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Rail position: C+3 (good). All Weather Track (good).

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Race 1 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		MOTOR	22 ^	12	BIGTIME GENERATION	>>>>>?
2		BIGTIME GENERATION	26	11	MOTOR	>>>>>>>>
3		PHOENIX LIGHT	13 ^	10	GOR GOR	>>>
4		LIVE WIRE	5.0 ^	9	INCREDIBLE MOMENT	>>>>>>>>
5	8.4	VIGOR EYE	5.3	8	EVERYONE'S GALLOP	>>>
6	2.8	WINNING CHAMPION	8.1 v	7	RUBY SAILING	>>>>>>>>>
7	13.2	RUBY SAILING	20 v	6	PHOENIX LIGHT	>>>>>
8	26.1	INCREDIBLE MOMENT	14	5	VIGOR EYE	>>>>>>>
9	6.8	NOBLE FANS	10 v	4	NOBLE FANS	>>>>>
10	16.5	GOR GOR	8.0 ^	3	SHOTGUN	>>>>>>>
11		EVERYONE'S GALLOP	84	2	WINNING CHAMPION	>>>>>>
12	8.4	SHOTGUN	5.0	1	LIVE WIRE	>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, at least, some potential for faster. Ruby Sailing (ECW Wong) has not been bombproof at the start but generally starts well & will be looking for the front with the 5-pound claimer if he begins. That sets the tone and then it's up to the others whether they are there to take him on or pressure him. Live Wire (Purton) steps up from showing good speed in 2 runs at 1000m, Shotgun led when he won C5 L/s, and there is further possible pace from Motor, Incredible Moment and Vigor Eye, though more inclined to think it sets up better for a trailing role for the ones best draw, Vigor Eye and Shotgun, and think Motor would probably prefer to trail too so his draw is sticky. Interesting rider change on Bigtime Generation to more positive Ferraris but hasn't shown the sort of speed to get forward from the outside? Winning Champion's form on paper shows him getting back in races but most have been from wider draws & didn't begin that well when he did have gate 1 in a fast-run race in Oct but his early section was still quite decent. This looks a great set up for him to position behind that pace drawn low.

The market: Open race, won't be surprised by who runs fav but surprised to see Live Wire so hard in the market and Purton booking looks to be doing a lot of heavy lifting there..

Recommendations: WINNING CHAMPION has been running well from wide draws – most of his career actually – and now gets a map where he sucks up behind the speed. 3.5 units at 6.0 bookies. NOBLE FANS was ok f/up this season running on. Fitter. Taking 12.0 with bookies. 1.5 units. RUBY SAILING seems big price bookies at 26.0. 1 unit.

Race 2 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		CAPTAIN LINK	20 ^	14	FIGHT TIME	>>>>>
2	20.7	GOLDEN EMPIRE	17	13	DEVAS TWELVE	>>>>>>>>>
3	8.5	STELLAR SWIFT	6.5	12	CALIFORNIA BAY	>>>>>>>>>
4	6.8	AMAZING PARTNERS	3.1 ^	11	FRANCIS MEYNELL	>>>>>>>
5	13.3	DEVAS TWELVE	11	10	GIDDY UP	>>>>?
6	16.5	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	17	9	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	>>>>>>
7	5.4	RAGING RAPIDS	8.2 v	8	AMAZING PARTNERS	>>>>>
8		FRANCIS MEYNELL	40 ^	7	GOLDEN EMPIRE	>>>>>>>
9		I EXCELLE	28	6	STELLAR SWIFT	>>>>>
10	6.8	CALIFORNIA BAY	8.1 v	5	VIGOR ELLEGANT	>>>?
11		DERRYNBLUE	54	4	RAGING RAPIDS	>>>>>>
12		GIDDY UP	30 ^	3	CAPTAIN LINK	>>>
13	25.8	FIGHT TIME	14 ^	2	DERRYNBLUE	>>>>>
14	8.5	VIGOR ELLEGANT	16	1	I EXCELLE	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, some potential for faster. Golden Empire is the fastest horse out of the gates in HK & often jumps a length clear but, as an 8yo, can't sustain that pace & rarely leads. The dynamics of that are that he will force some early speed from those outside who will be looking to cross him, like California Bay (Purton) and Devas Twelve (Bentley). Francis Meynell up in distance has speed. Vigor Ellegant is just a permanent query – he has the speed to lead & has Blks first time but building such a profile as a start-misser that it's hard to ignore and missed the jump again in his trial 2 weeks ago in Blks? Giddyup also mixes it up at the jump and been on pace in 1200m races at times or right out the back at others?

The market: Amazing Partners 3 starts for 3 excellent runs and broke through to win l/s this c/d so the market has him as fav but he hasn't rated anything flashy in those runs, now up to a big handicap weight. Stable does have a good record with l/s winners, still looks short enough and can see others being support to beat him, including Raging Rapids from a much better draw today than recent runs, Stellar Swift down a grade and California Bay (Purton) back to a more suitable distance.

Recommendations: RAGING RAPIDS 2 units at 6.0 bookies. CALIFORNIA BAY 8.5 with bookies. 1.5 units. VIGOR ELLEGANT the most annoying horse in HK – has C3 ability but makes no end of mistakes. Again slow away in nice trial win since l/s and could be a complete tear up of a bet but at 27.0 with bookies, 1 unit.

Race 3 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	6.7	MICKLEY	9.6 V	11	RED SEA	>>>>>>>>
2	5.4	RED SEA	2.7 ^	10	JOLTIN	>>>>>
3	20.3	WONDERSTAR	13 ^	9	ANODE	>>>>>>>>
4	25.5	ANODE	12 ^	8	MICKLEY	>>>
5	6.7	HAROLD WIN	8.1	7	HAROLD WIN	>>>>>>
6	3.4	CHILL BUDDY	3.7 V	6	QUANTUM CLOUD	>>>>>>
7		JOLTIN	47	5	CHILL BUDDY	>>>>>>>>>
8		QUANTUM CLOUD	10 ^	4	LUCKY TOGETHER	>>>
9		LUCKY TOGETHER	48 ^	3	WONDERSTAR	>>>>>>>>>
10		TACTICAL VICTORY	57 ^	2	TACTICAL VICTORY	>>>
11	10.4	RISING FROM ASHES	21	1	RISING FROM ASHES	>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, some potential for faster. Wonderstar (Chadwick) and Chill Buddy look much faster than the ones around them and should be the early leaders. WE have seen Wonderstar ridden less urgently in some recent runs, so the box seat is also an option for him and that looks critical for speed horses out wider like Anode (BLks back on) and particularly the new horse Red Sea (Purton). Red Sea (same name NZ) was an on-speed runner in NZ as a 2yo and very positively-ridden latest of 4 HK trials when he led all the way, good time, fast finishing sections. He might not find it as easy getting forward here from the outside under race conditions but expect him to be positive. There is certainly a scenario here with a competitive first 300m.

The market: A good tail to this. Of the ones we know, Chill Buddy the right fav – worked hard to lead from wider draws last 2 starts this c/d, grabbed on the line in one and run over again finishing behind the placings l/s. Looks an easier run for him here. The big query horse of course is Red Sea, raced by a very successful owner from NZ, who is one one of these privileged owner permits the HKJC has been handing out to big name international owner-breeders. To be fair, they haven't made much of an impact so far, though Wings Of War has won 2 races, but it does look like Richards has squeezed this for his debut. Latest trial won easily, time sound, sectionals strong and Purton aboard there and here. His NZ form really consists of a minor win and a G1 2d but that was 2 years ago and he has not raced since Sept 2024, so some ring rustiness has to be present. Also has a tricky map from the outside under a good horse's weight. Perhaps he will be fav but expect race fit Chill Buddy to be well supported and they aren't the only options.

Recommendations: Maybe Red Sea is too good but keen to bet against anything f/up for 18 months with weight & wide barrier at short odds. CHILL BUDDY 3.8 with bookies. 3 units. MICKLEY 1.5 units. RISING FROM ASHES a funny horse with breathing issues but can pull out a run when it all falls into place. Has a draw today, no weight and at 35.0 with bookies, happy to play him. 1 unit

Race 4 – Class 4 1800m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	2.9	AUDACIOUS PURSUIT	2.8 V	14	SPECIAL HEDGE	>>>>>>>>
2		SHARPEN BRIGHT	34	13	CHARITY TOGETHER	>>>
3	11.0	CHARITY TOGETHER	13	12	VIVA TASTE	>>>>>
4	8.8	GOOD GOOD	6.0	11	SHARPEN BRIGHT	>>>>>>>>
5	8.8	RELIABLE DAD	5.9	10	MEGA FORCE	>>>>>?
6		SUPER GOLDENDRAGON	52	9	YIU CHEUNG VICTORY	>>>>>>>?
7		YIU CHEUNG VICTORY	22	8	ACE	>>>>>>
8		SERANGOON	20 ^	7	SUPER GOLDENDRAGON	>>>
9	27.2	SPECIAL HEDGE	29	6	SERANGOON	>>>>>
10		FOREVER GLORIOUS	9.5 ^	5	FOREVER GLORIOUS	>>>>>>>
11		MEGA FORCE	44 ^	4	RELIABLE DAD	>>>
12		DILBAGH	39 ^	3	AUDACIOUS PURSUIT	>>>>>>
13	8.8	ACE	12 V	2	GOOD GOOD	>>>>>>>>>
14		VIVA TASTE	25	1	DILBAGH	>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, good potential for slower but a few queries. At first glance, there's an obvious leader but it might not be as clear cut as that. Good Good is a one-paced staying type, best when able to lead and keep the gallop rolling along as he lacks the acceleration to be slowing them up & dashing. That said, it's far from impossible he gets the front comfortably without pressure & particularly a conservative rider like Bowman might look to steady midrace then pick it up again a fair way out. Forever Glorious (CY Ho) does have some past form as a leader but the others with some tactical speed, Sharpen Bright (Avdulla), Audacious Pursuit (ECW Wong) have a profile trailing rather than being the speed. Likewise, Special Hedge (Hewitson) wants to be near the speed but more often as a trailing runner, though he has led at times. Yiu Cheng Victory was a winner 2000m when led very slow pace then tried to lead again l/s in a fast tempo this c/d and got run over? What will their tactical attitude be? Mega Force led 2200m two runs back at a very fast pace & has been On speed at other times but then missed the jump on the dirt l/s?

The market: Audacious Pursuit lightly-raced, going well and solid 2d this c/d l/s high-rating C4. Looks the right fav with good map but well found all the same, and whole market looks pretty hard to poke holes in. Purton goes on Ace so he's likely a bit shorter than currently.

Recommendations: Struggling for a value play. NO BET.

Race 5 – Class 3 1650m AWT

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	20.3	WINFIELD	13	14	STURDY RUBY	>>>>>
2	6.6	DRAGON AIR FORCE	9.9 V	13	WUKONG JEWELLERY	>>>>>
3	8.4	DEFINITIVE	9.5 V	12	CHILL KAKA	>>>>>>>
4	20.3	I CAN	31	11	LEAPING STAR	>>>
5	20.3	ANOTHER WORLD	8.7	10	ANOTHER WORLD	>>>>>>>>
6	13.0	THUNDER BLAZE	10	9	DRAGON AIR FORCE	>>>>>>>
7	6.6	ROMANTIC THOR	12 V	8	ROMANTIC THOR	>>>>>>>>
8	5.3	SKY VINO	3.2 A	7	TURIN MASCOT	>>>>>
9	13.0	CHILL KAKA	12	6	SKY VINO	>>>>>>
10		TURIN MASCOT	28	5	I CAN	>>>>>
11		LEAPING STAR	77 A	4	OSI HONOUR	>>>>>
12		STURDY RUBY	36	3	THUNDER BLAZE	>>>>>>
13		WUKONG JEWELLERY	9.2 A	2	DEFINITIVE	>>>>>>
14		OSI HONOUR	26	1	WINFIELD	>>>>>>>>>?

The race: Average tempo, certainly potential for faster. With the short run to the first turn this c/d, these are not often anything but truly run early with a full field but a lot about the overall speed here will hang on the tactics of Winfield from gate 1. He has run along at faster-than-average speed in front at both HK starts in C2 on turf for Hewitson, drops a grade, changes surfaces & gets Blks & an equally aggressive rider, Ferraris. It does all point to him as the leader, probably ahead of Romantic Thor (Purton) and Another World (CY Ho) from out a bit wider in the draw. Assuming Winfield is the dominant leader, how fast will he go if Nothing actually presses him?

The market: Sky Vino didn't have best luck behind Dragon Air Force l/s this c/d and the market Likes him to turn that around and he's as good a chance as any but looks a more competitive race than just being about him. Romantic Thor has been racking up tough runs from wide gates and today Purton goes on, which likely signals some support and drawn a little better too. Winfield interesting dropping from C2 where well beaten after setting good lead tempos on turf. In Brazil, he was 8 starts 4 wins, 3 second and his form all on wet turf or dirt, so might not have been suited those firm tracks here?

Recommendations: Draw still not ideal for ROMANTIC THOR but Purton goes on, might get to a good spot without working as hard as he has been. Taking 13.0 with bookies. 1.5 units

Race 6 – Class 4 1650m AWT

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1		ARIEL	24 A	14	FASHION LEGEND	>>>>>>>>>
2		NEVER PETER OUT	13 A	13	LESLIE	>>>>
3	11.3	SIGHT DREAMER	3.1 A	12	HAPPY UNIVERSE	>>>>>>>
4	22.0	HAPPY UNIVERSE	11 A	11	ARIEL	>>>>>>>>
5		FASHION LEGEND	38 A	10	SUPERB GUY	>>>>>>>>
6		RISING ELITE	84	9	FIREFOOT	>>>>>>>
7	5.8	CALIFORNIA STAR	3.9	8	FOREMOST TEDDY	>>>>>>>
8	17.5	SWAGGER BRO	11	7	SWAGGER BRO	>>>>
9	2.9	BULL ATTITUDE	21 V	6	BULL ATTITUDE	>>>>
10		LESLIE	19 A	5	CALIFORNIA STAR	>>>>?
11	27.8	NIGHT PUROSANGUE	11	4	NIGHT PUROSANGUE	>>>>>>>
12	27.8	FIREFOOT	13 A	3	RISING ELITE	>>>>
13	9.0	SUPERB GUY	49 V	2	NEVER PETER OUT	>>>>
14		FOREMOST TEDDY	31	1	SIGHT DREAMER	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to faster, with more than half the field looking for first half positions and many of the pace horses drawn wide. Sight Dreamer walked them in front when he won the first time this c/d but l/s went up in the weights, went quite a lot faster & still won again, so have to think now that this is his niche and, with that in mind, Azeni will be keen to keep the front, even as pressure comes on his outside. Perhaps Night Purosangue, Foremost Teddy and Firefoot will all be happy to take a trail but Superb Guy (Chadwick), Ariel (ECW Wong) and Fashion Legend (Ferraris) all need to get across from wide gates, either pressing forward or pulling back and they might be rolling the dice on forward, given that there are quite a few drawn in who are without speed. Purton would probably like to be closer on California Star this time from a much better draw but the horse has always been a dodgy sort of beginner?

The market: Sight Dreamer had all favours first dirt win leading but did a better job l/s when he went quite fast in the lead and kept on to win. Looks like he's going to have more pressure again on him here, carrying more weight, so won't be surprised if he is a bit soft in the market and Purton's mount California Star, a run on, challenges for favouritism. Market looks to have missed Bull Attitude on the 6-day back-up, which Newnham has success with, after running on l/week 1400m after getting a long way back.

Recommendations: Want to play a couple at big prices here, primarily BULL ATTITUDE on the quick back up and trying dirt for the first time. Had a series of races that have not quite worked out but things could fall into place here with pace on. He is 26.0 with bookies. 3.5 units. The other one SUPERB GUY is 71.0 with bookies. Lightly-raced & run a couple of decent races this season and hasn't had it fall into place often. Probably won't again here but light weight, has a pedigree with a dirt look to it and getting huge price. 1 unit

Race 7 – Class 2 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	8.1	LUCKY WITH YOU	7.9	12	ALL OUT FOR SIX	>>>>>>>>?
2	10.1	WUNDERBAR	6.6	11	LADY'S CHOICE	>>>>>>>>>>
3	5.2	INVINCIBLE SHIELD	5.2	10	WUNDERBAR	>>>>>>>>>>
4	19.8	MAGIC CONTROL	32 V	9	SKY TRUST	>>>>>>>
5	19.8	VICTOR THE WINNER	23	8	PATCH OF STARS	>>>>>
6	12.7	MUGEN	29 V	7	VICTOR THE WINNER	>>>>>>
7	8.1	PATCH OF STARS	4.1	6	MAGIC CONTROL	>>>>>>
8	19.8	LADY'S CHOICE	32 V	5	SWIFT ASCEND	>>>>>
9	19.8	SKY TRUST	12	4	INVINCIBLE SHIELD	>>>>>
10	19.8	GUSTOSIMO	7.9	3	LUCKY WITH YOU	>>>>>
11	8.1	SWIFT ASCEND	10 V	2	MUGEN	>>>
12		ALL OUT FOR SIX	16?	1	GUSTOSIMO	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for faster. Half of these are coming out of the Invincible Shield race R382 on Jan 25, which was terribly slowly-run, but notably only Lady's Choice from that race would normally be a pace influence & was poorly-ridden by ECW Wong, going too slow. Now a positive senior rider Hewitson gets aboard. The new pace comes from Wunderbar, the fastest horse in the race if ridden that way by Bowman, and the new South African import, All Out For Six (ex same name SAF), also drawn out wide. All Out For Six, in South Africa, raced only once under 1400m, was not a leader either, but had been showing plenty of pace in HK trials before scratched at the gates before his intended debut on Feb 4. Trials are not races but those trials have looked an indication of raceday intent? There are some tricks to how these will be ridden but no trick to the fact that most of the pace is drawn wide and looking to get across to the inside, which generates pace.

The market: Patch Of Stars in good form, has Purton and that probably ensures he is fav again but does look like a horse right at his level now in the handicaps – he can't have anything go against him and this race, like most C2s, looks very competitive. Not much between him and Invincible Shield and Invincible Shield drawn better. Think this race will be competitive in the betting and on the track.

Recommendations: Think there's a bit of value in this but certainly plenty of chances too. The ones that stand out at prices are SWIFT ASCEND with light weight and right draw at 14.0 with bookies. 1 unit and MUGEN, who hasn't been helped by very slow tempo in 2 runs for Crawford but has still gone ok, looks better tempo here. 1 unit at 34.0 with bookies. MAGIC CONTROL, VICTOR THE WINNER, LADY'S CHOICE all big prices, 0.5 unit each.

Race 8 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	17.5	SUPER LOVE	12	14	LEATHER GOODS	>>>
2	7.2	NYX GLUCK	5.8	13	DECISION LINK	>>>>>
3		STARRY SHOW	48 ^	12	GASTRONOMIQUE	>>>
4	5.7	SOLID CAR	4.2	11	MULTISUPERSTAR	>>>>>
5	27.2	GENIUS BABY	10 ^	10	THE ALL ROUNDER	>>>>>?
6	13.9	RUN RUN SMART	22 V	9	EXCELLENT BOY	>>>
7		MULTISUPERSTAR	37 ^	8	NYX GLUCK	>>>>>>?
8		LEATHER GOODS	58	7	SOLID CAR	>>>>>
9		EXCELLENT BOY	52 ^	6	RUN RUN SMART	>>>>>>>>>
10	8.9	AMAZING DUCK	5.1	5	GENIUS BABY	>>>>>
11	7.2	DECISION LINK	8.8	4	STARRY SHOW	>>>>>
12		GASTRONOMIQUE	13 ^	3	ALWAYS FLUKE	>>>>>>
13		THE ALL ROUNDER	49	2	AMAZING DUCK	>>>>>>>>
14	4.6	ALWAYS FLUKE	10 V	1	SUPER LOVE	>>>>>

The race: Average pace at best, likely slower. Struggling to find much early speed at all in this, though The All Rounder is a query – has shown some speed at times but has been taken back last 2 runs from wider gates? Amazing Duck's only win came leading this c/d and has been leading recently mile races without quite getting to the line so now drops back to a distance where he can lead & be solid at the finish. With a clean break expect him to lead and Run Run Smart, who got back l/s 1200m when bumped out of the gates, to be up outside him. Then it looks like coming down to how the riders handle it, because Super Love and Always Fluke trail them from inside draws and there just doesn't appear any pressure. Nyx Gluck some sort of query – had been racing fairly handy similar races before bumped start & got back l/s in a well-run race. The problem with him here is the awkward gate, as he tends to overrace so not sure it's in his best interests to be pushing forward, exposed and Bowman prefers not to ride that way anyway?

The market: Solid Car the fav after good runs C4 1200m in 2 races this season but has rated well short of his best in those. On very best l/season, would be the winner but just that reservation on whether he is at that level. Perhaps he needs the 1400m but is very much being priced with improvement. Amazing Duck looks leader but market has found him, Decision Link was ok first time with new yard 1200m and looks better suited this distance but draw against. Thought the ones who map well the market has missed are Always Fluke with the light weight coming out of good run C5 f/u after break, and Run Run Smart, who was in trouble most of the way l/s 1200m when an 8.8 chance similar company. Nyx Gluck racing well but pulls & draw a touch sticky.

Recommendations: Happy to play around some of the favs here. RUN RUN SMART is inexplicably 31.0 with bookies and taking that! 1 unit. ALWAYS FLUKE is 11.0 with bookies and looks overs. 2 units. DECISION LINK 1.5 units.

Race 9 – Class 3 1000m

	Rating		Current	Tempo = AVE		Draw
1	17.0	WE ARE HERO	26	<<<<<<<<	LOOKING BRIGHT	1
2	5.6	CITY GOLD BANNER	2.4 ^	<<<<<<<<	CASA OF HONOR	2
3	8.8	FAST RESPONDER	12	<<<<<<	FAST RESPONDER	3
4	5.6	SIGHT HERMOSO	9.8 V	?<<<<	GIANT SPIRIT	4
5		CENTRAL BANK	17	<<<<	CITY GOLD BANNER	5
6	7.0	METRO POWER	15 V	<<<<	WE ARE HERO	6
7		GIANT SPIRIT	56 ^	<<<<	SIGHT HERMOSO	7
8		CASA OF HONOR	48	<<<<	SPARKLING FELLOW	8
9		STANLEY EXPRESS	63 ^	<<<<<<<<	PARENTS' LOVE	9
10		LOOKING BRIGHT	29 ^	<<<	STANLEY EXPRESS	10
11	13.6	PI LEGEND	15	<<<<<<<	TURQUOISE VELOCITY	11
12	7.0	SPARKLING FELLOW	9.2 V	<<<<<<	PI LEGEND	12
13		PARENTS' LOVE	40	<<<<<<<<	METRO POWER	13
14		TURQUOISE VELOCITY	5.6 ^	?<<<<<<	CENTRAL BANK	14

The race: Good speed, with Parents' Love, Metro Power both likely leaders and Turquoise Velocity pushing up early with them. Casa Of Honour has good speed and likely pushing across from the inside, though he did that aggressively l/s and burned up doing it. The new horse, Central Bank (same name AUS), was on-pace in Australia in his career of seven 1000m runs, though did sit behind the leaders in impressive win at his last run there. There looked a clear intent in latest HK trial to sit behind – and he overraced ridden like that – so inclined to think he will trail rather than compete for the lead?

The market: Tricky race, filled with horses that are quite in and out with their form. City Gold Banner is one for one in HK and Purton stays so expect he remains favourite but looks very short - up sharply in handicaps weights for win & worth noting he looked to have been really screwed down for his debut win, his rating in that was in line with best of his Australian form, so there may be a question mark on whether he has any improvement to make. Sight Hermoso again very solid l/s this c/d and just keeps running well these races. Turquoise Velocity won a low-rating race debut C4 this c/d then failed, apparently for no reason l/s here. Has since trialled well again so overlooking that but it has to raise a question. Overlooking Metro Power at HV too when he was run into the rail halfway through race and never got going again. Winner c/d earlier in season.

Recommendations: Not convinced about City Gold Banner up in weight and off the f/up win that was sound without being anything special. If he can't improve on that then this is a wide race with a few bets. Some value in METRO POWER in right draw at 18.0 with bookies. 1.5 units. FAST RESPONDER mixes his form, one good run, one average run, so he's due. Drawn wrong side but his good ratings are very good. 1 unit. SPARKLING FELLOW back up in grade but should have won l/s C4. 1.5 units at 8.0 with bookies. PI LEGEND 1 unit. WE ARE HERO 0.5 unit.

Race 10 – Class 3 1600m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		GLITTERING LEGEND	21 ^	14	STORMY GROVE	>>>>>>
2		SHANWAH	58 ^	13	A TIME FOR US	>>>>>>?
3	4.0	LUCKY SAM GOR	3.4	12	SHANWAH	>>>>>?
4	7.9	NATURAL NUMBERS	9.5 V	11	ENTHUSIUM	>>>>
5	9.9	MIGHTY MASTS	5.0	10	ENDUED	>>>>
6	7.9	CHILL EASY	12	9	DANICA'S CHOICE	>>>>
7		ENTHUSIUM	19 ^	8	MIGHTY MASTS	>>>>>>?
8	19.3	STORMY GROVE	10 ^	7	LUCKY CANDY	>>>>>>>
9	30.1	LEGEND WINNER	16	6	WITHOUT COMPARE	>>>>>>
10	6.4	ENDUED	9.6 V	5	GLITTERING LEGEND	>>>
11	9.9	WITHOUT COMPARE	10 V	4	CHILL EASY	>>>>>>>>?
12		LUCKY CANDY	48 ^	3	LUCKY SAM GOR	>>>>>
13		A TIME FOR US	44 ^	2	NATURAL NUMBERS	>>>>>>?
14		DANICA'S CHOICE	39	1	LEGEND WINNER	>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo but plenty of mysteries and potential for slower. The trick here is finding a leader, though there are several with the speed to lead and thinking perhaps that will end up generating speed as a few riders look to use that pace and get a perceived edge. Even Mighty Masts, who has been slow away and off the pace 1200m debut then went back wide gate 1400m and ran on strongly l/s, could have a change of tactics here with Purton going on after leading all the way in a recent trial for him? Natural Numbers showed good speed in one of his runs to share the lead from a wide draw this c/d, A Time For Us jumps sharply in distance after showing enough speed l/s to be handy 1200m, even Shanwah surprised a little with the speed he showed in the Classic Mile and Blks go back on here? Chill Easy ridden aggressively his second start to lead this c/d too?

The market: In a race of question marks, Lucky Sam Gor offers the simplest solution – racing well, drawn well, versatile tactically – so expect him to keep favouritism but it's a competitive race. Think Endued will be well bet again, though he does need a good speed.

Recommendations: No knock Lucky Sam Gor and right fav but don't expect any value. ENDUED 1.5 units, taking 8.0 bookies. NATURAL NUMBERS 1 unit. Do want to take the 15.0 CHILL EASY with bookies – both run shave been good, with traffic issues HK debut then did too much l/s leading from gate 12 solid speed and still there at 200m l/s. Better drawn, whether he goes forward or trails, gets a softer trip today. 1 unit.

20260214	Trk	Cl	No.	Selection	Rated	Bookie Price	Units
1	S	4	6	WINNING CHAMPION	2.80	6	3.5
1	S	4	7	RUBY SAILING	13.20	26	1
1	S	4	9	NOBLE FANS	6.80	12	1.5
2	S	4	7	RAGING RAPIDS	5.40	6	2
2	S	4	10	CALIFORNIA BAY	6.80	8.5	1.5
2	S	4	14	VIGOR ELLEGANT	8.50	27	1
3	S	3	1	MICKLEY	6.70	11	1.5
3	S	3	6	CHILL BUDDY	3.40	3.8	3
3	S	3	11	RISING FROM ASHES	10.40	35	1
5	AW	3	7	ROMANTIC THOR	6.60	13	1.5
6	AW	4	9	BULL ATTITUDE	2.90	26	3.5
6	AW	4	13	SUPERB GUY	9.00	71	1
7	S	2	4	MAGIC CONTROL	19.80	34	0.5
7	S	2	5	VICTOR THE WINNER	19.80	34	0.5
7	S	2	6	MUGEN	12.70	34	1
7	S	2	8	LADY'S CHOICE	19.80	34	0.5
7	S	2	11	SWIFT ASCEND	8.10	14	1
8	S	4	6	RUN RUN SMART	13.90	31	1
8	S	4	11	DECISION LINK	7.20	10	1.5
8	S	4	14	ALWAYS FLUKE	4.60	11	2
9	S	3	1	WE ARE HERO	17.00	26	0.5
9	S	3	3	FAST RESPONDER	8.80	13	1
9	S	3	6	METRO POWER	7.00	18	1.5
9	S	3	11	PI LEGEND	13.60	18	1
9	S	3	12	SPARKLING FELLOW	7.00	8	1.5
10	S	3	4	NATURAL NUMBERS	7.90	10	1
10	S	3	6	CHILL EASY	7.90	15	1
10	S	3	10	ENDUED	6.40	8	1.5