

Fast Facts

- 1 Lucky Sweynesse became the fourth sprinter to complete Hong Kong's three-race Speed Series in 2023, following the successes of Mr Vitality (1996), Grand Delight (2003) and Silent Witness (2004 & 2005), who have previously annexed the Speed Series.
- 2 Lucky Sweynesse was Purton's first win in the race since Ivictory in 2018, while Lucky Sweynesse delivered trainer Manfred Man a maiden top-level FWD Champions Day triumph.
- 3 Wellington is the seventh horse with two wins in the race since 1995. He joins Mr Vitality (1995 & 1996), Fairy King Prawn (1999 & 2001), Silent Witness (2004 & 2005), Sacred Kingdom (2008 & 2010), Dim Sum (2009 & 2011) and Lucky Nine (2013 & 2014) as duals winners in recent years.
- 4 Quicken Away is the only horse to have won the Chairman's Sprint Prize three times (1989, 1990 & 1991).
- 5 Wellington stopped the clock at 1m 08.09s in 2022, the fastest winning time since 1985. The second fastest is Absolute Champion's winning time in 2007 (1m 08.20s), eleven hundredths of a second slower than Wellington.
- 6 The result of 2022 carried clear echoes of the 2021 renewal, with Wellington winning the race, Computer Patch and Sky Field filling the places again.
- 7 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 2009 and Mr Stunning (20/1) in 2020.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 Only five four-year-olds have won this race since 2000, Silent Witness (2004), Sacred Kingdom (2008), Ivictory (2018), Wellington (2021) and Lucky Sweynesse (2023).
- 11 Fairy King Prawn's success in 1999 is the last time a three-year-old won the Chairman's Sprint Prize.
- 12 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.
- 13 Top favourites have won 18 of the past 39 runnings of the Chairman's Sprint Prize, including 12 that started even-money or shorter and the shortest-priced winner Silent Witness at 1/20 in 2005.
- 14 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.
- 15 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.
- 16 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 2004 and 2005.