## SHA TIN – July 16, 2022

### Rail position: A (good to firm).

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**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    1200m

|  | Rating |  | HK TOTE | Draw |  | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 |  | THE GOOD DEAL | 20 ^ | 14 | GOOD BEAUTY | >>>>>>> |
| 2 |  | HAPPY TIME | 8.0 | 13 | DRAGON BABY | >>>>>>>? |
| 3 | 6.9 | MELBOURNE HALL | 17 | 12 | TRONIC MIGHTY | >>>>>>> |
| 4 |  | WHISKEY NEAT | 18 ^ | 11 | TOWARDS SUCCESS | >>>> |
| 5 |  | GOOD BEAUTY | 19 | 10 | VECTOR | >>>>>>>? |
| 6 |  | MOON PEAKS | 5.6 | 9 | FORTUNE HERO | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 7 | 16.9 | TAKINGUFURTHER | 11 ^ | 8 | MOON PEAKS | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 | 2.3 | DRAGON BABY | 11 | 7 | WHISKEY NEAT | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 9 | 21.4 | THE JOLLY | 11 | 6 | THE GOOD DEAL | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 |  | TOWARDS SUCCESS | 40 | 5 | MELBOURNE HALL | >>>>>>> |
| 11 |  | FORTUNE HERO | 25 ^ | 4 | STAR OF RED | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | 8.7 | STAR OF RED | 8.4 | 3 | THE JOLLY | >>>>>>> |
| 13 |  | TRONIC MIGHTY | 51 ^ | 2 | TAKINGUFURTHER | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 14 | 16.9 | VECTOR | 4.2 ^ | 1 | HAPPY TIME | >>>>>>>>>>>> |

**The race:** Speed looks sound. Fortune Hero (KH Chan) and Whiskey Neat, backing up from sharing the lead at 1000m HV on Wed night, will press forward with Moon Peaks, The Good Deal and possibly Star Of Red, who is one of those horses who seems to be able to get handy at any distance. Happy Time isn't always the best beginner but has good speed if he jumps cleanly. Vector is a dreadful horse to map as he  has the pace to get forward if he jumps well but that rarely happens & he has been racing quite well running on & there was not even any attempt to hold a position l/s at HV? Dragon Baby has been the stuff of nightmares in recent runs – his best form is by far when allowed to find his feet & run on but has been pressed forward recent starts 1400m, even from wide draws. Whenever he pushes forward early, he overraces and doesn't finish his race but surely from the outside here & back in distance he will be ridden quietly?

**Recommendations:** Always happy to risk Vector as a favourite – certainly has the talent to run well but often slow away, does a bit wrong and drawn awkwardly. We have tried DRAGON BABY strongly his last couple because his best form is way better than this level and he has been ridden forward, unsuited and failed. Back to 1200m here, don't see how he won't be ridden to finish it off and there looks decent pace on in front. 9 units. MELBOURNE HALL disappointed l/s first go C5 when got back from wide gate in a race where the back markers never got into it. Happy to play him again from the better draw. 2.5 units

### Race 2 – Class 5    1400m

|  | Rating |  | HK TOTE | Draw |  | Tempo = < AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 |  | AMAZING NEWS | 10 ^ | 14 | BOOMING WELL | >>>> |
| 2 | 14.1 | TEAM GOODLUCK | 13 | 13 | THIS IS CHARISMA | >>>> |
| 3 |  | BRAVE POWER | 10 ^ | 12 | MISSION SMART | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 4 |  | MISSION SMART | 12 ^ | 11 | AMAZING NEWS | >>>>>>> |
| 5 | 3.7 | HEARTY WISH | 6.8 V | 10 | ONE STEP AHEAD | >>>> |
| 6 | 22.0 | BOOMING WELL | 16 | 9 | BRAVE POWER | >>>>>>> |
| 7 | 9.0 | ALLOY KING | 34 V | 8 | RUBY STARS | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 |  | SICOMORO | 13 ^ | 7 | ALLOY KING | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 9 | 4.6 | WINWIN THIRTYTHREE | 3.8 | 6 | SICOMORO | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 | 22.0 | THIS IS CHARISMA | 19 | 5 | WINWIN THIRTYTHREE | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 14.1 | ONE STEP AHEAD | 21 | 4 | TEAM GOODLUCK | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 |  | MULTIPLE STAR | 15 ^ | 3 | MULTIPLE STAR | >>>>>>> |
| 13 |  | PRIME STAR | 15 ^ | 2 | HEARTY WISH | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 14 |  | RUBY STARS | 15 | 1 | PRIME STAR | >>>>>>> |

**The race:** Soft tempo. Can't see a lot of speed here at all, quite a few that miss the jump & others coming back sharply in distance. Ruby Stars the most reliable fast horse in the race and he might get the front to himself, depending on Alloy King, who has plenty of speed but can overrace so they tend not to lead with him and usually prefer to get cover? Team Goodluck also has the pace to be very prominent. Mission Smart a query at the jump, as he isn't always clean out of the gates – he was handy l/s despite missing the start but that was gate 2. If he is a bit slow out here from the wider draw, Purton will likely chase him through to be handy again but he would have to spend some petrol doing it?

**Recommendations:** HEARTY WISH had hard luck stories last 3 runs in C4, now drops to this grade first time and drawn to land in a nice spot. 4.5 units. ALLOY KING's recent form is patchy but note has had decent breaks between his races, suggesting hasn't been sound. Even run l/s 1200m but notably returns to races just  21 days later so may be fitter here. 2 units. ONE STEP AHEAD 0.5 unit

## Race 3 – Class 4   1400m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = < AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3.5 | HAPPY DAILY | 3.7 | 14 | EVER FORCE | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 2 | | TOYCOON | 34 ^ | 13 | BARON ZEE | >>>> |
| 3 | | GENERAL WINNER | 16 ^ | 12 | INDIGENOUS REALM | >>>>>>> |
| 4 | | HK DRAGON | 11 ^ | 11 | TOYCOON | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 5 | 16.7 | INDIGENOUS REALM | 11 | 10 | CITY LEGEND | >>>> |
| 6 | 4.4 | SUPER RED DRAGON | 4.4 | 9 | OVER THE MOON | >>>> |
| 7 | | MIGHTY STAR | 33 ^ | 8 | HK DRAGON | >>>>>>> |
| 8 | | OVER THE MOON | 5.3 ^ | 7 | MIGHTY STAR | >>>> |
| 9 | 26.0 | EVER FORCE | 19 | 6 | HAPPY DAILY | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 | | AEROVERSARY | 12 ^ | 5 | AEROVERSARY | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 11 | | BARON ZEE | 55 ^ | 4 | REGENCY MASTER | >>>> |
| 12 | 5.5 | CITY LEGEND | 39 V | 3 | FIRE BALL | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 13 | 16.7 | FIRE BALL | 27 | 2 | GENERAL WINNER | >>>>>>> |
| 14 | | REGENCY MASTER | 50 | 1 | SUPER RED DRAGON | >>>> |

The race: Soft tempo & another race with very few players for the lead, on paper. Fire Ball shared a fast lead from an outside gate only previous attempt at 1400m & is clearly the fastest horse drawn low, while Ever Force is a regular on pace horse at 1200m and expect he will be positive from the outside. Don't see any reason for them to set a strong tempo, though, because there is so little other speed to drive them. From a good draw & stepping up in distance, No surprise to see Aeroversary much handier today and then we have Toycoon, racing handy of late but over further – just the lack of pace In the race could see him fairly prominent, even from this draw?

Recommendations: Think market giving Moreira and Purton too much credit here. Over The Moon (Moreira) slow to begin both starts, has run on at the finish 1200m but now up in distance but without a tempo to help if he steps out slowly again. Aeroversary has been fair in his 4 starts and probably maps better here but for a horse who hasn't caught the eye and never started under 23.0, he seems well found. HAPPY DAILY should have beaten Indigenous Realm l/s this c/d and racing well in general. 3 units. SUPER RED DRAGON poss better suited with more pace on but he did make a lot of ground l/s 2nd behind All Riches when that race was not run to suit him. Going well. 2 units. Think CITY LEGEND going better than looks on paper – he gets back, needs luck and hasn't been getting a lot of that but going to be a big price to find out and this has been his best distance. 3 units. FIRE BALL 0.5 unit.

## Race 4 – Class 4   1200m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = < AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3.9 | BEAUTY TYCOON | 3.5 | 14 | WAR OF COURAGE | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 2 | | FALCON TURBO | 10 ^ | 13 | FALCON TURBO | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 3 | 23.1 | WAR OF COURAGE | 31 | 12 | GLORIOUS LOVER | >>>> |
| 4 | 28.9 | ICE LEGEND | 25 | 11 | ICE LEGEND | >>>>>>> |
| 5 | | CHING | 21 | 10 | WHAT A LEGEND | >>>>>>> |
| 6 | 11.8 | LUCKY GOR | 18 | 9 | BEAUTY TYCOON | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 7 | | PACKING MONKEYKING | 12 ^ | 8 | ALL IS READY | >>>>>>> |
| 8 | 3.9 | YOUTHFUL DEAL | 4.1 | 7 | HAPPY FAT CAT | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 9 | 14.8 | YOUNG HORIZON | 9.0 | 6 | CHING | >>>>>>>? |
| 10 | | GLORIOUS LOVER | 22 ^ | 5 | LUCKY GOR | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | | WHAT A LEGEND | 45 | 4 | YOUTHFUL DEAL | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 12 | | ALL IS READY | 44 ^ | 3 | THETA HEDGE | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 13 | 28.9 | HAPPY FAT CAT | 21 | 2 | PACKING MONKEYKING | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 14 | 7.6 | THETA HEDGE | 11 | 1 | YOUNG HORIZON | >>>>>>> |

The race: Slower than average tempo, messy race. Some of the horses with speed here are debutant Packing Monkeyking, second starter Youthful Deal and and lightly-raced Happy Fat Cat, though Happy Fat Cat has not been seeking the front. War Of Courage was once a regular on pace horse but has got back his last 3 wide draws & rider just took him straight out the back l/s, where he ran poorly? Falcon Turbo not brilliantly fast but might elect to be positive here as the better alternative to getting back? And then there's Beauty Tycoon – ridden back wide gates in 2 starts prior to latest when forward in good tempo but from inside draw. What will he do here from an awkward draw? The other debutant Ching did find the lead In his trial win last week but took his time getting there rather than bouncing out fast from the gates & under race conditions here he may get crossed early & not have those options? Youthful Deal did trial well HV before his debut, leading then sprinting strongly at the finish. He looked a bit outpaced from wide gate at race debut HV but perhaps from the better draw here and without a lot of pace, Purton will be looking to be positive, even lead?

Recommendations: Market headed here by horses with excuses. Beauty Tycoon has more ability than he has produced yet, has raced well but looked a bit new and his draw sticky again. YOUTHFUL DEAL looked smart in HV trial win before nothing went right HV under race conditions from wide draw, he too is probably going to be better next season but the better draw here makes him attractive. 1.5 units. THETA HEDGE up from sound effort l/s C5 here, Blkrs on, light weight &ran ok C4 previously. 1.5 units. LUCKY GOR done all his racing so far 1000m, where his slow starts definitely not much help to him. Has ability, the extra distance might suit him at a price. 0.5 unit

### Race 5 – Class 4    1800m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = < AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9.5 | DARCI JOY | 15 V | 14 | BRIGHT KID | >>>> |
| 2 | 9.5 | VICTORY PARK | 13 | 13 | SHANGHAI DRAGON | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 3 | | SHANGHAI DRAGON | 35 | 12 | SMILING TIME | >>>>>>> |
| 4 | 7.5 | KING TOURBILLON | 5.9 | 11 | CHATER PINS | >>>> |
| 5 | | SMILING TIME | 14 ^ | 10 | SWOT TROOPERS WIND | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 6 | 14.7 | RIGHTEOUS DOCTRINE | 8.3 | 9 | DARCI JOY | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 7 | | RED ELYSEES | 24 | 8 | BIG BROOK | >>>>>>> |
| 8 | 14.7 | SWOT TROOPERS WIND | 46 V | 7 | HYPERION TREE | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 9 | 14.7 | BIG BROOK | 34 V | 6 | RED ELYSEES | >>>>>>> |
| 10 | 6.0 | HYPERION TREE | 6.1 | 5 | TURQUOISE ALPHA | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 11.7 | TURQUOISE ALPHA | 5.2 | 4 | VICTORY PARK | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | 9.5 | CHATER PINS | 9.1 | 3 | MURRAY'S PARTNERS | >>>>>>> |
| 13 | | MURRAY'S PARTNERS | 15 ^ | 2 | RIGHTEOUS DOCTRINE | >>>>>>> |
| 14 | | BRIGHT KID | 14 ^ | 1 | KING TOURBILLON | >>>>>>>>>> |

The race: Shanghai Dragon is an habitual leader & should be able to work across to the front here in the 1000m run to the first turn. In the past, his manner was to set good even speeds but he has been more restrained recently when able to control the front and has set steadier tempos, so that looks the set up here. Hyperion Tree led last 2 starts and ran well, so expect he will be forward but note his race l/s 2200m did not have a leader and he was able to get control. That looks unlikely here, however, do note that 2 runs back he was second early in a soft tempo then pressed the leader from halfway, so perhaps he won't let Shanghai Dragon go too slowly in the lead as a sharp sprint home doesn't really suit him? Victory Park has Blkrs going back on & was very handy in a fast pace 2000m the last time he wore them, so expect he will be more forward here.

Recommendations: Really open race, not getting too involved but small plays HYPERION TREE, SWOT TROOPERS WIND and BIG BROOK. 0.5 unit each.


### Race 6 – Class 4    1400m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 14.2 | VICTORY SCHOLARS | 28 | 14 | SINGAPORE SPIRIT | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 2 | 7.3 | AMAZING VICTORY | 5.3 | 13 | VICTORY SCHOLARS | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 3 | | ROYAL AGILITY | 16 ^ | 12 | AMAZING VICTORY | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 4 | 7.3 | GANG OF BROTHERS | 11 | 11 | SUPER HIGHWAY | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 5 | 27.7 | KASI FARASI | 19 | 10 | BELL OF VICTORY | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 6 | | SEATOSKY | 26 ^ | 9 | KASI FARASI | >>>> |
| 7 | 9.1 | ALL IS GOOD | 4.0 | 8 | HANG'S DECISION | >>>> |
| 8 | 9.1 | SHINING FORTUNE | 8.5 | 7 | ROYAL AGILITY | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 9 | | GOLD COMET | 51 ^ | 6 | GOLD COMET | >>>> |
| 10 | | SINGAPORE SPIRIT | 30 ^ | 5 | GANG OF BROTHERS | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 11 | 3.7 | STAR CONTACT | 8.1 V | 4 | STAR CONTACT | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | 14.2 | SUPER HIGHWAY | 10 | 3 | SEATOSKY | >>>> |
| 13 | | HANG'S DECISION | 9.9 ^ | 2 | SHINING FORTUNE | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 14 | | BELL OF VICTORY | 66 | 1 | ALL IS GOOD | >>>>>>>>>>>> |

The race: Horrible looking race that could swing either way in terms of tempo. Lots of potential leaders but none that can be expected to take the role up happily, so it will come down to how they jump and the intent of the riders. We could get one leader at a slow pace or seven leaders all with the same idea. Super Highway not a natural pace horse but l/s led even tempo from gate 2, now Moreira gets on from gate 11 – will he be as keen to try and cross from there? Singapore Spirit shown good pace in shorter race, now up in trip from wide gate but Cruz does like his horses ridden positively? Also out wide, Amazing Victory has led this c/d in the past & Victory Scholars led this c/d in only win. Gang Of Brothers led at a very slow tempo when he won 2 runs ago for Purton then caught wide l/s – drawn better here. Purton has switched to All Is Good, who also has the pace to lead and gate 1 and Shining Fortune up to 1400m first time from low draw as well after being very handy to fast tempo 1200m l/week. Calling it average because it looks busy early while they all work out where they want to be but has the look of a race where the leaders might drop anchor midrace and slow it right down.

Recommendations: STAR CONTACT no excuses l/s but hadn't run for 2 months and just found wanting in the final stages. No champion but should have tightened up for that, gets nice run in quite an even race. 4 units. GANG OF BROTHERS a decent price here because Purton. Won low-rating race this c/d 2 runs back then caught wide l/s. 1 unit. VICTORY SCHOLARS comes back to C4, gets no favours from the draw but big price, has won this c/d which most haven't. 0.5 unit.

### Race 7 – Class 3     1400m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 13.4 | LUCKY FUN | 12 | 14 | LUCKY QUALITY | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 2 | 16.7 | KILINDINI | 19 | 13 | BEAUTY CHAMP | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 3 | 10.7 | SUPER DYNAMITE | 9.5 | 12 | KILINDINI | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 4 | 26.0 | DECRYPT | 15 ^ | 11 | DECRYPT | >>>>>>> |
| 5 | 16.7 | HIGHLY PROACTIVE | 33 | 10 | FLYING BONUS | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 6 | | FLYING BONUS | 52 ^ | 9 | GREAT BRILLIANT | >>>> |
| 7 | | IMPERIAL MAGEE | 7.2 ^ | 8 | HIGHLY PROACTIVE | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 | | LUCKY QUALITY | 51 | 7 | NEVER TOO SOON | >>>>>>>? |
| 9 | 3.5 | KA YING EXCELLENT | 6.8 | 6 | RED TITAN | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 | 13.4 | BEAUTY CHAMP | 15 | 5 | LUCKY FUN | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 20.8 | NEVER TOO SOON | 9.5 | 4 | BEAUTY MISSION | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | 6.8 | RED TITAN | 4.5 | 3 | KA YING EXCELLENT | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 13 | 13.4 | BEAUTY MISSION | 6.9 | 2 | SUPER DYNAMITE | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 14 | | GREAT BRILLIANT | 50 ^ | 1 | IMPERIAL MAGEE | >>>> |

The race: Highly Proactive was once a very reliable frontrunner & has become less reliable in recent times but the jockey change today & rise in distance makes him a potential challenger to fast beginner Flying Bonus for the lead & this pair should ensure a good pace, with potential to be faster than average. Quite a bit of second phase speed engaged, including wide-drawn Kilindini and Beauty Champ, having his first start for Whyte & with Hewitson going on, though note he wasn't in a hurry early in recent trial? Although Ka Ying Excellent has led at times In the past & has Blkrs going on, don't see him wanting to get into any sort of fight with the leaders here but should land in the box seat. Never Too Soon a slight query going back up to 1400m – he led both previous attempts this c/d and failed both times, but think connections may have settled on quiet tactics being best with him?

Recommendations: Field mostly made up of horses who are well explored and not going anywhere. Do have a query over Never Too Soon as best HV form would be right in this but Sha Tin runs haven't been much good?? Red Titan certainly has a chance and better drawn than l/s but did get a super ride from Badel l/s and didn't really look to have excuse. KA YING EXCELLENT every chance l/s 2nd smart Sauvestre, maps well. Repeat will give him a great chance here. 4.5 units. HIGHLY PROACTIVE might not be quick enough out of the gates to lead Flying Bonus but that might even suit him better if he has to trail just one horse and leave something for the finish. Did win this c/d l/season in better grade. .5 unit.

### Race 8 – Class 1     1600m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 25.5 | MIGHTY GIANT | 38 | 11 | KINGS SHIELD | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 2 | 13.1 | CHAMPION'S WAY | 24 | 10 | SAVVY NINE | >>>> |
| 3 | 20.5 | EXCELLENT PROPOSAL | 9.5 | 9 | CHAMPION'S WAY | >>>>>>> |
| 4 | | SAVVY NINE | 16 ^ | 8 | BOURBONAIRE | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 5 | | KINGS SHIELD | 39 ^ | 7 | CALIFORNIA TEN | >>>> |
| 6 | 4.3 | FANTASTIC TREASURE | 6.4 V | 6 | CELESTIAL POWER | >>>>>>> |
| 7 | 6.8 | TURIN REDSUN | 2.3 ^ | 5 | MONEY CATCHER | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 | 10.5 | BOURBONAIRE | 6.7 | 4 | TURIN REDSUN | >>>>>>> |
| 9 | 4.3 | MONEY CATCHER | 8.8 | 3 | MIGHTY GIANT | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 | 25.5 | CALIFORNIA TEN | 13 ^ | 2 | EXCELLENT PROPOSAL | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 13.1 | CELESTIAL POWER | 33 | 1 | FANTASTIC TREASURE | >>>>>>>>>> |

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. Bourbonaire has led last 2 starts, in a very slow pace this c/d then in a fast-run 1800m on very wet ground, but querying him having the pace to lead here based on what he had shown before that? The dirt specialist Kings Shield has no form on turf at all but is the fastest horse here and looks an obvious frontrunner from the outside gate. The question is what sort of a pace he will set if he has it to himself but has tended to run along evenly in this scenario in the past? Mighty Giant has speed but isn't a reliable beginner – even if he jumps well, would probably be inclined to sit behind Kings Shield. It wouldn't surprise to see Fantastic Treasure handier here – has got back from wider draws shorter distances but this is first attempt 1600m & has the soft draw.

Recommendations: Turin Redsun definitely should have won l/s but it was a messy, low-rating race where the form looks unreliable and he wouldn't deserve to be this short even if he had won. FANTASTIC TREASURE gone ok his 2 runs back from injury 1200m, 1400m when had to get back from wider draws. Think he maps to get a softer, handier run here and although untried 1600m has always promised to run it. 2.5 units. Nothing at all wrong with MONEY CATCHER's form, should have the pace to tag along behind the leader here. 2 units. CELESTIAL POWER always been a horse we've liked. Putting the pen through l/s on very wet track, prior start was sound first up from a lengthy injury break and he does come into this as one of the fresher runners. 1 unit. CHAMPION'S WAY 0.5 unit.

## Race 9 – Class 3    1200m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = < AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 39.1 | POWER KOEPP | 10 | 14 | ADIOS | >>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 2 | 25.0 | EXCELLENT DADDY | 11 ^ | 13 | JAZZ CLUB | >>>> |
| 3 | | JAZZ CLUB | 91 ^ | 12 | CALL ME TEDDY | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 4 | | SKY FOREVER | 30 ^ | 11 | ARMOUR EAGLE | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 5 | | SOLAR WINDS | 51 | 10 | LUCKY EIGHT | >>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 6 | 25.0 | ARMOUR EAGLE | 21 | 9 | GOLDEN WARSTEED | >>>>>>>? |
| 7 | | GOLDEN WARSTEED | 27 ^ | 8 | H Z TOURBILLON | >>>>>>> |
| 8 | | TRANSCENDENT | 24 ^ | 7 | SKY FOREVER | >>>>>>> |
| 9 | | CALL ME TEDDY | 22 ^ | 6 | WAR WEAPON | >>>>>>> |
| 10 | 8.2 | ADIOS | 13 V | 5 | GLOBAL HARMONY | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 16.2 | GLOBAL HARMONY | 5.4 | 4 | POWER KOEPP | >>>>>>> |
| 12 | | H Z TOURBILLON | 36 ^ | 3 | TRANSCENDENT | >>>>>>> |
| 13 | 1.7 | LUCKY EIGHT | 2.6 V | 2 | SOLAR WINDS | >>>> |
| 14 | 16.2 | WAR WEAPON | 7.9 | 1 | EXCELLENT DADDY | >>>>>>>>>> |

**The race:** This is dynamite to map as there looks no clearcut leader & those with speed are all just about all drawn wide, including the favourite, Lucky Eight. He began well in his debut win C4 then elected to sit behind two others & perhaps the game plan for him here is to begin well, attempt to get forward & across then hand up the lead if something else outside him is positive, or Teetan could hold the front and control the pace if nothing comes to take it off him? Think more likely that Call Me Teddy and/or Adios (Moreira) will be ridden positively despite their draws. Moreira's default position in this sort of scenario is to go forward, Adios sat second l/s this c/d – from gate 2 – and led recent trial – from gate 1 – so he does have the speed, he'll just have to do a little bit of work to get there from this draw? Global Harmony was a start-misser in Australia, in trials HK and wasn't quick away in his HK debut but note he began cleanly in trial 11 days ago – still don't expect him to have much tactical speed but, with no serious speed on, he may be closer than last time? The new horse Golden Warsteed was slow early first 2 trials, showed a lot more speed in latest trial down the straight, though must be said not normally this trainer's thing riding them positively from wider gates?

**Recommendations:** LUCKY EIGHT impressive enough winning debut C4 when did look a bit new but never going to be beaten. At first glance, his draw here looks a problem but he does have the advantage of having the inside barrier out of the horses out wide with speed, so draw may not be such an issue. 10 units.

## Race 10 – Class 2    1200m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11.5 | TRILLION WIN | 16 | 12 | TRILLION WIN | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 2 | 4.7 | BLAZE WARRIOR | 10 V | 11 | GRATEFUL HEART | >>>> |
| 3 | 14.3 | VOYAGE WARRIOR | 7.5 | 10 | LUCKY SWEYNESSE | >>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 4 | | GRATEFUL HEART | 33 | 9 | REWARDING TOGETHER | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 5 | | LUCKY MORE | 19 | 8 | MASTER DELIGHT | >>>> |
| 6 | 5.8 | LUCKY SWEYNESSE | 3.8 | 7 | CZARSON | >>>>>>> |
| 7 | 11.5 | REWARDING TOGETHER | 9.2 | 6 | LUCKY MORE | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 | 14.3 | BE READY | 17 | 5 | SEIZING THE MOMENT | >>>>>>> |
| 9 | | MASTER DELIGHT | 18 ^ | 4 | BE READY | >>>>>>> |
| 10 | 5.8 | JUMBO FORTUNE | 3.6 | 3 | BLAZE WARRIOR | >>>> |
| 11 | 14.3 | SEIZING THE MOMENT | 27 | 2 | VOYAGE WARRIOR | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | | CZARSON | 22 ^ | 1 | JUMBO FORTUNE | >>>>>>>>>> |

**The race:** Average pace. Lucky More was outpaced from a wide gate 1000m HV f/up but, in distance & drawn better, looks a likely leader here with no committed pace under him. Of course, Voyage Warrior is fast enough to lead but connections seem to have hit on the tactic of always taking a sit at 1200m with him & he is racing well that way so expect he would be happy to be led. Trillion Win's tactics seem to have had a makeover lately – after a period where he was reluctant to lead, he has more recently pressed forward with purpose, even from wide gates, so anticipate that's what he will do here. What Purton does with Lucky Sweynesse is a query – he hasn't looked a natural 1200m speed horse but does have some pace & suspect Purton might try to use it to get forward early as there is quite a gap for real speed inside & any attempt to ride more conservatively might have bad consequences?

**Recommendations:** Would certainly be favourite Lucky Sweynesse from a better draw but has to be said he had no excuses HV l/s when beaten fav. That run good enough to be very competitive here but moves from gate 2 to gate 10 and may need to be used in the early stages to get a position. Jumbo Fortune a great chance but looks well found. Some value in BLAZE WARRIOR despite the big weight coming back into C2. Think he'll get worthwhile tempo and be hitting the line strongly. 3 units. SEIZING THE MOMENT got too far out of race at HV but found line ok. Hardly run a bad race in HK, should be running on at odds with light weight. 0.5 unit.

## Race 11 – Class 3    1600m

| | Rating | | HK TOTE | Draw | | Tempo = AVE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 17.3 | CHANCHENG PRINCE | 23 V | 14 | CHEVALIER PRINCE | >>>>>>> |
| 2 | | FLY ON EARTH | 44 ^ | 13 | READY PLAYER ONE | >>>>>>> |
| 3 | 21.9 | RUNNING AHEAD | 36 V | 12 | BLASTOISE | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 4 | 11.1 | SECRET VISION | 7.0 | 11 | TUCHEL | >>>>>>>>>>? |
| 5 | 2.3 | TUCHEL | 5.1 V | 10 | SECRET VISION | >>>>>>> |
| 6 | | BLASTOISE | 35 ^ | 9 | ODE TO JOY | >>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 7 | 11.1 | POWERFUL WINGS | 3.8 | 8 | SUPER WINNER | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>? |
| 8 | | ODE TO JOY | 12 ^ | 7 | RUNNING AHEAD | >>>>>>>? |
| 9 | 27.0 | STORM LEGEND | 8.8 ^ | 6 | LET'S DO IT | >>>>>>>>>>> |
| 10 | | SUPER WINNER | 20 ^ | 5 | STORM LEGEND | >>>>>>> |
| 11 | 17.3 | CHEVALIER PRINCE | 13 | 4 | CHANCHENG PRINCE | >>>>>>>>>>> |
| 12 | | ENCOUNTERED | 73 | 3 | POWERFUL WINGS | >>>>>>>>>> |
| 13 | | READY PLAYER ONE | 22 ^ | 2 | ENCOUNTERED | >>>>>>> |
| 14 | 7.1 | LET'S DO IT | 8.8 V | 1 | FLY ON EARTH | >>>> |

The race: Regulation frontrunner Super Winner (C Wong) looks the solo leader here, with his nearest challengers, Let's Do It and Chancheng Prince, both inclined to overrace, so their riders may be disinclined to contest the early lead. The other with potential to be with the lead is Ode To Joy, but he is an unreliable beginner & coming back from 2000m? This normally would look a set up for a softer than average tempo but Super Winner does have a record of rolling along at a decent speed so calling it average. Blastoise has a tendency to roll forward at any distance if he can get there but probably not quick enough to have any pace influence. Purton has decisions to make on Tuchel, who has shown enough speed in his last 2 from inside gates, 1400m win and l/s 1600m, to say he could sit handy but, from this gate, may be more conservative so as not to be caught wide? Another slight map query is Running Ahead, who ran well 1400m HK debut, had Blkrs added L/s 1400m and raced a lot closer but was disappointing at the finish. The Blkrs come off again here so may be more quietly ridden again, although is also up in distance?

Recommendations: Surprised to see TUCHEL this price after he has run short his last couple and looked very promising. Did a decent job despite being beaten fav l/s going to 1600m first time, when he drew inside on wet going when that wasn't the best place to be. Does have a sticky draw here and he still has to show he runs a strong 1600m right out but getting a decent price to play him. 5.5 units.

| 20220716 | Trk | Cl | No. | Selection | Rated | Bookie Price | Units |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | S | 5 | 3 | MELBOURNE HALL | 6.90 | 13 | 2.5 |
| 1 | S | 5 | 8 | DRAGON BABY | 2.30 | 14 | 9 |
| 2 | S | 5 | 5 | HEARTY WISH | 3.70 | 8.5 | 4.5 |
| 2 | S | 5 | 7 | ALLOY KING | 9.00 | 31 | 2 |
| 2 | S | 5 | 11 | ONE STEP AHEAD | 14.10 | 20 | 0.5 |
| 3 | S | 4 | 1 | HAPPY DAILY | 3.50 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | S | 4 | 6 | SUPER RED DRAGON | 4.40 | 5 | 2 |
| 3 | S | 4 | 12 | CITY LEGEND | 5.50 | 41 | 3 |
| 3 | S | 4 | 13 | FIRE BALL | 16.70 | 26 | 0.5 |
| 4 | S | 4 | 6 | LUCKY GOR | 11.80 | 16 | 0.5 |
| 4 | S | 4 | 8 | YOUTHFUL DEAL | 3.90 | 4.6 | 1.5 |
| 4 | S | 4 | 14 | THETA HEDGE | 7.60 | 12 | 1.5 |
| 5 | S | 4 | 8 | SWOT TROOPERS WIND | 14.70 | 26 | 0.5 |
| 5 | S | 4 | 9 | BIG BROOK | 14.70 | 26 | 0.5 |
| 5 | S | 4 | 10 | HYPERION TREE | 6.00 | 6.5 | 0.5 |
| 6 | S | 4 | 1 | VICTORY SCHOLARS | 14.20 | 21 | 0.5 |
| 6 | S | 4 | 4 | GANG OF BROTHERS | 7.30 | 10 | 1 |
| 6 | S | 4 | 11 | STAR CONTACT | 3.70 | 8 | 4 |
| 7 | S | 3 | 5 | HIGHLY PROACTIVE | 16.70 | 27 | 0.5 |
| 7 | S | 3 | 9 | KA YING EXCELLENT | 3.50 | 6 | 4.5 |
| 8 | S | 1 | 2 | CHAMPION'S WAY | 13.10 | 21 | 0.5 |
| 8 | S | 1 | 6 | FANTASTIC TREASURE | 4.30 | 7 | 2.5 |
| 8 | S | 1 | 9 | MONEY CATCHER | 4.30 | 6 | 2 |
| 8 | S | 1 | 11 | CELESTIAL POWER | 13.10 | 26 | 1 |
| 9 | S | 3 | 13 | LUCKY EIGHT | 1.70 | 3 | 10 |
| 10 | S | 2 | 2 | BLAZE WARRIOR | 4.70 | 12 | 3 |
| 10 | S | 2 | 11 | SEIZING THE MOMENT | 14.30 | 21 | 0.5 |
| 11 | S | 3 | 5 | TUCHEL | 2.30 | 3.6 | 5.5 |
| | | | | | | | 67.5 |