

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 59TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

The Sprinters Stakes, initially established in 1967 as a major 1,200-meter sprint race for three-year-olds 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 the fixture also shifted to the latter part of the season. The race now positions itself as the pinnacle event 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), the first foreign contender to win the title in 2005 and Ultra Fantasy (AUS, by Encosta De Lago) in 2010—and Australia's Takeover Target (AUS, by Celtic Swing) won the 2006 version. While last year's edition was joined by two Hong Kong-based runners, Victor The Winner (AUS, by Toronado; 6th) and Mugen (AUS, by Deep Field; 13th), this year's edition welcomed four-time G1 winner **Lucky Sweynesse** again from Hong Kong.

Defending champion **Lugal**, this year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen victor **Satono Reve** and three-time G1 runner-up **Namura Clair** commenced their autumn campaign with this sprint G1 event. Winner of the 2023 edition, **Mama Cocha**, came off a second in the Centaur Stakes (G2, 1,200m; Sep.7) which was won by **Kangchenjunga** with **Toshin Macau** in third. The field also included **Ka Pilina**, **Yamanin al Rihla** and **Puro Magic**, respective winners of the Hakodate Sprint Stakes (G3, 1,200m; Jun.14), the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3, 1,200m; Jul.6) and the Ibis Summer Dash (G3, 1,000m; Aug.3).

THE 59TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race

Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 369,900,000 (about US\$ 2,357,000 <US\$1=¥157>)

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

2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares, 1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2022

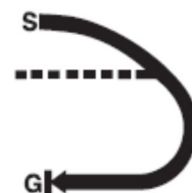
Course Record: 1:06.7

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	8	16 B	Win Carnelian (JPN) Kosei Miura	H8 ch. 58.0	50.0 (11)	1:06.9 (33.0)	Screen Hero Cosmo Crystal (Meiner Love)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuichi Shikato
2	7	13	June Blair (USA) Yutaka Take	F4 b. 56.0	20.2 (7)	Head (33.2)	American Pharoah Lap of Luxury (Galileo)	Jun Yoshikawa Diamond Creek Farm Hidenori Take
3	3	6	Namura Clair (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	M6 br. 56.0	5.7 (2)	1-1/2 (32.7)	Mikki Isle Sun Queen (Storm Cat)	Mutsuhiro Namura Mutsuhiro Namura Kodai Hasegawa
4	4	7	Satono Reve (JPN) Joao Moreira	H6 b. 58.0	2.2 (1)	Nose (33.0)	Lord Kanaloa Ciliege (Sakura Bakushin O)	Hajime Satomi Shirai Stud Farm Noriyuki Hori
5	1	2	Yoshino Easter (JPN) Hiroyuki Uchida	H7 d.b. 58.0	82.0 (14)	Neck (33.1)	Rulership Earth Pray (Zenno Rob Roy)	Yoshinori Shimizu Gerbera Park Stud Hidemasa Nakao
6	2	3	Danon McKinley (JPN) Norihiro Yokoyama	C4 b. 58.0	81.5 (13)	Nose (32.8)	Maurice Homecoming Queen (Holy Roman Emperor)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Hideaki Fujiwara
6	2	4	Mama Cocha (JPN) Mirai Iwata	M6 b. 56.0	8.0 (3)	DH (33.2)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasutoshi Ikee
8	1	1	Puro Magic (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	F4 b. 56.0	10.5 (5)	1 (33.4)	Asia Express Medjerda (Deep Impact)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Shogo Yasuda

9	3	5	Kangchenjunga (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	H5 b. 58.0	28.3 (8)	1 (32.8)	Big Arthur Questa Volta (Novellist)	Masanobu Habata Masanobu Habata Yasushi Shono
10	6	11	Toshin Macau (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	H6 ch. 58.0	12.4 (6)	Head (33.6)	Big Arthur Yukino Mermaid (Special Week)	Sato Co., Ltd. Hattori Bokujo Mizuki Takayanagi
11	5	10 B	Lucky Swaynesse (NZ) Ka Chun Leung	G7 br. 58.0	36.6 (10)	Neck (33.3)	Swaynesse Madonna Mia (Red Clubs)	M L Cheng, Y T Cheng, M M Cheng & Y W Cheng P L Dombroski Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock Ka Leung Man
12	8	15	Lugal (JPN) Yuga Kawada	H5 br. 58.0	8.2 (4)	1/2 (33.3)	Duramente Atab (New Approach)	Yoshimasa Ema Mishima Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama
13	4	8	Pair Pollux (JPN) Fuma Matsuwaka	C4 d.b. 58.0	52.9 (12)	Nose (32.8)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Miracle Ask (Deep Impact)	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Toshihiro Hirosaki Tomoyuki Umeda
14	5	9	Drop of Light (JPN) Yuji Tannai	M6 d.b. 56.0	178.5 (16)	3/4 (33.1)	Tosen Ra Precious Drop (French Deputy)	Makio Okada Okada Stud Yuichi Fukunaga
15	6	12	Yamanin al Rihla (JPN) Taisei Danno	C4 g. 58.0	140.0 (15)	2 (33.4)	Isla Bonita Yamaninapapillonner (Swept Overboard)	Hajime Doi Nishikioka Farm Takashi Saito
16	7	14	Ka Pilina (JPN) Keita Tosaki	F4 g. 56.0	36.4 (9)	1/2 (34.0)	Dunkirk Lightly Tune (Manhattan Cafe)	Hidaka Breeders Union Co., Ltd. Tanioka Stud Toshiaki Tajima

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: ¥ 17,038,458,900

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 28,358,515,100

Attendance: 33,918

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.16	¥ 5,000	Bracket Quinella	7-8	¥ 3,150	Quinella	13-16	¥ 60,830
Place	No.16	¥ 1,250	Quinella Place	13-16	¥ 14,410	Exacta	16-13	¥ 119,920
	No.13	¥ 540		6-16	¥ 5,850	Trio	6-13-16	¥ 116,720
	No.6	¥ 210		6-13	¥ 2,030	Trifecta	16-13-6	¥ 1,301,150

Winner= 33 starts: 9 wins, 6 seconds & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 173,360,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 519,736,500

Veteran Eight-Year-Old Win Carnelian Captures First G1 Title in This Year's Sprinters Stakes

Win Carnelian marked an upset victory in this year's Sprinters Stakes to capture his third graded and first G1 title and became the second eight-year-old horse to win the race after Hong Kong-based Ultra Fantasy in 2010. Sired by Screen Hero who was also trained by Yuichi Shikato, the chestnut began his career in 2019 and finished fourth in the 2020 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas, G1, 2,000m). He registered his first grade-race victory in the 2022 Sekiya Kinen (G3, 1,600m) and added another in the 2023 Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m). **Win Carnelian** was tested over 1,200 meters for the first time in last year's Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m; 4th) and marked a runner-up effort in this year's Al Quoz Sprint (G1, 1,200m). Trainer Yuichi Shikato marked his fifth JRA-G1 win following the 2021 Arima Kinen with Efforia while jockey Kosei Miura, who debuted in 2008, scored his 23rd graded victory and much-awaited first G1 title in his 127th attempt at the level.

Eight-year-old **Win Carnelian** burst out from the outermost stall to press the pace in second behind **June Blair**. As the field rounded the final corner, the eight-year-old chestnut engaged in a fierce duel with the four-year-old filly down the stretch, ultimately winning his first G1 title by a head.

"I've been riding this horse for a long time, so regardless of the (widest) draw, I was confident in knowing how he could find his best and most comfortable rhythm, which was the top priority for us today. During the dead-heat to

the wire, the history between us and the strong desire to give one more big victory to my eight-year-old partner ran through my mind. It's also a big joy for me to mark my first G1 win with the horse of my mentor (and trainer), Yuichi Shikato," commented jockey Kosei Miura after winning the race.

Quick out of the gate, seventh choice **June Blair** immediately took the lead to set a steady pace. The American Pharoah filly continued to demonstrate incredible speed in the stretch and dueled strongly with the winner but crossed the wire a head short in second.

Second pick **Namura Clair** broke sharply and eased back to travel wide in mid-division. Although meeting traffic entering the lane, the six-year-old mare found a narrow opening 200 meters out and unleashed a powerful late charge that timed the fastest over the last three furlongs, but was unable to catch the leaders and finished third—marking her third consecutive third-place finish in the Sprinters Stakes.

Race favorite **Satono Reve** broke smoothly and settled in midfield, around eighth, and turned the last two corners wide to launch his bid. The Takamatsunomiya Kinen champion, although unable to nail the top two finishers, engaged in a fierce rally with four other horses before the wire and finished a nose behind **Namura Clair** in fourth.

Sent off tenth pick, Hong Kong sprinter **Lucky Sweynesse** broke well from stall no. 10 and was eased back a bit to settle in mid-field behind the race favorite while cruising down the backstretch. As the field launched their bids rounding the last corner, the seven-year-old gelding responded mildly, slipping back near to the rear at the top of the straight and found his best stride too late, finishing 11th.

“The race was good but the winning time and the pace was just too fast for our horse. Losing close to 50 pounds may have also affected his performance,” trainer Ka Leung Man said in a post-race interview.

“He was squeezed between horses in the beginning and was never comfortable. And when they speeded up, my horse couldn’t follow it. After he struggled in a gap, he fired in the last 100 (meters) but was too late,” commented jockey Ka Chun Leung.

Other Horses:

5th: (2) **Yoshino Easter**—broke alertly, 6th-7th along rails, rallied strongly for 3rd place but was nose+neck short of **Namura Clair**

6th: (3) **Danon McKinley**—saved ground around 11th, showed 2nd fastest late kick but was too late

6th: (4) **Mama Cocha**—raced around 5th near rail, failed to find another gear at stretch

8th: (1) **Puro Magic**—chased leaders around 3rd, sustained bid until 100m out

9th: (5) **Kangchenjunga**—reserved near rear, showed effort in last 100m, picked off tired rivals

10th: (11) **Toshin Macau**—rushed up to 4th-5th from front, was used up and dropped away in last 200m

12th: (15) **Lugal**—steadily inched forward in backstretch to mid-field losing ground, lacked closing kick

13th: (8) **Pair Pollux**—off slow, improved from far rear, angled out wide for stretch run, mild response

14th: (9) **Drop of Light**—wide trip 4th from rear, showed late effort in last 200m, too late

15th: (12) **Yamanin al Rihla**—missed break, hugged rails in rear, never a factor

16th: (14) **Ka Pilina**—good break, wide trip in mid-pack, edged up before last turn, failed to respond

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.0 - 10.7 - 11.0 - 11.2 - 10.6 - 11.4
Last 4 furlongs: 44.2 Last 3 furlongs: 33.2

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

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.