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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 40TH SPRINTERS STAKES (GI)

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 GIII event in conjunction with the new grading system implemented in 1984. It was then upgraded to GII in 1987 before becoming a GI sprint race in 1991 with the date of fixture also shifted to the latter part of the season to position itself as the highest mark for sprinters together with the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (GI, 1,200m) held in spring.

One of the first few races to open its doors to foreign entrees, the race became part of the Global Sprint Challenge, an international sprint series on turf, launched jointly by Racing Victoria Ltd. (AUS), Ascot Racecourse Ltd. (GB) and the JRA in 2005. The race, which was the final leg of last year's series, was won by Hong Kong's world class sprinter, SILENT WITNESS (AUS, by El Moxie) who crossed the wire in 1:07.3 just 0.3 seconds short of the race record set by TROT STAR (JRN, by Damister) in 2001.

The GSC has now become a seven-race series with the addition of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's well established Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint (GI, 1,200m) in December. Before this race, the series was led by TAKEOVER TARGET (AUS, by Celtic Swing) who accumulated 33 points after finishing second to SHE IS TOSHO (JPN, by Sakura Bakushin O) in the Centaur Stakes (JPN-GII, 1,200m), the fifth leg of the GSC. The Series' runner-up (as of before this race) and English raider, LES ARCS (USA, by Arch) as well as BENBAUN (IRE, by Stravinsky), flew into Japan for this year's Sprinter's Cup with 11 points and 5 points respectively, while Tony Cruz conditioned SILENT WITNESS, aiming for his second consecutive win.

THE 40TH SPRINTERS STAKES (GI)---3-year-old & up, 1,200 meters (about 6f), turf, right-handed

Sunday, October 1, 2006 Nakayama Racecourse 11th Race Post time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥202,350,000 (about US\$1,759,000; 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 horses born in 2003 Safety Factor: 16 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 8)

FP	BKT	PP	Horse	S&A	Weight (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (win)
1	7	13	*Takeover Target (AUS)	G7	57.0	Celtic Swing Shady Stream	J. Ford J. Janiak	J. Janiak Meringo Stud Farm	1:08.1 (35.3)	4.2
2	2	4	Meisho Bowler (JPN)	H5	57.0	Taiki Shuttle Nice Raise	Y. Fukunaga T. Shirai	Y. Matsumoto Hinode Bokujo	2-1/2 (35.3)	20.6
3	1	2	Tagano Bastille (JPN)	C3	55.0	Brian's Time Wien Concert	M. Katsuura K. Ikezoe	R. Yagi Sakurai Bokujo	NECK (34.3)	168.7
4	7	14	*Silent Witness (AUS)	G7	57.0	El Moxie Jade Tiara	F. Coetzee A. Cruz	Arthur da Silva IK Smith	HEAD (35.6)	6.3
5	5	9B	*Benbaun (IRE)	G5	57.0	Stravinsky Escape to Victory	D. O'Donohoe M. Wallace	Ransley Birks Hillen Dr T.A.Ryan	NECK (35.4)	28.1
6	8	16	Cheerful Smile (JPN)	M6	55.0	Sunday Silence Golden Colors	Y. Iwata Y. Ikee	Academy Co. Ltd. Katsunori Shimizu	1/2 (34.8)	9.6
7	2	3	*Les Arcs (USA)	G6	57.0	ArchLa Sarto	E. Saint-Martin T. Pitt	W. Mckay Elk Manor Farm	HEAD (35.2)	7.0
8	3	5	She is Tosho (JPN)	M6	55.0	Sakura Bakushin O Jane Tosho	K. Ikezoe A. Tsurudome	Tosho Sangyo Tosho Bokujo	NECK (35.3)	6.3
9	4	7	Orewa Matteruze (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Curly Angel	Y. Shibata H. Otonashi	Y. Odagiri Northern Farm	HEAD (35.2)	7.4
10	5	10	Blue Shotgun (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O Ogi Blue Venus	Y. Fujioka K. Take	Ogifushi Racing Club Co. Ltd. Take Bokujo	HEAD (34.8)	43.7
11	1	1	Venus Line (JPN)	M5	55.0	Fuji Kiseki Hokuto Pendant	S. Akiyama N. Hori	Turf Sport Sakai Bokujo	NECK (34.9)	17.1
12	3	6	Golden Cast (JPN)	H6	57.0	Taiki Shuttle Return Bandam	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	K. Maeda Bandam Bokujo	NOSE (34.6)	97.5
13	6	12	Symboli Escape (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sakura Bakushin O Sweet Kenmare	M. Ebina T. Kubota	Symboli Stud Symboli Stud	1-1/4 (35.3)	16.3
14	4	8B	Keeneland Swan (USA)	H7	57.0	Distant View To Act	L. Innes H. Mori	T. Hirai J. Ryan & G. Ryan	NECK (35.4)	138.3
15	6	11	Tamamo Hot Play (JPN)	H5	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Hot Play	K. Watanabe K. Minai	Tamamo K. Shinsei Bokujo	2-1/2 (35.3)	49.3
16	8	15	Suteki Shinsukekun (USA)	C3	55.0	Danzig Autumn Moon	H. Goto H. Mori	Y. Sakae Monticule	1-1/2 (36.7)	19.9

FP=Final Position, BKT=Bracket Number, PP=Post Position, B=Blinkers L3F=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE1: *=Foreign Contenders

NOTE2: Figures quoted under WIN ODDS show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen).

WINNING TIME: 1:08.1

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Rain

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	13	¥420	PLACE	13	¥180
BRACKET QUINELLA	2 - 7	¥660		4	¥570
QUINELLA	4 - 13	¥5,920		2	¥3,680
EXACTA	13 - 4	¥10,590	QUINELLA PLACE	4 - 13	¥1,770
TRIO	2 - 4-13	¥569,750		2 - 13	¥23,110
TRIFECTA	13 - 4- 2	¥2,637,570		2 - 4	¥26,220

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE: ¥12,357,554,900

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY: ¥19,840,356,200

ATTENDANCE: 47,347

1. TAKEOVER TARGET (AUS), bay, gelding, 7-year-old
Celtic Swing / Shady Stream (Archregent)
Breeder: Meringo Stud Farm Owner: Joseph Janiak
Trainer: Joseph Janiak Jockey: Jay Ford
23 Starts, 13 Wins
Added money: ¥98,486,000 Career earnings: approx. ¥316,486,000
2. MEISHO BOWLER (JPN), dark bay or brown, horse, 5-year-old
Taiki Shuttle / Nice Raise (Storm Cat)
Breeder: Hinode Bokujo Owner: Yoshio Matsumoto
Trainer: Toshiaki Shirai Jockey: Yuichi Fukunaga
3. TAGANO BASTILLE (JPN), bay, colt, 3-year-old
Brian's Time / Wien Concert (Sakura Yutaka O)
Breeder: Sakurai Bokujo Owner: Ryoji Yagi
Trainer: Kaneo Ikezoe Jockey: Masaki Katsuura

Race favorite TAKEOVER TARGET from Australia claimed this year's SPRINTERS STAKES, the sixth leg of the GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE, to ensure his victory in the series with one more race remaining. He will be eligible for the US\$1 million bonus if he achieves another victory in the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m) to be held in December.

The race broke off with defending champion SILENT WITNESS from Hong Kong making a good start and projecting half a length in front of TAKEOVER TARGET and SUTEKI SHINSUKEKUN to set the pace. MEISHO BOWLER who also jumped out at the start to join the front pack, eased down to fourth position to lead the second pack.

With TAKEOVER TARGET slightly leading SILENT WITNESS through the last corner, the Australian raider exerted a powerful kick in the homestretch, widening the gap to a 2-1/2-length victory. MEISHO BOWLER also showed great tenacity in the last stretch, chasing after TAKEOVER TARGET right to the goal in second. Long shot TAGANO BASTILLE who trailed in the very rear until the last corner, edged forward with persistence in the last furlong to cross the wire merely a neck behind MEISHO BOWLER.

"He made a good start and the pace also suited him well. It was too bad because he was in such a good condition," commented Felix Coetzee who mounted SILENT WITNESS.

BENBAUN from England who traveled around 5th position outside MEISHO BOWLER held on well in the homestretch to finish 5th. "I was able to run him in perfect position. He ran really well and he would have been able to accelerate better if the ground was firmer," commented Daragh O'Donohoe

LES ARCS from France hugged the rail around 7th position and steered to the outside through the last corner but was

