

HK WINNING FACTOR

HAPPY VALLEY – June 22, 2022

Rail position: B (good).

Market Guide: ^ Expect to run longer odds. v Expect to run shorter odds. Note, suggested bets based on fixed odds available & current/expected tote odds in Hong Kong, which can change dramatically in final minutes. Rating odds are displayed for runners up to 30-1 as a guide for subscribers with access to fixed odds.

Maps: note race maps in HK racing very fluid. Fields are declared 3 days before, giving jockeys, owners & trainers 72 hours+ to work out pace & often change tactics accordingly, even radically. There is no requirement to notify officials of any change of tactics.

Race 1 – Class 5 1650m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	23.3	CIRCUIT ELITE	10 ^	12	FORTUNE MARBO	>>>>>>>>>>?
2		FORTUNE MARBO	47 ^	11	CIRCUIT ELITE	>>>>>?
3	7.7	GO FOR TEA	5.9	10	ZACIAN	>>>>>>>>>?
4	11.9	HEAVENLY THOUGHT	11	9	LOTUS FAVORITES	>>>>
5	29.0	LOTUS FAVORITES	13 ^	8	HEAVENLY THOUGHT	>>>>>>>>>?
6	4.9	BEST FOR YOU	7.7 V	7	OH BRAVO	>>>>
7	7.7	RUN THE TABLE	5.2	6	PRIME STAR	>>>>>>>>
8	11.9	EL VALIENTE	16	5	EL VALIENTE	>>>>>>
9		ZACIAN	21 ^	4	BEST FOR YOU	>>>>>>>>?
10	18.7	OH BRAVO	8.6	3	GO FOR TEA	>>>>>>>>>>
11	6.1	ONE STEP AHEAD	7.4	2	RUN THE TABLE	>>>>>>>>>>
12	18.7	PRIME STAR	12	1	ONE STEP AHEAD	>>>>>>

The race: Dynamite to map, especially due to the queries surrounding horses drawn wide. Low in the draw, expect Run The Table and Go For Tea to show out early, though it has to be said there seemed a little reluctance to lead around Go For Tea recent starts C4 and Run The Table had no peace in front l/s when he weakened out of the contest & they may be tempted to take a box seat trail with him if other potential leaders appear. That takes us out to Heavenly Thought as a potential leader, something he has done before this c/d in higher grades with decent results – he has been showing enough early speed to look for the front and Blkrs replacing Visor tonight perhaps showing some intent? Zacian has the speed to get forward here too but wide draw/conservative rider do put some queries over his tactics? And then there's Circuit Elite, who has run ok on the lead but his untidy starts don't assist him in getting there, and Fortune Marbo, who has only run in short sprints to date, shown enough pace to lead these from the outside but has also been very keen in races & in his recent 1700m trial. If Fortune Marbo goes forward, he can find the front but will have to be asked for something to get there & then might inject more speed by pulling, if he goes back then it looks a canter? Best For You pushed forward l/s from gate 10 this c/d to lead but it has never been his pattern and now that he has the class drop expect him to return to previous tactics? At first glance this looks to have below average pace but with all the queries, there is a possibility it will be busier than that.

Recommendations: Very open race but does look an opportunity for BEST FOR YOU. He is a winner of 4 races – the rest of the field has won 6 in total – including one this c/d & maps well for his first start in C5. 2.5 units. , which , a winner of 3 races to win again at his first start down in C5. For a son of Tavistock out of a Pins mare, ONE STEP AHEAD has a pedigree to run at least a mile but strangely spent most of his career in short sprints coming from the rear. He is racing well, has gate 1 and lightish weight, worth a play at the odds available. 2.5 units.

Race 2 – Class 5 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	4.3	ARES	4.2 V	12	KING'S TROOPER	>>>>
2		ACA POWER	6.6 ^	11	WINNING STRIKES	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	25.8	DASSIT	14	10	DASSIT	>>>>
4	16.5	KING'S TROOPER	16	9	FARM BUMPER	>>>>>>>>>>
5	32.2	SICOMORO	9.0 ^	8	VECTOR	>>>>>>>
6		THE JOLLY	21 ^	7	ARES	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	20.9	CIGAR BUDDIES	7.1 ^	6	ALL YOU KNOW	>>>>>>>
8		FARM BUMPER	12 ^	5	REGENCY POET	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	2.2	REGENCY POET	15 V	4	ACA POWER	>>>>>>>
10		ALL YOU KNOW	44 ^	3	THE JOLLY	>>>>
11	16.5	VECTOR	5.3 ^	2	CIGAR BUDDIES	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		WINNING STRIKES	23 ^	1	SICOMORO	>>>>>>>

The race: May not quite get to average tempo even with Cigar Buddies, Ares and Winning Strikes going forward as potential leaders, across the draw in gates 2,7,11, and Regency Poet in gate 5 positive but probably dropping into the box seat as he did l/s. The early stages look busy enough but, if they get quickly to where they want to be, the pace could come off midrace. Of the others, only really Farm Bumper showing much pace but in races without strong speed.

Recommendations: REGENCY POET finally, after many unlucky starts, had the race break for him last time and got over Ares in the final stages to win this c/d l/s. It was not a high-rating race in itself, however, both of those horses individually have much higher performance ratings in their previous best form so they have scope to do better than they did on that night. The race looks similarly-run and they map to have the advantages. While the market has found Ares with Purton going on, it is still offering good odds REGENCY POET - 9 units.

Race 3 – Class 4 1000m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		CIRCUIT SEVEN	7.5 ^	12	VALHALLA	>>>>>>>
2		BLUSTITCH	69 ^	11	FABULOUS EIGHT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		FABULOUS EIGHT	11 ^	10	NEXTMODEL	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4		PRIME MORTAR	45	9	BLUSTITCH	>>>>>>>
5	2.4	SEE U AGAIN	2.8 V	8	YELLOWFIN	>>>>>>>
6	28.0	TRIUMPHANT RETURN	17	7	SHINING FORTUNE	>>>>>>>
7	22.6	VALHALLA	13 ^	6	COLOURFUL PRINCE	>>>>
8	5.9	YELLOWFIN	5.2	5	CIRCUIT SEVEN	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	11.5	SHINING FORTUNE	10	4	SERGEANT PEPPER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	9.2	SERGEANT PEPPER	11	3	SEE U AGAIN	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		COLOURFUL PRINCE	48 ^	2	PRIME MORTAR	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	14.3	NEXTMODEL	13	1	TRIUMPHANT RETURN	>>>>>>>?

The race: Pace looks sound. Some speed inside with See U Again and first starter Prime Mortar but expect them to be beaten for the lead by Sergeant Pepper and Circuit Seven, provided they jump cleanly. Out wider, Nextmodel has good pace and Fabulous Eight likely wants to race handy though more likely to drop over into a trail behind the leaders. Another first starter Triumphant Return is an interesting runner for the map – early trials showed a lot of early speed & was very keen before dropping out sharply, but latest trial over 800m at Conghua was heavily restrained early, again overracing, then ran on well over the final stages. It was certainly his best trial finishing positions so anticipating that will be the approach here on race day rather than being part of the speed?

Recommendations: SEE U AGAIN racing well at 1200m but looks suited coming back to 1000m and a good draw where he will be strong at the finish. 5.5 units. SERGEANT PEPPER missed the start a little 1/s then was chased through the field by the rider, which rarely pays off, and then didn't finish the race. He had Blkrs first time there but they come off again tonight and his prior form good enough to be competitive. 1 unit.

Race 4 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	29.9	HAPPY SHARING	5.7 ^	12	SHADOW RUNNER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
2	4.0	PLEASANT ENDEAVOR	5.0 V	11	DREAM BOSS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>?
3	5.0	HARMONY N HOME	7.8	10	EVER FORCE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	19.2	TURIN WARRIOR	17 ^	9	TURIN WARRIOR	>>>>>>>
5		DREAM BOSS	20	8	WHAT A LEGEND	>>>>>>>
6	12.2	EVER FORCE	9.7	7	HERCULES	>>>>>>>
7	29.9	SHADOW RUNNER	23 ^	6	TOUCH FAITH	>>>>
8	7.8	HERCULES	5.3	5	PERFECT PEACH	>>>>>>>
9	7.8	PERFECT PEACH	7.7 V	4	AMBITIOUS HEART	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		WHAT A LEGEND	18 ^	3	HAPPY SHARING	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	12.2	TOUCH FAITH	23	2	PLEASANT ENDEAVOR	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		AMBITIOUS HEART	19 ^	1	HARMONY N HOME	>>>>>>>

The race: Looks enough going on here inside and out to produce a decent speed, though Dream Boss does present a few queries. He had shown brilliant gate speed in his trials before his debut – part of the reason he started 4.3 – and again showed good pace there before giving nothing in the home straight. Has since been to the trials twice, once clearly restrained to see if he would run on – and was fair in good sectionals – then with Blkrs going on he led throughout down the straight 1000m. He doesn't have the Blkrs here so the question is whether his intent will be to go forward or back and that isn't clear? Even without him, there would be 5 with similar pace looking for the on speed positions.

Recommendations: Pleasant Endeavour won well enough 1/s, stable in form and capable of going in a again with this map but suspect he won't be a backable price. HARMONY N HOME, however, looks very backable and think he'll be shorter. Ran well enough 2 starts back in C4 before 1/s when checked at halfway & couldn't recover. Looks like getting a good speed here which suits his run-on style. 3 units. Do think worth a small play a couple of the other run-on types who are at longer odds – TOUCH FAITH 1 unit, TURIN WARRIOR 0.5 unit.

