



SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 56TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

The Sprinters Stakes, initially established in 1967 as a major 1,200-meter sprint race for three-year-old and up, was designated as a spring G3 event in conjunction with the new grading system implemented in 1984. It was then upgraded to G2 in 1987 before becoming a G1 sprint race in 1990 with the date of fixture also shifted to the latter part of the season. The race now positions itself as the highest mark for sprinters together with the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) held in spring.

One of the first few JRA races to open its doors to foreign entries, the Sprinters Stakes has enjoyed the participation of many outstanding sprinters from North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. Hong Kong raiders have taken home the title twice so far—Silent Witness (AUS, by El Moxie) was the first foreign contender to win the title in 2005 along with Ultra Fantasy (AUS, by Encosta De Lago) in 2010—while Australia's Takeover Target (AUS, by Celtic Swing) won the 2006 version.

Last year's top two finishers, Pixie Knight (JPN, C4, by Maurice) and Resistencia (JPN, M5, by Daiwa Major), in that order, withdrew from the race due to injuries but are expected to come back to racing, the former next year and the latter in November.

This year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen victor **Naran Huleg** kicked off his autumn campaign in this race and aimed for his second G1 title, along with another G1 winner (2021 NHK Mile Cup) **Schnell Meister**. The winners of the "Summer Sprint Series" races who entered in this sprint G1 event included: **Namura Clair** (Hakodate Sprint Stakes [G3, 1,200m, Jun.12]); **T M Spada** (CBC Sho [G3, 1,200m, Jul.3]); **Vento Voce** (Keeneland Cup [G3, 1,200m, Aug.28]); and **Meikei Yell** (Centaur Stakes [G2, 1,200m, Sep.11]). Also among the lineup were **Taisei Vision**, runner-up of the CBC Sho and the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3, 1,200m, Aug.21), and **Win Marvel**, winner of the Aoi Stakes (G3, 1,200m) in May who came off a second in the Keeneland Cup.

THE 56TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 1,200 meters (about 6 furlongs), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 368,200,000 (about US\$ 3,202,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

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

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

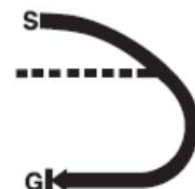
Course Record: 1:06.7

Race Record: 1:06.7 [Lord Kanaloa (JPN, by King Kamehameha), 2012]

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	1	2 B	Gendarme (USA) Kiwamu Ogino	H7 d.b. 57.0	20.3 (8)	1:07.8 (34.6)	Kitten's Joy Believe (Sunday Silence)	Koji Maeda North Hills Co., Limited Yasutoshi Ikee
2	4	7 B	Win Marvel (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C3 ch. 55.0	20.0 (7)	Neck (34.1)	I'll Have Another Cosmo Marvelous (Fuji Kiseki)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Masashi Fukayama
3	3	6	Naran Huleg (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	H6 ch. 57.0	18.6 (5)	3/4 (33.9)	Gold Allure Kelley's Beauty (Brian's Time)	Katsushige Muraki Mrs Setsuko Sakato Yoshitada Munakata
4	2	4	Diatonic (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H7 b. 57.0	41.7 (10)	Neck (34.6)	Lord Kanaloa To Harmony (Sunday Silence)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Sakai Bokujo Takayuki Yasuda
5	5	9	Namura Clair (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F3 br. 53.0	2.9 (2)	Head (34.5)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
6	3	5	Eighteen Girl (JPN) Shinichiro Akiyama	M6 br. 55.0	110.3 (14)	Neck (34.3)	Johannesburg Center Gran Tasse (Agnes Tachyon)	Yasushi Nakayama Shono Bokujo Yuji Iida
7	6	11	Travesura (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H7 b. 57.0	51.8 (11)	Neck (34.2)	Dream Journey Jaja Machan (Admire Cozzene)	Teruya Yoshida Shadai Farm Yasuyuki Takahashi

8	8	16	Maria's Heart (USA) Kazuki Kikuzawa	M6 b. 55.0	159.7 (15)	3/4 (33.9)	Shanghai Bobby Maria's Dance (Maria's Mon)	Normandy Thoroughbred Racing Co., Ltd. Sally J. Andersen Takanori Kikuzawa
9	8	15	Schnell Meister (GER) Takeshi Yokoyama	C4 b. 57.0	8.5 (3)	Head (34.4)	Kingman Serienholde (Soldier Hollow)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takahisa Tezuka
10	4	8 B	First Force (JPN) Taisei Danno	H6 d.b. 57.0	59.4 (12)	Neck (35.5)	Lord Kanaloa Rush Life (Sakura Bakushin O)	Koji Yasuhara Koji Yasuhara Masayuki Nishimura
11	6	12	Vento Voce (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	H5 b. 57.0	20.5 (9)	1/2 (34.7)	Turtle Bowl Runway Snap (Distant View)	Eden Association Shimokobe Farm Mitsunori Makiura
12	2	3 B	Meisho Mimosa (JPN) Yuji Tannai	M5 g. 55.0	106.7 (13)	1/2 (35.1)	Heart's Cry Meisho Beluga (French Deputy)	Yoshio Matsumoto Mishima Bokujo Kaneo Ikezoe
13	5	10	Taisei Vision (JPN) Yuichi Fukunaga	H5 ch. 57.0	19.8 (6)	Neck (34.4)	Turtle Bowl Somnia (Special Week)	Seiho Tanaka Northern Farm Masayuki Nishimura
14	7	13	Meikei Yell (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F4 b. 55.0	2.5 (1)	1-1/4 (35.4)	Mikki Isle Shiroinger (Harbinger)	Nagoya Keiba Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidenori Take
15	1	1	T M Spada (JPN) Kyosuke Kokubun	F3 g. 53.0	16.7 (4)	3/4 (36.1)	Red Spada Toshi the Cozzene (Admire Cozzene)	Masatsugu Takezono Kobayashi Stud Tadao Igarashi
16	7	14	Loving Answer (JPN) Yuji Hishida	H8 b. 57.0	322.5 (16)	1/2 (34.3)	Daiwa Major Love Letter (Rock of Gibraltar)	Hiromi Eguchi Kasamatsu Bokujo Koichi Ishizaka

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: ¥ 14,987,320,300 Turnover for the Day: ¥ 24,610,904,500 Attendance: 22,920

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.2	¥ 2,030	Bracket Quinella	1-4	¥ 3,430	Quinella	2-7	¥ 15,340
Place	No.2	¥ 470	Quinella Place	2-7	¥ 3,100	Exacta	2-7	¥ 36,640
	No.7	¥ 510		2-6	¥ 3,550	Trio	2-6-7	¥ 50,590
	No.6	¥ 560		6-7	¥ 2,960	Trifecta	2-7-6	¥ 468,950

Winner= 29 starts: 7 wins, 1 second, 3 thirds / Added money: ¥ 173,360,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 415,512,000

Seven-Year-Old Gendarme Captures First G1 Victory in This Year's Sprinters Stakes

Eighth favorite **Gendarme** displayed a skillful run to capture his first G1 title and registered a mother-and-son Sprinters Stakes victory—his dam Believe is the 2002 Sprinters Stakes victor. The son of Kitten's Joy won his first two career starts including the Daily Hai Nisai Stakes (G2, 1,600m) and marked a runner-up effort in his first G1 attempt in the Hopeful Stakes (G1, 2,000m) during his two-year-old season. Unsuccessful in the spring classics as a three-year-old, he focused on mile-distance races from autumn that year then switched to sprint from his five-year-old fall season in 2020. He claimed his second graded title in this year's Ocean Stakes (G3, 1,200m) in March but finished 11th in the following Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m) and was 17th in his previous start, the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3, 1,200m) on August 21. Trainer Yasutoshi Ikee marked his 21st JRA-G1 title following his win in the 2019 Osaka Hai with Al Ain and jockey Kiwamu Ogino registered his second grade-race victory and first G1 title in his seventh season as a jockey.

Quick out of the gate, **Gendarme** surged out to the front but eased back to third as **T M Spada** and **First Force** rallied to set the pace. Following the leaders in good striking position, the seven-year-old dark bay

