

HK WINNING FACTOR

SHA TIN – July 4, 2026

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

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. There is no requirement to notify officials of any change of tactics.

Race 1 – Griffins 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	1.12	JEDI SPURS	1.4	10	ULTRA BOLT	>>>>
2	32.0	ALMIGHTY WARRIOR	7.6 ^	9	CHANCHENG SPARKLE	>>>>>>
3		CHANCHENG SPARKLE	17 ^	8	COOGEE BAY	>>>>>>
4		COOGEE BAY	64 ^	7	EVER WEALTH	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		DRAGON GENERATION	34 ^	6	KYOTO SPRING	>>>>
6		GOLDEN GUNNERS	24 ^	5	QUANTUM WUKONG	>>>>>>>>
7		KYOTO SPRING	46 ^	4	GOLDEN GUNNERS	>>>>>>
8		EVER WEALTH	10 ^	3	DRAGON GENERATION	>>>>>>>>>
9	32.0	QUANTUM WUKONG	11	2	ALMIGHTY WARRIOR	>>>>>>>>
10		ULTRA BOLT	28 ^	1	JEDI SPURS	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. Really not a lot of speed here & the leaders look Jedi Spurs from the inside & Ever Wealth, who gets a key jockey upgrade from HY Yuen to Atzeni today. When Jedi Spurs made his debut down the straight, we noted that, in his trials, the first stride was not that quick then he got running. That happened in his debut as well, though it wasn't obvious down the straight. Around a turn here where he need to kick up inside, there is just a possibility of getting crossed if Atzeni gets Ever Wealth out quickly & that horse has begun well in his public appearances. Suggest that would be Atzeni's plan but whether it happens is another matter.

The market: Jedi Spurs could not have been more impressive winning his debut and rated like a future Group horse. He does have some questions here – up in weights, goes around a turn and 1200m first turn – but just looks the winner if he handles that.

Recommendations: Not going to recommend taking the 1.4 Jedi Spurs only because there are unanswered questions here and it's not much of a margin anyway. NO BET.

Race 2 – Class 5 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	25.5	MADE FOR LIFE	17	12	PERIDOT	>>>>>>
2	32.2	PERIDOT	9.1 ^	11	SPARKLE AND GOLD	>>>>>>
3	5.4	GROOVY FEELING	17 V	10	MULTIDUTCH	>>>>>>>>?
4	10.4	VIGOR ELLEEGANT	10	9	GROOVY FEELING	>>>>>>
5	3.4	VERBIER	2.3	8	MONEY TYCOON	>>>>>>
6	32.2	MONEY TYCOON	46	7	SUPREME WINNER	>>>>>>
7	6.7	BLUE BARON	8.9 V	6	VIGOR ELLEEGANT	>>>>>>
8		SPARKLE AND GOLD	34 ^	5	MADE FOR LIFE	>>>>>>>>
9		NOBLE FANS	15 ^	4	NOBLE FANS	>>>>>>
10	20.3	SUPREME WINNER	7.3 ^	3	MR GOOD VIBES	>>>>
11	16.3	MR GOOD VIBES	29	2	BLUE BARON	>>>>>>>>
12	20.3	MULTIDUTCH	14	1	VERBIER	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average pace at best, likely slower. Last week, Verbiere drew 1 and dictated the tempo in a similar race to lead all the way this c/d & everything about this says it's a replay. Very few horses with even tactical pace here – Blue Baron, Made For Life have a little speed & Multidutch has shown pace at different times in his career. The only thing to be wary of is that the pace set up is so obvious & that could bring some radical tactical changes. Some of these horses at the bottom of C5 might be facing compulsory retirement if they can't get a result somewhere before the end of the season & a horse like Multidutch is definitely on the chopping block, so YL Chung might come out running looking to force something?

The market: Verbiere controlled the lead l/week similar race and never going to lose. The set up here is a replay, maybe even an easier lead than he got there, so no surprise that he is clear fav but the market not giving anything away. Can see Blue Baron being supported as he should be sitting on the back of Vernier here after working too hard l/s from wider draw. Groovy Feeling and Vigor Elleegant drop back to C5.

Recommendations: Not going crazy betting against Verbiere here but he is certainly short enough. BLUE BARON 8.5 with bookies – 1.5 units. GROOVY FEELING won in C4 to start this season then form dropped away, had vet issues midseason and has had just 2 starts back since that. Latest was ok in C4, down to C5 first time with awkward map but rolling the dice on him at odds. 2 units.

Race 5 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	19.9	ROBOT STAR	9.9	14	GOLDEN EMPIRE	>>>>>>>>?
2	24.9	M M CONCORD	5.4 ^	13	RISING FROM ASHES	>>>>>>
3	24.9	RISING FROM ASHES	20	12	QUICK CONTRIBUTION	>>>>>>
4	19.9	SUNDAY'S SERENADE	13	11	GRACEFUL HEART	>>>>>>>>
5	8.2	SUNNY DA BEST	5.9	10	DECISION LINK	>>>>>>
6		LUCKY DOCTOR	28 ^	9	WORD OF KINDNESS	>>>>
7		CORNERSTONE	54 ^	8	LET'S HAVE FUN	>>>>>>>>
8	6.5	DECISION LINK	8.5 V	7	ROBOT STAR	>>>>>>>>
9	31.5	GOLDEN EMPIRE	22	6	SUNNY DA BEST	>>>>>>
10	10.2	WORD OF KINDNESS	28	5	SUNDAY'S SERENADE	>>>>
11		GRACEFUL HEART	10 ^	4	GLORIOUS RYDER	>>>>
12	12.8	LET'S HAVE FUN	11	3	CORNERSTONE	>>>>
13	3.3	QUICK CONTRIBUTION	4.2	2	LUCKY DOCTOR	>>>>>>>>>>
14		GLORIOUS RYDER	59	1	M M CONCORD	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, leaning to something slower. M M Concord (Chadwick) drops in grade for the first time & has been showing good speed with the light weights in C3. That will be enough to lead these if that is his intent from the low draw but he is sharply up in weight. Lucky Doctor switches to an aggressive rier Ferraris today and up in distance, so he has enough speed to be prominent inside too. Really don't know what to do these days with Golden Empire – he still leaves the gates most start like his barrier opened early but then can't sustain it to push forward at 1200m – perhaps up in distance he might? The second wave speed of Robot Star (PN Wong), Lets' Have Fun (Cheek Pieces back on) and Graceful Heart (Hewitson) all look queries as they're not that quick but might be quicker than a few others.

The market: Quick Contribution has been huge two runs since a break, flashing home from last then given a horrible ride l/s by PN Wong and now Purton goes on. There are possible issues with the map here but the same is true of Decision Link, Sunny Da Best and Graceful Heart who are in the market. M M Concord gets the great map but his ratings C4 have been modest.

Recommendations: QUICK CONTRIBUTION 3 units. Do want to spec WORD OF KINDNESS again at big odds. This has ability. Slow away, never in race l/week 1400m when on pace favoured. Would like to see more pace for him but will be huge odds. 1 unit. Not sure DECISION LINK has loved the mile races lately – was plain when he won then even more plain l/s in defeat,. BBack in distance suits even if the map looks a query. 1.5 units.

Race 6 – Class 4 1200m AWT

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = > AVE
1	2.3	PEJIBAYE	3.2	12	E HO HO	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
2	17.5	SPEEDY SMARTIE	7.9 ^	11	BRIGHT MORTAR	>>>>>>
3		NATURAL HIGH	29 ^	10	SPEEDY SMARTIE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	9.0	GOOD CHAP	10	9	FATAL BLOW	>>>>>>
5	14.0	TIN FOOK	8.5	8	PEJIBAYE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		BRIGHT MORTAR	19 ^	7	GOOD CHAP	>>>>>>
7	7.2	BUSTLING CITY	6.1	6	TIN FOOK	>>>>>>>>>>?
8		DAILY FUN	14 ^	5	NOBLE PATCH	>>>>>>?
9		E HO HO	12 ^	4	BUSTLING CITY	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		NOBLE PATCH	26 ^	3	DAY DAY VICTORY	>>>>>>>>
11	9.0	DAY DAY VICTORY	17 V	2	NATURAL HIGH	>>>>>>>>
12		FATAL BLOW	16 ^	1	DAILY FUN	>>>>>>>>?

The race: Average tempo at least, leaning to faster. Bustling City (Avdulla) has only been seen down the straight so far, and has been with the lead in every start, and Pejibaye (Moreira), Speedie Smartie (Teetan) and E Ho Ho (PN Wong, Blks on), will aos be looking to press for the front. Even Tin Fook (Ferraris) has led this c/d and has been ridden positively since the change of stables 4 starts ago. Not sure if Natural High (Bowman) and first starter Daily Fun (Purton) have the speed to match the ones outside them. Daily Fun (ex Bidewell) interesting as he led in 2 trial wins in Australia on heavy going but has not looked that quick in his HK trials – Purton's style is to get forward so expect he will try to use the barrier as much as he can? The other first starter Noble Patch had been beginning slowly in his trials until fitted with Cheek Pieces for the latest and he showed more speed. He led in his NZ trial win on a synthetic surface and has the Cheek Pieces here?

The market: Pejibaye the early fav and think he'll keep top billing for Fownes/Moreira combination – he is quick, strong at 1200m and goes well this surface. Still, Bustling City will have support first time on dirt as he's the type who might be suited, albeit with some queries on him over 1200m. Speedy Smartie has been a picture of consistency all season but big weight/wide gate to deal with, and Good Chap was poor l/s but hasn't been seen for 2 months since so might have been an issue that wasn't reported?.

Recommendations: PEJIBAYE is 3.0 with bookies – 4.5 units. The one that jumps out as over the odds is DAY DAY VICTORY, whose best form this surface is the best in the race. He has been racing below that level for several runs but did have excuses in some, the latest when he was checked out of the race at the start and just never got into it. With a clean run early, he can be trailing the fast ones here and certainly worth a ticket at the 20.0 with bookies. 1 unit

Race 9 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	28.1	ISLAND BUDDY	11 ^	12	ORIGIN OF FORM	>>>>
2		SIGHT DREAMER	12 ^	11	DIAMOND SPARKLE	>>>>>>>>
3	1.9	LUCRATIVE EIGHT	1.9 V	10	ISLAND BUDDY	>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	28.1	MABUBU	18	9	NEXT FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>
5	11.5	LEADING DRAGON	8.4	8	ROAD TO GLORY	>>>>>>
6		ROAD TO GLORY	40 ^	7	SMILING SKY	>>>>>>>>
7		SMILING SKY	11 ^	6	SIGHT DREAMER	>>>>>>
8	11.5	NEXT FORTUNE	7.5	5	LEADING DRAGON	>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		ORIGIN OF FORM	56	4	FORTUNE SUPERNOVA	>>>>>>
10		DIAMOND SPARKLE	38 ^	3	BEST FARM	>>>>>>
11		BEST FARM	58 ^	2	MABUBU	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	7.4	FORTUNE SUPERNOVA	20 V	1	LUCRATIVE EIGHT	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, some potential for faster. Some competition for early places here, with Lucrative Eight (Purton), Mabubu (Orman) and Leading Dragon (Atzeni) inside and Island Buddy (Teetan) pressing forward from out wider. Interesting aspect of this map is that most probably expect Leading Dragon will lead but he has got the front a few times when the pace hasn't been very strong – inc l/s win – so having more competition here might force him to push the speed along..

The market: After 4 starts for 4 placings, Lucrative Eight certainly due to win one, gets Purton for the first time, gets a draw & this is probably the easiest race he has been in. This looks his race and would be surprised if he gets to odds-against. Race sets up better for him than his more obvious rivals, Island Buddy, Leading Dragon and Next Fortune.

Recommendations: No knock for this favourite but he is already well found and doubt he will be any better by race time. The knockout horse is FORTUNE SUPERNOVA, having his second start for David Hall but first run he got too far back out of his race and worked home steadily, running a faster finishing split than Lucrative Eight in the same race. Had a couple of decent ratings earlier in the season, has no weight and the map looks decent for him. Taking 26.0 with bookies – 1.5 units.

Race 10 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	22.7	PERFECT GENERAL	7.2 ^	12	MOUNT EVEREST	>>>>
2		ALL OUT FOR SIX	12 ^	11	IGOR STRAVINSKY	>>>>>>>>
3	11.6	GRAND EAGLE	32 V	10	GULU GOGO	>>>>>>>>
4		HARMONY N BLESSED	10 ^	9	ALL OUT FOR SIX	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		RED SEA	15 ^	8	RED SEA	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	1.6	SUPERB SPIRIT	2.8 V	7	SPICY STANDARD	>>>>>>>>>>
7		SOLID STATE	6.1 ^	6	HARMONY N BLESSED	>>>>>>>>>>>>
8		GULU GOGO	20	5	VULCANUS	>>>>>>
9		IGOR STRAVINSKY	34	4	SUPERB SPIRIT	>>>>>>?
10		VULCANUS	24	3	GRAND EAGLE	>>>>>>
11		MOUNT EVEREST	34	2	SOLID STATE	>>>>>>
12	7.4	SPICY STANDARD	6.8	1	PERFECT GENERAL	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. Perfect General has early speed and led all the way l/s win HV but expect he will take the box seat here with Harmony N Blessed, Red Sea and All Our For Six all quick enough to at least match him for pace. Spicy Standard does have tactical pace but, after being wide no cover all 4 starts this season, gets a set up here to let the faster ones go and drop over behind them into a trail. The favourite Superb Spirit is the interesting map horse here, as he was slow to begin l/s win C4 and has not been wickedly quick out in any of his races or trials. It sets up as a nice race to be trailing the speed if he jumps, but he found himself back in m/field l/s after the slow start?

The market: Superb Spirit has rated light a very handy horse for the future in C4, now steps up to C3 but certainly is well up to this company and will be favourite, likely odds on. The horse who has been running well without luck all season is Spicy Standards, who maps better today. Solid State (ex United States AUS) has won a trial in fast times and the market has certainly not missed that – his price here is the price he would be if he was screwed down and fit and ready to produce the best form of his career to date. Maybe he is but he hasn't raced for 209 days so that's the question mark, even with a good trial. Perfect General's ratings no better than the fav or Spicy Standard but has to give them weight..

Recommendations: SUPERB SPIRIT is 2.3 with bookies and happy to be on at that price. 6 units. GRAND EAGLE is a bit of a throw at the stumps here at big odds. He's a 3yo with some decent form in Sydney, there was some support at his HK debut on the dirt but was never happy on the surface then checked rounding the home turn and beaten out of sight. Back to turn, drawn well and 34.0 with bookies worth a spec. 1 unit

