

**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 57TH 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.

Both last year's champion Gendarme (USA, by Kitten's Joy) and this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen victor First Force (JPN, Lord Kanaloa) retired from racing to stand as stallions.

The winners of the "Summer Sprint Series" races who entered in this sprint G1 event included: **Kimiwa Queen** (Hakodate Sprint Stakes [G3, 1,200m, Jun.11]), the eventual series champion **Jasper Krone** (CBC Sho [G3, 1,200m, Jul.2] and Kitakyushu Kinen [G3, 1,200m, Aug.20]), **All at Once** (Ibis Summer Dash [G3, 1,000m, Jul.30]), this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen runner-up **Namura Clair** (Keeneland Cup [G3, 1,200m, Aug.27]) and **T M Spada** (Centaur Stakes [G2, 1,200m, Sep.10]). This year's field also included **Meikei Yell**, six-time graded winner, **Pixie Knight**, champion of 2021 Sprinters Stakes, **Win Marvel**, last year's runner-up, **Naran Huleg** and **Dolce More**, respective winners of the Takamatsunomiya Kinen and the Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m) in 2022, and **Aguri**, the Hankyu Hai (G3, 1,400m) victor who came off a second in the Centaur Stakes.

**THE 57TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)**

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Nakayama Racecourse

11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 368,200,000 (about US\$ 2,811,000 &lt;US\$1=¥131&gt;)

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

2kg allowance for Fillies &amp; Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2020

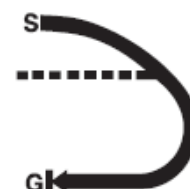
Course Record: 1:06.7

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

Safety factor: 16 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	3	6	Mama Cocha (JPN) Yuga Kawada	F4 b. 56.0	4.9 (3)	1:08.0 (34.5)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasutoshi Ikee
2	5	10	Mad Cool (IRE) Ryusei Sakai	C4 g. 58.0	14.0 (6)	Nose (34.4)	Dark Angel Mad About You (Indian Ridge)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd Manabu Ikezoe
3	1	1	Namura Clair (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F4 br. 56.0	2.9 (1)	1 (34.4)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
4	7	13	Jasper Krone (USA) Taisei Danno	C4 ch. 58.0	11.7 (4)	1 (35.1)	Frosted Fancy Kitten (Kitten's Joy)	Kazuo Kato Machmer Hall & Godolphin Hideyuki Mori
5	4	8	Meikei Yell (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	M5 b. 56.0	12.4 (5)	Nose (34.8)	Mikki Isle Shiroinger (Harbinger)	Nagoya Keiba Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidenori Take
6	3	5 B	Win Marvel (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C4 ch. 58.0	17.3 (8)	Neck (34.4)	I'll Have Another Cosmo Marvelous (Fuji Kiseki)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Masashi Fukayama
7	5	9	Aguri (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C4 br. 58.0	4.8 (2)	Neck (33.9)	Caravaggio Old Time Waltz (War Front)	Masahiro Miki Northern Racing Takayuki Yasuda

8	2	3 B	Pixie Knight (JPN) Keita Tosaki	H5 b. 58.0	16.0 (7)	1/2 (34.6)	Maurice Pixie Hollow (King Halo)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hidetaka Otonashi
9	2	4 B	Naran Huleg (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	H7 ch. 58.0	46.3 (13)	Head (34.4)	Gold Allure Kelley's Beauty (Brian's Time)	Katsushige Muraki Mrs Setsuko Sakato Yoshitada Munakata
10	8	15	Kimiwa Queen (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	F4 b. 56.0	44.2 (11)	Neck (33.7)	Lord Kanaloo Cherry Petals (Daiwa Major)	Terumi Urabe Oiwake Farm Takeshi Okumura
11	7	14	A Shin Spotter (JPN) Taiga Tsunoda	C4 ch. 58.0	51.6 (14)	1/2 (33.8)	A Shin Hikari Marzeline (Barathea)	Eishindo Co., Ltd. Katsuhiko Hirai Keiji Yoshimura
12	6	12	Dolce More (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C3 b. 56.0	149.8 (16)	1-3/4 (34.8)	Rulership Ayusan (Deep Impact)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Shimokobe Farm Naosuke Sugai
13	4	7	All at Once (JPN) Yukito Ishikawa	M5 b. 56.0	36.8 (9)	1 (34.7)	Makfi Supreme Gift (Deep Impact)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Eiji Nakadate
14	1	2	T M Spada (JPN) Akatsuki Tomita	F4 g. 56.0	38.0 (10)	Nose (35.8)	Red Spada Toshi the Cozzene (Admire Cozzene)	Masatsugu Takezono Kobayashi Stud Kazuyoshi Kihara
15	6	11 B	Jubilee Head (JPN) Yuichi Kitamura	H6 b. 58.0	135.7 (15)	1-1/2 (34.3)	Lord Kanaloo Rose Noble (Deep Impact)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takayuki Yasuda
16	8	16	Mozu Meimei (JPN) Yutaka Take	F3 b. 54.0	44.7 (12)	Neck (36.0)	Real Impact In Luxury (Frankel)	Capital System Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Hidetaka Otonashi

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: ¥ 15,411,299,800

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 25,362,629,700

Attendance: 28,271

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.6	¥ 490	Bracket	Quinella	3-5	¥ 770	Quinella	6-10	¥ 3,260
Place	No.6	¥ 180	Quinella	Place	6-10	¥ 1,120	Exacta	6-10	¥ 5,190
	No.10	¥ 320			1-6	¥ 340	Trio	1-6-10	¥ 2,310
	No.1	¥ 140			1-10	¥ 700	Trifecta	6-10-1	¥ 17,140

Winner= 13 starts: 6 wins, 2 seconds & 2 thirds / Added & stakes money: ¥ 173,402,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 284,449,000

### **Mama Cocha Claims Narrow Victory and First G1 Title in 2023 Sprinters Stakes**

Third favorite **Mama Cocha** captured her first graded and G1 title following a close battle in the final stages in this year's Sprinters Stakes. The bay sister to the white multiple-G1 winner Sodashi registered one win out of four starts as a two-year-old and three out of five at three, then kicked off this season with a ninth in the Hanshin Himba Stakes (G2, 1,600m) followed by a win in the listed Azuchijo Stakes (1,400m) in May prior to a runner-up over 1,200 meters, her first start at that distance, in the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3) on August 20. Her trainer, Yasutoshi Ikee, marked a consecutive Sprinters Stakes victory following his win with Gendarme last year, and claimed his 22nd JRA-G1 title overall. Jockey Yuga Kawada, who partnered with the filly for the first time in this race, scored his second Sprinters Stakes title—his other win being with Fine Needle in 2018—while registering his 24th JRA-G1 win, his latest before this being the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) with Liberty Island this spring.

**Mama Cocha** broke smoothly, securing a good forward position behind the leaders in sixth or seventh outside race favorite **Namura Clair**, then advanced rapidly in the latter half along the outside to sit alongside pacesetter **Jasper Krone** approaching the final corner. Still in pursuit of the tenacious **Jasper**

**Krone** in the early stretch, the Kurofune filly took command at the 100-meter marker while joined by **Mad Cool** for a duel up to the wire where the bay four-year-old filly was declared the winner by a nose margin.

“This filly is a completely different type of horse comparing to her famous sister but she has a good potential in her own right to become a good sprinter and while still winless in grade-race level coming into this race, I felt she had a good chance when I first rode her in her speedwork and at the post-race parade. She still has a lot of room for improvement and there were moments where I had to be careful in keeping her in good rhythm while she was forced out slightly by pressure from the horses in the inside between the last two corners. She did respond well though when challenged at the straight and I am glad that she was able to sustain her bid to the wire to claim the win,” commented Yuga Kawada.

Sixth favorite **Mad Cool** broke sharply, following the pacesetter and racing in striking distance along the rails, coming into the straight while maintaining the inside route, the gray Dark Angel colt turned in a fine turn of foot to seize the moment as the pacesetter in front began to weaken at the 100-meter marker to engage in a duel with the eventual winner and just missed by a nose in the end.

Race favorite **Namura Clair** sat in a good position between rivals around fifth or sixth, angled out to find space rounding the final turn and in contention in the final furlong but was short of causing a serious threat in the critical stages as the Mikki Isle filly finished a good length behind the first two finishers.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (13) **Jasper Krone**—set pace, showed tenacity after overtaken by top 2 finishers but denied by Namura Clair before wire for 4th
- 5th: (8) **Meikei Yell**—traveled 4-wide behind eventual winner, ran gamely but failed to close in on frontrunners
- 6th: (5) **Win Marvel**—was off a slow, advanced to 8th on rails, showed effort until 100m out
- 7th: (9) **Aguri**—ran in 13th, circled wide, responded well but had too much ground to make up
- 8th: (3) **Pixie Knight**—traveled in 8th, showed brief effort, lacked needed kick in last 200m
- 9th: (4) **Naran Huleg**—sat around 10th, improved position until 100m out
- 10th: (15) **Kimiwa Queen**—unhurried around 14th, showed the fastest late speed but belatedly
- 11th: (14) **A Shin Spotter**—settled around 14th, turned wide, passed tired rivals
- 12th: (12) **Dolce More**—raced 3-wide around 10th, showed little at stretch
- 13th: (7) **All at Once**—traveled in 12th, unable to reach contention
- 14th: (2) **T M Spada**—pressed pace in 2nd, dropped back due to early effort at stretch
- 15th: (11) **Jubilee Head**—trailed in rear, no factor throughout trip
- 16th: (16) **Mozu Meimei**—forwardly positioned around 3rd from widest stall, faded after final corner

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 11.7 - 10.4 - 11.2 - 11.2 - 11.2 - 12.3  
Last 4 furlongs: 45.9 Last 3 furlongs: 34.7

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

**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.