

Race 7 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	10.4	HARMONY WIN WIN	5.4	14	KASI FARASI	>>>>>>
2		SUCCESS FIGHTER	37 ^	13	MY INTELLIGENT	>>>>>>>>>>
3	5.3	ETERNAL BLOOM	6.7 V	12	PLIKCLONE	>>>>>>>?
4	31.7	KASI FARASI	28	11	GET THE MONIES	>>>>>>
5		ROCKPAPERSCISSORS	19 ^	10	KING OF THE COURT	>>>>>>
6		M M NEBULA	40 ^	9	M M NEBULA	>>>>
7		GET THE MONIES	54 ^	8	HUNKY DORY	>>>>>>
8	10.4	KING OF THE COURT	7.8	7	ROCKPAPERSCISSORS	>>>>
9	20.3	MY INTELLIGENT	5.9 ^	6	HARMONY WIN WIN	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	13.0	PLIKCLONE	6.2 ^	5	JOLLY HONOUR	>>>>
11		HUNKY DORY	86 ^	4	FELIX THE KING	>>>>>>>>>>
12	31.7	JOLLY HONOUR	28	3	ETERNAL BLOOM	>>>>>>>>>>
13	2.7	STUNNING IMPACT	5.6 V	2	STUNNING IMPACT	>>>>>>>>
14		FELIX THE KING	24 ^	1	SUCCESS FIGHTER	>>>>>>

The race: Soft tempo. Harmony Win Win does take a little galvanizing from the start to get into his stride & simply wasn't quick enough to be a factor for the lead 1200m l/s in C3 but he looks the frontrunner here, down a grade, back to his preferred distance and in a race devoid of frontrunners. Expect him to cross Felix The King, Eternal Bloom and Stunning Impact to find the fence and My Intelligent will work across to second. Maybe the query is Plikclone, who has been effective racing handy this c/d in the past. In recent times, there has looked no intent to have him handy, even when he drew soft l/s, but if he was to return to more positive tactics then this probably looks the race to try it with Purton getting back aboard?

Recommendations: STUNNING IMPACT has started fav or close to it his last 4 starts and expect him to again start fav here despite not winning. Really has not been a lot wrong with his runs, maps perfectly and getting 18 pounds in weight off Harmony Win Win. 5 units. ETERNAL BLOOM looked a touch outpaced l/s 1200m, will appreciate extra distance and maps well too. 1.5 units.

Race 8 – Class 3 1400m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	19.2	TEMPEST EXPRESS	12 ^	10	CIRCUIT STELLAR	>>>>>>
2	30.3	BAND OF BROTHERS	36	9	PRIVATE ROCKET	>>>>>>>>>>
3	5.1	BEAUTY LIVE	4.5	8	BAND OF BROTHERS	>>>>>>
4	15.4	CIRCUIT STELLAR	3.9 ^	7	RUNNING AHEAD	>>>>
5		RUNNING AHEAD	50	6	TEMPEST EXPRESS	>>>>>>>>>>
6	19.2	PRIVATE ROCKET	9.2 ^	5	COMPASSION SPIRIT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	3.2	GOLDEN EMPIRE	3.9 V	4	STORM LEGEND	>>>>>>
8	19.2	STORM LEGEND	9.0	3	GOLDEN EMPIRE	>>>>>>
9	5.1	ORIENTAL SMOKE	10 V	2	BEAUTY LIVE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		COMPASSION SPIRIT	26	1	ORIENTAL SMOKE	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Soft tempo. There are 4 potential leaders here but think the most likely to show real intent will be Beauty Live and Compassion Spirit. Beauty Live may not be a natural leader but Moreira has seized his chance to lead successfully on this previously in slow pace, but Compassion Spirit is probably the fastest horse & may be able to cross them. Both Oriental Smoke and Private Rocket have the speed to take the front if vacant but think they will both be happy to see somebody else in front. Tempest Express returning from a break, isn't the quickest here by any means but we have seen him race handy at 1400m previously in one or two fast run races so may not be far away here.

Recommendations: Gee hard to get excited about Circuit Stellar as fav here. Racing well and has been unlucky on several occasions but his bad luck happens due to his racing style and nothing about this map looks all that encouraging. Simply no way that ORIENTAL SMOKE will be this price as an improving young horse with no weight and nice trip. The booking of Currie probably the thing holding up odds at present but expect will be shorter at race time. 2 units. GOLDEN EMPIRE will start favourite and horse to beat just a concern whether much margin on him by the jump time. 1 unit.

Race 9 – Group 3 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	5.7	SKY FIELD	6.7	11	HOT KING PRAWN	>>>>>>>>
2	13.9	LUCKY PATCH	12	10	SIGHT SUCCESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	21.7	COMPUTER PATCH	7.4 ^	9	SUPER WEALTHY	>>>>>>
4	7.1	HOT KING PRAWN	11 v	8	NERVOUS WITNESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	7.1	SUPER WEALTHY	7.9	7	CALIFORNIADEEPSHOT	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	13.9	SIGHT SUCCESS	10	6	CORDYCEPS SIX	>>>>>>>
7	11.1	LUCKY EXPRESS	19 v	5	LUCKY EXPRESS	>>>>
8		DUKE WAI	22 ^	4	DUKE WAI	>>>>>>
9		CALIFORNIADEEPSHOT	22 ^	3	COMPUTER PATCH	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	7.1	CORDYCEPS SIX	3.1	2	SKY FIELD	>>>>
11	11.1	NERVOUS WITNESS	12 v	1	LUCKY PATCH	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Pace looks true and could be faster if anything tries to keep Nervous Witness out of the lead. Really the only candidate for that drawn beneath him is Computer Patch, who was a bit more positively-riden l/s but from this draw he should be happy to take the box seat rather than duel. Expect Sight Success to be positive but with the intention of having Nervous Witness bring him across from the wide gate then sit off him rather than engage. That said, Nervous Witness is quite keen-going at 1000m, this is his first 1200m and think he will set a decent enough pace all by himself.

Recommendations: We have a big opinion of Cordyceps Six but really thrown in the deep end now & going to be short odds so happy to play light on a few against him. HOT KING PRAWN 1.5 units. SUPER WEALTHY and LUCKY EXPRESS 1 unit. SKY FIELD 0.5 unit

Race 10 – Class 3 1600m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	18.1	ALL FOR ST PAUL'S	21 v	12	MALDIVES	>>>>>>
2	7.4	MALDIVES	5.9	11	ALL FOR ST PAUL'S	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	9.3	BOURBONAIRE	5.8	10	PEGASUS GENERAL	>>>>
4	7.4	RISE BRETHREN	21 v	9	POWERFUL WINGS	>>>>>>?
5	9.3	ROYAL BOMB	3.0 ^	8	BOURBONAIRE	>>>>>>>>>>?
6		PEGASUS GENERAL	44	7	RISE BRETHREN	>>>>
7	5.9	LEADING FORTUNE	8.7 v	6	ROYAL BOMB	>>>>>>?
8		CLASSIC ARCHI	27 ^	5	CLASSIC ARCHI	>>>>
9		HELENE WISDOM STAR	18 ^	4	SMOOTHIES	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	7.4	PRECISE EXPRESS	11	3	PRECISE EXPRESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	9.3	SMOOTHIES	19 v	2	HELENE WISDOM STAR	>>>>>>>
12		POWERFUL WINGS	11 ^	1	LEADING FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: There are plenty of trapdoors to this, with All For St Paul's appearing a solo leader. The first of the traps to the race is an assumption that Poon will set a slow pace on All For St Paul's, as the horse can be a little keen. He has not often had an uncontested lead in the last year but has run along at an even gallop even he has led alone. Nevertheless, it is logical that Poon will not go any faster than he needs to do so it may not make it to average. The other trap is just how obvious the solo leader is on paper here – horses without a lot of tactical pace in a normal tempo, like Leading Fortune, Smoothies and even Precise Express, only have to jump cleanly to find themselves fairly handy from their inside draws as the reminder mostly have no early pace whatsoever. The query runners are drawn wider, Bourbonaire with Purton replacing Borges, and Powerful Wings with first time Blinkers. Bourbonaire did sit outside the leader in G2 1400m in NZ one day but hasn't displayed any great tactical speed in HK. Purton getting on though is interesting as he will recognize the lack of leaders & perhaps, being a very good gate jockey, will try to bounce the horse out and have him closer? Powerful Wings also hasn't been anywhere near the front in HK, even when he had a low draw at 1800m, but was only 3 lengths off the front in a good tempo 1400m in March – what the addition of Bkrs indicates about their intentions with him tactically is unclear & he wore the gear in his last 2 runs in UK without being any closer? Royal Bomb some query too as he can be closer & Moreira goes on but gets pulling if asked to do much early?

Recommendations: Tough race but seeing Royal Bomb so short makes for some value elsewhere. RISE BRETHREN 2 units. LEADING FORTUNE and SMOOTHIES 1.5 units. PRECISE EXPRESS 1 unit.

Race 11 – Class 3 2000m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	14.4	COPARTNER ELITES	6.3	14	COPARTNER ELITES	>>>>>>
2		S J TOURBILLON	15 ^	13	NATURAL STORM	>>>>
3	18.0	SUPERBELLA	8.6	12	FIVE G PATCH	>>>>>>
4		ENTRUSTED	24 ^	11	INTREPID WINNER	>>>>>>
5		INTREPID WINNER	9.2 ^	10	VICTORY PARK	>>>>?
6	11.5	BLASTOISE	21 V	9	S J TOURBILLON	>>>>
7	3.8	FIVE G PATCH	5.6	8	BLASTOISE	>>>>>>>>
8	28.1	TOTAL POWER	48	7	SUPERBELLA	>>>>>>
9		ENZEUBLE	22	6	PERFECT MARYKNOLL	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	18.0	PERFECT MARYKNOLL	30 V	5	SMILING TIME	>>>>>>>>
11		SMILING TIME	16 ^	4	SUPER OASIS	>>>>>>>>
12	4.7	SUPER OASIS	6.2 V	3	ENTRUSTED	>>>>
13	18.0	VICTORY PARK	9.0	2	TOTAL POWER	>>>>>>>>
14	18.0	NATURAL STORM	14	1	ENZEUBLE	>>>>>>>>>?

The race: pace looks soft. The lead-up race for 3 of these was a strongly-run 2200m at HV won by Blastoise, and for 7 of them it was the race won by Nordic Sky 3 weeks ago this c/d when the deteriorating track was assisting horses on the speed & races became faster-run as a result. Quite a few also came through the well-run Running Glory 1800m race on April 10. So, the contrast here with those lead-ups looks significant. The speed in Nordic Sky race was 3 lengths faster than average for each 400m section to the 800m, with slow sections from there to post. That is not a configuration seen frequently for 2000m races C3 & psychologically might lead runners who got burned in lead-ups by hot pace to be more conservative. Not expecting one of those will be Lucky Maryknoll, however, who chased Nordic Sky before finishing seventh, after led a slow tempo to win C4 prior. He and Enzeuble, who led all the way this c/d last season, are the most likely leaders, though connections seem to chop and change with Enzeuble these days about whether they want him to lead or not and he can get pulling in a slower tempo? The biggest mystery on the map is Victory Park, who was at the rear and running on in 3 starts HK before up to 2000m l/s, inside draw and ridden aggressively in the Nordic Sy race, holding on for third. Blks replaced by Visor here but also moving to a wider gate – will he revert to previous tactics or be positive from what is often an unkind start for those tactics if drawn out?

Recommendations: FIVE G PATCH yet to run a bad race HK with circumstances against, has them against him again here but getting a worthwhile price to play. 3 units. His stablemate SUPER OASIS disappointed in HK but second run for Cruz good at HV l/s. In a fast run early part, he was forward then shuffled right back through field when leader collapsed, then ran on at the finish when got clear. 2 units. BLASTOISE won that HV race, ridden back but should be on pace here. 1 unit.

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2	S	4	1	Victory Scholars	2.70	3.4	3.5
2	S	4	14	Bella Baby	4.30	8.5	3.5
3	S	4	7	One For All	14.30	26	1
3	S	4	11	Jumbo Legend	4.70	13	3.5
4	S	4	3	Amazing Victory	2.30	3.4	6.5
4	S	4	10	Aurora Hero	11.10	34	1
4	S	4	11	Hearty Wish	4.60	5.5	2
5	S	3	5	Star Brite	8.00	8.5	0.5
5	S	3	8	Super Dobbin	15.60	21	0.5
5	S	3	13	Young Life Forever	3.30	20	5.5
6	S	G1	2	Ka Ying Star	6.10	21	2.5
6	S	G1	3	Tourbillon Diamond	3.90	7.5	3.5
7	S	4	3	Eternal Bloom	5.30	7	1.5
7	S	4	13	Stunning Impact	2.70	4.4	5
8	S	3	7	Golden Empire	3.20	3.5	1.5
8	S	3	9	Oriental Smoke	5.10	9	2
9	S	G3	1	Sky Field	5.70	6.5	1
9	S	G3	4	Hot King Prawn	7.10	11	1.5
9	S	G3	5	Super Wealthy	7.10	9	1
9	S	G3	7	Lucky Express	11.10	18	1
10	S	3	4	Rise Brethren	7.40	18	2
10	S	3	7	Leading Fortune	5.90	7.5	1.5
10	S	3	10	Precise Express	7.40	10	1
10	S	3	11	Smoothies	9.30	17	1.5
11	S	3	6	Blastoise	11.50	21	1
11	S	3	7	Five G Patch	3.80	5.5	3
11	S	3	12	Super Oasis	4.70	6.5	2
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