

Race 3 – Class 4 1650m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1		GANG OF BROTHERS	15	12	TRAVEL GUIDE	>>>>>>>?
2		CHRYOS	31 ^	11	TO INFINITY	>>>>
3	7.6	LEAN HERO	6.8	10	KYRUS UNICORN	>>>>>>
4	29.1	DIAMOND DIAMOND	7.1 ^	9	CHRYOS	>>>>
5		SUNNY DELIGHT	11 ^	8	DIAMOND DIAMOND	>>>>>>
6	9.5	DURHAM STAR	8.3	7	GANG OF BROTHERS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7		KYRUS UNICORN	14 ^	6	SUNNY DELIGHT	>>>>>>>>>>
8		MULTIWIN	39 ^	5	DURHAM STAR	>>>>>>?
9	9.5	COPARTNER FIONN	13	4	CORDYCEPS ONE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	18.8	TO INFINITY	10	3	COPARTNER FIONN	>>>>
11		TRAVEL GUIDE	57	2	MULTIWIN	>>>>>>?
12	2.0	CORDYCEPS ONE	2.9 V	1	LEAN HERO	>>>>>>

The race: Really no speed at all here & expect that Gang Of Brothers will be the one to take up the running with very little opposition. Cordyceps One is a little tricky as he can get keen if busted but is usually in the first 4 or so in these races and that's fast enough to be box seating behind the leader here. There's so little speed that Sunny Delight might find himself in the front few instead of midfield, where he would usually be. But the lack of speed also produces a number of questions about whether tactics will be adapted. Travel Guide was handy 2 runs ago this c/d from gate 1 in a slow tempo then involved in an incident at the jump l/s when drawn wide & was forced back to the rear. He could be more positive here. Durham Star stepped up to this distance l/s after being a sprint race run on but whether he could have been ridden closer was not seen as he was bumped at the start then wasn't able to sit any closer than behind midfield. Multiwin is a complete mystery – only had 3 starts, failed in them all but was ridden forward 1400m two runs ago before slow away l/s 1200m. He has had a break since, inc 2 trials but shown no indication in those of being a pace influence?

Recommendations: How CORDYCEPS ONE settles here is probably the key but the race otherwise presents perfectly for him. Is up in class and down in weights from C5 second placing l/s, which was his career best rating, but previous career best had been in this class where he has already won over this c/d. 8 units. COPARTNER FIONN having first run for WY So, maps at the opposite end of the field & in recent runs, has been brought undone time & again by slow pace races. That may be his fate again but at least he has a low draw here and may be able to steal ground railing up and looking to get into the race late. 1 unit.

Race 4 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	8.3	AWESOME TREASURE	7.7 V	12	DENFIELD	>>>>
2	12.8	RED DESERT	15 ^	11	RED DESERT	>>>>>>?
3	5.2	STORMTROOPER	3.1	10	ISLAND SURPRISE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	5.2	LUCKY QUALITY	12 V	9	RED LEADER	>>>>
5		LITTLE FAIRY	19 ^	8	MODEST GENTLEMAN	>>>>>>>>>>
6		RED LEADER	61 ^	7	MULTIMORE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7		UNITED WARRIORS	36	6	UNITED WARRIORS	>>>>>>>>?
8	10.2	DENFIELD	6.9	5	LITTLE FAIRY	>>>>>>>>
9	20.0	ISLAND SURPRISE	13	4	AWESOME TREASURE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	5.2	FLAMING PASSION	9.0 V	3	FLAMING PASSION	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		MULTIMORE	30 ^	2	STORMTROOPER	>>>>>>>
12	25.0	MODEST GENTLEMAN	6.3 ^	1	LUCKY QUALITY	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, some potential for faster. Multimore having his first run since Nov when he had 2 starts & never got into those races but has a prior history of being a speed runner at 1000m and 1200m, has been showing pace in his trials leading to this and looks a likely leader. He will have to contend with Awesome Treasure, who is drawn under him, has his share of pace & has a very positive rider in Ferraris, but it's fair to say he has not generally gone out seeking the lead in his races. Flaming Passion has the speed to be prominent and Island Surprise likely presses forward from his wide draw. A fair bit of second phase speed too, including first starter United Warriors, who has shown some pace in 3 trials in Australia and 4 in HK, though he has been unreliable at the start? Red Desert has some speed but, from this gate, may be more likely to try to slot in off the pace?

Recommendations: Favourite Stormtrouper has a great winning chance here but he has been seriously overrated his whole career, borne out by his record of 1 win from 26 starts, and getting a short price with Purton aboard and happy to play a few others. FLAMING PASSION's best form would win this comfortably. He has been nowhere near that lately but the race isn't overstrong & he wouldn't even have to be much better than latest effort to be very competitive. Had his chance in that race until the point of the h/t, where another runner shifted out sharply and banged into him. He was knocked off balance, regathered and beaten just over 3 lengths. Should have the ideal map here. 2.5 units. The other runner of interest is LUCKY QUALITY, who has a decent record this c/d, and was ok here two starts ago from a wide gate when resuming after a 5 month break and dropping back from C3. Then went to Sha Tin l/s, stayed hard against the fence in slower going on a wet track & can't hold that against him. Gets Blks back on here, a good draw and likely big improver. 3 units. The other horse with capacity to improve is RED DESERT, who is well graded now in C4 but didn't fly when he dropped down l/s dirt when ridden positively wide gate. Not sure about where he's at but he'll be a big price here for Avdulla, may be ridden more quietly and running on. 0.5 unit

