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**SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 41ST 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 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 (G1, 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 the series in its inaugural year, 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.

Becoming a seven-race series with the addition of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's well established Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint (G1, 1,200m) in the following year, the 2006 Sprinters Stakes welcomed four outstanding sprinters from Hong Kong, United Kingdom and Australia. The 2006 series champion, TAKEOVER TARGET (AUS, by Celtic Swing), who was a runner-up effort in the Centaur Stakes, proceeded to win the Sprinters Stakes with dominating power.

This year, an outbreak of equine influenza has affected the entire racing circle around Japan since mid August and situations have naturally made it difficult for entries from abroad. Therefore, although BENBAUN (IRE) and MAGNUS (AUS) were selected to run, both withdrew their entries.

### THE 41ST SPRINTERS STAKES (G1)

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

Sunday, September 30, 2007 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 2004 Safety Factor: 16 runners (Foreign Trained Horses: 8)

FP	BK	PP	Horse	Sex Age	Wgt (kg)	Sire Dam	Jockey Trainer	Owner Breeder	Margin (L3F)	Odds (Fav)
1	4	7	Aston Machan (JPN)	F3	53.0	Admire Cozzene Rustling Copse	E. Nakadate S. Ishizaka	M. Tosa Shadai Farm	1:09.4 (36.3)	5.6 (3)
2	3	6	Sans Adieu (JPN)	M5	55.0	French Deputy Sheriyza	Y. Kawada H. Otonashi	T. Matsuoka Shimokobe Farm	3/4 (36.1)	3.6 (1)
3	1	1	I'll Love Again (JPN)	H5	57.0	El Condor Pasa Tokio Reality	M. Matsuoka T. Tezuka	Y. Saito Northern Farm	Neck (36.2)	11.1 (5)
4	8	16	King's Trail (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Santa Fe Trail	K. Tanaka K. Fujisawa	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	Head (35.8)	7.0 (4)
5	3	5	Tamamo Hot Play (JPN)	H6	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Hot Play	S. Ishibashi K. Minai	Tamamo K. Shinsei Bokujo	1 (35.7)	113.9 (16)
6	6	12	Lohengrin (JPN)	H8	57.0	Singspiel Carling	H. Shii M. Ito	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Nose (36.2)	49.6 (13)
7	1	2	Precise Machine (JPN)	H8	57.0	Mayano Top Gun Be Silent	K. Ando K. Hagiwara	S. Iketani Shiraoi Farm	Head (36.0)	15.1 (7)
8	7	14	Couverture (JPN)	F3	53.0	Black Hawk Hikari Crystal	H. Goto S. Kunieda	K.Hidaka Breeders Union Tomina Bokujo	1 (36.3)	13.5 (6)
9	8	15	Suzuka Phoenix (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Rose of Suzuka	Y. Take M. Hashida	K. Nagai Inahara Bokujo	Head (36.0)	5.2 (2)
10	6	11	Peer Gynt (JPN)	H5	57.0	Sunday Silence Twinkle Bride	H. Uemura K. Hashiguchi	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	3/4 (36.2)	21.6 (9)
11	5	10	Koiuta (JPN)	F4	55.0	Fuji Kiseki Violet Love	H. Yoshida M. Okuhira	Maekawa Kikaku Co. Ltd. Shadai Farm	Neck (36.5)	21.2 (8)
12	5	9	Amberjack (JPN)	C4	57.0	Paradise Creek Feel So Nice	H. Kowata T. Nakano	Nisshin B. Nisshin Farm	1/2 (36.4)	69.8 (15)
13	2	3	Agnes Raspberry (JPN)	M6	55.0	Air Jihad Agnes Minerva	K. Tsunoda K. Nishiura	T. Watanabe Shadai Farm	3/4 (35.8)	29.9 (10)
14	2	4	Orewa Matteruze (JPN)	H7	57.0	Sunday Silence Curly Angel	M. Ebina H. Otonashi	Y. Odagiri Northern Farm	9 (38.3)	41.8 (12)
15	7	13	Meisho Bowler (JPN)	H6	57.0	Taiki Shuttle Nice Raise	Y. Fukunaga T. Shirai	Y. Matsumoto Hinode Bokujo	1 (37.3)	32.9 (11)
16	4	8	M O Winner (JPN)	H6	57.0	Nihon Pillow Winner Miracle Muteki	K. Ikezoe T. Hattori	M. Oasa Mombetsu Bokujo	8 (39.8)	64.6 (14)

