



SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 60TH 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—while Australia's Takeover Target (AUS, by Celtic Swing) won the 2006 version.

Defending champion **Win Carnelian** came off a third in the Keeneland Cup (G3, 1,200m, Aug.23) where **Sound Moryana** claimed her first graded title, with 2025 NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m) victor **Panja Tower** in second. In the Centaur Stakes (G2, 1,200m, Sep.6), **Flicker Jab** scored consecutive graded victories following his win in the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3, 1,200m, Jul.5), with Hakodate Sprint Stakes (G3, 1,200m, Jun.13) and Ibis Summer Dash (G3, 1,000m, Aug.2) winner **Puro Magic** in second and 2023 Sprinters Stakes champion **Mama Cocha** in third.

This year's field also included **Lugal** and **Star Anise**, respective winners of the 2024 Sprinters Stakes and this year's Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m), as well as **Red Mon Reve** and **World's End**, runner-ups in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen and the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m), respectively, this spring.

THE 60TH SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

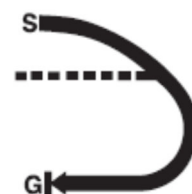
Total prize money: ¥ 369,900,000 (about US\$ 2,387,000 <US\$1=¥155>)

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 2023

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

Safety factor: 16 runners Going: Good Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	8	16	Puro Magic (JPN) Mirai Iwata	M5 b. 56.0	24.5 (9)	1:09.2 (35.6)	Asia Express Medjerda (Deep Impact)	Three H Racing Co., Ltd. Murata Bokujo Shogo Yasuda
2	3	6	World's End (JPN) Akihide Tsumura	H5 d.b. 58.0	10.7 (5)	Neck (35.3)	Lord Kanaloa Lilavati (Zenno Rob Roy)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe
3	3	5	Sound Moryana (JPN) Hayato Yoshida	F4 ch. 56.0	27.0 (11)	Nose (35.2)	Mikki Isle Sound Rihanna (Came Home)	Yuichi Masuda Yuichi Masuda Hidenori Take
4	5	9	Star Anise (JPN) Christophe Lemaire	F3 ch. 54.0	3.7 (1)	1-1/4 (35.1)	Drefong Epice Arome (Daiwa Major)	Katsumi Yoshida Northern Farm Tomokazu Takano
5	1	1 B	Red Mon Reve (JPN) Manabu Sakai	H7 b. 58.0	52.3 (14)	1-1/4 (35.0)	Lord Kanaloa Last Groove (Deep Impact)	Tokyo Horse Racing Co., Ltd. Hidetoshi Yamamoto Masayoshi Ebina
6	7	14 B	Win Carnelian (JPN) Kosei Miura	H9 ch. 58.0	13.9 (6)	Neck (35.6)	Screen Hero Cosmo Crystal (Meiner Love)	Win Co., Ltd. Cosmo View Farm Yuichi Shikato
7	4	8 B	A T Makfi (JPN) Akatsuki Tomita	H7 b. 58.0	21.9 (8)	Neck (35.2)	Makfi Tenshinramman (Heart's Cry)	Takahiro Okada Okada Bokujo Hidenori Take

8	2	4	June Blair (USA) Ryusei Sakai	M5 b. 56.0	28.3 (12)	Head (35.6)	American Pharoah Lap of Luxury (Galileo)	Jun Yoshikawa Diamond Creek Farm Hidenori Take
8	4	7	Pair Pollux (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H5 d.b. 58.0	36.7 (13)	DH (35.9)	Kinshasa no Kiseki Miracle Ask (Deep Impact)	Hirosaki Toshihiro HD Co., Ltd. Toshihiro Hirosaki Tomoyuki Umeda
10	2	3	Mama Cocha (JPN) Yutaka Take	M7 b. 56.0	16.1 (7)	Nose (35.6)	Kurofune Buchiko (King Kamehameha)	Kaneko Makoto Holdings Co., Ltd. Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc. Yasutoshi Ikee
11	1	2	Ai Sansan (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	F4 br. 56.0	56.1 (15)	3/4 (35.5)	Kizuna Wadjet (Symboli Kris S)	Koji Oka Sunday Hills Yoshitake Hashida
12	8	15	Flicker Jab (JPN) Atsuya Nishimura	C4 d.b. 58.0	7.7 (3)	3/4 (36.2)	Saturnalia Nike Trick (Sakura Bakushin O)	West.Forest.Stable Co., Ltd. Hiroki Hokiya Shota Nishizono
13	5	10	Rapier (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	C4 b. 58.0	25.2 (10)	4 (36.0)	Tower of London Annatorte (Empire Maker)	Shinji Maeda Tomina Bokujo Kazuya Nakatake
14	6	11	Lugal (JPN) Katsuma Sameshima	H6 br. 58.0	9.6 (4)	1-1/4 (36.5)	Duramente Atab (New Approach)	Yoshimasa Ema Mishima Bokujo Haruki Sugiyama
15	7	13	Panja Tower (JPN) Kohei Matsuyama	C4 b. 58.0	3.9 (2)	7 (37.8)	Tower of London Clarksdale (Victoire Pisa)	Deep Creek Co., Ltd. Champions Farm Shinsuke Hashiguchi
16	6	12	Black Chalice (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	F3 b. 54.0	113.6 (16)	4 (38.2)	Kitasan Black Gold Chalice (To the World)	Field Racing Field Racing Koshiro Take

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)
DH: Dead Heat

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: ¥ 17,266,324,100

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 29,064,916,000

Attendance: 33,526

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.16	¥ 2,450	Bracket Quinella	3-8	¥ 2,130	Quinella	6-16	¥ 13,560
Place	No.16	¥ 810	Quinella Place	6-16	¥ 4,850	Exacta	16-6	¥ 28,380
	No.6	¥ 390		5-16	¥ 8,440	Trio	5-6-16	¥ 73,620
	No.5	¥ 800		5-6	¥ 3,370	Trifecta	16-6-5	¥ 462,120

Winner= 22 starts: 8 wins, 3 seconds & 1 third / Added & stakes money: ¥ 173,360,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 441,417,300

Puro Magic Captures First G1 Title in Wire-to-Wire Sprinters Stakes Victory

Ninth favorite **Puro Magic** turned in a wire-to-wire victory in this year's Sprinters Stakes, capturing her first G1 title in her sixth challenge at that level. Debuting in June as a two-year-old, the daughter of Asia Express was mainly raced at 1,000 and 1,200 meters and registered three graded titles—the 2024 Aoi Stakes (G3, 1,200m), the Kitakyushu Kinen (G3, 1,200m), and the 2025 Ibis Summer Dash (G3, 1,000m)—during her three- and four-year-old seasons. This year, the five-year-old mare won the Hakodate Sprint Stakes (G3, 1,200m) in June and the Ibis Summer Dash in August, then registered a runner-up effort in her previous start, the Centaur Stakes (G2, 1,200m), three weeks earlier, which earned her the Summer Sprint Series champion title. This win marked the first G1 title for her sire Asia Express, winner of the 2013 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes. Trainer Shogo Yasuda scored his second JRA-G1 victory since the 2024 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) with Danon Decile, while jockey Mirai Iwata also claimed his second G1 title after his win in the 2024 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies with Arma Veloce.

Puro Magic broke sharply from the widest stall and quickly assumed command to set the pace. The Asia Express mare continued to lead the field, opening a three-length gap over the rest of the field while turning

the corners, and though challenged by **World's End** and **Sound Moryana** in the final 100 meters, the five-year-old bay found another gear and managed to cross the wire a neck in front to capture her first G1 title.

"I was a bit worried about the ground condition, but thanks to her ability and speed, we were able to take the lead. She was more composed than in her last race and managed to hang on in the stretch," commented jockey Mirai Iwata.

Fifth choice **World's End** advanced to third on the rails and strongly closed in on the eventual winner with every stride in the stretch, but was a neck short of catching that foe and finished second, repeating his runner-up effort in his previous G1 start, the Yasuda Kinen (G1, 1,600m) this spring.

Eleventh pick **Sound Moryana** broke sharply but eased back around fifth early. The Keeneland Cup (G3, 1,200m) winner turned the final corner in tandem with **World's End** and dueled with him in the last 200 meters, but missed the runner-up seat by a nose to finish third.

Race favorite **Star Anise** broke smoothly and traveled wide toward the back, around tenth from the front. Meeting traffic at the top of the lane, the three-year-old Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas, G1, 1,600m) winner found an open space 200 meters out and displayed a powerful turn of foot, recording the second fastest closing speed to close in on the top three, but finished 1-1/4-lengths behind in fourth.

Other contenders:

- 5th: (1) **Red Mon Reve**—trailed in rear, launched fastest late kick but belatedly
- 6th: (14) **Win Carnelian**—raced around 6th, rallied to chase winner, weakened in last 100m
- 7th: (8) **A T Makfi**—settled near rear, showed tied 3rd fastest late drive but never threatened
- 8th: (4) **June Blair**—saved ground around 7th, showed effort until 100m out
- 8th: (7) **Pair Pollux**—ran around 4th, met traffic 300m out, even paced thereafter
- 10th: (3) **Mama Cocha**—sat around 7th, angled out, lacked needed kick
- 11th: (2) **Ai Sansan**—hugged rails around 10th, showed little at stretch
- 12th: (15) **Flicker Jab**—tracked winner in 2nd, remained in contention up to 200m pole
- 13th: (10) **Rapier**—positioned near rear, circled wide, unable to reach contention
- 14th: (11) **Lugal**—race wide around 10th, failed to respond when needed
- 15th: (13) **Panja Tower**—ran wide around 8th, never fired at stretch
- 16th: (12) **Black Chalice**—traveled wide in mid-group early, dropped position

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 11.8 - 10.6 - 11.2 - 11.4 - 11.6 - 12.6
Last 4 furlongs: 46.8 Last 3 furlongs: 35.6

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

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.