



Race 3 – Class 4 1000m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	27.5	FABULOUS EIGHT	12	9	GLORY BO BO	>>>>>>>>>?
2	22.2	CALIFORNIA FOREST	7.5 ^	8	SUPER COMMANDER	>>>>>>>>>?
3	27.5	SUPER COMMANDER	14 ^	7	LUCKY GOR	>>>>>>
4	2.9	SEE U AGAIN	2.7 V	6	NEXMODEL	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		GLORY BO BO	23 ^	5	FABULOUS EIGHT	>>>>>>>>>>
6		SPEEDSTAR	26 ^	4	SPEEDSTAR	>>>>>>
7	14.0	LUCKY GOR	10	3	SEE U AGAIN	>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	2.4	PRETTY QUEEN PRAWN	3.4 V	2	PRETTY QUEEN PRAWN	>>>>>>>>>>?
9		NEXMODEL	11 ^	1	CALIFORNIA FOREST	>>>>>>?

The race: Good speed, potential for faster. There are some queries in terms of the map – Pretty Queen Prawn slow out I/week in the race where Super Commander led & See U Again sat on his back, but was able to virtually share the lead wide in another race Super Commander led in April. If he begins well, certainly not out of the question Pretty Queen Prawn can challenge for the lead & inject more pace into the event. Nextmodel is a one trick pony, a predictable player for the front, so there's 3 of the inside six gates pushing up early, Fabulous Eight probably taking up a space just behind the lead & that gives a headache to the riders on Super Commander and especially Glory Bo Bo as to whether they put pressure on the lead or surrender and look for a trail. Super Commander didn't intend to lead I/week so is probably inclined to look for a sit and Bentley on Glory Bo Bo not the most aggressive rider. California Forest forward in a recent trial but in slow tempo – he hasn't been a great beginner?

Recommendations: PRETTY QUEEN PRAWN got too far out of the Super Commander I/week when he was slowly away from the outside draw and took 4.5 lengths off the winner & 3 len off See U Again in the run down the straight in a race which was not furiously-run. Missing the jump has not been typical of him & with any sort of a break here, PRETTY QUEEN PRAWN can lead or box seat here. His record of 11 starts no wins would have looked a lot better if he had not bad luck with draws & interference & he has still finished first five at his last 9 runs. On the down side, the market has not missed any of that. 3.5 units.

Race 4 – Class 5 1800m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	4.8	REGENCY MASTER	30 V	12	REGENCY MASTER	>>>>>>
2	18.2	CIRCUIT ELITE	5.5 ^	11	FORTUNE TRIPLE	>>>>>>
3		PASSING FASHION	12 ^	10	SUCCESS ALLSTARS	>>>>
4		GO BALLISTIC	10 ^	9	PASSING FASHION	>>>>>>>>>>
5	28.3	OWNERS' STAR	8.0 ^	8	GRAND POWER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		FORTUNE PATROL	18 ^	7	WAH MAY LUCK	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	11.7	GRAND POWER	10 V	6	OWNERS' STAR	>>>>>>
8		FORTUNE TRIPLE	15 ^	5	CIRCUIT ELITE	>>>>>>
9	4.8	LOYAL AMBITION	7.6 V	4	GO BALLISTIC	>>>>>>>>
10		SUCCESS ALLSTARS	15 ^	3	SMART COUSIN	>>>>>>>>
11	7.5	SMART COUSIN	5.8	2	LOYAL AMBITION	>>>>>>>>>?
12	4.8	WAH MAY LUCK	9.2 V	1	FORTUNE PATROL	>>>>>>

The race: It's possible we could get an average tempo here with several potential leaders but the longish run to the first turn from the 1800m start usually produces a more patient approach, even from riders who do want to lead, & that lack of real competition takes the fire out of the tempo. Expect Wah May Luck, Grand Power and Passing Fashion to work forward as a group and don't think it's certain which one of them would actually want the lead most. The wild card is Loyal Ambition, who has Blkrs first time – he has led only once & over 2200m but it was Moreira on board that night & he is aboard here too?

Recommendations: Regular subscribers will recall we played REGENCY MASTER on opening day at Sha Tin at his first start down in C5 and he was, frankly, dreadful. Settled at the rear, as expected, but never passed a horse. However, rider reported to stewards that the horse was never comfortable at any stage and wouldn't stretch out. That could be due to the ground being always firmer at Sha Tin – most of his better recent form has been on the more forgiving surface at HV – but note Shum has also put a Tongue Tie back on him after his only 3 starts from 27 career runs without it, so he may have got his tongue over the bit. Would love to see him with more speed in the race but his best is so much better than anything else here that he has to be played at the big price. 3.5 units. Think also some value in a couple of lesser horses with a draw and a race shape to suit – LOYAL AMBITION and WAH MAY LUCK. WAH MAY LUCK has moved to YS Tsui but did trial quite well 2 weeks ago. 3 units. LOYAL AMBITION has Blkrs and Moreira going on after a f/up run at Sha Tin that was better than it reads, after he spent half the race pushing forward from the outside gate to be one of the leaders & weakened in the final 200m. So he has had a run, maps much better here. 2.5 units.



Race 7 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	21.0	THE RUNNER	13	9	STREET SCREAM	>>>>>>>>>>
2	2.2	DROPS OF GOD	7.6 V	8	RISING FROM ASHES	>>>>>>
3	5.5	LIKE THAT	4.9	7	SPONTANEOUS	>>>>>>
4	26.0	RISING FROM ASHES	5.7 ^	6	THE RUNNER	>>>>>>>>>>
5		SUPER DOBBIN	8.2 ^	5	DROPS OF GOD	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	16.6	DIAMOND BRILLIANT	17	4	DIAMOND BRILLIANT	>>>>>>>>>>
7	10.7	SPONTANEOUS	9.8	3	SUPER DOBBIN	>>>>>>>>>>
8	10.7	SUPER MISSION	4.1	2	SUPER MISSION	>>>>>>
9		STREET SCREAM	9.2 ^	1	LIKE THAT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Don't see a lot of speed here with probably only Like That and Drops Of God (Blkrs on) genuine contenders for the front, although that does gives us a Moreira versus Purton situation and they are not known for making life easy for each other. That's the wild card to a scenario that otherwise looks a modest tempo and sprint home, as Diamond Brilliant has generally been ridden to sit just behind the lead for quite some time.

Recommendations: Purton trialed DROPS OF GOD in Blkrs before choosing another runner (the winner) first-up on opening day, when DROPS OF GOD did not have the Blkrs and just forget he ran after a very tough wide run from gate 13. Now Purton gets on, the Blkrs go on and DROPS OF GOD will map much better here in a race without a lot of pace and he owns the best performance ratings in this.

Race 8 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	3.6	WOOD ON FIRE	7.5 V	12	OCTOCONNECT	>>>>
2	8.9	HARMONY N HOME	9.6 V	11	TRIUMPHANT RETURN	>>>>>>>>>>
3	4.5	GANG OF BROTHERS	9.6 V	10	WOOD ON FIRE	>>>>>>>>>>?
4	21.6	TRIUMPHANT RETURN	14	9	TURIN WARRIOR	>>>>>>
5		TURIN WARRIOR	11 ^	8	MELBOURNE HALL	>>>>>>
6	21.6	DURHAM STAR	5.3 ^	7	JUMBO LEGEND	>>>>
7		OCTOCONNECT	41 ^	6	DURHAM STAR	>>>>>>
8	17.3	COLONEL	9.1	5	CORDYCEPS ONE	>>>>
9		JUMBO LEGEND	15	4	HARMONY N HOME	>>>>>>
10	7.1	CORDYCEPS ONE	5.6	3	COLONEL	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		M M NEBULA	9.5 ^	2	GANG OF BROTHERS	>>>>>>>>>>
12		MELBOURNE HALL	20 ^	1	M M NEBULA	>>>>>>?

The race: Doesn't look a lot of speed here with Colonel the recognized leader and probably not a lot of opposition for the front as Gang Of Brothers probably happy to take the box seat. The queries are with M M Nebula and Wood On Fire. M M Nebula led a recent trial by a big margin in Blkrs and wears them for the first time here in a race, however, he didn't begin that fast in the trial and, with lots of daylight in front of him from the outside gate, appeared to take charge of the rider who then let him run. Here he has gate 1 and will get crossed quickly if he doesn't begin well – which has been his norm – so he won't get the chance to influence the lead pace. Wood On Fire is more problematic as he has mostly not been an on-pace horse in a 43-start career but, from an outside draw, worked up outside the leader l/s in July when an unlucky second this c/d for Purton. Purton is aboard again from a wide gate, so will he take the same approach? Suggest he will, as the alternative would be to drag the horse back behind slower starters & effectively out of the race, while a positive ride with some luck could see him get across into a good position.

Recommendations: WOOD ON FIRE is a 5-time winner this c/d and clearly the best horse in the race on our ratings, which of course he has to be with top weight and a tricky draw. But think Purton will again try to get him forward and across like he did l/s in July when an unlucky 2<sup>nd</sup> this grade & the map may not be as unkind as it looks at first glance. 3.5 units. GANG OF BROTHERS is nothing special on what we've seen so far under Paul O'Sullivan but he did manage to win a race & looked quite genuine. Now makes first appearance for PC Ng, with the right draw to get a soft trip and looks a decent gamble. 2.5 units.

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1	H	4	1	JADE PHOENIX	4.10	5.5	2
1	H	4	8	SUNNY DELIGHT	2.60	3.2	3.5
2	H	2	7	RISE BRETHERN	7.30	13	1.5
2	H	2	8	PRIME MINISTER	7.30	10	1
3	H	4	8	PRETTY QUEEN PRAWN	2.40	3.1	3.5
4	H	5	1	REGENCY MASTER	4.80	21	3.5
4	H	5	9	LOYAL AMBITION	4.80	7	2.5
4	H	5	12	WAH MAY LUCK	4.80	8	3
5	H	5	1	POLARIS WINNER	13.70	19	0.5
5	H	5	9	HEARTY WISH	4.50	13	4
5	H	5	12	RAGING BLAZE	2.90	5.5	6
6	H	3	1	COPARTNER ELITES	4.30	5.5	1.5
6	H	3	4	GIFT OF LIFELINE	4.30	6.5	2.5
6	H	3	5	PACKING FAMOUS	4.30	5	1
7	H	3	2	DROPS OF GOD	2.20	5.5	8.5
8	H	4	1	WOOD ON FIRE	3.60	6	3.5
8	H	4	3	GANG OF BROTHERS	4.50	7.5	2.5
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