

# HK WINNING FACTOR

## SHA TIN – October 4, 2026

**Rail position: B (good). All Weather Track (sealed)**

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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 5 1650m AWT

|    | Rating |                    | Current | Draw |                    | Tempo = > AVE |
|----|--------|--------------------|---------|------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 11.9   | DOUBLE BINGO       | 8.2     | 14   | KOLACHI            | >>>>>>        |
| 2  | 11.9   | HAILTOTHEVICTORS   | 6.6     | 13   | CELESTIAL HARMONY  | >>>>>>>>      |
| 3  |        | FORTUNE SUPERNOVA  | 27      | 12   | BLUE BARON         | >>>>>>>>>>>>  |
| 4  | 14.8   | SOARING BRONCO     | 19 V    | 11   | GO GO GO           | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 5  |        | RISING ELITE       | 37 ^    | 10   | RISING ELITE       | >>>>>>>>      |
| 6  | 9.5    | SWAGGER BRO        | 30      | 9    | MAZING GRACE       | >>>>>>        |
| 7  |        | CELESTIAL HARMONY  | 21 ^    | 8    | ORIENTAL SURPRISE  | >>>>>>>>      |
| 8  |        | VIVA TASTE         | 16 ^    | 7    | SOARING BRONCO     | >>>>>>>>      |
| 9  | 23.4   | BLUE BARON         | 37      | 6    | VIVA TASTE         | >>>>          |
| 10 |        | KOLACHI            | 65      | 5    | HAILTOTHEVICTORS   | >>>>>>        |
| 11 | 11.9   | MAZING GRACE       | 10      | 4    | SWAGGER BRO        | >>>>>>>>      |
| 12 | 2.5    | ORIENTAL SURPRISE  | 4.6 V   | 3    | DOUBLE BINGO       | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 13 |        | GO GO GO           | 16 ^    | 2    | FORTUNE SUPERNOVA  | >>>>>>        |
| 14 | 18.5   | HAPPYDEARHAPPYDEER | 3.6 ^   | 1    | HAPPYDEARHAPPYDEER | >>>>>>>>?     |

The race: Average tempo at least, calling it faster, but anything is possible here. We have had 4 winners on “Sealed” dirt tracks, the first 2 led or sat 2d, the last 2 ran on from m/field behind good speed. What has been clear, though, is that there will be some ambition from runners with pace to get forward & try to lead. But who are the fastest horses With 7-pound claimers aboard, Happydearhappydeer and Double Bingo, back an inside draw, are candidates to go forward but there is quite a bit of pace drawn wide and it's arguable who is quicker. Blue Baron, in particular, attacked a fast lead 1400m Is coming out of gate 14 and has shown plenty of speed several times on turf over shorter distances – he may be the quickest here but has to get around nearly the whole field. Oriental Surprise (Purton) was checked at the start Is & ran on HV has been fast enough to be with the lead over 1200m in the past. When Go Go Go has got the front in these races, it has been without much competition?

The market: Early fav Happydearhappydeer, mostly on basis of him leading with apprentice & only 113 pounds. He's a 6yo with 0 wins from 16 starts, while Oriental Surprise is a 30-start 6yo maiden but does have Purton, has speed & was unlucky Is HV 2d after being knocked down early. Won't be surprised if he starts favourite.

Recommendations: As much as his record doesn't flatter, ORIENTAL SURPRISE rarely runs a bad race – 9 minor placings – and should have won HV. Taking 3.5 with bookies. 5.5 units. SWAGGER BRO a gamble at odds returning to dirt, where he has trialled, & raced quite well before. Only had the 2 runs in C5, draw suits and 27.0 with bookies. 1.5 units.

### Race 2 – Class 4 1200m

|    | Rating |                  | Current | Draw |                  | Tempo = < AVE |
|----|--------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 28.0   | TEN LOVES        | 50 V    | 14   | GOOD POWER       | >>>>          |
| 2  | 22.3   | WOLF COMING      | 6.3 ^   | 13   | LEAN ERA         | >>>>>>        |
| 3  | 7.3    | COPARTNER A I    | 8.2 V   | 12   | HAPPY SPECIAL    | >>>>>>        |
| 4  |        | FAITHFUL WARRIOR | 44      | 11   | COPARTNER A I    | >>>>>>>>      |
| 5  |        | LEAN ERA         | 15 ^    | 10   | SILVER SPURS     | >>>>>>>>>>>>  |
| 6  | 28.0   | HAPPY SPECIAL    | 14 ^    | 9    | SMILING SKY      | >>>>>>        |
| 7  | 14.4   | SILVER SPURS     | 20 V    | 8    | SAME TO YOU      | >>>>>>>>      |
| 8  |        | SMILING SKY      | 45 ^    | 7    | TEN LOVES        | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 9  |        | GOOD POWER       | 55 ^    | 6    | WOLF COMING      | >>>>>>        |
| 10 |        | SHANDONG SPIRIT  | 35      | 5    | FAITHFUL WARRIOR | >>>>>>>>      |
| 11 | 11.4   | TRENDY RUSH      | 8.2     | 4    | SHANDONG SPIRIT  | >>>>>>        |
| 12 | 28.0   | E HOPEFUL        | 30 V    | 3    | E HOPEFUL        | >>>>>>>>      |
| 13 | 4.7    | KOL              | 2.7     | 2    | KOL              | >>>>>>>>>>>>  |
| 14 | 3.8    | SAME TO YOU      | 8.5 V   | 1    | TRENDY RUSH      | >>>>          |

The race: Average tempo at best, leaning to something slower. Purton goes on to Kol, who was in a fight for the lead at a solid tempo f/up when he stuck on for 4<sup>th</sup> this c/d from gate 9. From this better draw, he may be the leader or has the trail option is the apprentice on Silver Spurs (HY Yuen) really wants the front. Of the others, unraced Faithful Warrior led a recent trial, E Hopeful has shown some speed and Same To You is versatile and likely ridden to be positive here but probably not looking to lead. Ten Loves well back in his 3 starts C3 but forward I/s when dropped a grade into slowly-run C4, so perhaps he'll be positive again?

The market: Kol is fav for a couple of reasons – Zac, a draw & very decent with a tough run fup this season. Had excuses 4 of 5 starts so he doesn't have many convictions & this is not strong. For all that, has never trialled like he is anything flashy.

Recommendations: Yet to see much from Kol that has been convincing but has a great chance & lightly-raced. SAME TO YOU has won 3 races and 2 this cd, sound fup and likely going forward. 3.5 units.

**Race 3 – Class 2      1650m AWT**

|   | Rating      |                  | Current | Draw |                  | Tempo = AVE  |
|---|-------------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | <b>26.9</b> | CHANCHENG GLORY  | 11 ^    | 8    | SING DRAGON      | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 2 | <b>7.0</b>  | TALENTS AMBITION | 2.1 ^   | 7    | DEFINITIVE       | >>>>>>>?     |
| 3 | <b>21.2</b> | SING DRAGON      | 7.3 ^   | 6    | LOCH TAY         | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 4 | <b>2.9</b>  | GORGEOUS WIN     | 11 v    | 5    | GORGEOUS WIN     | >>>>>>>?     |
| 5 | <b>10.9</b> | AWESOME FLUKE    | 20 v    | 4    | TALENTS AMBITION | >>>>>>       |
| 6 | <b>17.0</b> | DEFINITIVE       | 11      | 3    | AWESOME FLUKE    | >>>>>>>?     |
| 7 | <b>5.6</b>  | SKY VINO         | 6.0     | 2    | CHANCHENG GLORY  | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8 | <b>10.9</b> | LOCH TAY         | 7.8     | 1    | SKY VINO         | >>>>>>>>>>>> |

The race: Average tempo, certainly potential to swing either way, but the track classification by this time will also play a part in the thinking of jockeys/trainers. If the reading is still wet-fast, then there is usually more intent to lead, That doesn't change that The quickest horses will still be Loch Tay and Sing Dragon from the wider draws, especially Sing Dragon, who won this c/d l/season with a lead-at-all-costs type of ride on a wet surface. Sky Vino (Badel) and Chancheng Glory (CL Chau) do have some speed but not expecting them to hold out the two coming across & probably happy enough to be sitting behind them. Of the others, Definitive (Teetan) and Gorgeous Win (Kingscote) the interesting ones as they do have some early speed for this distance & their riders might be inclined to kick things up if there's a perceived advantage to lead? Not convinced Awesome Fluke (HY Yuen) as quick as them but the 7-pound claimer looks a signal of some intent?

The market: Competitive race this and Talents Ambition's consistent & Zac aboard make him early fav but not sure he gets many favours here, likely coming rom last. Won't be surprise if there are a few backed in the small field.

**Recommendations:** Think there's a good gamble here GORGEOUS WIN, a very good turf horse until Iseason when he seemed to lose all form on the firmer surface. He did however run twice this surface for a win and a 2d (this c/d) and his run Sep 6 in Korea on the deep dirt there was excellent. His form has been muddled by poor runs on the turf but this seems to be his kind of surface now and happy to take 13.0 with bookies. 6.5 units. Think worth a play too AWESOME FLUKE – 1 unit at 21.0.

### Race 4 – Class 5 1400m

|    | Rating      |                  | Current | Draw |                  | Tempo = AVE       |
|----|-------------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1  |             | TURBO JEFFERIES  | 24      | 14   | SMART CITY       | >>>>>>>>>         |
| 2  |             | LIGHTNING ACE    | 15 ^    | 13   | SEA DIAMOND      | >>>>>>>>>>>>>     |
| 3  |             | SEA DIAMOND      | 22      | 12   | MY FLYING ANGEL  | >>>>>>            |
| 4  | <b>14.5</b> | RATTAN GALAXY    | 11      | 11   | SUPERB GUY       | >>>>>>            |
| 5  | <b>14.5</b> | MADE FOR LIFE    | 24 V    | 10   | RATTAN GALAXY    | >>>>>>>>>>>>>     |
| 6  | <b>14.5</b> | PERIDOT          | 7.2     | 9    | COLOURFUL WINNER | >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 7  |             | SPEEDY TRIDENT   | 14 ^    | 8    | LIGHTNING ACE    | >>>>>>>>>         |
| 8  | <b>11.6</b> | THE ALL ROUNDER  | 2.9 ^   | 7    | PERIDOT          | >>>>>>            |
| 9  | <b>9.3</b>  | COLOURFUL WINNER | 12      | 6    | SPEEDY TRIDENT   | >>>>>>            |
| 10 |             | SMART CITY       | 69      | 5    | MADE FOR LIFE    | >>>>>>>>          |
| 11 |             | MY FLYING ANGEL  | 27 ^    | 4    | THE ALL ROUNDER  | >>>>>>            |
| 12 | <b>4.7</b>  | TEAM HAPPY       | 23 V    | 3    | TURBO JEFFERIES  | >>>>>>            |
| 13 | <b>3.8</b>  | SUPERB GUY       | 6.2 V   | 2    | SUPREME WINNER   | >>>>>>            |
| 14 | <b>28.2</b> | SUPREME WINNER   | 18      | 1    | TEAM HAPPY       | >>>>>>>>>>>>>?    |

The race: Good speed, potentially faster than average. Interesting mix of horses with genuine lead speed and a whole bunch of them with very middling pace. Colourful Winner a regular leader this cd in his career, Rattan Galaxy (Ferraris) certainly fast enough to go with him and inside there is Team Happy (Poon) who is fast enough to match them but might take a box seat trail instead? Outside them is Sea Diamond (HY Yuen) with the 7-pound claimer – checked at the jump f/up & got a long way back but he has the pace to go with the other leaders and the booking of the apprentice looks a signal of positive intent.

The market: The All Rounder is no star but was unlucky behind Rattan Galaxy f/up and being priced that way – does look well found all the same. Superb Guy didn't have best of luck same race & does have some history of being unlucky too but his better ratings are better than The All Rounder and he does have Purton to offset poor draw. The one the market has overlooked is Is winner Team Happy who did plenty of work HV then found strongly 1200m. Has won this c/d and maps beautifully so would be surprised if he's this price at start time.

**Recommendations:** Taking 16.0 with bookies TEAM HAPPY – 3.5 units. SUPERB GUY 3.5 units. COLOURFUL WINNER likely leader, at 12.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

# Race 5 – Class 4 1650m AWT

|    | Rating |                  | Current | Draw |                  | Tempo = < AVE |
|----|--------|------------------|---------|------|------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 11.6   | GENERAL REDWOOD  | 19 V    | 13   | BULL ATTITUDE    | >>>>>>        |
| 2  |        | HAPPY UNIVERSE   | 9.2 ^   | 12   | PERFECT TEAM     | >>>>>>        |
| 3  | 7.4    | ANOTHER WORLD    | 9.9     | 11   | ANOTHER WORLD    | >>>>>>>>      |
| 4  | 18.0   | VIVACIOUS WIN    | 9.6     | 10   | JOLTIN           | >>>>          |
| 5  | 14.4   | SUPREME AGILITY  | 13      | 9    | NEVER PETER OUT  | >>>>>>        |
| 6  |        | NIGHT PUROSANGUE | 5.8 ^   | 8    | SUPREME AGILITY  | >>>>>>        |
| 7  | 2.4    | CHILL KAKA       | 5.0 V   | 7    | HAPPY UNIVERSE   | >>>>>>>>      |
| 8  | 14.4   | FIREFOOT         | 10      | 6    | GENERAL REDWOOD  | >>>>>>>>>     |
| 9  |        | LEAPING STAR     | 26 ^    | 5    | FIREFOOT         | >>>>>>>>>     |
| 10 |        | PERFECT TEAM     | 23 ^    | 4    | VIVACIOUS WIN    | >>>>>>>>      |
| 11 |        | NEVER PETER OUT  | 12 ^    | 3    | NIGHT PUROSANGUE | >>>>>>>>>>>>  |
| 12 |        | BULL ATTITUDE    | 8.9 ^   | 2    | CHILL KAKA       | >>>>>>>>      |
| 13 | 11.6   | JOLTIN           | 27      | 1    | LEAPING STAR     | >>>>>>        |

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. Night Purosangue looks the obvious frontrunner here, and might have it to himself, too. What might help the tempo is that his leadership seems quite obvious & most of the other speed is drawn low with him so riders might be wary of letting him have it all to himself, however, it's not easy to find actual competition for the front unless Teetan (Firefoot) or Avdulla (General Redwood) really wants to make it an issue. Even then, it could look busy into the first turn but a real chance the speed will drop out of this midrace.

The market: Chill Kaka at his best would eat these with the good map. He has trialled well enough twice lately but form lseason was patchy, though given a terrible ride one night & should have won this c/d. Nightpurosangue likely in front but has never had very good ratings, even when he has won and two recent wins have pushed him up a little in the handicaps.

Recommendations: Taking 4.6 CHILL KAKA with bookies 8 units. GENERAL REDWOOD surprisingly good odds – very genuine & tough, goes forward. Taking 20.0 with bookies 1 unit. ANOTHER WORLD good quality horse who seems to have lost a bit of form on turf as older horse, won this c/d l/season and the switch back to it suits. 1 unit. JOLTIN is a spec at big odds – do think it's the kind of assignment he has been looking for on was ok 1200m dirt f/up. Would appreciate more speed but will be massive odds. 1 unit.

# Race 6 – Class 4 1400m

|    | Rating |                    | Current | Draw |                    | Tempo = AVE  |
|----|--------|--------------------|---------|------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1  |        | SUGAR GOODSON      | 29 ^    | 14   | TOP TO SKY         | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 2  | 5.4    | GRAND PATCH        | 2.6 ^   | 13   | COPARTNER FLEET    | >>>>>>       |
| 3  | 5.4    | POSITIVE SMILE     | 5.4 V   | 12   | LESLIE             | >>>>         |
| 4  | 32.2   | COPARTNER FLEET    | 43      | 11   | PEGASUS ELITE      | >>>>>>>>     |
| 5  |        | PEGASUS ELITE      | 19      | 10   | APOLAR FIGHTER     | >>>>         |
| 6  | 3.4    | MR COOL            | 6.4 V   | 9    | VIEW ALL THINGS    | >>>>>>       |
| 7  |        | LESLIE             | 27 ^    | 8    | SHOTGUN            | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8  | 25.4   | HERO RISING        | 11      | 7    | POSITIVE SMILE     | >>>>>>       |
| 9  | 25.4   | SHOTGUN            | 10      | 6    | GOLDENTRONICMIGHTY | >>>>>>       |
| 10 |        | SUPERB KID         | 29 ^    | 5    | GRAND PATCH        | >>>>>>>>>    |
| 11 | 32.2   | TOP TO SKY         | 22      | 4    | HERO RISING        | >>>>>>>>>>>  |
| 12 | 25.4   | GOLDENTRONICMIGHTY | 40      | 3    | SUGAR GOODSON      | >>>>>>       |
| 13 |        | APOLAR FIGHTER     | 62 ^    | 2    | MR COOL            | >>>>>>       |
| 14 | 10.4   | VIEW ALL THINGS    | 23 V    | 1    | SUPERB KID         | >>>>         |

The race: Average tempo. Shotgun has been a regular frontrunner & probably has a little more natural pace than Hero Rising (Hewitson), who did work around to the lead from gate 9 l/s this c/d & now drawn lower so could provide competition but also has a box seat option. Top To Sky (HY Yuen) will be positive from the outside with the 7-pound claimer and has had his best results leading. The unraced Pegasus Elite (Ferraris) an interesting map horse as he showed speed when trialled in Blkrs Sep 7 then was trialled again without Blkrs Sep 18, taken back to last and allowed to run home, beaten a long way in good times. Blkrs on for 1400m f/up here looks an indication of intent & he could be a contributor to the early speed? Positive Smile ridden totally out of pattern l/s pushing forward fast tempo & overracing, Blkrs off here.

The market: Grand Patch won twice end of lseason and lightly-rated but can't say he has looked anything special in those wins. Perhaps he will keep top billing but expect good support for the two horses with bigger ratings – Positive Smile after a shocker from Purton last time – and Mr Cool – who gets a rare good barrier.

Recommendations: Taking 5.5 with bookies MR COOL - 4 units. Down in weights, VIEW ALL THINGS was good 1200m f/up, drawn a touch sticky but this is his distance and 26.0 with bookies looks a bet. 1.5 units

# Race 7 – Class 4 1400m

|    | Rating |                    | Current | Draw |                    | Tempo = < AVE |
|----|--------|--------------------|---------|------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1  |        | WELL ENOUGH        | 51 ^    | 14   | NEXT FORTUNE       | >>>>>>>>>?    |
| 2  | 16.7   | CALIFORNIA WAVES   | 12      | 13   | STEADFAST FORT     | >>>>>>        |
| 3  | 4.4    | LADY'S LOVE        | 4.3 V   | 12   | FORZA LEADER       | >>>>>>        |
| 4  |        | STEADFAST FORT     | 44 ^    | 11   | WELL ENOUGH        | >>>>          |
| 5  |        | KINGMAN REEF       | 22      | 10   | CALIFORNIA WAVES   | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 6  |        | JOLLY BONUS        | 34 ^    | 9    | POLAR PATCH        | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 7  | 20.8   | GENIUS BABY        | 20      | 8    | GENIUS BABY        | >>>>>>        |
| 8  | 6.9    | GOLDEN WIN         | 5.8     | 7    | HAPPY PROMISE      | >>>>>>>>?     |
| 9  | 20.8   | MIGHTY FIGHTER     | 10      | 6    | GOLDEN WIN         | >>>>>>>>>?    |
| 10 | 10.7   | NEXT FORTUNE       | 32      | 5    | MIGHTY FIGHTER     | >>>>>>        |
| 11 | 16.7   | HAPPY PROMISE      | 8.9     | 4    | KINGMAN REEF       | >>>>>>?       |
| 12 | 13.3   | POLAR PATCH        | 12      | 3    | QUICK CONTRIBUTION | >>>>>>        |
| 13 | 32.5   | FORZA LEADER       | 13 ^    | 2    | JOLLY BONUS        | >>>>>>        |
| 14 | 5.4    | QUICK CONTRIBUTION | 5.9     | 1    | LADY'S LOVE        | >>>>>>>>      |

The race: Average tempo at best, likely slower but this really lacks obvious leaders, and that always carries with it a warning that some might try radical changes of tactics to respond to that lack of pace. Could never say that Golden Win is all that quick but his gate speed has improved with experience & with the addition of Visors a couple of starts ago and he was quite close to fast lead tempo f/up this c/d and that speed would be enough to see him in front on the rail here. Inside him, Purton on Lady's Love is probably a signal he might be a bit more positively-ridden, though has also never looked all that fast early. Kingman Reed switches up in distance from runs at 1200m & 1000m when he showed little speed & has not been a great beginner but a couple of his early trials he was closer? Both Polar Patch & California Waves do have some pace but have been very spotty beginners? Happy Promise (Atzeni) is one who might change tactics here & be more positive – he does jump pretty well but has been ridden without ambition thereafter – perhaps if he jumps well here, he might press forward more? The other one of real note is Next Fortune (CY Ho) from the outside, because he has shown some early speed 1200m at trials but was taken straight back when drew wide only run 1400m in May on a wet track. Shared lead recent barrier trial when failed& there are some gear changes since that result which might be significant but Ho not exactly a positive jockey?

The market: A few tricks to this but the map, gate and Purton probably ensure Lady's Love runs fav after solid f//up this c/d gate 10. Market looks to have found the main ones.

Recommendations: Going to roll the dice at big odds here NEXT FORTUNE, who we backed f/up 1200m when he had no market support and went poorly. So, this horse as a 3yo chased home smart Master Payment 1200m then wide when 5<sup>th</sup> Lucrative Eight next time. Fup his tongue tie was removed and replaced with a cross-over noseband when he ran poorly after every chance. He has since trialled poorly in the same gear again. Today, the tongue tie – which he wore in those good runs – is back on, the crossed nose band is off so the gamble is on whether that was the problem. Too bad he couldn't have drawn better as well but think he's worth the gamble at 41.0 with bookies if the gear changes do the trick. 1.5 units.

# Race 8 – Class 3 1800m

|    | Rating |                    | Current | Draw |                    | Tempo = < AVE |
|----|--------|--------------------|---------|------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 31.0   | SMART AVENUE       | 21      | 11   | HYMNBOOK           | >>>>>>        |
| 2  |        | POCKETING          | 14 ^    | 10   | POCKETING          | >>>>          |
| 3  | 10.2   | CALL ME MAGNIFIQUE | 8.5     | 9    | MIGHTY STRENGTH    | >>>>>>>>>>    |
| 4  | 12.7   | GLITTERING LEGEND  | 13      | 8    | GLITTERING LEGEND  | >>>>>>>>      |
| 5  | 2.7    | FLOW WATER FLOW    | 2.5 V   | 7    | FLOW WATER FLOW    | >>>>>>?       |
| 6  |        | MIGHTY STRENGTH    | 8.9 ^   | 6    | KING EQUINE        | >>>>>>>>>>    |
| 7  | 25.0   | KING EQUINE        | 32      | 5    | SMART AVENUE       | >>>>>>        |
| 8  | 8.1    | BIG RETURN         | 12 V    | 4    | DREAMING TOGETHER  | >>>>>>        |
| 9  | 6.5    | HYMNBOOK           | 5.3     | 3    | FOREVER FOLKS      | >>>>          |
| 10 | 31.0   | FOREVER FOLKS      | 13 ^    | 2    | CALL ME MAGNIFIQUE | >>>>>>>>>>    |
| 11 |        | DREAMING TOGETHER  | 34      | 1    | BIG RETURN         | >>>>>>>>?     |

The race: Average tempo at best, likely slower. Any prospect of a better tempo lies with some sort of competition for the front between Mighty Strength (who pulls so is usually preferred with cover), or the stablemates King Equine (sharply up in distance) and Call Me Magnifique, who scored a surprise win l/s June 2000m when put on the lead in a very slowly-run race but he had raced effectively that way in Australia, too. Just not seeing that competition happening, so we may end up with Call Me Magnifique and King Equine in front at a soft pace, with Mighty Strength looking to get in behind them with Glittering Legend. Purton going on Flow Water Flow is interesting in this set up simply because he does not like to just surrender at the start and go back but the horse's pattern has been to find his feet, even in the slowly-run 1800m he won l/season? Big Return not always the tidiest beginner but first time 1800m & could be handy, following Call Me Magnifique up the rail? Hymnbook up in distance but lacks early pace from the outside.

The market: Nice horse Flow Water Flow and would have been a Derby chance is he had not had a fever and been sidelined after winning two in a row mid-season. Fup 1400m was good, Purton rode him in a trial since and went very well and this c/d more his cup of team. On the negative side, the map tempo doesn't look perfect but would be surprised if he isn't warm fav here and short than current. Hymnbook racing well but draw/map agains. Big Return a bit onepaced last week 1600m but should map well and on quick back up.

Recommendations: BIG RETURN gets right run, untested 1800m buit gets a good chance to find out and 12.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

**Race 9 – Class 3      1650m AWT**

|    | Rating |                   | Current | Draw |                   | Tempo = AVE  |
|----|--------|-------------------|---------|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1  | 5.8    | DRAGON AIR FORCE  | 12 V    |      |                   |              |
| 2  |        | CORLEONE          | 13 ^    | 11   | CORLEONE          | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 3  |        | RELIABLE PROFIT   |         | 10   | BLOSSOMY          | >>>>>>       |
| 4  | 9.1    | THRIVING BROTHERS | 7.1     | 9    | THRIVING BROTHERS | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 5  | 17.8   | NEZHA             | 7.9 ^   | 8    | NEZHA             | >>>>>>       |
| 6  | 17.8   | STORMI            | 8.1 ^   | 7    | DRAGON AIR FORCE  | >>>>>>>>?    |
| 7  |        | KEEFY             | 14 ^    | 6    | STORMI            | >>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 8  | 17.8   | BLOSSOMY          | 4.7 ^   | 5    | KING DANCE        | >>>>         |
| 9  | 17.8   | KING DANCE        | 13      | 4    | ALL ROUND WINNER  | >>>>>>>>     |
| 10 | 4.7    | ALL ROUND WINNER  | 18 V    | 3    | KEEFY             | >>>>>>>>?    |
| 11 |        | TURIN MASCOT      | 9.2 ^   | 2    | TURIN MASCOT      | >>>>>>       |
| 12 | 4.7    | QUANTUM LEGEND    | 6.7 V   | 1    | QUANTUM LEGEND    | >>>>>>       |

The race: Average tempo. There is some potential for this to swing either way, as the majority of the field made up of horses without a lot of speed but the ones with speed are basically in the outside half of the field. "Basically" is doing some work there because the booking of HY Yuen for Keefy looks some expression of intent to be forward & Keefy has been capable of that in the past but did look to lose a bit of his speed l/season as a 7yo and he isn't getting any younger? Stormi had good results as a leader l/season, Thriving Brothers ran on 1200m f/up but more likely on the pace this c/d and Corleone (Ferraris) is probably the runner who can provide the pace, with a wide gate and an aggressive rider. Dragon Air Force (Chadwick) interesting with Blkrs first time at start 25 - wore them recent trial, was a little more positive than usual & trialled very well but also worth noting that Chadwick won this c/d on this horse earlier in his career with a positive ride?

The market: Blossomy seems a short price for a horse f/up ssince June when he won twice AWT/HV from low draws in C4 and now draws the car park in the higher grade against some horses with race fitness. Can see a lot of changes to this market by race time and who starts fav is an open question.

**Recommendations:** DRAGON AIR FORCE a4-time dirt winner so forget his last down straight f/up. This is his thing and Blkr's first time here after a super trial in them 9 days ago. He's 10.0 with bookies – 2.5 units. ALL ROUND WINNER a surprisingly-overlooked horse here after well backed f/up HV had a tough run and beaten 3 lengths. Was ok only dirt run wide draw but maps much better here. Taking 16.0 with bookies – 3.5 units. QUANTUM LEGEND (Purton) should have finished closer last week 1600m, quick up looks a set plan with Purton – who did all the work on this 1.season – getting on and riding as light as he rides. Taking 6.0 with bookies – 2 units.

### Race 10 – Class 3 1000m

|    | Rating |                  | Current | Tempo = AVE          |                  | Draw |
|----|--------|------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|------|
| 1  |        | HORSEPOWER       | 13 ^    | <<<<<<<              | JIN SHENG        | 1    |
| 2  | 25.3   | ALPHA STRIKE     | 7.9 ^   | ?<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<< | ALPHA STRIKE     | 2    |
| 3  |        | METRO POWER      | 12 ^    | <<<<<<<<<<           | LAHORE           | 3    |
| 4  | 13.0   | CELESTIAL HERO   | 13      | <<                   | MICKLEY          | 4    |
| 5  | 8.4    | ETERNAL FORTUNE  | 15      | <<<<<<<              | CELESTIAL HERO   | 5    |
| 6  | 25.3   | SMART OINK       | 8.5 ^   | <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<  | LUCKY CANDY      | 6    |
| 7  | 5.3    | CASA OF HONOR    | 24 V    | <<<<<<<              | INVINCIBLE STEED | 7    |
| 8  | 16.2   | MICKLEY          | 9.4 ^   | <<<<<<<              | HORSEPOWER       | 8    |
| 9  | 6.6    | CONGHUA GALAXY   | 7.8 V   | <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<  | NOTTHESILLYONE   | 9    |
| 10 | 6.6    | INVINCIBLE STEED | 9.1 V   | <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<  | METRO POWER      | 10   |
| 11 |        | NOTTHESILLYONE   | 17 ^    | <<<<<<<<<<<          | CASA OF HONOR    | 11   |
| 12 |        | JIN SHENG        | 26 ^    | ?<<<<<<<<<<<         | SMART OINK       | 12   |
| 13 | 25.3   | LUCKY CANDY      | 8.4     | <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<  | CONGHUA GALAXY   | 13   |
| 14 | 16.2   | LAHORE           | 12      | <<<<<<<<<<<<<        | ETERNAL FORTUNE  | 14   |

The race: Looks good speed, potential for faster than average. Surprisingly, Notthesillyone has never tried the straight 1000m but he is a fast horse & he and Metro Power (Hewitson) look like the pace, with Conghua Galaxy and Eternal Fortune on the outside rail. The potential for a faster pace probably comes with whether Alpha Strike (Orman) tries to come across and pressure the outside horses, though there does not seem to have been the same urgency so far this season about getting to the outside section? Still, would be a surprise to just run straight ahead. The new horse Smart Oink (ex Cavalry Scout AUS) missed the jump in his only HK trial before trialling pretty well with good closing sectionals. In Australia, he was a horse who began well & had early speed but over 1300-1400m so, even if he begins cleanly, this could be sharp for him?

**The market: Tricky race to sort out – as the 7.8 favourite tells you. No surprise what runs fav here but Conghua Galaxy ran well HK debut, maps well but doesn't look any star all the same. Alpha Strike did a lot wrong win f/up after some throat surgery, perhaps he has improvement in him but up sharply in weights.**

**Recommendations:** CASA OF HONOR 26.0 with bookies and taking that – 3 units. His best rating was this c/d and maps well for a chance. ETERNAL FORTUNE basically untried at Sha Tin so going off HV form but taking 13.0 with bookies – 1.5 units. INVINCIBLE STEED run well both straight track starts and no luck 1200m in between. Better map here. 1.5 units at 9.0 with bookies.

### Race 11 – Class 3 1200m

|    | Rating |                     | Current | Draw |                     | Tempo = > AVE  |
|----|--------|---------------------|---------|------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1  | 18.0   | HELENE SUPA FEELING | 12      | 14   | SHANGHAI WARRIOR    | >>>>>>>>>>>>   |
| 2  | 4.7    | SOLID STATE         | 1.9 ^   | 13   | PACKING GLORY       | >>>>>>>>       |
| 3  |        | LUCY IN THE SKY     | 21 ^    | 12   | LUCY IN THE SKY     | >>>>>>>>>>>>   |
| 4  | 28.0   | GOLD PATCH          | 19      | 11   | ALMIGHTY LIGHTNING  | >>>>>>         |
| 5  | 5.9    | BUNTA BABY          | 22 V    | 10   | MASTER PAYMENT      | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 6  |        | RADIANT PATH        | 32 ^    | 9    | GOLD PATCH          | >>>>>>>>>>>?   |
| 7  | 9.2    | GRAND EAGLE         | 10 V    | 8    | VULCANUS            | >>>>>>         |
| 8  |        | CITY GOLD BANNER    | 22 ^    | 7    | SOLID STATE         | >>>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| 9  | 7.4    | ALMIGHTY LIGHTNING  | 15 V    | 6    | RADIANT PATH        | >>>>>>         |
| 10 | 7.4    | PACKING GLORY       | 9.2     | 5    | LIFELINE EXPRESS    | >>>>           |
| 11 |        | SHANGHAI WARRIOR    | 42 ^    | 4    | HELENE SUPA FEELING | >>>>           |
| 12 |        | VULCANUS            | 41 ^    | 3    | GRAND EAGLE         | >>>>>>>        |
| 13 |        | LIFELINE EXPRESS    | 25 ^    | 2    | BUNTA BABY          | >>>>>>>        |
| 14 | 11.5   | MASTER PAYMENT      | 20 V    | 1    | CITY GOLD BANNER    | >>>>>>>>>      |

The race: Pace looks average at least & likely faster, with all of the speed in the outside of the draw. One of the keys to the pace will be whether Purton, replacing Badel on Solid State, tries to break the field up midrace as Badel did in Solid State's big f/u win in this c/d in July. When he resumed, he was in touch with the lead without looking to dominate but that was 1000m. He looks clearly the first to the fence here over 1200m but there is other early speed outside him - with Master Payment (Badel), Lucy In The Sky (PN Wong), and Shanghai Warrior (Hewitson) all quick horses. Even Gold Patch with the Blkrs first time could be a challenger, though CY Ho not usually an aggressive rider?

The market: They key to this is what does Solid State have that we have no already seen. Impressive win c/d end of lseason and got kicked up the weights for it, every chance down the straight fup when beaten at 1.5 and rated about the same. Back to the turn here, Purton goes on and market putting a lot of store in him being able to go up a notch

**Recommendations:** IF fav does have more he's tough to beat but happy to play a few to beat him. BUNTA BABY Interesting here as only run a couple of times Sha Tin, has placed and had some excuses, and has good enough HV form to feature with pace to suit. 2.5 units. 16.0 with bookies. GRAND EAGLE excuse runs both HK starts, now with Cummings and trialed well. 1 unit at 15.0 with bookies. ALMIGHTY LIGHTNING very nice horse gets in late as a reserve – 2 units at 15.0 with bookies. MASTER PAYMENT reported as not wound up fup when beaten fav – impressive prior start, had that race and a trial and he is 19.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

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|----------|-----|----|-----|--------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1        | AW  | 5  | 6   | SWAGGER BRO        | 9.50  | 27           | 1.5   |
| 1        | AW  | 5  | 12  | ORIENTAL SURPRISE  | 2.50  | 3.5          | 5.5   |
| 2        | S   | 4  | 14  | SAME TO YOU        | 3.80  | 6.5          | 3.5   |
| 3        | AW  | 2  | 4   | GORGEOUS WIN       | 2.90  | 13           | 6.5   |
| 3        | AW  | 2  | 5   | AWESOME FLUKE      | 10.90 | 21           | 1     |
| 4        | S   | 5  | 9   | COLOURFUL WINNER   | 9.30  | 12           | 1     |
| 4        | S   | 5  | 12  | TEAM HAPPY         | 4.70  | 16           | 3.5   |
| 4        | S   | 5  | 13  | SUPERB GUY         | 3.80  | 5.5          | 3.5   |
| 5        | AW  | 4  | 1   | GENERAL REDWOOD    | 11.60 | 20           | 1     |
| 5        | AW  | 4  | 3   | ANOTHER WORLD      | 7.40  | 11           | 1.5   |
| 5        | AW  | 4  | 7   | CHILL KAKA         | 2.40  | 4.6          | 8     |
| 5        | AW  | 4  | 13  | JOLTIN             | 11.60 | 41           | 1     |
| 6        | S   | 4  | 6   | MR COOL            | 3.40  | 5.5          | 4     |
| 6        | S   | 4  | 14  | VIEW ALL THINGS    | 10.40 | 26           | 1.5   |
| 7        | S   | 4  | 10  | NEXT FORTUNE       | 10.70 | 41           | 1.5   |
| 8        | S   | 3  | 8   | BIG RETURN         | 8.10  | 12           | 1     |
| 9        | AW  | 3  | 1   | DRAGON AIR FORCE   | 5.80  | 10           | 2.5   |
| 9        | AW  | 3  | 10  | ALL ROUND WINNER   | 4.70  | 16           | 3.5   |
| 9        | AW  | 3  | 12  | QUANTUM LEGEND     | 4.70  | 6            | 2     |
| 10       | S   | 3  | 5   | ETERNAL FORTUNE    | 8.40  | 13           | 1.5   |
| 10       | S   | 3  | 7   | CASA OF HONOR      | 5.30  | 26           | 3     |
| 10       | S   | 3  | 10  | INVINCIBLE STEED   | 6.60  | 9            | 1.5   |
| 11       | S   | 3  | 5   | BUNTA BABY         | 5.90  | 16           | 2.5   |
| 11       | S   | 3  | 7   | GRAND EAGLE        | 9.20  | 15           | 1     |
| 11       | S   | 3  | 9   | ALMIGHTY LIGHTNING | 7.40  | 15           | 2     |
| 11       | S   | 3  | 14  | MASTER PAYMENT     | 11.50 | 19           | 1     |
|          |     |    |     |                    |       |              | 66    |