

HK WINNING FACTOR

HAPPY VALLEY – February 4, 2026

Rail position: C+3 (good)

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

Race 1 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	4.7	GOOD LUCK HAPPY	3.9	12	COUNTRY DANCER	>>>>>>
2	3.8	GREAT SPIRIT	5.1 V	11	CALL TO COMMAND	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		PACKING KING	15 ^	10	GAMEPLAYER ELITE	>>>>>>
4	14.4	REWARDING BUDDY	8.4	9	ZEPHYR	>>>>
5		SMART FIGHTER	32	8	GOOD LUCK HAPPY	>>>>>>>>>?
6		ZEPHYR	76 ^	7	SMART FIGHTER	>>>>>>>>>>
7		SOMELOVEFROMABOVE	8.1 ^	6	REWARDING BUDDY	>>>>>>>>
8	22.4	RAINBOW SEVEN	4.4 ^	5	LEGENDARY IMPACT	>>>>>>
9	28.1	GAMEPLAYER ELITE	15	4	PACKING KING	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		LEGENDARY IMPACT	30	3	RAINBOW SEVEN	>>>>>>
11		CALL TO COMMAND	16	2	GREAT SPIRIT	>>>>>>
12	3.8	COUNTRY DANCER	35 V	1	SOMELOVEFROMABOVE	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, some potential for slower. Packing King was on the lead at his first appearance in the Sha Tin no-race in Nov, then led 1400m his second start before chasing a fast lead his latest this c/d. Not entirely sure that leading is his thing but he does have the speed to lead these, the question is whether he gets much pressure. Smart Fighter Likely goes forward and out wide Call To Command has the pace to be a nuisance but also has Guyon, who hasn't tended to go looking for the lead in races. But the biggest question is what Purton does on Good Luck Happy. In his debut, when narrowly beaten, he sat midfield and well off a fast pace before closing well. Second start, the rider was more aggressive, sat a couple of lengths closer to a fast pace & was very plain at the finish. Purton goes on and ideally, he probably wants to do less work early than he did l/s and be able to finish off, but this certainly doesn't appear fast-run and he does have to deal with an awkward draw? Purton's natural inclination is to be positive but it looks sticky?

The market: Like a few races tonight, looks to have a decent tail to it. Swaps the draws and easy to make Good Lucky Happy a clear favourite but Great Spirit is racing well and drawn in and can see him putting some pressure on for favouritism. Horses like Somelovefromabove and Rainbow Seven easy to find On best form but have been very plain recent starts.

Recommendations: Taking the 4.8 at bookies GREAT SPIRIT – 2.5 units. COUNTRY DANCER is 46.0 with bookies – 2.5 units. He is more than good enough for C4 and racing well end of last season in this class similar races. The map is the problem from the outside gate. F/up he was back, wide and never a chance. Fitter now, that's something, but the map still a problem. Nevertheless, happy to play him at the huge odds.

Race 2 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	3.8	FATAL BLOW	3.2	12	FLASH STAR	>>>>>>
2	6.0	VICTOR THE RAPID	7.0	11	GIANT BALLON	>>>>>>
3		FORTUNE SUPERNOVA	30 ^	10	MAJESTIC LIFE	>>>>>>
4	18.2	GIANT BALLON	5.2 ^	9	NAMJONG KINGDOM	>>>>
5		MAJESTIC LIFE	45	8	PRIDE BELIEVER	>>>>>>
6	3.1	JOLLY COMPANION	8.6 V	7	FORTUNE SUPERNOVA	>>>>>>
7	11.7	LOVING VIBES	5.9	6	LOVING VIBES	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
8		PRIDE BELIEVER	33	5	POWER SUMMIT	>>>>
9	14.6	FLASH STAR	19	4	VICTOR THE RAPID	>>>>>>
10		GIMME FIVE	10 ^	3	FATAL BLOW	>>>>>>>>>
11		NAMJONG KINGDOM	54 ^	2	GIMME FIVE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		POWER SUMMIT	28 ^	1	JOLLY COMPANION	>>>>>>?

The race: Average tempo at best but unlikely to get to that. There are few recognized on-pace runners. Gimme Five has not been going very well on the dirt but has continued to show early pace, while Loving Vibes is fast enough to lead but it has not been his pattern and a more conservative rider, Guyon, goes on tonight. Jolly Companion could be handy if he begins but is a very unreliable beginner, won sitting behind l/s in a slow tempo, so there's no reason to think he'll be looking to change tactics. Fatal Blow begins ok, his tactics have tended to be dictated by draws & this is the first time he has drawn in the inside half of a field in almost a year, so expect him to be more prominent.

The market: Think Fatal Bow will keep favouritism here in a race where Jolly Companion well bet l/s this c/d when he won, running on after held up and despite a very slow pace. His best ratings still make him hard to beat here and think he'll be well bet again. Not many runners appeal. Giant Ballon going well but has no speed & map totally against him, Flash Star. Gimme Five is the map horse and that is why he's in the market but he has been just terrible at Sha Tin l/s 1400m but also before that on the dirt where his only victory came.

Recommendations: Happy to play JOLLY COMPANION at 6.0 with bookies. Didn't have a lot in his favour l/s win this c/d but got home and the best rating of his career was HV 1200m. 3.5 units.

Race 3 – Class 2 1650m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	14.9	MOMENTS IN TIME	11	8	SILVERY BREEZE	>>>>>>
2	4.9	HELENE FEELING	3.9	7	SOLEIL FIGHTER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>?
3	18.6	HUGE WAVE	4.3	6	KAHOLO ANGEL	>>>>>>>>>>?
4	18.6	KAHOLO ANGEL	11	5	NEW FOREST	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	3.1	NEW FOREST	13 V	4	HUGE WAVE	>>>>>>
6	14.9	SOLEIL FIGHTER	8.4	3	MOMENTS IN TIME	>>>>>>>>?
7	7.7	AWESOME FLUKE	18 V	2	HELENE FEELING	>>>>>>>>
8	9.5	SILVERY BREEZE	3.3 ^	1	AWESOME FLUKE	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, strong potential for slower. Interesting set-up, with a few queries. Most of these have some sort of early speed but the question is whether it will be used. Moments In Time pulls and his riders are usually pains to get cover – as Purton was last time and he still overraced at 1800m – and horses like Awesome Fluke, Helene Feeling probably aren't looking for the lead. New Forest is a regular leader, has won 3 of his last 4 on dirt with leading tactics and expect to see him in front but how fast? It was surprising that Soleil Fighter, another regular on-pace horse, allowed New Forest to simply dictate a slow tempo l/s on the dirt which led to his win. That's the same scenario here & the rider change on Soleil Fighter, from Purton to Guyon, doesn't exactly look an indicator of aggressive tactics? Even Kaholo Angel is capable of leading – he and Awesome Fluke shared the lead 1800m l/s – but is another gets keen so ECW Wong might prefer cover on him too? It may be that, despite others having the speed to nuisance New Forest, only one horse actually wants the front?

The market: Silvery Breeze early fav and going well, latest fin well against the tempo when 2d c/d C3. Big weight drop here but wide draw means he probably settles rear again and quite likely with pace against. Not much between him and Helene Feeling On their past meetings but Helene Feeling better tactically so perhaps he'll be fav. Market has Huge Wave being a bit unlucky l/s G3 but he wasn't and up sharply in weights dropping back to this class. The big question here is whether rival jockeys will once again let Hewitson walk them in front as he has last 2 starts but whether that happens or not, he seems a very big price.

Recommendations: Have to take 12.0 NEW FOREST with bookies. 3.5 units. AWESOME FLUKE ran in the G3 l/s where he and Kaholo Angel shared the lead then were challenged more than 600m out and were both forced to make a very long run. Think he'll take a trail this time and better handicapped. 1.5 units at 19.0 with bookies.

Race 4 – Class 4 1800m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	7.9	YOUNG BRAVO	10	12	TAKE ACTION	>>>>>>
2	5.0	NEARLY FINE	8.8 V	11	STORM RUNNER	>>>>>>
3	12.2	AMAZING GAZE	6.0	10	AMAZING GAZE	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
4	12.2	HAKKA RADIANCE	7.5	9	KINGLY DemeanOR	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	15.2	OCEAN IMPACT	8.6	8	OCEAN IMPACT	>>>>>>
6		CAN'T GO WONG	11 ^	7	CAN'T GO WONG	>>>>>>
7	15.2	TAKE ACTION	12	6	GLORIOUS RYDER	>>>>>>>>
8		GLORIOUS RYDER	41	5	NEARLY FINE	>>>>
9		SMART CITY	17 ^	4	YOUNG BRAVO	>>>>>>
10	23.9	KINGLY DemeanOR	11 ^	3	SMART CITY	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	15.2	FLOOF	12	2	FLOOF	>>>>>>>>>
12	5.0	STORM RUNNER	6.1 V	1	HAKKA RADIANCE	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to something faster. Kingly Demeanor might have been able to lead dropping back to 1400m l/s but didn't even try to get the front. Back to his right sort of distance now, expect him to lead there and there is every chance he has the front to himself. With other horses, that might mean only an average pace or slower but Kingly Demeanor's best style has always been to run along and make it a truly-run race and, as a result, he has usually set a faster than average speed even when he dictates the tempo. Hakka Radiance (Bowman) has led races but it isn't Bowman's preferred style and he will be happy to trail Kingly Demeanor, and Smart City, up in distance, is also in touch. Glorious Ryder (Hewitson) didn't begin well l/s from a wide draw and went back but had been prominent previous run, He looks part of a worthwhile amount of second phase pace, which includes Amazing Gaze (Purton). He's not a regular on-pacer but was forward l/s from a wide gate 1600m and it would look a reasonable tactic for Purton to use Kingly Demeanor to bring him across the field here?

The market: Very evenly-matched bunch, as the market tells us. Only one runner longer than 17.0 and everything can win. With the tricky gate, not certain that Purton's mount Amazing Gaze will run fav but wouldn't like to have a gun to the head to pick what will. Storm Runner going well C5 big weights, plummets in the handicap here but has tricky draw too.

Recommendations: STORM RUNNER 2 units. YOUNG BRAVO 1.5 units. NEARLY FINE looks the value runner. Has had slow tempos or wide runs since dropped to C4, sometimes both, but gets a draw, a solid speed and Blkrs back on here. Taking 12.0 with bookies. 2 units.

Race 7 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	9.0	ROMANTIC SON	20 V	12	ROMANTIC SON	>>>>>>
2	27.2	KING MILES	12	11	PERFECTDAY	>>>>>>
3	11.1	WONDER KIT	18 V	10	IGOR STRAVINSKY	>>>>>>>>>>
4		POWER KOEPP	23	9	POWER KOEPP	>>>>>>
5	3.7	PERFECTDAY	3.5 V	8	KING MILES	>>>>>>>>>
6	11.1	KEEN MOLLY	6.8	7	CALIFORNIA BLITZ	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	21.7	CHARMING BABE	19	6	CAPTAIN LINK	>>>>
8	11.1	FRIENDS OF SHAJING	5.5	5	FRIENDS OF SHAJING	>>>>>>>>>>
9	7.1	CALIFORNIA BLITZ	6.9 V	4	CHARMING BABE	>>>>>>>
10		IGOR STRAVINSKY	21 ^	3	WONDER KIT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		CAPTAIN LINK	46 ^	2	KEEN MOLLY	>>>>>>>
12	14.0	ENDEARED	9.2	1	ENDEARED	>>>>

The race: Average speed, some potential for slower. Wonder Kit crossed the field from gate 10 to lead a similar race l/s when California Blitz was drawn under him and elected to take a trail after leading all the way twice in C4. This time, the draws are the other way around, so Wonder Kit (Hewitson) should find the lead more comfortably, and the question is whether California Blitz pressures him or is happy to just sit outside just off him. If they don't compete for the front, there is the possibility that the pace comes off midrace as the second wave speed here – Friends Of Shajing, King Miles and Igor Stravinsky – isn't especially fast.

The market: Market looks to have found the right favs here for the most part. No excuses Perfectday l/s as fav after big win C4 f/up but still ran well enough. Not as well drawn here but horse to beat and Purton will ensure he stays fav. Keen Molly, back in distance but with Blks on and low draw has a chance but has been well found and so has Endeared, would have won l/s in C4, drawn low but will get well back. Friends Of Shajing going ok but looked to have his chance in the same race where Perfectday was 2d.

Recommendations: Hard to get too involved with the favs well found but ROMANTIC SON backing up quickly from career best l/week in high-rating race and getting a big price. 1 unit at 17.0. WONDER KIT taking 16.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

Race 8 – Class 2 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	14.8	BEAUTY WAVES	11	12	REGAL GEM	>>>>>>
2	23.0	STORM RIDER	2.9 ^	11	BEAUTY WAVES	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	14.8	INVINCIBLE SAGE	16 V	10	YOUNG CHAMPION	>>>>>>
4	11.8	MAGIC CONTROL	25	9	INVINCIBLE SAGE	>>>>>>
5	29.2	CAPITAL DELIGHT	32	8	CAPITAL DELIGHT	>>>>
6	14.8	BRAVE STAR	9.3	7	SON PAK FU	>>>>
7	3.1	SON PAK FU	9.4 V	6	YOUTHFUL SPIRITS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	6.0	REGAL GEM	6.4 V	5	BABY CRYSTAL	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		YOUTHFUL SPIRITS	38 ^	4	ALL OUT FOR SIX	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
10		BABY CRYSTAL	20 ^	3	MAGIC CONTROL	>>>>>>>>>
11	9.4	YOUNG CHAMPION	11 V	2	STORM RIDER	>>>>>>>>>
12		ALL OUT FOR SIX	7.9	1	BRAVE STAR	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to faster. Some quick horses here – in most fields, it would be easy to call Beauty Waves the leader but doubt that he will have the pace or the intent to try to lead horses like Youthful Spirits or Baby Crystal. More likely, Purton's plan is likely to be to drop over behind those leaders into a trail and he may well get there, too, with no pace immediately under him. The new horse All Our For Six (ex same name SAF) didn't race below 1200m in South Africa and Most at further but has been showing good speed at the trials? All in all, there doesn't really look the serious competition up front that makes for a furious speed but certainly enough to make it better than average.

The market: This is a crazy short price Storm Rider, who has not set any new peaks winning lately, up to top of weights and think others will be well bet to beat him. Could finish up a lot more open betting market than current.

Recommendations: SON PAK FU beautifully set up here with pace on, no weight. Won 7 races this c/d and knocked down start l/s behind Storm Rider. 3.5 Units at 11.0 bookies. MAGIC CONTROL 1 unit. YOUNG CHAMPION 1 unit at 12.0 with bookies.

