

HK WINNING FACTOR

SHA TIN – September 17, 2023

Rail position: B (good). All Weather Track (wet fast).

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Race 1 – Class 3 1200m AWT

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	11.7	FIERY DIAMOND	6.6	6	IMPERIAL MAGEE	>>>>
2		CALIFORNIA CIBLE	9.1 ^	5	CALIFORNIA CIBLE	>>>>>>>>>
3		O'LINER	21 ^	4	EURO ROCKS	>>>>>>>>>
4	1.6	SELF IMPROVEMENT	1.6 V	3	SELF IMPROVEMENT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	6.0	EURO ROCKS	8.9 V	2	FIERY DIAMOND	>>>>>>>>>>>
6	11.7	IMPERIAL MAGEE	5.6	1	O'LINER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Despite the tiny field, the pace looks ok. In his latest trial in Blkrs, Self Improvement left the gates like Flaming Rabbit, 2 in front before anything else took a stride. If he begins like that, Purton will cross the other speed horses inside him & take control but he hasn't generally jumped as well as that so perhaps he will get some sort of opposition from O'Liner and Fiery Diamond (with the 10-pound claimer) to generate average early speed. The possibility of a slowdown midrace is there if Purton does gain control but Self Improvement is quite a keen-going sort of horse so he might want to keep rolling rather than fight.

The fav: Self Improvement's only dirt run, he was wide and arguably unlucky when beaten by a very smart horse this surface, Gummy Gummy. He has trialled twice with Blkrs this season, winning both, the latest in fast times by a big margin when Purton did just ask him to keep getting the line. He won his only start in Australia in the headgear and wears Blkrs here, Right fav but price?

Recommendations: Not much doubt the horse to beat Self Improvement but going to be short enough on the basis of that fast, easy trial win on the same day that EURO ROCKS also won a dirt trial, a little slower but seeming to have less asked of him too. EURO ROCKS 2 units. Worth having something on the quinella 4&5. 5 units.

Race 2 – Class 5 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	11.8	BROTHER PEARL	5.0			
2	11.8	NOBLE STEED	8.0	13	HUNKY DORY	>>>>>>
3		COPARTNER PUDONG	22 ^	12	TURTLE AGAIN	>>>>>>
4		KYRUS UNICORN	13 ^	11	EAGLE RUN	>>>>>>
5	3.1	SURE JOYFUL	5.8	10	NOBLE STEED	>>>>
6	18.4	MIRACLES	5.8	9	KYRUS UNICORN	>>>>
7		TURTLE AGAIN	36	8	SHENZHOU TWELVE	>>>>
8	4.9	M M NEBULA	7.7 V	7	ALL IS READY	>>>>>>>>?
9		EAGLE RUN	35	6	HAPPY MATADOR	>>>>>>
10		SHENZHOU TWELVE	40 ^	5	MIRACLES	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		PEAK TO PEAK		4	SURE JOYFUL	>>>>>>
12	6.0	ALL IS READY	7.6	3	M M NEBULA	>>>>>>>>
13		HAPPY MATADOR	35 ^	2	COPARTNER PUDONG	>>>>>>>>?
14		HUNKY DORY	16 ^	1	BROTHER PEARL	>>>>>>

The race: Moderate speed, with queries. Race lacks genuine leaders but we have 3 dropping into C5 first time, 4 with headgear changes and 2 which have changed trainer since they last raced, so there is a bit of potential for pattern alteration here! On paper, there doesn't look a whole lot of speed, especially with the scr of Peak To Peak, leaving Miracles likely the quickest but there are many queries. Copartner Pudong began terribly in his early trials & races but seemed to get better with racing and led over 1600m his final run I/season, albeit in Blkrs, which have now been removed? All Is Ready was slow to begin in Blkrs his only trial since joining Newnham but then sped through to lead in one of the faster-run trials on Sep 5? He wears the Blkrs here & suspect there will be plenty of intent to get forward.

The fav: Brother Pearl ran one or two good races I/season C4 now has first attempt in C5 from a low draw and that might be enough to make him favourite in an open race. There is a perception that the Yip stable is bit "cunning" with these horses dropping to the bottom class but his figures from the last 5 years in this scenario say 9 wins from 98 runners and 7 from 45 for runners under 11.0, or just under market expectations.

Recommendations: SURE JOYFUL has the best C4 form in this and now first attempt at C5. The query is that his form is at HV. Had only 3 runs Sha Tin, wide in 2 of them & wet track the other so he has had excuses, but the Bowman booking catches the eye. Lifetime, Bowman has had 33 rides for Ricky Yiu for 11 wins but I/season, when he was here full time, that was 10 wins from 28 rides. Trialled well. 4.5 units. MM NEBULA well bet both runs Cr I/season, raced well enough with excuses. Moved to PC Ng now and gets nice map. 2 units. ALL IS READY also a stable change to Newnham and he is already a winner I/season this grade. Liked his trial. 1 unit.

Race 3 – Class 2 1000m

	Rating		Current	Tempo = AVE		Draw
1		KURPANY	17 ^	<<<<<<<	CARROLL STREET	1
2		PING HAI GALAXY		<<<<<<<<<<<<<	KURPANY	2
3	22.9	WE ARE HERO	8.7 ^	<<<<<<<<<<	DREAM WINNER	3
4	4.7	WHIZZ KID	10	<<<<<<<<<<<<<	WHIZZ KID	4
5	2.4	CARROLL STREET	6.1	<<<<<<	WE ARE HERO	5
6	3.0	DREAM WINNER	1.3			

The race: Potential for slower with the very small field but calling it average with regular frontrunners Whizz Kid and Kurpany engaged. Dream Winner probably more likely looking to trail them but also has his share of pace if used and Ho might make more use of him if the pace isn't good enough early. The other two hold up.

The fav: Really an interesting one this. There's no way that Dream Winner doesn't start a very short favourite here and, depending which way you want to handle him, he's either over the line or as big a risk at the price as we will see all season. On our scale, his first 2 starts rated 93 and 90, and the ratings drop second time out was wholly explained by the handicap drop from 128 to 119 pounds – he actually ran a little faster from start to finish the second time. Either of those runs and he should be 1.3 here. His third run, however, was awful, rating only 82 and much lower than the C4 winner only 90 minutes earlier that day, Sparkling Knight, despite the fact that he had a dream clear run following Super Axiom and Cheval Valiant. He was pushed out to the line by Vincent Ho and won by 2 lengths but his last 400m was much slower than average and 4 lengths slower than Sparkling Knight, who carried the same weight and ran faster time overall. Now Sparkling Knight is, like a lot of Yip horses, a horse who can run big numbers for C4 when he is on song – he rated 90 there – but is just as likely to not turn up. Still, the fact he rated so much higher than this horse doesn't give much to like about the win as a precursor to tackling Class 2. The only mitigating factor could have been that Dream Winner was an inexperienced 3yo, in his first preparation, ran fast times twice then perhaps suffered a bounce from those exertions in start three to indicate he had had enough for the campaign. Would certainly have taken him on big time if he'd had a fourth start last season. But, if that mitigating factor was valid, the fact that he has now had some time off to recuperate, reset and strengthen throws in some doubts about which Dream Winner we'll get but we do put a lot of emphasis on the most recent race and couldn't say his barrier trial Sep 4 lit the place up either.

Recommendations: Full explanation above and this is one of those cases where it will be much easier after the race but happy to roll the dice on getting the fav beaten and prepared to be wrong. CARROLL STREET has a brilliant record f/up he has won 5 of 10 down the straight and trial was excellent. 7.5 units. Although WHIZZ KID did win this c/d as a maiden, his best form has been at HV. However, his run behind Stoltz in a good quality race 2 starts ago here was enough to make him competitive if Dream Winner's best doesn't show up. 3 units.

Race 4 – Class 5 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		DIAMOND WINNER	45 ^	14	FORTUNE MASTER	>>>>>>
2	14.5	SMART LEADER	6.8	13	BEAUTY NOVA	>>>>>>
3	7.5	SUNNY BABY	4.4	12	FIRE BALL	>>>>>>>>>>
4	7.5	MILLENNIUM FALCON	10	11	CHIU CHOW BROTHER	>>>>>>>>>>?
5		CHIU CHOW BROTHER	7.4 ^	10	JOYFUL CHAMPION	>>>>>>
6		YEE CHEONG WARRIOR	14 ^	9	TURBO POWER	>>>>>>>>
7	11.7	FIRE BALL	17	8	DIAMOND WINNER	>>>>
8	4.8	SINGAPORE SPIRIT	16	7	SINGAPORE SPIRIT	>>>>>>>>>>
9	4.8	TURBO POWER	14 V	6	SMART LEADER	>>>>>>
10		FORTUNE MASTER	15 ^	5	YEE CHEONG WARRIOR	>>>>
11		DOUBLE SHOW	19 ^	4	MEDIC ELITE	>>>>
12		JOYFUL CHAMPION	55 ^	3	SUNNY BABY	>>>>>>
13	28.4	BEAUTY NOVA	11	2	DOUBLE SHOW	>>>>>>
14	18.2	MEDIC ELITE	9.4	1	MILLENNIUM FALCON	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Not overloaded with speed runners but looks average tempo. Chiu Chow Brother has good speed and gets quite keen, so the trick with him is the stable change and the booking of Bowman, who may not be as positive on him as we've been used to seeing? Even if Chiu Chow Brother is not aggressive, there is speed from Fire Ball, Singapore Spirit and hard-pulling Millennium Falcon from various parts of the draw & even Turbo Power was handy early 1/week in the fast-run C5 1200m won by I Give.

The fav: Thought Sunny Baby a little disappointing that he didn't win final run 1/season HV coming back down to C4, but won't be at all surprised to see him run fav here with Purton, a good draw and the Blks going back on look a statement of intent.

Recommendations: Can't say enthusiastic about the ones hardest in the market in an open affair, so that makes it a race to go looking for odds. SINGAPORE SPIRIT was a winner in C4 this distance & raced all right early 1/season that grade before his form tapered. When he did get a drop to C5, he was forward in a strongly-run 2200m race and ran tailed off. This more suitable, can improve sharply. 3.5 units. TURBO POWER was better than it looks on paper 1/week wwhen caught wide in fast run race won by I Give 1200m and stuck on to finish a length behind Wed night's winner Valhalla, who had a better trip. Has the benefit of that race, awkward draw again and his willingness has been queried at times but that is what C5 is for. 3.5 units. MILLENNIUM FALCON a 2x winner c/d C4, first time C5 with nice draw. 2 units. FIRE BALL disappointing July only run this grade but was on a wet track and prepared to give him another go on a firm deck. 1 unit.

Race 5 – Class 4 1200m AWT

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	6.4	MAN STAR	5.0	12	KILLER INSTINCT	>>>>>>
2	3.3	FLYING DRAGON	6.0	11	CALL ME TEDDY	>>>>>>>>>>>>?
3	12.6	TRADER	23	10	TRADER	>>>>>>>>
4	8.1	MULTISUPER	10	9	ASIAN ONE	>>>>
5	15.8	COLOURFUL PRINCE	7.0	8	RED DESERT	>>>>>>>>>>
6		MORE RICE	8.6 ^	7	MULTISUPER	>>>>>>>>>>
7	10.1	COOL BLUE	8.1	6	MORE RICE	>>>>>>
8		RED DESERT	8.0 ^	5	MAN STAR	>>>>>>>>>>
9	24.6	ASIAN ONE	25	4	COLOURFUL PRINCE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	24.6	KILLER INSTINCT	29	3	FLYING DRAGON	>>>>>>?
11	19.6	HERO ICON	12	2	HERO ICON	>>>>>>
12		CALL ME TEDDY	18 ^	1	COOL BLUE	>>>>>>>>

The race: Colourful Prince is a reliable speed horse, provided he jumps cleanly, and probably leads them up here at a genuine speed, as much by a process of elimination as anything. Man Star (Purton) has good pace but hasn't actually led for a while, Multisuper will be positive with Red Desert, who led a recent trial but it has not been his racing pattern. Out wide, Trader has some speed but has some speed but YL Chung not the best at getting them out of the gates and Call Me Me Tedy perhaps the most interesting of all. He has plenty of speed - with or without the Blkrs that come off him today - but there was no intent at all to get forward in a recent trial? Flying Dragon a bit of a nightmare – not a reliable beginner but has been up close to the lead similar races when he has jumped as a younger horse? First time Bowman here, did jump ok for him recent trial then was in no hurry so mapping him the same way here..

The fav: Won't be surprised if Man Star (Purton) retains favouritism here as he jumps and is slightly more reliable than Flying Dragon, who is favourite on his best but can be unreliable at the jump.

Recommendations: FLYING DRAGON slow away l/s HV 1000m in July, could have done more but switches to dirt where he has won 3/10 and gets a draw and Bowman. 4 units. TRADER not drawn ideally but has been much better this surface than turf and getting odds. 1 unit. MULTISUPER slow away when beaten as short fav l/s June. Improver. 1 unit.

Race 6 – Class 4 1600m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	17.9	SERANGOON	13	12	FOREVER GLORIOUS	>>>>>>>>>>?
2	14.1	ENTRUSTED	7.3 V	11	TURQUOISE ALPHA	>>>>
3	22.1	SMILING COLLECTOR	4.6	10	ENTRUSTED	>>>>>>?
4	27.6	TURQUOISE ALPHA	19	9	PAKISTAN FRIEND	>>>>>>>>>>
5	11.3	LOOKING COOL	10	8	SERANGOON	>>>>
6		GO GO SIXTEEN	23 ^	7	PRESIDENT'S CHOICE	>>>>>>>>
7	1.9	LUCKY ETERNITY	3.9	6	SMILING COLLECTOR	>>>>>>>>
8	17.9	REACH GOAL	19	5	CYBER PATCH	>>>>>>>>?
9		CYBER PATCH	27 ^	4	LOOKING COOL	>>>>>>>>>>
10	27.6	FOREVER GLORIOUS	18	3	REACH GOAL	>>>>
11	27.6	PAKISTAN FRIEND	11	2	GO GO SIXTEEN	>>>>
12	27.6	PRESIDENT'S CHOICE	8.8 ^	1	LUCKY ETERNITY	>>>>>>

The race: Soft tempo. The only runners here with history of going forward with any intent are Forever Glorious, Looking Cool – who still prefers to take a sit most times – and Pakistan Friend, who led throughout l/s in May but at 1800m. Pakistan Friend has been beaten for early zip at 1600m l/season but has begin well his two recent trials and that might be enough for him to find the front here if the rider is positive. Forever Glorious has done well going forward at 1800m then led l/s 1600m this grade in July when the pace was faster than average but he finished closer to last than first so the query is how positive they want to be, this time from a wide draw? Expect a positive ride Smiling Collector and Cyber Patch a query – slow away debut run then up handy, wide 1400m l/s in a slow tempo. Has never looked to have a lot of natural speed in trials? Most of the rest get back & Entrusted a real question mark. A regular back marker, he has Blkrs going on for first run C4 and Purton get on – has never raced or trialled in Blkrs, so what difference that makes to his manners or intent, especially from a wide draw, is a guess. Can't see Purton wanting to just surrender early the way this sets up but ...?

The fav: For us, Lucky Eternity the right fav here off a good 2d end l/season to a very handy horse, Flying Mojito but the market might not be that short. On the negative side, slow tempo not his ideal and 1600m probably as short as he wants. That said, inside draw helps and Bowman. The best of Smiling Collector would make him a serious threat, and a challenger for favouritism, and he is the one of the market leaders suited by the map, though disappointing final run l/season coming back to this grade. Indications this morning are that Entrusted (Purton) will be well supported down in class so he might press for favouritism too.

Recommendations: LUCKY ETERNITY rated well l/s 2d in July and he was a typical Tavistock l/season improving with racing. That l/s was in a truly-run race and this one looks slower but draw, fresh and Bowman all help with that. 10 units.

Race 7 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		DRAGON'S LUCK	6.1 ^	9	CHATEAU	>>>>
2	17.9	SUPER FORTUNE	17	8	GREENWICH	>>>>>>>>?
3	28.0	LUCKY ENCOUNTER	4.4	7	LET'S DO IT	>>>>>>
4	1.5	JOYFUL HUNTER	2.9 V	6	CALIFORNIA VANES	>>>>>>>>>?
5		LET'S DO IT	18 ^	5	JOYFUL HUNTER	>>>>>>>
6		CALIFORNIA VANES	14 ^	4	LUCKY ENCOUNTER	>>>>>>>>>>
7		CHATEAU	22 ^	3	SUPER FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	14.5	FUN N GLORY	21	2	FUN N GLORY	>>>>>>>>>>
9	7.3	GREENWICH	4.6	1	DRAGON'S LUCK	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for faster. Dragon's Luck is a great horse to have on a map as he has good speed, has led 3 times & won 3 times and led at a better than average tempo when he has done it. Super Fortune is an even more reliable frontrunner, who has led many more times than he has won. Super Fortune's stablemate California Vanes won leading in C4 1/s in July, but probably isn't as quick as the other two and has 7-pound claimer Chung, who doesn't always get them out and running as well as he might? Also good pace from Lucky Encounter, who likely takes a sit, and likewise Fun N Glory will be forward. Greenwich missed the start 1/week in C4 when beaten at odds-on & had been forward in his first 2 runs 1/season but in tempos that were not testing. The way he has trialed in the past suggests he is more of a chaser anyway, so think he'll look to drop in behind the speed even if he jumps well?

The fav: Not a lot between Lucky Encounter and Joyful Hunter early betting but expecting that gap to widen and Joyful Hunter to run odds-on. Joyful Hunter has been Impressive 2 wins C4 1/season, producing a huge finish on debut to win easily, then made more of a meal of it second time around when he scrambled in as 1.3 fav. Up to C3 now and trial was sound rather than eye-catching but stable has good record with this type of horse and best part of his races/trials has been late so the good pace will suit. Will give a start but still deserved fav.

Recommendations: Hoping to see support for a few others to hold up the market here for JOYFUL HUNTER, who looked a decent young horse 1/season, even winning second run when he really looked in trouble. Up to C3 here but not the toughest race, gets run to suit and think he'll be getting over the top of them in the last 200m. 12.5 units. If there's a knockout at odds, it's FUN N GLORY, also rising in grade after C4 dead-heat win July. Had not raced for 7 months before that, sat wide and did a really good job to win and that wasn't his only rating competitive in this. 0.5 unit.

Race 8 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		WIDE BLUE YONDER	14 ^	14	HAPPY TRIO	>>>>>>>>
2	13.1	PINS PRINCE	16	13	SEE U AGAIN	>>>>>>>>
3	13.1	DREAM PURSUER	6.8 ^	12	MARVEL DRAGON	>>>>>>>>
4		PODIUM	10 ^	11	SUNLIGHT POWER	>>>>>>>
5	16.4	SEE U AGAIN	19	10	DIAMOND FOREVER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		SUNLIGHT POWER	12 ^	9	CURLING SPEED	>>>>
7		HAPPY TRIO	25	8	PINS PRINCE	>>>>>>>>
8	2.2	KA YING WARRIOR	3.9 V	7	I GIVE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		MARVEL DRAGON	29 ^	6	GO GO GO	>>>>
10	10.5	PERFECT PEACH	11	5	PERFECT PEACH	>>>>>>
11		GO GO GO	22 ^	4	PODIUM	>>>>>>
12		DIAMOND FOREVER	34	3	DREAM PURSUER	>>>>>>
13	8.4	I GIVE	5.0	2	WIDE BLUE YONDER	>>>>>>
14		CURLING SPEED	47 ^	1	KA YING WARRIOR	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. I Give bounced out from gate 12 1/week to lead in C5 with 130 pounds at a tempo that would be certainly average for this better class, and now has a lower draw and only 113 pounds. The query is he swaps Jerry Chau for Angus Chung, who can be hit and miss at getting them out of the gates, but the horse has good pace and do expect the intent to lead will be there. Diamond Forever is the other one with speed and having his first start BACK with Mark Newnham, who had him in Australia as a young horse, when he showed good pace trials. Though Diamond Forever hasn't led in his handful of HK races, he has displayed pace & he led very clearly in recent dirt trial since returning to Newnham. Expect the intent will be positive here too. They look the only leaders, though. Don't see Ka Ying Warrior leading but does have tactical pace and expect Purton's game plan would be to camp on the fast horses & look to be strong at the finish. Pins Prince, Marvel Dragon, See U Again and Happy Trio all have some speed but don't see them challenging the leaders, especially from awkward draws.

The fav: Ka Ying Warrior's early price is a little surprising – thought this would be quite short. He is the horse to beat off his trials but was scr scheduled short-priced debut Nov last year with a leg problem then jumped poorly and struggled last all the way when he did get to the races 3 weeks later, with Purton saying his action was terrible. Had a break, went back to the trials & was ready to run as fav again in July when scr again with a blood abnormality. Once again, he comes here off a trial win, when the times were nothing special but he didn't get out of second gear. This isn't the strongest race so he probably only has to go as well as his trials to be the right favourite, Purton sticks with him.

Recommendations: Surprised that KA YING WARRIOR is this price and don't think it will last. No super stars opposed to him here and his trials are good enough to be the winner. 7 units. PERFECT PEACH has a little chance at odds. 1 unit.

Race 9 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	9.4	OWNERS' PRAISE	5.8 V	14	CHANCHENG GLORY	>>>>>>>>>>
2	7.6	LEAN HERO	9.4 V	13	PROUD DRAGON	>>>>
3		CHANCHENG GLORY	24 ^	12	RIVER VIEWS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	7.6	COPARTNER AMBITION	8.8 V	11	KING OF THE COURT	>>>>>>>>>>?
5	9.4	SUPER WINNER	9.0	10	TATTENHAM	>>>>
6	4.8	MASTER HERO	5.5	9	MASTER HERO	>>>>>>>>>?
7		TATTENHAM	47 ^	8	CHAMPION INSTINCT	>>>>>>>>?
8		PROUD DRAGON	12 ^	7	COPARTNER AMBITION	>>>>>>
9	23.0	KING OF THE COURT	12	6	HORSESAIN BOLT	>>>>>>
10		RIVER VIEWS	13 ^	5	LEAN HERO	>>>>>>
11	11.8	CHAMPION INSTINCT	18 V	4	SUPER WINNER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		WINNING DATA	36 ^	3	WINNING DATA	>>>>
13	11.8	BEAUTY MISSION	16	2	BEAUTY MISSION	>>>>>>>>
14		HORSESAIN BOLT	11 ^	1	OWNERS' PRAISE	>>>>>>

The race: Not a race oversupplied with leaders but Super Winner led 1/week winning at 1200m, something he hadn't been able to do before, and is a more reliable, more successful leader at 1400m. River Views has led his last 3 starts, 1650m then twice at 1400m, and has the pace to get forward though Super Winner has a big draw advantage on him for the front role. Pace does not look hot unless they get it wrong in front but it may make it to average with the apprentice letting Super Winner bowl along. Master Hero was once a regular on-pacer but doesn't always show that speed any more. He comes here fresh & sharp enough early in a recent trial, though it was a wet dirt track, so what that means isn't certain? King Of The Court an interesting one with the wide gate as he led from an outside draw only win HV 1650m & was fairly handy early 1400m 1/s from a low draw in July. Ridden positively in recent dirt trial, has a sharp rider on board in Hewitson and can see him being positive here to overcome the draw then looking to trail the obvious leaders? Champion Instinct has not been a reliable beginner to date but is not without speed when he jumps & was fast away & prominent recent trial?

The fav: Not the easiest race to find the favourite and there are a few candidates. Master Hero's form dropped away 1/season after some injury issues but he was in form when the season ended, with close 2d c/d. Copartner Ambition had vet issue when failed final day 1/season as fav similar race and Owners' Praise (Purton) and last week's winner & likely leader Super Winner have arguments to be first pick. Perhaps Purton will swing it and Owners' Praise from gate 1 will be fav?

Recommendations: Tough race. MASTER HERO can be a bit hit and miss recent times but ran on well latest July with tempo against him and fin 2d this c/d. 1.5 units. CHAMPION INSTINCT not had much luck recent starts. Trialled ok. 1 unit. BEAUTY MISSION not had best of luck recent runs, inc wide gates. Draws well, has become well handicapped now. 1 unit.

Race 10 – Class 3 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	11.3	SUNNY STAR	22	12	HYPER DRAGON BALL	>>>>>>>>>?
2	3.0	SUPERB BOY	3.2	11	SETANTA	>>>>
3	22.1	HYPER DRAGON BALL	16	10	MASSIVE ACTION	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	22.1	BEAUTY FIT	19	9	BEAUTY FIT	>>>>>>
5	17.6	E LEGEND	9.4	8	LIGHTNING BOLT	>>>>>>
6		YOU'REMYEVERYTHING	15 ^	7	YOU'REMYEVERYTHING	>>>>>>?
7	14.1	LIGHTNING BOLT	17	6	SUNNY STAR	>>>>
8		SETANTA	9.5 ^	5	TOTAL POWER	>>>>>>
9	9.0	CAPTAIN WIN	8.1 V	4	CAPTAIN WIN	>>>>>>
10		MASSIVE ACTION	7.1	3	ROYAL PRIDE	>>>>>>
11	9.0	TOTAL POWER	17	2	SUPERB BOY	>>>>>>>>>>
12	11.3	ROYAL PRIDE	10	1	E LEGEND	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: The map looks ominously straight forward here – Massive Action (YL Chung) presses forward with light weight & takes his usual spot in front and the other two potential frontrunners in the race, with a lot more weight to carry, take the positions following him, E Legend and Superb Boy. It isn't even simple to determine who positions up next. You'remyeverything was handy in a very slowly-run 1200m 1/s but that has not been his pattern? Hyper Dragon Ball has been handy at times this c/d from better draws, though he does get Purton?

The fav: Superb Boy looks the right favourite. Has recent form, inc 1/s win track and distance, maps well in a race where that looks important, Bowman has been on in work and rides here and the Lui stable has begun as well as anyone.

Recommendations: Pace looks soft and the market certainly factoring that in very strongly. Maps well for SUPERB BOY but going to be well found. 2 units. TOTAL POWER coming off high-rating race HV end 1/season at 2200m. Best of form probably at 1600m-1800m so distance drop not as significant as it might look and is fresh. 1.5 units. SUNNY STAR 1 unit. LIGHTNING BOLT 0.5 unit.

