

HK WINNING FACTOR

SHA TIN – September 6, 2026

Rail position: A (good)

Market Guide: ^ Expect to run longer odds. v Expect to run shorter odds. Suggested bets based on current or expected odds in Hong Kong, which can change dramatically at race time. Rated odds listed up to 30-1.

Maps: note race maps in HK racing very fluid. There is no requirement to notify officials of any change of tactics.

Race 1 – Class 5 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		BEAUTY GEMINI	29 ^	14	POWER PATCH	>>>>>>>>?
2	9.4	FOREVER FANCY	6.0	13	RUNJEET	>>>>>>>>>
3		POWER PATCH	10 ^	12	VERBIER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	2.5	SUNNY Q	2.6 V	11	SPARKLE AND GOLD	>>>>>>
5	9.4	RIISING ELITE	11 V	10	GROOVY FEELING	>>>>>>
6	18.4	VERBIER	15	9	BEAUTY GEMINI	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	14.7	SO MY FOLKS	11	8	RIISING ELITE	>>>>>>>>
8	11.8	GROOVY FEELING	20	7	SUNNY Q	>>>>>>
9		EMERGING STAR	70 ^	6	EMERGING STAR	>>>>
10		RUNJEET	45	5	GOOD FORTUNE	>>>>>>
11		YEE CHEONG RAIDER	9.0 ^	4	GIMME FIVE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		GIMME FIVE	28 ^	3	YEE CHEONG RAIDER	>>>>>>>
13	28.7	GOOD FORTUNE	15	2	SO MY FOLKS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
14	18.4	SPARKLE AND GOLD	52	1	FOREVER FANCY	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, some potential for faster. Not a race overloaded with pace but some of it is drawn out wide & the first race of a new season is often run a bit more competitively than expected as the riders get the rust out of their systems! Gimme Five was a shadow of his former self most of 1/season but did continue to show pace, has had a change of trainer & showed good pace in his trial, and he and So My Folks look the pace inside. Out wider, expect Beauty Gemini, Verbier and Runjeet to be showing prominently as they begin cleanly. Not sure that Power Patch has the pace to lead a 1200m race but 7-pound claimer on first time in C5 and probably has some ambitious intent?

The market: Sunny Q only won 1 from 18 but often run well C4, often unlucky with get-back style. L/s first time C5 l/s in June when should have fin closer 2d Verbier, who had perfect trip. Looks right fav here & will be short with Purton up – just that lack of tactical speed that plays against him. Forever Fancy another run-on who looked handy C4, trialled well. Market mostly abt right.

Recommendations: Purton has a super record on day 1 of the season – 24 wins from 89 rides past 10 years – and expect that to be reflected in the market all day. Sunny Q is the right fav, shorter early bookie prices & don't expect a backable price. Not enthusiastic but GROOVY FEELING's f/up both seasons has run 3d & won c/d C4. Disappointing horse but 20.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

Race 2 – Class 4 1000m

	Rating		Current	Tempo = AVE		Draw
1	3.8	LIGHTNESS OF MUSIC	3.8 V	<<<<<<<<<<	RUBY THRIVE	1
2	3.1	RAPID PHANTOM	3.9 V	<<<<<<<<<<<<<<	LIGHTNESS OF MUSIC	2
3		ONESHOT	15 ^	<<<<<<<	HEY BROS	3
4	9.3	RUN RUN SUNRISE	7.2	<<<<<<<	LET'S HAVE FUN	4
5		HEY BROS	52	<<<<<<<<<<<<	RAPID PHANTOM	5
6	28.8	MABUBU	17	<<<<<<<<<<<<<<	SILVER SPURS	6
7	28.8	SILVER SPURS	26 V	<<<<<<<<<	COMET RADIANCE	7
8	14.6	RUBY THRIVE	8.3	<<<<<<<<<<<<	ONESHOT	8
9	22.7	THUNDER PRINCE	7.7 ^	<<<<<<<<<	MABUBU	9
10		COMET RADIANCE	11	<<<<<<<<<<<<<<	RUN RUN SUNRISE	10
11	11.7	LET'S HAVE FUN	23	<<<<<<<	THUNDER PRINCE	11

The race: Average tempo. Expect Purton will look to be positive on Lightness Of Music but he doesn't stand out for pace in this field & has quite a few outside him who have enough pace to make his job of getting across a tricky one. A more likely leader is Silver Spurs (ECW Wong), whose only game is using his speed, is usually a good beginner and he might have the pace to cross Oneshot and Run Run Sunrise but it's not set in stone. He will certainly hit the ground with intent.

The market: Lightness Of Music has had a weird career to date – impressive debut winner c/d as 3yo, looked headed for C2 but 4 starts l/season C3 had excuses in all inc internal bleeding issues in 3 of them, inc last 2 since moved to Shum. Now a 5yo, back to C4, Purton on & frankly would be a genuine odds-on chance, even from wrong side of the draw, if his only form was the C4 win but it's hard to ignore his problems. Rapid Phantom lightly-raced 4yo, run well all 3 this c/d, also not drawn ideally but rated well enough win l/s June. Run Run Sunrise best c/d would probably put him in front of Rapid Phantom & drawn better than the other favs, but did lose form late last campaign. Oneshot another question mark – nice win c/d May then terrible next run before excuses 1200m. Trialred very poorly last week this c/d.

Recommendations: Just too many queries here – the right version of Lightness OF Music would just win but he has problems and lots of these have queries. NO BET.

Race 3 – Group 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	1.07	KA YING RISING	1.05	6	TOMODACHI KOKOROE	>>>>>>>>>>
2		COPARTNER PRANCE	256	5	COPARTNER PRANCE	>>>>>>>>>>
3		PATCH OF STARS	125	4	PATCH OF STARS	>>>>>>
4		TOMODACHI KOKOROE	253	3	MAGIC CONTROL	>>>>>>>>>>
5		LUCKY WITH YOU	216	2	LUCKY WITH YOU	>>>>>>
6		MAGIC CONTROL	271	1	KA YING RISING	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. Four of the six here have the pace & pattern to be possible leaders but Magic Control is often shy about taking the front at 1200m - a distance that stretches him - and Copartner Prance often leads but over a little further, hasn't run at this distance since this race a year ago & was comfortably beaten for speed that day. The other one with speed is the favourite's stablemate Tomodachi Kokoroe and he is more of a trail horse anyway. Doubt any of that matters – Purton will take all the guesswork out of the map on Ka Ying Rising and punch up to lead & control the race. If Magic Control did come out with real intent then KYR might let him go then come to his outside but, basically, Purton will be wherever he wants to be on KYR and his main job will be to stay out of any pockets.

The market: The last time Ka Ying Rising lost a race was in January, 2024, and he's not likely to lose this one. Although he concedes a lot of weight to every other runner, he would concede even more if the handicap wasn't constrained by the rules. He was never out of second gear winning a trial down the straight last Sunday in fast time, then there was a brief flurry of concern a day later when he was revealed to have some minor bruising in a foot, the result of kicking his stall at home after the trial. He was passed by the vets two days later, worked strongly on Thursday & appears to be unaffected. He'll likely start the minimum allowable dividend of 1.05 and deservedly so.

Recommendations: Can certainly make an argument to take quinella or forecast with Patch OF Stars or Copartner Prance but expect their chances to be reflected in those markets. For the record, not recommending a play. NO BET.

Race 4 – Class 5 1600m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	33.4	AMAZING DUCK	4.1 ^	14	SOARING BRONCO	>>>>>>>>
2	10.8	HAILTOTHEVICTORS	14	13	MAZING GRACE	>>>>>>>>>>
3	26.4	SOARING BRONCO	12	12	AMAZING DUCK	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	21.1	I EXCELLE	15	11	GOLDEN FORTUNE	>>>>>>
5	3.5	FIGHTING MACHINE	9.2 V	10	HAPPY BUDDIES	>>>>>>>>>>
6	26.4	SPLENDID FORCE	44	9	I EXCELLE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	8.7	ALL ARE MINE	13 V	8	SPLENDID FORCE	>>>>
8		GOLDEN FORTUNE	11 ^	7	ALL ARE MINE	>>>>>>
9	10.8	SETANTA	12	6	GENERAL SMART	>>>>
10	6.9	GENERAL SMART	4.4	5	SETANTA	>>>>>>
11		MAZING GRACE	21	4	PERFECT PAIRING	>>>>
12		GO GO GO	20	3	GO GO GO	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
13		HAPPY BUDDIES	49	2	HAILTOTHEVICTORS	>>>>
14	21.1	PERFECT PAIRING	22	1	FIGHTING MACHINE	>>>>

The race: Average tempo but some potential for slower. Not actually that many with speed here and quite a few who regularly miss the jump, which looks like a speed gap over the inside half of the draw, and should help the speed horses drawn out to get across more comfortably. So, there is a possibility that the speedier ones get across quickly then put the brakes on midrace when they have their positions. The established speed is Go Go Go (Teetan), Amazing Duck (Purton) and I Excelle (YL Chung), but Happy Buddies (Chadwick) and even Mazing Grace (ML Yeung) up to 1600m also likely prominent. Maybe I Excelle is one of the keys to the pace as he not only has as much speed as any in the race but has also had a tendency to go a bit keenly in his races to date.

The market: Amazing Duck's only win came in C3 1400m in early 2024 and he has had plenty of chances to win again as he has drifted down the ratings in 23 subsequent starts & has never rated all that well. Now C5 first time, Purton on & races forward so market finds him but sharply up in the weights, drawn a bit sticky and looks a risky fav. That said, there aren't many to get excited about as the main dangers will get back and run on. Setanta 9yo racing well below old best end of l/season, had a stable move from Newnham to Tsui but trial ok and record entitles him to good consideration. All Are Mine can find trouble in races but racing well end of last campaign inc l/s win when overcame problems in running HV. General Smart begins poorly, another who finds trouble in races but has more ability than most. Interesting runner after recent stable change Fighting Machine a 2 time C4 winner, has run ok in C3 as well & has the best old ratings in this race. Not won for 2 years but better than looks on paper l/season – another whose form is affected by his run-on style. Had one run for new trainer Cruz in July, slow to jump but ran on ok C4. First time C5 here, drawn in and trial was good 11 days ago.,

Recommendations: Amazing Duck is the best map for any of the chances but still a horse who has never run a decent rating in his life, even when he won in C3, so happy to take a position against him with big weight & might have to work from the wide gate. Taking 9.5 with bookies FIGHTING MACHINE – 5 units. Taking 12.0 with bookies ALL ARE MINE – 1 unit. HAILTOTHEVICTORS, SETANTA 0.5 unit each.

Race 5 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	9.5	ISLAND BUDDY	7.1	14	LEGEND STAR	>>>>>>
2		KANSAS	48	13	VIRTUS GLORY	>>>>>>>>>?
3	14.8	CAVA PIONEER	5.8	12	RIDING HIGH	>>>>>>>>>
4	18.5	STUNNING BUNDLE	7.3	11	SUPER LOVE	>>>>>>
5	9.5	VIRTUS GLORY	8.6	10	CAVA PIONEER	>>>>>>>>
6		SYNERGY IN ACTION	27 ^	9	PODIUM	>>>>>>
7	6.1	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	6.0	8	MONTA FRUTTA	>>>>>>
8	3.9	NEXT FORTUNE	7.6 V	7	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	>>>>>>
9		LEGEND STAR	42 ^	6	SYNERGY IN ACTION	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	18.5	RIDING HIGH	14	5	KANSAS	>>>>>>>>>
11	23.0	PODIUM	36	4	STUNNING BUNDLE	>>>>>>?
12	23.0	MONTA FRUTTA	15	3	JOLLY COMPANION	>>>>>>
13	23.0	SUPER LOVE	29	2	NEXT FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>>>
14	28.8	JOLLY COMPANION	13	1	ISLAND BUDDY	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. Island Buddy has good pace in gate 1 but also the option of the box seat if there are others with intent outside him, and there is pace from Synergy In Action, Next Fortune and Kansas won't be far away & out wide Riding High (Hewitson) and perhaps Virtus Glory (HY Yuen). The query on Virtus Glory is not on his speed – he has shown good speed in trials & in races but hasn't actually got to the lead as his starts have been somewhat untidy. Did begin well recent trial then not asked to lead? Plenty here with only middling speed or worse. Stunning Bundle was box seated in his debut this c/d but the pace was very slow & he hasn't shown a lot of pace at the trials?

The market: Early market quite open here but won't be surprised if the fav is Next Fortune by race time – did enough last couple of starts l/season, inc solid 2d Master Payment in strong times, and gets a nice trip. Light Years Glory certainly one of the chances and Island Buddy has the big weight but been consistent. Virtus Glory yet to show his trial form at the races, has had excuses but not drawn to get great luck again. The first starter Cava Pioneer (ex Cosmic Gold), won 2/2 trials in NZ in decent style, has had 7 trials HK and won 3 of those as well and was not pressured late when he trialled nicely again down the straight last Sunday. Looks prepped for good showing f/up but draw looks sticky.

Recommendations: NEXT FORTUNE is 8.5 with bookies – 4 units.

Race 6 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	6.8	SPICY STANDARD	10	14	MAJESTIC DELIGHT	>>>>>>
2	4.3	HAROLD WIN	4.1	13	SPICY STANDARD	>>>>>>>>>
3	13.3	MATZDEN	6.0	12	DIAMOND SPARKLE	>>>>>>
4	25.8	KA YING RESILIENCE	6.1	11	BLAZING METEOR	>>>>>>
5		RISING FROM ASHES	14 ^	10	GROUPE	>>>>>>>>>
6		BLAZING METEOR	32 ^	9	VICTORY CHAMPION	>>>>>>
7	10.6	GROUPE	7.8	8	GOOD LUCK BABE	>>>>>>
8		GOOD LUCK BABE	14 ^	7	KA YING RESILIENCE	>>>>>>>>>
9		PRECISION MIND	31 ^	6	PRECISION MIND	>>>>
10		DIAMOND SPARKLE	65 ^	5	LUCKY GIBS	>>>>>>?
11		LUCKY GIBS	45	4	HAROLD WIN	>>>>>>>>>
12	3.5	VICTORY CHAMPION	7.7	3	GLACIATED	>>>>>>>>
13	20.6	MAJESTIC DELIGHT	56	2	MATZDEN	>>>>>>
14	25.8	GLACIATED	26	1	RISING FROM ASHES	>>>>

The race: Average pace at best, leaning to something slower. Really not much serious speed in this for a sprint race, with three potential leaders looking Harold Win – who would probably be a more reliable frontrunner if this was 1400m – Ka Ying Resilience and Grouper. None of them is wickedly fast but they do have history as on-speed runners. With the lack of pace, Spicy Standard (Atzeni) may be able to get near the lead, though possibly wide again for the sixth time in his 9 race starts. Maybe the x-factor is Lucky Gibs, with the 7-pound claimer PN Wong – hasn't ever looked a fast horse but was pushed out of the gates twice l/season to be handy over 1400m, finishing at the rear both times?

The market: Early fav Harold Win, who has been a consistent type 2 wins from 31 starts but top four finish another 19 times. Very solid final run l/season when 3d 1400m, some query back to 1200m but is fresh and drawn well. Ka Ying Resilience probably going to map as well as any runner but has moderate ratings even on his best days and Grouper a chance but draw not ideal and another who hasn't put up much in the way of ratings so far, though is lightly-raced 4yo. Victory Champion has been good fresh before and good a shorter distances, though he runs on like a horse who wants further. Has the best numbers in the race and down in weights but will get back. Spicy Standard very genuine, doesn't have much luck in his races and not drawn to have luck again but right in it if he does. Matzden has Purton, drawn in and nothing wrong with his form l/season when dropped to this grade.

Recommendations: Not the easiest race but happy to roll the dice on VICTORY CHAMPION with the light weight, even if the map isn't great. 5 units at 10.0 with bookies. SPICY STANDARD 1 unit.

Race 7 – Class 2 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	19.8	SOLEIL FIGHTER	10 ^	9	SOLEIL FIGHTER	>>>>>>>>>>?
2	12.7	INVINCIBLE SHIELD	10	8	SING DRAGON	>>>>>>>>>>
3	4.2	WINNING OVATION	2.3 ^	7	VICTORY SKY	>>>>>>>>>>
4	8.1	SIX PACK	5.9	6	SIX PACK	>>>>>>>>>>
5	5.2	MAX QUE	7.1 V	5	INFINITE RESOLVE	>>>>>>
6		SING DRAGON	39	4	WINNING OVATION	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
7		VICTORY SKY	25 ^	3	MAX QUE	>>>>>>
8	12.7	DROMBEG BANNER	11	2	DROMBEG BANNER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	5.2	INFINITE RESOLVE	7.5 V	1	INVINCIBLE SHIELD	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for faster. Given the draw set-up, regular leader Drombeg Banner has the advantage to find the front under a light weight. Winning Ovation has the speed to be there but concedes Drombeg Banner 19 pounds so Purton might not want to get into a duel with him? Out wider, Victory Sky and Sing Dragon are both better known as dirt sprinters but have the speed to get forward over this distance, & then there's Soleil Fighter with the 10-pound claimer, HY Yuen. Soleil Fighter is a regular frontrunner over 1600m-plus, might find 1400m a touch sharp to look for the lead but still hard to think that Yuen will attempt anything but to be positive from the wide gate?

The market: Winning Ovation raced well last 2 in G3 races, latest unlucky when caught wide, but with light handicap weights. Back to C2, shoots up in weights and his C2 ratings are not superior to some others here, esp Invincible Shield, though he has been best at 1200m. Winning Ovation has a few negative weight turnarounds against several rivals. He has Purton, a good map and Cruz stable will have him ready so probably keeps favouritism but whether he's this short is another matter. Expect support for some of the lighter-weighted horses, inc the Newnham pair Max Que and Infinite Resolve.

Recommendations: Taking 10.0 with bookies INFINITE RESOLVE – 2.5 units – and 8.0 MAX QUE – 2 units.

Race 8 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	2.6	JOYFUL JOY	4.1 V	14	STAR SATYR	>>>>>>
2	29.9	MASTER LUCKY	12 ^	13	MASTER LUCKY	>>>>>>>>>>
3	9.8	ANOTHER WORLD	12	12	GALLANT EPOCH	>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	12.2	POSITIVE SMILE	5.4 ^	11	SOLID CAR	>>>>>>
5		GALLANT EPOCH	33	10	GRAND PATCH	>>>>>>
6	29.9	GRAND PATCH	5.7 ^	9	MASSIVE REWARD	>>>>>>>>>>
7		NOBLE PATCH	16 ^	8	NOBLE PATCH	>>>>>>?
8	6.3	SOLID CAR	14 V	7	GOLDEN WIN	>>>>>>>>
9	15.2	GOLDEN WIN	12	6	ANOTHER WORLD	>>>>>>>>
10		GOLDENTRONICMIGHTY	14 ^	5	JOYFUL JOY	>>>>>>
11		MASSIVE REWARD	49 ^	4	SUPER SICARIO	>>>>>>>>
12		STAR SATYR	25 ^	3	CALIFORNIA BANNER	>>>>>>
13	24.2	SUPER SICARIO	56	2	POSITIVE SMILE	>>>>>>
14		CALIFORNIA BANNER	15 ^	1	GOLDENTRONICMIGHTY	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. Pace looks sound enough, with likely forward runners like Gallant Epoch (Ferraris) and Master Lucky (Atzeni) drawn wide and a number of runners under them will be looking for a handy position, even if they're not looking for the lead. Noble Patch a map query – not generally a good beginner at the trials, though did lead in one NZ trial win and showed some speed in HK before debut in Cheek Pieces, wore them at race debut but missed the start several lengths? F/up at 1400m, a better start could see him much better placed but again not all that well away recent barrier trial.

The market: Joyful Joy looks the right fav and surprise if he isn't a bit shorter than this. Looked a promising horse debut win at long odds this c/d in good tempo, then brought undone by stop-start tempo when beaten fav behind Master Lucky I/s. Meets the winner better, gets a better map this time and expect pace is more genuine. Grand Patch racing well end of I/season but wasn't rating anything special, drawn wide, up a little in weights. Positive Smile a chance on best but well found all the same. Solid Car still HK maiden but runs some excellent ratings and did again chasing home Prestige Always I/s 1200m.

Recommendations: JOYFUL JOY is 3.4 with bookies – 4.5 units. SOLID CAR, taking 12.0 with bookies, 2 units.

Race 9 – Class 3 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	12.5	LUCKY SAM GOR	11	11	POCKETING	>>>>>>
2	24.3	THE RED HARE	15	10	CIRCUIT CHAMPION	>>>>
3		POCKETING	24 ^	9	EXCELLENCE VALUE	>>>>>>
4	9.9	AEROINVINCIBLE	5.3	8	BEAUTY CRESCENT	>>>>>>
5	3.3	BABY SAKURA	2.7	7	THE RED HARE	>>>>>>>>
6	3.3	CIRCUIT CHAMPION	3.7 V	6	LUCKY SAM GOR	>>>>>>
7		BEAUTY CRESCENT	34	5	YUEN LONG ELITE	>>>>>>>>>?
8	12.5	FLYING FORTRESS	12	4	FLYING FORTRESS	>>>>>>
9	19.4	YUEN LONG ELITE	27	3	TITANCK	>>>>>>?
10		TITANCK	36 ^	2	AEROINVINCIBLE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		EXCELLENCE VALUE	42 ^	1	BABY SAKURA	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. The key to the genuine speed is Aeroinvincible, who is quite a keen-going horse, difficult to restrain and the likely leader here, fresh after 10 weeks without a race. In fairness, the horse become more manageable as he has got older & Atzeni handles him well but he's still not the sort of horse likely to grab the front then put the brakes on. Expect Ho on Baby Sakura to look for the leader's back, then pace becomes more tricky. Yuen Long Elite has shown little early speed his last 3 starts with Blks on, but the Blks come back off here and he has often been ridden positively similar races? The Red Hare doesn't lead but usually isn't that far off the front. Maybe an interesting runner is the new horse Titanck (same name UK) who was on the speed & a keen-goer in 5 runs overseas. He hasn't shown that sort of speed in his HK trials but back under race conditions here?

The market: Market revolves around two lightly-raced horses with upward prospects, Baby Sakura and Circuit Champion. Baby Sakura likely keeps favouritism with nice map, while Circuit Champion might have more ability but will get back from this draw even with Purton. Aeroinvincible well enough but does look the obvious leader.

Recommendations: Not that keen, main chances well found. Chance Circuit Champion could get a decent price due to the map but he isn't at present. NO BET.

Race 10 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	19.3	PUBLIC ATTENTION	5.6 ^	13	THE HEIR	>>>>
2		JUMBO TREASURE	11 ^	12	JUMBO TREASURE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		AKASHVANI	19 ^	11	JUBILANT WINNER	>>>>>>>>
4		GUSTOSISIMO	14 ^	10	AKASHVANI	>>>>>>>>
5		JUBILANT WINNER	28 ^	9	THOUSAND SPIRIT	>>>>>>
6	19.3	GOLD PATCH	8.2	8	PUBLIC ATTENTION	>>>>>>>>?
7		LUCY IN THE SKY	16 ^	7	MASTER PAYMENT	>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	7.9	SUPER STRONG KID	5.6	6	SUPER STRONG KID	>>>>>>
9	7.9	CALA DEI MORI	27 V	5	GOLD PATCH	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	7.9	THE HEIR	25 V	4	SUGAR GOODSON	>>>>>>
11	24.4	THOUSAND SPIRIT	23	3	CALA DEI MORI	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
12	2.6	MASTER PAYMENT	3.3 V	2	GUSTOSISIMO	>>>>>>>>
13		SUGAR GOODSON	69 ^	1	LUCY IN THE SKY	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to something faster but not crazy. Interesting set-up with quite a few who have pace – Jumbo Treasure a regular leader; Master Payment didn't lead his first 2 runs 1000m but straight to the front win 1200m l/s; Gold Patch has tended to be ridden aggressively, though does switch from Purton to more conservative CY Ho, and a query speed horse is Cala Dei Mori. At HK debut in May was very keen when close to fast lead 1200m, didn't finish off but then ran on quite well ridden quietly 2d start 1000m. Back to 1200m, inside draw & has shown good speed in both recent trials, leading all the way in one then with lead latest Aug 30 before allowed to drift out of it last 100m. Lucy In The Sky also has his share of pace but probably more likely to take a sit. Public Attention has been fairly positive most of his HK starts but perhaps more conservative this sticky draw with the big handicap?

The market: Interesting to see Purton riding 120 pounds on opening day – he usually enjoys himself during the break & has only ridden under 121 pounds 4 times in the last 10 years on this day, so that looks a pointer to his enthusiasm for Master Payment. This horse was good & unlucky in 2 defeats 1000m l/season then won 1200m at his third start and was impressive doing it. He is up to C3 & likely a more competitive lead this time than in his win but drops sharply in weights and deserves to be the fav. Public Attention hasn't run a bad race in HK yet and back to C4 but awkward draw, big weight and does have a bit to do. Gold Patch bubble burst l/s when beaten after every chance, though was coming off a setback. Still, his ratings have never been that good.

Recommendations: Taking 3.1 MASTER PAYMENT with bookies – 5 units. THE HEIR blowout here if the pace is strong – he's 21.0 with bookies, 2 units. May be a run early yet with CALA DEI MORI but 2d run l/season was quite good with nothing in his favour, has trialled well twice lately and happy to take 35.0 with bookies. 2 units.

20260906	Trk	Cl	No.	Selection	Rated	Bookie Price	Units
1	S	5	8	GROOVY FEELING	11.80	20	1
4	S	5	2	HAILTOTHEVICTORS	10.80	13	0.5
4	S	5	5	FIGHTING MACHINE	3.50	9.5	5
4	S	5	7	ALL ARE MINE	8.70	12	1
4	S	5	9	SETANTA	10.80	13	0.5
5	S	4	8	NEXT FORTUNE	3.90	8.5	4
6	S	4	1	SPICY STANDARD	6.80	8	1
6	S	4	12	VICTORY CHAMPION	3.50	10	5
7	S	2	5	MAX QUE	5.20	8	2
7	S	2	9	INFINITE RESOLVE	5.20	10	2.5
8	S	4	1	JOYFUL JOY	2.60	3.4	4.5
8	S	4	8	SOLID CAR	6.30	12	2
10	S	3	9	CALA DEI MORI	7.90	35	2
10	S	3	10	THE HEIR	7.90	21	2
10	S	3	12	MASTER PAYMENT	2.60	3.1	5
							38