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SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 42ND 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 1990 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 in the Centaur Stakes, proceeded to win the Sprinters Stakes with dominating power.

The outbreak of equine influenza last year, affected the entire racing circle around Japan since mid August and situations did not allow the participation from abroad, thus the '07 Sprinters Stakes was contested among an all-Japanese field.

This year, two prestigious sprint G1 events, The Darley July Cup Stakes (G1, United Kingdom) and the Age Classic (G1, Australia) were newly added to the international sprint series, and nine horses from USA, United Kingdom and Hong Kong were listed among the nominees, but all withdrew their entries and the race was again not included any overseas runners.

THE 42ND SPRINTERS STAKES (G1): the sixth leg of 2008 Global Sprint Challenge

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

Sunday, October 5, 2008

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 2005

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	7	14	Sleepless Night (JPN)	F4	55.0	Kurofune What Katy Did	H. Uemura K. Hashiguchi	Sunday Racing Co. Ltd. Northern Farm	1:08.0 (33.9)	2.4 (1)
2	8	15	Kinshasa no Kiseki (AUS)	H5	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Keltshaan	Y. Iwata N. Horii	K. Yoshida Arrowleave Joint Venture	1-1/4 (34.0)	5.9 (2)
3	7	13 B	B B Guldan (JPN)	C4	57.0	Chief Bearhart All the Chat	K. Ando M. Ryoike	Bando B. Bando Bokujo	Neck (34.2)	11.1 (6)
4	6	11	Suzuka Phoenix (JPN)	H6	57.0	Sunday Silence Rose of Suzuka	N. Yokoyama M. Hashida	K. Nagai Inahara Bokujo	1/2 (33.9)	8.5 (4)
5	1	1	Apollo Dolce (USA)	C3	55.0	Officer Summertime Val	M. Katsuura M. Horii	Apollo Thoroughbred Club Clarkland Farm	Head (34.3)	59.1 (12)
6	5	9	Tosho Courage (JPN)	H6	57.0	Last Tycoon Rose Tosho	K. Ikezoe K. Ikezoe	Tosho Sangyo Tosho Sangyo Corporation Tosho Bokujo	1/2 (33.7)	23.7 (9)
7	4	7	Kanoya Zakura (JPN)	F4	55.0	Sakura Bakushin O Woodmans Chic	F. Komaki K. Hashiguchi	K. Kanda Hamamoto Bokujo	Neck (33.8)	8.8 (5)
8	6	12	Tanino Martini (JPN)	H8	57.0	Warning Tanino Mail	H. Yoshida H. Sugai	Y. Tanimizu Country Bokujo	1/2 (34.3)	58.0 (11)
9	4	8	Western Venus (JPN)	M5	55.0	Boston Harbor Western Sharp	H. Gohara Y. Suzuki	K. Nishikawa Hokusei Bokujo	Nose (34.9)	71.0 (13)
10	1	2	Fine Grain (JPN)	H5	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Mill Grain	H. Miyuki H. Nagahama	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	Nose (34.4)	7.9 (3)
11	3	6	Spinning Noir (JPN)	H7	57.0	Spinning World Ocean Dream	M. Ebina H. Nagahama	H. Hatasa Tomita Bokujo	3/4 (34.4)	98.4 (14)
12	3	5 B	Symboli Gran (IRE)	H6	57.0	Grand Lodge Valixa	Y. Fukunaga Y. Hatakeyama	Symboli Stud T. Wada	Neck (34.4)	22.8 (7)
13	2	3	Jolly Dance (JPN)	M7	55.0	Dance in the Dark Peterhof's Patea	H. Uchida N. Horii	K. Kobayashi Nishikioka Farm	Neck (34.4)	23.3 (8)
14	2	4	Premium Box (JPN)	H5	57.0	Admire Vega Chatterbox	K. Miura H. Uehara	Shadai Race H. Shadai Farm	1/2 (34.5)	38.5 (10)
15	5	10	M O Winner (JPN)	H7	57.0	Nihon Pillow Winner Miracle Muteki	Y. Shibata Y. Shikato	M. Oasa Mombetsu Bokujo	3/4 (35.0)	146.9 (15)

16	8	16	Tamamo Hot Play (JPN)	H7	57.0	Fuji Kiseki Hot Play	S. Ishibashi K. Minai	Tamamo K. Shinsei Bokujo	2 (34.5)	182.2 (16)
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BK = Bracket Number **PP**=Post Position **B**=Blinkers **L3F**=Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)

NOTE 1: No foreign contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under **Odds** are Win Odds, which show the amount of money you get back per single unit (100yen), and **Fav** indicates the order of favorites.

WINNING TIME: 1:08.0

GOING: Firm

WEATHER: Cloudy

TURNOVER FOR THE RACE ALONE:

¥ 13,265,818,100

TURNOVER FOR THE DAY:

¥ 20,025,100,500

ATTENDANCE: 48,346

PAY-OFF (for ¥100)

WIN	No.14	¥240	PLACE	No.14	¥130
BRACKET QUINELLA	7 - 8	¥560		No.15	¥160
QUINELLA	14 - 15	¥790		No.13	¥250
EXACTA	14 - 15	¥1,300	QUINELLA PLACE	14 - 15	¥310
TRIO	13 - 14 - 15	¥1,680		13 - 14	¥460
TRIFECTA	14 - 15 - 13	¥5,530		13 - 15	¥730

1. **SLEEPLESS NIGHT (JPN), bay, filly, 4-year-old**

Kurofune / What Katy Did (Nureyev)

Breeder: Northern Farm

Owner: Sunday Racing Co., Ltd.

Trainer: Kojiro Hashiguchi

Jockey: Hiroyuki Uemura

16 Starts, 9 Wins

Added money: ¥98,444,000

Career earnings: approx. ¥309,693,000

2. **KINSHASA NO KISEKI (AUS), bay, horse, 5-year-old**

Fuji Kiseki / Keltshaan (Pleasant Colony)

Breeder: Arrowleave Joint Venture

Owner: Kazumi Yoshida

Trainer: Noriyuki Hori

Jockey: Yasunari Iwata

3. **B B GULDAN (JPN), dark bay or brown, colt, 4-year-old**

Chief Bearhart / All the Chat (Westminster)

Breeder: Bando Bokujo

Owner: Bando B.

Trainer: Masazo Ryoike

Jockey: Katsumi Ando

Race favorite **SLEEPLESS NIGHT**-and-Hiroyuki Uemura pair delivered another result, winning this year's **Sprinters Stakes** to claim their first G1 victory. The **KUROFUN**E filly extended her winning streak to five, which includes three grade-race victories. She has so far won nine (plus one runner-up effort) out of ten 1,200-meter races on both dirt and turf, ensuring her position as a true sprinter. 1-1/4 lengths behind in second was **KINSHASA NO KISEKI** who was also a runner up in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m), one of JRA's two prominent short-distance races together with the Sprinters' Stakes.

The field of 16 made a clear start with **WESTERN VENUS** taking the lead as expected, followed by **M O WINNER** 1-2 lengths behind. **SLEEPLESS NIGHT** jumped out smoothly from stall 14 but eased back to mid-pack and traveled wide around 6th from the front. Second pick **KINSHASA NO KISEKI** traveled 3 wide, stalking the race favorite from the outside, while sixth favorite **B B GULDAN** was rated in good position just off the pace.

As the field spread wide coming into the homestretch, **SLEEPLESS NIGHT** angled out, and displaying a strong turn of foot from the outside, caught up with the tiring frontrunner at the top of the stretch and managed to hold out the lead until the end. **B B GULDAN** and **KINSHASA NO KISEKI** also exerted powerful kicks in the homestretch and closed in on the leader from the inside and outside, respectively, with **KINSHASA NO KISEKI** overtaking **B B GULDAN** right before the wire to secure second place.

Among the favorites, **KANOYA ZAKURA**, champion of the "Summer Sprint" in the JRA Summer Series, and **FINE GRAIN**, winner of the Takamatsunomiya Kinen held in March, both lacked speed in the homestretch and were unable to display their best performances.

Fractional Time (sec./furlong): 11.9 - 10.4 - 11.3 - 11.4 - 11.5 - 11.5

Last 4 furlongs: 45.7 Last 3 furlongs: 34.4

Positions at each corner:

3rd corner 8,10(1,13)(2,14)(6,12,15)(3,4,5)11,7(9,16)

4th corner 8(1,10)(2,13,14)15(6,12)(3,4,5,11)(9,7,16)

***Bold number** indicates the winning horse

Note: 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.