I’m very happy to win the Arima Kinen on its 70th anniversary,” commented Cristian Demuro.

Coming into the race with 1-4-1 out of eight starts at Nakayama, twelfth choice **Cosmo Kuranda** chased the pace in second or third after briefly rallying for the lead early and took command at the top of the stretch. The Al Ain colt sustained the bid and maintained the lead but was denied by the winner just before the wire, finishing a half-length behind in second while holding off the rest of the field by a neck.

Posted second pick again this year, **Danon Decile** broke smoothly from gate nine and traveled wide in ninth. The four-year-old son of Epiphaneia improved his position while sweeping wide around the final corners and produced an impressive burst of speed down the lane but was overtaken by the fast-closing **Museum Mile** in the last 50 meters and finished a neck behind **Cosmo Kuranda** in third.

Race favorite **Regaleira** was forced to race toward the rear, around 14th, after a poor break. Meeting traffic entering the lane, the defending champion found a narrow opening between horses in the last 100 meters and exerted her strong late kick—the fastest last three furlongs, tied with the winner—but was too late to catch the top three and finished half a length behind **Danon Decile** in fourth.

#### Other Horses:

- 5th: (7) **Sunrise Zipangu**—positioned near rear, launched 3rd fastest late drive, belatedly
- 6th: (16) **Tastiera**—settled in 3rd early, entered lane in good striking position, ran gamely until 100m out
- 7th: (3) **Justin Palace**—trailed in rear, advanced while circling wide, passed tired rivals
- 8th: (1) **Excite Bio**—hugged rails around 10th, rounded wide in last corners, needed more
- 9th: (12) **Meiner Emperor**—raced around 7th, advanced to 4th in backstretch, lacked needed kick
- 10th: (8) **Chevalier Rose**—traveled around 12th, even paced
- 11th: (13) **Admire Terra**—sat in 4th, advanced after 3rd corner, failed to sustain bid
- 12th: (15) **Elton Barows**—ran around 7th on rails, showed little at stretch
- 13th: (6) **Meisho Tabaru**—tracked leader in 2nd or 3rd early, led at 2nd corner, faded in last 200m
- 14th: (2) **Shin Emperor**—saved ground around 5th, blocked behind horses at stretch
- 15th: (14) **Arata**—took economic trip around 12th, no factor
- 16th: (11) **Mystery Way**—rallied for lead to set pace, faded after 3rd corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 6.9 - 11.0 - 11.8 - 12.2 - 12.1 - 12.6 - 12.4 - 12.0 - 12.6 - 12.3 - 11.9 - 11.6 - 12.1  
 Last 4 furlongs: 47.9      Last 3 furlongs: 35.6

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

**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.