

# HK WINNING FACTOR

## SHA TIN – October 1, 2024

**Rail position: C+3 (good to firm).**

**Market Guide:** ^ Expect to run longer odds. v Expect to run shorter odds. Suggested bets based on current or expected odds in Hong Kong, which can change dramatically at race time. Rated odds listed up to 30-1.

**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 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	28.1	LINK	9.4	11	YOUTH POWER	>>>>>>
2	4.7	JOYFUL LIFE	6.0 V	10	TSUEN WAN GLORY	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		NOBLE WIN	10 ^	9	ALWAYS AWESOME	>>>>
4	9.2	AROMATICA	3.3	8	NOBLE WIN	>>>>
5	2.4	THE KHAN	6.3 V	7	THE KHAN	>>>>>>
6		ALWAYS AWESOME	36 ^	6	LINK	>>>>>>
7	18.0	YOUTH POWER	23	5	AROMATICA	>>>>>>>>>>
8		FIRE BALL	10 ^	4	MEDIC ELITE	>>>>>>
9	11.5	MEDIC ELITE	17 V	3	FIRE BALL	>>>>>>>>?
10		TSUEN WAN GLORY	10 ^	2	JOYFUL LIFE	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
11		RED MAVERICK	16 ^	1	RED MAVERICK	>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, likely slower but queries. This is quite straightforward, on paper. The quickest horse is Joyful Life, the lead is his if he wants it. IF he does take control, would expect Leung will try to steady the pace. However, he can be quite a keen-going horse, has tried 1400m only once & was restrained for cover early instead of using his pace. He overraced & failed as a well-bet favourite. Will they bring the same attitude here? If he doesn't want the front, then Tsuen Wan Glory or even better-drawn Aromatica (Purton) or Red Maverick (Hewitson) loom as possible leaders. Even Fireball was ridden positively in recent trial & capable of being on the front, though it's a long time since he actually led? It is one of those red flag scenarios where the pace could even flip if we suddenly have a line of horses looking for the front who would not normally be there.

The market: Aromatica isn't any great shakes & well short of being even the best horse in this race but racing consistently at the end of I/season, Purton goes on & he maps well. All things considered, probably keeps favouritism. Joyful Life gets a map but is a query at 1400m, while The Khan is miles ahead of these on his best C4 form I/season but gets back. First runners for new trainers often attract support but Noble Win is a pig of a horse, looks unsuited on the map and don't know if they'll come for this one.

Recommendations: THE KHAN had some excellent C4 ratings early I/season before his racing style & some bad manners came against him and he wasn't able to convert those into wins. He dropped to C5 in July, when ridden too aggressively at HV and failed as fav, then was caught wide f/up this season and did a good job running on for 5<sup>th</sup>. Would like to see average tempo for him here, which isn't guaranteed, but still taking 6.0 at bookies. 8 units. JOYFUL LIFE 2 units.

### Race 2 – Class 5 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	20.3	SUPER ELITE	7.8 ^	11	HO HO STAR	>>>>>>
2	6.7	CHILLI BABA	8.5 V	10	SUPER ELITE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	4.3	SAME TO YOU	7.2 V	9	MANYTHANKS FOREVER	>>>>
4		COMMANDING MISSILE	19	8	COMMANDING MISSILE	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
5		MANYTHANKS FOREVER	42	7	BEAT HOLLOW	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		E GLORY	30 ^	6	SAME TO YOU	>>>>>>>>?
7	25.7	RATTAN WORLD	10 ^	5	RATTAN WORLD	>>>>
8	16.2	HO HO STAR	3.1 ^	4	E GLORY	>>>>>>
9		BEAT HOLLOW	24 ^	3	CHILLI BABA	>>>>>>
10	2.7	THE GOOD DEAL	5.3 V	2	MORE RICE	>>>>>>>>>>?
11	25.7	MORE RICE	13	1	THE GOOD DEAL	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Might make it to average pace but tricky. Beat Hollow is probably better suited leading at 1400m but he has enough pace to be a leader here, too, as those under him are not that quick, Expect Super Elite to be positive but Commanding Missile, as always, is a wild card. He has run well at times when given very positive rides & would provide the necessary speed here for a genuine contest but isn't always a reliable beginner? More Rice a query – would never have been thought a speed runner at 1200m but he has had a change of trainer & led his only trial for the new yard, although not in a very fast group? Same To You surprised by racing outside the lead when he won I/s after getting well back in his previous runs, though the pace was particularly slow early in that race and he pushed forward only when caught wide?

The market: Ho Ho Star has some good recent form & Purton but a very average horse, even for C5, is back in distance & has a poor map. Won't be shocked if he is soft in the market. Expect to see support for others who finished around him f/up when he ran 2d – the winner Same To You and 4<sup>th</sup>-placed The Good Deal both have better maps. Chilli Baba has a long list of excuses in his career but will be surprised if he isn't supported fresh after starting fav and pulled up lame only run this class in July.

Recommendations: THE GOOD DEAL raced keenly f/up like he needed the race then one-paced finish. Fitter, maps beautifully. 6.5 units and happy with 7.0 at bookies. SAME TO YOU 2 units. CHILLI BABA is 11.0 at bookies and taking that. 2 units.

Race 3 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1		ERNEST FEELING	15 ^	10	NEW FUTURE FOLKS	>>>>
2	2.7	NEW FUTURE FOLKS	3.0	9	GLUCK RACER	>>>>>>
3		BIENVENUE	38 ^	8	ENSHINE	>>>>>>?
4	10.4	CIRCUS REEL	29 V	7	SUNNY DARLING	>>>>>>>>>>
5	20.3	ENSHINE	9.7	6	ERNEST FEELING	>>>>>>
6	20.3	SUNNY DARLING	11	5	LESS IS MORE	>>>>>>
7	10.4	LESS IS MORE	6.3	4	CIRCUS REEL	>>>>>>>>>>
8	8.3	GREAT SPIRIT	5.7	3	BIENVENUE	>>>>
9	6.7	TRIUMPHANT WARRIOR	13	2	GREAT SPIRIT	>>>>>>
10	20.3	GLUCK RACER	6.0 ^	1	TRIUMPHANT WARRIOR	>>>>>>

The race: Slow tempo. Established pace here is almost non-existent, with Sunny Darling the most likely leader, even though he has never led before. He has been very handy recent starts & now has Blks first time & the 10-pound claimer PN Wong going on – that all points to an attempt to lead and he has enough speed in this field to make it happen. That adds another layer of mystery to the pace as PN Wong has not looked very strong trying to hold her mounts together so far. Most of the known horses do not have speed, then there are 3 unraced horses – Bienvenue, Enshine & Circus Reel. Bienvenue has begun slowly & shown little speed at the trials; Enshine has been a very mixed bag in 8 trials & an unreliable beginner too & might be outpaced under race conditions; while Circus Reel is a more likely frontrunner – he’s not bred to be quick but was on the lead in 2 trials NZ and shown speed in his HK trials as well.

The market: Some tricks to this even. New Future Folks was a huge performance in defeat in July at his only run, rattling off outstanding sectionals coming from near last but, from the wide gate here, that prospect looms again without a lot of tempo to help him. Great Spirit would be the right favourite on his best run 1/season though he did disappoint later - perhaps fresh from a good gate the market will come for him.

Recommendations: Have to respect NEW FUTURE FOLKS off that great debut But there looks nothing to help him On this map. 2 units. Of the newcomers, think CIRCUS REEL Th interesting one and taking the 21.0 with bookies. He has tactical speed & ran good sectionals latest trial 1200m at HV. 2 units. TRIUMPHANT WARRIOR an unknown this surface – has only raced on dirt and HV so far. At this stage, he has no convictions on the turf so have to assess on what we’ve seen. 1.5 units.

Race 4 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	6.7	TOP SCORER	7.0 V	11	JUDY’S GREAT	>>>>>>>>>>
2	1.4	GENEVA	2.7 V	10	GENEVA	>>>>>>
3	32.0	JUDY’S GREAT	22	9	GOOD PROSPECT	>>>>>>>>
4		CHEERFUL WORLD	8.4 ^	8	NIGHT PUROSANGUE	>>>>>>>>
5		NIGHT PUROSANGUE	49 ^	7	SILVER DESTINY	>>>>>>
6		THE PRIME	22	6	PATCH OF TIME	>>>>>>>>
7		HAPPY PARK	7.8 ^	5	TOP SCORER	>>>>>>>>
8		GOOD PROSPECT	46 ^	4	THE PRIME	>>>>>>>
9		CIRCUIT VICTORY	16 ^	3	CIRCUIT VICTORY	>>>>
10		SILVER DESTINY	6.7 ^	2	HAPPY PARK	>>>>>>>>
11	20.5	PATCH OF TIME	8.5 ^	1	CHEERFUL WORLD	>>>>>>>>?

The race: Average speed at best but plenty of potential to be slower. There isn’t anything especially fast here but quite a few right across the draw who might be seeking on pace positions, including Purton (Judy’s Great) likely positive from the outside, so speed could be generated early as they look for their places. Cheerful World wasn’t fast away in his debut run down the straight in March but was still speedy enough to be behind the leaders & he has a very positive jockey in Ferraris?

The market: The battle of the money munchers in the betting? In one corner we have Geneva, who has had 5 starts, run favourite every time, including twice at odds-on, and is still to win. In the other corner is Top Scorer, favourite at 7 of his 8 starts and hard in the market in the other, also without winning and he was pulled up midway through his 1/s in July when the rider thought he had gone amiss. But Geneva’s ratings have been consistently the higher of the pair, he comes out of the high-rating Super Fortune race 1/s when it was not run to suit horses running on but he still made up 3 lengths in the straight. Despite their non-winning records, the top two here stand out in terms of their form and there are no winners amongst the rest of them either and no outstanding trial horses amongst the new ones.

Recommendations: The map isn’t ideal on face value for GENEVA but perhaps ensures that he will be ridden quietly, which suits Bowman and has produced this horse’s best figures too. 14 units and taking the 2.15 at bookies.





Race 9 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		HASTEN DELIGHT	14 ^	10	PACKING POWER	>>>>>>>>>>
2		EIGHTY LIGHT YEARS	25 ^	9	GLORY ELITE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	17.2	KAHOLO ANGEL	13	8	EIGHTY LIGHT YEARS	>>>>>>>>>>
4	11.1	GRACIOUS EXPRESS	7.9	7	HASTEN DELIGHT	>>>>>>>>
5	7.1	STELLAR EXPRESS	5.7	6	STELLAR EXPRESS	>>>>>>>>>>
6	27.3	GLORY ELITE	6.0	5	KAHOLO ANGEL	>>>>>>
7	2.9	PACKING POWER	3.1 V	4	MY WISH	>>>>>>>>?
8		HARMONY FIRE	26 ^	3	HARMONY FIRE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	3.6	MY WISH	9.3 V	2	GRACIOUS EXPRESS	>>>>>>>>>
10		MOTOMAN	10 ^	1	MOTOMAN	>>>>>>>>

The race: Good speed, potential for faster. The quickest runner here is Harmony Fire but he's also a mystery on the map as he is a specialist 1000m horse who has only tried 1200m twice in his 32 starts – he can lead if he wants to & make life difficult for Glory Elite or he could take a sit? The rest of the pace is drawn wide, including Glory Elite, who is fast and will certainly be pressing for the lead. Purton on Packing Power would probably like Glory Elite to bring him across from the wide draw early if he is quick enough to go with him but there are a couple out there fast enough to make sure none of them gets across for free. My Wish has been second and then led his last 2 starts in C4 & has a positive rider in Hewitson but the pace in those races was slower than what he'll strike here?

The market: This revolves mainly around two lightly-raced horses rising from C4. From a good draw, Packing Power would unquestionably be the stand-out favourite here. The draw makes it a bit trickier but he is unbeaten and has Purton so anticipate the market will still be keen despite the draw. My Wish will have fans though – he hasn't got the ratings of Packing Power and got a lot of favours when he won l/s but has 8 pounds less in the handicap and looks like he will map ok again.

Recommendations: MY WISH's victory rated well below Packing Power's but the weights and the map bring them much closer together and he's the value play. Take the 8.0 at bookies. 4.5 units.

Race 10 – Class 3 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	25.0	TOP GUN	8.0	14	THE WAY WE WIN	>>>>>>
2	6.6	FIND MY LOVE	7.0 V	13	ARIEL	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	20.1	BEAUTY GLORY	28	12	NEVER TOO SOON	>>>>>>
4		NEVER TOO SOON	22 ^	11	WINNING GOLD	>>>>
5		LO PAN SPIRIT	8.5 ^	10	LO PAN SPIRIT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	31.4	JOLLY RULER	18 ^	9	THE HEIR	>>>>
7	6.6	FUN TOGETHER	16 V	8	UNPRESUMING	>>>>>>>>?
8	10.3	THE HEIR	6.2	7	MIGHTY STEED	>>>>>>
9		WINNING GOLD	5.3 ^	6	ROMAN CROWN	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	16.1	THE WAY WE WIN	38	5	JOLLY RULER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	4.2	MIGHTY STEED	6.7	4	TOP GUN	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		ARIEL	31 ^	3	BEAUTY GLORY	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
13		ROMAN CROWN	31 ^	2	FIND MY LOVE	>>>>>>>>
14	8.2	UNPRESUMING	19 V	1	FUN TOGETHER	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average pace, some potential for better. Beauty Glory was prepared to work hard from gate 13 f/up to lead & has won in the lead l/season this c/d so he's one of the candidates for the front from a better draw but he will have company. Lo Pan Spirit is as quick as any here and he and Beauty Glory led together f/up this c/d from wide draws. Ariel probably more likely to lead at 1600m but does have the speed to be very prominent despite the draw & does have a positive rider in Hewitson. Expect Fun Together, Jolly Ruler, Top Gun and Roman Crown all take a sit but will all be looking for positions as group on the inside too, which makes the other leaders have to work a bit harder. Unpresuming was caught wide On the front end of a 1200m f/up & has shown speed at 1400m previously but suspect he's going to be looking to sit in behind the pace from a slightly awkward barrier?

The market: Think this is quite open & have some big disagreements with the betting here, especially around Winning Gold and Lo Pan Spirit. Winning Gold was going well in C4 at the end of l/season but now returns after a 5month break, in a higher grade & has a very negative racing style. His rider doesn't attract a lot of market confidence either so expect he will be cool in the betting. Lo Pan Spirit slightly more problematic as he did do some work early f/up but he had been disappointing his final run l/season and is going to have some work to do again here. The Hier has been a mixed bag of performances good and disappointing l/season and even Top Gun was disappointing at one of his 3 runs l/season as fav before excuses l/s. Mighty Steed was wide f/up l/season then no luck in the straight behind Sunlight Power when he resumed. He's another with a negative racing style though. Find My Love looks well placed back to a good gate. Unpresuming was wide on the dirt f/up but fitter and maps better here at His best c/d so expect he will attract plenty of support.

Recommendations: Tough race to really nail down so spready the bets wide here. MIGHTY STEED appeals as being as good a chance as any and the 7.0 at bookies looks probably as big as he will be. 4 units. UNPRESUMING is 21.0 with bookies & think that's way over the odds. 2 units. FIND MY LOVE 1.5 units. FUN TOGETHER 2.5 units. THE HEIR is 12.0 at bookies and that's worth 1 unit.

