

HK WINNING FACTOR

HAPPY VALLEY – July 15, 2026

Rail position: C (good to yielding).

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Race 1 – Class 5 1650m[illegible]

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to something faster. The obvious frontrunner is Lucky Blessing, who has a tendency to set at least a genuine tempo every time he leads, but there some speed inside him and also outside him to make sure he runs along if he wants to cross. Fashion Legend (Blkrs back on), Our Lucky Glory (Cheek Pieces off), Viva Boss (Purton) all want a prominent position, but Perfecto Moments (ML Yeung) might be more important to the speed. We've noted a couple of times recently that there are horses who will be compulsorily retired in the coming days if they can't do something to lift their profile. Perfecto Moments might be a candidate for that unless he can fire here, he has tended to be ridden positively any time but anticipate he definitely will be here, despite the draw. Celestial Harmony often ridden handy but was taken back l/s wide draw 1800m on dirt & not sure what the approach will be here?

The market: This is as tough as it gets. Early market has gravitated, as usual, to Zac Purton (Viva Boss) and he has a winning chance first start in C5, backing up 7 days after tough effort in C4 pushing forward wide gate. Still, did that with 116 pounds, now has 133 but is drawn better. Perhaps he'll keep top billing. Telecom Power rated through the roof this c/d 2 runs back then failed to stay 2200m l/s. Back to the right distance but could be anywhere with this draw.

Recommendations: TO INFINITY a 7yo and runs lately C4 haven't set the world alight but back to C5, where he has won 3/5, has won 7 races this c/d, and gets the fast pace set up that he loves. On top of that, he's 16.0 with bookies and that looks a decent gamble. 2 units.

Race 2 – Class 4 1200m

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The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to faster. Perhaps only three with designs on the lead but there's good reason to think it will be competitive. Loving Vibes might be a player for the lead but has the box seat option, too, but Winning Money (Ferraris) fully capable of getting to the rail in front, where expect him to get pressure from Lean Master. PN Wong has ridden this in his last 2 starts, from gates 9 and 12 this c/d, and has been very positive indeed, forcing the lead pace each time.

The market: The market finds Loving Vibes and Genius Baby as the first two picks and think that will be the case at arce time too, though possibly closer together in the betting. Loving Vibes has had his chance a few times, narrowly touched off l/s. Genius Baby has acvtually had a bit more to deal with in his races in terms of maps/tempo/draws but has been going well in defeat. Winning Money has a chance is he gets the front but that's by no means guaranteed. Interetsing to see Fownes-trained I Am Back in the early market – ran ok debut in Dec then vef issue other run, both at long odds and never trialled Like anything flashy.

Recommendations: GENIUS BABY gets a better set up tonight that he has been getting and think he's good value at 4.2 with bookies – 6.5 units. LEAN MASTER exceptionally well handicapped with the tiny weight but his fate rests mostly on whether he can get over to lead. If he does, he can certainly win and 20.0 with bookies – 1 unit.

Race 3 – Class 4 1800m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	28.8	HARMONY GALAXY	8.6 ^	12	STORM RUNNER	>>>>>>>>>>>
2	6.0	CASA ROCHESTER	8.9 V	11	VOLCANIC SPARK	>>>>>>
3		VOLCANIC SPARK	27	10	NORTHERN BEAST	>>>>>>>>
4	28.8	ROMANTIC LAOS	10	9	OCEAN IMPACT	>>>>>>>>
5		SERANGOON	20	8	FIREFOOT	>>>>>>>>>>
6	28.8	STORM RUNNER	14	7	SERANGOON	>>>>
7		FAST SPEED	41 ^	6	KYRUS TREASURE	>>>>>>
8	14.6	FIREFOOT	9.1	5	HARMONY GALAXY	>>>>>>
9	4.8	NOBLE PURSUIT	7.3 V	4	FAST SPEED	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	3.1	KYRUS TREASURE	3.5	3	ROMANTIC LAOS	>>>>>>>>
11		NORTHERN BEAST	12 ^	2	CASA ROCHESTER	>>>>>>
12	28.8	OCEAN IMPACT	9.9 ^	1	NOBLE PURSUIT	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. Not that many going forward with purpose here, but several of them are drawn wide & that can make the first few hundred metres busy enough as they seek their positions. There is still a real chance that the pace goes out of the race in the middle stages, though that might force some midrace moves around d the field from the rear runners. The most likely frontrunners look Fast Speed (apprentice PN Wong) inside and Storm Runner (Atzeni) from the outside gate, so their chemistry will be key. Firefoot (Orman) has led at times but the preference does seem to be to get a trail behind the leaders. We might see Romantic Laos closer tonight, up to 1800m and drawn well, but he's not a leader.

The market: In one way surprised to see Kyros Dragon as the one to beat here as he couldn't have had a better set up in C5 l/s from gate 1 but he rated well enough despite it being a slowly-run race and has rated higher in C4 previously. So the grade change holds no fears and he is relatively lightly-raced, slow maturing type in a race where there are some well explored runners giving him a lot of weight. Interesting Moreira has opted for Kyros Treasure instead of Noble Pursuit from his retaining stable, Fownes, because there were excuses for Noble Pursuit l/s when got too far back and outrun in a sprint home 1650m when Moreira rode him. Casa Rochester is going very well – merit in all 4 starts since he returned from a vet issue in late 2025 – and expect he will have support now with good map.

Recommendations: KYRUS TREASURE is 3.8 with bookies -3 units. NOBLE PURSUIT – 1.5 units. Taking 8.0 CASA ROCHESTER with bookies – 1.5 units.

Race 4 – Class 4 1650m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	8.5	SKY DEEP	5.7	12	SHAMZ	>>>>>>
2	5.5	IVY LEAGUE	10 V	11	GAZELEY	>>>>>>
3	4.3	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	7.0 V	10	GORGEOUS VICTORY	>>>>>>>>?
4	16.6	TAKE ACTION	7.5 ^	9	PRESTIGE RICKY	>>>>>>
5		VERY GRATEFUL	11 ^	8	WHOWROTETHATSONG	>>>>
6		SHAMZ	31	7	TAKE ACTION	>>>>>>
7		LUCKY TOGETHER	16 ^	6	PRESTIGE SUPERIOR	>>>>>>
8	3.5	GORGEOUS VICTORY	3.1	5	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	>>>>>>>>
9	32.8	PRESTIGE RICKY	9.3 ^	4	LUCKY TOGETHER	>>>>>>
10		GAZELEY	56 ^	3	SKY DEEP	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		PRESTIGE SUPERIOR	65 ^	2	IVY LEAGUE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		WHOWROTETHATSONG	41	1	VERY GRATEFUL	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, likely slower. The only two serious players for the front, based on their histories, are Sky Deep (Moreira) and Ivy League (Kingscote), though there is also a possibility that Ivy League might prefer a trail. Ivy League has led four times in 43 HK starts, inc 32 starts this c/d, & has only run a place in one of them. The latest, was l/s 21 days ago, when Ivy League led at a very modest pace & folded up to finish 9th as the slow tempo forced others to tackle him early & he couldn't cope. As usual, the lack of leaders could force unusual tactics from other runners. The big query is Gorgeous Victory – stepping up in distance, in a set up that looks to lack speed, wouldn't be surprised if Zac wants to roll the dice and have him closer than he has been?

The market: Gorgeous Victory owns some of the best ratings in this and would have looked a real short odds chance if he had drawn low, even though trying beyond 1400m first time. Purton might take the draw out of the equation if he gets across ok early but it isn't a walk in the park. Still, deserves favouritism and, with Zac, expect he will be. It's a race that looks to have a long tail.

Recommendations: IVY LEAGUE did get strong pressure in the lead 800m from home when he led I/s and weakened so prepared to give him another chance. He's 10.0 with bookies – 2 units. LIGHT YEARS GLORY has not been beyond 1400m, like the fav, but was ok that distance I/s, running on with tempo/race shape against him and drawn much better here. 2 units.

Race 5 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	2.2	PEJIBAYE	2.8 V	12	WINALOT	>>>>>>>>
2	31.6	BEAUTY THUNDER	12 ^	11	CLOUD NINE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	12.9	CLOUD NINE	7.6	10	BEAUTY THUNDER	>>>>>>>>>?
4		LUCKY BID	21	9	STAR SATYR	>>>>
5	8.3	POET'S REIGN	24	8	WINNING CHAMPION	>>>>>>>>
6	16.2	SHOTGUN	5.9 ^	7	MY TRIUMPH	>>>>>>>>
7		WINALOT	42	6	LUCKY BID	>>>>>>>>
8		MY TRIUMPH	52	5	SMILING CHAMPION	>>>>
9	12.9	PHOENIX LIGHT	5.5	4	PEJIBAYE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		SMILING CHAMPION	39	3	PHOENIX LIGHT	>>>>>>>
11	12.9	STAR SATYR	20	2	POET'S REIGN	>>>>
12		WINNING CHAMPION	10 ^	1	SHOTGUN	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to something faster but there are queries. Shotgun has been freshened up since failing longer trips & does have speed but may be the box seat runner here, with more likely leaders Pejibaye (Moreira), Coud Nine (Ferraris) and possibly Beauty Thunder (Badel) who steps up from a series of 1000m races where he has been on the speed (except the one where he was checked at the start). Pejibaye, of course, was expected to lead l/s on the dirt, too, but messed up the jump – if he gets out of the gates, expect Moreira will want the front.

The market: Pejibaye early fav and was heavily-bet fav l/s when he missed the jump then had a tough run, chasing after the speed and trying to get back into the race on the dirt. It's not the only time he hasn't pinged the gates but more often he does and he has the ratings to win even with this weight. Shotgun second pick and has a great map at first run for 2 months. Phoenix Light is just a mystery horse – if he reproduced the run HV 2 starts ago, he should be favourite but had his chance Sha Tin since, ran well but nowhere near that rating. Is HV the key? Well, he's won 4 races, all at Sha Tin so it's a mystery. Has won on a soft track so he'll have support on that basis and will Love the fast pace but typical of this stable, they turn up one day and not another. Cloud Nine continues to have map problems and has another one.

Recommendations: Taking 2.8 PEJIBAYE with bookies. 5.5 units. POET'S REIGN is a 3yo who ran very well first 2 starts, rating well enough to be competitive here, then failed at 1400m, given a break and failed again 1200m when he returned. Still, fitter for that race, drawn low. He'll be a big price and likely running on. 1.5 Units.

Race 6 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	24.5	ARMOUR WAR EAGLE	7.3 ^	12	STORMY KNIGHT	>>>>
2	24.5	HEALTHY HEALTHY	13	11	FORZA LEADER	>>>>>>
3		REAL GENTLEMAN	18 ^	10	PERFECT TRIUMPH	>>>>>>
4	6.5	COPARTNER FLEET	5.5	9	MARVEL AND GOLD	>>>>>>
5	4.1	GIANT LEAP	4.7 V	8	GIANT LEAP	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	12.6	GRATIFIDE	7.7 ^	7	HEALTHY HEALTHY	>>>>>>>>
7	10.1	DOUBLE ALPHA	8.5	6	ARMOUR WAR EAGLE	>>>>>>
8	4.1	LITTLE MONSTER	7.8 V	5	LITTLE MONSTER	>>>>>>>>>>
9		PERFECT TRIUMPH	24 ^	4	REAL GENTLEMAN	>>>>>>>>
10		MARVEL AND GOLD	24 ^	3	GRATIFIDE	>>>>
11		FORZA LEADER	14 ^	2	DOUBLE ALPHA	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	24.5	STORMY KNIGHT	37	1	COPARTNER FLEET	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, leaning to slower. Double Alpha (Bowman) has led both his races down the straight at Sha Tin, so, up in distance and drawn well, expect he is a logical frontrunner here too. Little Monster did lead from a wide gate when he won at Sha Tin so he does have some pace but it hasn't been his style & he took a trail when well-drawn I/s. A more likely leader is Giant Leap (MF Poon), who didn't lead I/s and still ran well, so there may not be real urgency about leading, even though he has led in his wins. He probably faces too big a task anyway to get around Double Alpha, sitting outside him might be the option taken, and without competition up front, the middle stages might not be that quick?

The market: Think the market will tighten around the map horses here – Copartner Fleet, Double Alpha, Giant Leap and Little Monster, especially Little Monster, who bounced into the trailing spot here behind the leaders and will get every chance. He had excuses when 4th only run HV previously.

Recommendations: Taking 9.5 LITTLE MONSTER with bookies – 3.5 units. Some query on just how COPARTNER FLEET is going but has not had the best of draws HV since C4 win in January and races have not panned out well. Gets a soft draw tonight. 1 unit.

Race 7 – Class 3 1650m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	25.1	WINNING DRAGON	10 ^	12	A AMERIC TE SPEC SO	>>>>
2		PASS LINE	29 ^	11	SUPER UNICORN	>>>>>>
3	8.2	A AMERIC TE SPEC SO	6.6	10	CALL ME TOPSEED	>>>>>>>>?
4		CALL ME TOPSEED	13 ^	9	HAPPY TERCENTENARY	>>>>>>
5		I CAN	10 ^	8	THRIVING BROTHERS	>>>>>>>>>>
6		TRUE BROTHERS	13 ^	7	PASS LINE	>>>>>>
7		HAPPY TERCENTENARY	32 ^	6	WINNING DRAGON	>>>>>>>>>
8	16.3	SUPER UNICORN	6.7 ^	5	TRUE BROTHERS	>>>>>>>>>>?
9	20.1	CLASS	29	4	I CAN	>>>>>>
10	1.7	SOMELOVEFROMABOVE	3.4 V	3	WINNING BUDDIES	>>>>>>
11	16.3	THRIVING BROTHERS	7.5	2	CLASS	>>>>>>
12	31.4	WINNING BUDDIES	18	1	SOMELOVEFROMABOVE	>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. There are scenarios here where the pace is not all that strong – there are horses with speed that won't necessarily want to be setting any records in front, like Thriving Brothers, Call Me Topseed is returning from 7 months out with a ligament injury, and Winning Dragon and Somelovefromabove probably more likely to take a trail than want the front. However, the trick here is PN Wong going on to True Brothers, who showed very good pace l/s over 1400m, steps up in distance now and has Blks going on as well. That looks like a recipe for a pace runner, Wong has distinguished herself frequently by going too fast in these situations so she's a real x-factor?

The market: Won't be at all surprised to see Somelovefromabove start very short odds here in a race where quite a few look to be struggling and he gets the right map set up. For his own form, was going well until l/s May when jumped slowly then didn't impress in defeat the rest of the race. Has had plenty of problems so perhaps was not right as we haven't seen him for 2 months, but has trialled well 3 times recently. Ordinary at only previous c/d so that's probably the big question mark but had always shaped like he would run further than the 1200m where he has won his races. Thriving Brothers will be forward but has been very tame recent runs even when the on paper result looks ok; Super Unicorn has a map issue; I Can has been really struggling and A Americ Te Specso going well enough to compete in this field, though ratings have been a fair way below where he was last season.

Recommendations: Going with SOMELOVEFROMABOVE here is a very weak race – weak in the sense of what form his rivals seem to be in – and he maps perfectly with lightish weight. He's 3.2 with bookies – 11 units.

Race 8 – Class 2 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	10.3	LUCKY WITH YOU	8.7	11	SON PAK FU	>>>>
2	8.3	BOTTOMUPTOGETHER	7.3	10	TURQUOISE VELOCITY	>>>>>>>>>>
3	10.3	CRIMSON FLASH	5.7	9	MAGIC CONTROL	>>>>>>>>?
4	10.3	YOUNG CHAMPION	5.5	8	BRAVE STAR	>>>>>>
5		VICTOR THE WINNER	5.7 ^	7	VICTOR THE WINNER	>>>>>>>>>>
6		SING DRAGON	30 ^	6	LUCKY WITH YOU	>>>>>>
7	20.1	MAGIC CONTROL	10 ^	5	ROMANTIC SON	>>>>>>
8	12.9	BRAVE STAR	14	4	YOUNG CHAMPION	>>>>>>>
9	3.4	ROMANTIC SON	13 V	3	CRIMSON FLASH	>>>>>>>>
10	12.9	SON PAK FU	12	2	SING DRAGON	>>>>>>
11	16.2	TURQUOISE VELOCITY	12	1	BOTTOMUPTOGETHER	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to something faster than that. Victor The Winner (Purton) was a successful leader early in his career, went through a few different transitions for a while when he didn't lead but is back to being a solid leader now. Bottomuptogether (Moreira) is as fast as any runner and has gate 1, so he and Victor The Winner could get involved in some competition but will almost certainly be joined by Turquoise Velocity (Teetan). He missed the jump l/swhen comfortably beaten at short odds and his rider told stewards that he is much better horse when able to lead on the lead – if that is Teetan's ambition here from gate 10, he's going to find real competition underneath him. The other very quick runner is Magic Control from an awkward draw – perhaps he too goes forward early but there has tended to be a preference at 1200m to trail?

The market: Really competitive race this, won't be a surprise what starts favourite and early market agrees.

Recommendations: This is a tough race but the light weight and chance to be running on over the top of firing leaders works for ROMANTIC SON in this grade. Taking 12.0 with bookies – 5 units.

Race 9 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	30.4	FLYING WROTE	8.4 ^	12	DARYL FLASH	>>>>>>
2	5.1	YOUNG EMPEROR	7.7 V	11	KING OF FIGHTERS	>>>>
3		HARMONY N BLESSED	10	10	FLYING KNIGHT	>>>>>>
4	10.0	THUNDER KIT	3.7 ^	9	FLYING WROTE	>>>>>>
5	24.4	CITY GOLD BANNER	10 ^	8	CITY GOLD BANNER	>>>>>>>>
6		DARYL FLASH	22 ^	7	HARMONY N BLESSED	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	5.1	ENDURANCE EXPRESS	10 V	6	DANICA'S CHOICE	>>>>>>
8		MORGAN SUCCESS	34 ^	5	YOUNG EMPEROR	>>>>>>>>
9	12.5	FLYING KNIGHT	13	4	ENDURANCE EXPRESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	10.0	KING OF FIGHTERS	11	3	MASTER OF ALL	>>>>>>>>
11	6.4	DANICA'S CHOICE	6.7 V	2	MORGAN SUCCESS	>>>>
12	19.5	MASTER OF ALL	24 V	1	THUNDER KIT	>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, leaning to something slower. Really only two leaders, so the chemistry between Endurance Express (MF Poon) and Harmony N Blessed (Bowman) will be all-important. Although Harmony N Blessed has won leading, he has also run well taking a sit, and it's fair to say he has more often not looked for the front as he has got old. So, Bowman is probably happy sitting outside the lead if Endurance Express beats him to the front, and the lack of outside pressure for the front should enable them to slow up in the middle stages.

The market: We have mentioned before that Thunder Kit is a very wobbly horse to be favourite any time. He had 3 runs in Australia and 8 in HK and has yet to jump with the field. He does have an inside draw to compensate here and nothing wrong with how he has been racing but would be surprised if some the better map horses, like Young Emperor, Endurance Express were not backed to beat him. Danica's Choice doesn't have a terrible map & sat wide much of the way winning in C4 when very heavily-bet l/s so expect support again.

Recommendations: YOUNG EMPEROR had his chance l/s this c/d when close 3d, but did rate quite a way below his best. Gets Blks first time – that can work either way – gets a map and that l/s certainly good enough. Anything like his best would blow them away. 2 units at 7.0 with bookies. ENDURANCE EXPRESS a 3yo, Impressive winner only run Australia, has run well both HK starts, the first when did some work from gate 9 then did even more work from gate 3 l/s when pace was sharp and not beaten far. Tempo looks a lot softer here and likely leader. He is 10.0 with bookies. 3 units.

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1	H	5	6	TO INFINITY	6.90	16	2
2	H	4	4	GENIUS BABY	2.40	4.2	6.5
2	H	4	12	LEAN MASTER	11.40	20	1
3	H	4	2	CASA ROCHESTER	6.00	8	1.5
3	H	4	9	NOBLE PURSUIT	4.80	6	1.5
3	H	4	10	KYRUS TREASURE	3.10	3.8	3
4	H	4	2	IVY LEAGUE	5.50	10	2
4	H	4	3	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	4.30	6	2
5	H	4	1	PEJIBAYE	2.20	2.8	5.5
5	H	4	5	POET'S REIGN	8.30	23	1.5
6	H	4	4	COPARTNER FLEET	6.50	7.5	1
6	H	4	8	LITTLE MONSTER	4.10	9.5	3.5
7	H	3	10	SOMELOVEFROMABOVE	1.70	3.2	11
8	H	2	9	ROMANTIC SON	3.40	12	5
9	H	3	2	YOUNG EMPEROR	5.10	7	2
9	H	3	7	ENDURANCE EXPRESS	5.10	10	3
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