

Fast Facts

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Mr Stunning brought jockey Karis Teetan a second G1 success in Hong Kong with victory in this race last year. Teetan partnered the same horse for his first G1 win in Hong Kong in the 2018 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint.

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Only three horses have won this race at odds greater than 20/1 since 1985, namely Billet Express (24/1) in 2006, Dim Sum (50/1) in 2011 and last year's winner Mr Stunning (20/1).

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Australian-bred runners have won this race 22 times since 1985, including the last five renewals since 2016.

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The race was ranked equal 47th in the 2020 World's Top 100 G1 Races, on par with another local premier G1 sprint, the Centenary Sprint Cup.

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At five wins, Gate 5 has produced the most winners of the race since 1985, the last victor coming from that barrier being Beat The Clock in 2019.

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Beat The Clock in 2019 stopped the clock at 1m 08.26s, the second fastest winning time since 1985, just six hundredths of a second slower than Absolute Champion's winning time in 2007 (1m 08.20s).

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John Size became the second trainer to complete a one-two-three finish in this race with Ivictory, Mr Stunning and Beat The Clock in 2018. Ivan Allan was the first to achieve the feat with Fairy King Prawn, Cliffhanger and Plenty-Plenty in the 2001 renewal.

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Australian sprinter Chautauqua created history when he became the first overseas horse to win this race in 2016, the first time the race was opened to international competition.

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Quicken Away is the only horse to have won the Chairman's Sprint Prize three times (1989, 1990 & 1991). Seven others since 1985 have won the race twice, the latest being Lucky Nine in 2013 & 2014.

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Only three four-year-olds have won this race since 2000, Silent Witness (2004), Sacred Kingdom (2008) and Ivictory (2018).

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Fairy King Prawn's success in 1999 is the last time a three-year-old won the Chairman's Sprint Prize.

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Legendary sprinter Silent Witness extended his unbeaten streak to 16 when he won his second Chairman's Sprint Prize in 2005. That victory also equalled the world record at the time for the modern era of career runs unbeaten.

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Top favourites have won 16 of the past 36 runnings of the Chairman's Sprint Prize, including 11 that started even-money or shorter and the shortest-priced winner Silent Witness at 1/20 in 2005.

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Basil Marcus is the most successful jockey in the race's history, having won five times. His first win aboard Concert King in 1992 denied Quicken Away what would have been an incredible fourth win in the race.

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Ivan Allan and John Moore are the most successful Chairman's Sprint Prize trainers with six and four wins, followed by active trainers John Size and Ricky Yiu at three wins each.

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Tony Cruz rode Ever Win to victory in the inaugural version of this race in April, 1979. He has notched four more victories in this race, two as a jockey and two as a trainer – including Silent Witness in 2005.