

HK WINNING FACTOR

SHA TIN – January 1, 2026

Rail position: B+2 (good)

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Race 1 – Class 5 1600m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1		SMILING EMPEROR	23 ^	14	WINDICATOR FAMILY	>>>>>>
2	12.8	JOLLY JUMPER	10	13	ISLAND GOLDEN	>>>>>>>>>>
3	24.9	PANDA LEGEND	4.9 ^	12	SILVER KING	>>>>>>
4		IRON LEGION	12 ^	11	SMILING EMPEROR	>>>>>>
5	24.9	SMART TRIO	35 V	10	IRON LEGION	>>>>>>?
6	8.2	WINDICATOR FAMILY	12 V	9	JOLLY JUMPER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	4.2	SHINE BRIGHT	15 V	8	DRACO	>>>>>>
8	8.2	DRACO	7.3	7	STRONGEST BOY	>>>>>>
9	10.3	DRAGON SUNRISE	11	6	DRAGON SUNRISE	>>>>>>
10	31.2	GANGNAM STAR	8.3 ^	5	GANGNAM STAR	>>>>>>
11		ISLAND GOLDEN	52	4	PANDA LEGEND	>>>>>>
12		SILVER KING	34 ^	3	SHINE BRIGHT	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
13	6.6	HARRY'S HERO	6.1	2	HARRY'S HERO	>>>>>>>>>
14		STRONGEST BOY	15 ^	1	SMART TRIO	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, likely slower but carries usual red flag for set-up like this where one or two might decide to change tactics & inject more pace. Shine Bright – who led 3 times 1400m l/season - and regular on-pacer Jolly Jumper look the leaders, provided Shine Bright jumps cleanly, Smart Trio showed positive intent dirt l/s wide gate but had tough run - being positive might be easier this draw. Island Golden steps up in distance so might look to be positive. After that, it's a field of horses with no speed or, more often, untidy barrier manners. Iron Legion led 1200m races l/season & have been waiting for him to lead after being stepped up in distance lately but he certainly doesn't help by shuffling out of the gates & starting slowly?

The market: Tough race. Market found Panda Legend from good gate as fav as run 4th, 3d, 2d at Sha Tin, though not unlucky, before terrible l/s when rider told stewards unsuited around HV track. Whether he starts fav anyone's guess but Purton drawn wide on Windicator Family, who would also prefer pace, Draco always unlucky & Gangnam Star ok l/s 3d but had his chance. May be money for map horses like Harry's Hero, Jolly Jumper, Shine Bright. Dragon Sunrise good at HV l/s after knocked out of race h/t.

Recommendations: SHINE BRIGHT slow jump wide draw HV 1200m L/s when being last wasn't a help with leaders running very fast final 400m. Looking for him to be on speed. 2 units at 21.0 with bookies. WINDICATOR FAMILY 1 unit. DRAGON SUNRISE 1 unit.

Race 2 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	5.8	MEOWTH	6.5	14	STORMY KNIGHT	>>>>>>
2	11.4	BIGTIME GENERATION	20 V	13	WATCH THIS ONE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	17.8	KING OBERON	11	12	MEOWTH	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	17.8	BEAUTY GEMINI	4.8 ^	11	POWER PATCH	>>>>>>
5		JOY CAPITAL	67 V	10	WINNING CHAMPION	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		POWER PATCH	41 ^	9	JOY CAPITAL	>>>>>>>>>>?
7		STORMY KNIGHT	56	8	KING OBERON	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	4.7	PRESTIGE HALL	3.4	7	BEAUTY GEMINI	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		WATCH THIS ONE	64 ^	6	SEA SAPPHIRE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	11.4	BRAVE WIN	10	5	CIRCUIT DUFFY	>>>>>>>
11		SAME TO YOU	9.5 ^	4	SAME TO YOU	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	7.3	WINNING CHAMPION	21 V	3	BRAVE WIN	>>>>>>>
13	9.1	SEA SAPPHIRE	11 V	2	BIGTIME GENERATION	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
14		CIRCUIT DUFFY	49 ^	1	PRESTIGE HALL	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for faster. Quite a few with good speed & Same To You, Sea Sapphire, Joy Capital & Watch This One have all led races, while Prestige Hall's record doesn't show him leading but did lead in Nov 15 no-race this c/d. Suspect Prestige Hall will take a trail but bigger question is Joy Capital. He ran a very fast first 400m when he led debut c/d & will lead here if he brings a repeat but folded up badly that day & probably trialled better when allowed to finish off so perhaps he will change tack? First starter Beauty Gemini (ex Absolute Fortune AUS) led winning a moderately-run trial at Kembla Grange in Australia & has shown some speed in HK trials without looking wickedly quick.

The market: Open race. Prestige Hall looked a decent horse in trials before raced l/season & has found a lot of trouble in 4 starts, latest should have fin closer HV when 4th. The run where he looked genuinely disappointing was heavily-backed favourite in the no-race Nov 15 but it doesn't appear in form. So, with that reservation, he probably runs favourite. The map works against Meowth who won l/s sitting wide HV but may have to do it again,. Purton's ride Beauty Gemini opened fav and is getting out – trial in Australia was ok but nothing special, trials HK probably not quite as good. Will win races but hard to be excited about him.

Recommendations: Trappy race but we tried WINNING CHAMPION at HV l/s when not a lot went right. Map doesn't look great again but well up to winning this weak race. 1 units. SEA SAPPHIRE 1 unit. BIGTIME GENERATION 1 unit.

Race 3 – Class 5 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1		I P O BROS	12 ^	14	I P O BROS	>>>>>>
2	8.0	LEGEND STAR	11 V	13	EXCELLENT DADDY	>>>>
3	12.5	COME FAST FAY FAY	15 V	12	ORIENTAL SURPRISE	>>>>>>>>
4		CIRCUIT VICTORY	19 ^	11	CIRCUIT VICTORY	>>>>>>
5	3.3	RUN RUN TIMING	6.7 V	10	LUCKY GENERATIONS	>>>>>>
6	8.0	RIDING HIGH	2.8 ^	9	MAJESTIC DELIGHT	>>>>>>>>?
7		TURF PHOENIX	49 ^	8	SUPER CHARIZZARD	>>>>>>>>
8	30.9	MAJESTIC DELIGHT	19	7	RICH HORSE	>>>>
9		RICH HORSE	57	6	NOBLE DELUXE	>>>>>>>>>>
10	12.5	ORIENTAL SURPRISE	27 V	5	TURF PHOENIX	>>>>>>
11		SUPER CHARIZZARD	60	4	RUN RUN TIMING	>>>>>>>>>>
12		EXCELLENT DADDY	50 ^	3	LEGEND STAR	>>>>>>
13	12.5	LUCKY GENERATIONS	19 V	2	COME FAST FAY FAY	>>>>>>
14	8.0	NOBLE DELUXE	4.8	1	RIDING HIGH	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at best, leaning to slower. Possibly 4 going forward here early but none of them especially quick. Intent to lead will key & Purton replacing Bowman on Riding High might provide the most intent from gate 1. The one who could put at least a little competitiveness into the lead is Majestic Delight – although dropping back in distance, after going too fast in front over 1400m, he does have the speed to match Riding High and also an awkward draw to overcome. Still, he might just get across outside the leader without applying a lot of pressure & not even out of the question they could decide to go back as he hasn't been finishing his races off that well even before the 1400m runs?

The market: It seems to be compulsory for Riding High to be favourite these days and he has a winning chance but is a terribly average animal, a 17-start maiden in HK who has had his chance in a number of races without being able to get the job done. Was held up & should have been closer 2d Lucky Generations HV 1/s and might be the leader so probably keeps top billing with Purton going on. The horse with the best form in the race is Run Run Timing, very heavily-bet all 3 runs since joining Yiu yard and was 1.7 l/s when failed with irregular heart beat. Maps well, will be surprised if he isn't backed seriously to beat Riding High.

Recommendations: Some fringe overlays amongst others but the 6.0 with bookies looks a very good price RUN RUN TIMING. 3 units. LUCKY GENERATIONS got a brilliant ride to win HV and pace here doesn't look suitable but going well, seems a big price at 18.0 with bookies. 1 unit.

Race 4 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		FLOWING RICHES	11 ^	14	ALABAMA SONG	>>>>>>
2	6.4	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	9.4 V	13	AMAZING PARTNERS	>>>>>>
3	24.5	ALABAMA SONG	21	12	GOOD FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>
4		ADORABLE SMILE	25 ^	11	SMART GOLF	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	5.1	AMAZING PARTNERS	5.0	10	FLOWING RICHES	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	5.1	SMART GOLF	4.3	9	VICTOR SUPREME	>>>>
7		SPEEDY PATCH	20 ^	8	SUPREME FEELING	>>>>>>>>?
8	30.5	SUPREME FEELING	14 ^	7	ADORABLE SMILE	>>>>>>
9		VICTOR SUPREME	19 ^	6	ZEPHYR	>>>>>>>>
10		ZEPHYR	33	5	SERGEANT PEPPER	>>>>>>>>>>
11	15.6	GOOD FORTUNE	28 V	4	SPEEDY SMARTIE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	5.1	SPEEDY SMARTIE	6.1 V	3	SPARKLE AND GOLD	>>>>>>
13		SERGEANT PEPPER	37 ^	2	SPEEDY PATCH	>>>>>>>>>>>>
14		SPARKLE AND GOLD	13 ^	1	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo. There are a few trapdoors to the map here – a number of the speedier horses tend to prefer taking a trail to leading, with Sergeant Pepper a primary example, and there are 7 runners on debut or with just one start so they are still establishing a running style. But there does look enough speed across the draw to see a healthy tempo. Debutant Speedy Patch hasn't impressed at the trials except with his starts & early pace, which have been good, so he, Speedy Smartie and Sergeant Pepper represent decent pace inside likely to be challenged by Flowing Riches and Smart Golf coming across from deeper. A query is unraced Supreme Feeling (ex Excess Express AUS), who led winning a slow trial in Australia, hasn't been asked to lead in any of 4 HK trials?

The market: Market looks have found the main chances. Smart Golf trialled very well before debut straight 1000m when beaten fav, did race out in the centre of the track but so did the winner. Has trialled well again since, has some ability & might be better suited up to 1200m but his map is sticky. Speedy Smartie and Light Years Glory have better maps but Amazing Partners probably back and wide this draw.

Recommendations: LIGHT YEARS GLORY 1.5 units at 10.0 with bookies. GOOD FORTUNE 0.5 unit.

Race 5 – Class 4 2000m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	30.7	SUPREME MASTERMIND	7.1	14	PERFECT PAIRING	>>>>>>
2	19.8	DOUBLE WIN	12	13	SUPREME MASTERMIND	>>>>>>
3	15.8	SHARPEN BRIGHT	6.9 ^	12	GLORIOUS RYDER	>>>>>>
4	30.7	CHAIN OF GOLD	24	11	CHAIN OF GOLD	>>>>>>
5	12.7	HAKKA RADIANCE	9.0	10	SHARPEN BRIGHT	>>>>>>>>
6	5.2	PACKING HURRICANE	6.2 V	9	VOLCANIC SPARK	>>>>>>
7	30.7	SERANGOON	8.7 ^	8	FOREVER GLORIOUS	>>>>>>>>>
8		FOREVER GLORIOUS	16 ^	7	VIVA TASTE	>>>>>>
9		VIVA TASTE	18 ^	6	YIU CHEUNG VICTORY	>>>>>>>>
10		GLORIOUS RYDER	42	5	PACKING HURRICANE	>>>>>>>>?
11	8.1	MANAGEMENT FOLKS	12 V	4	SERANGOON	>>>>>>
12	6.5	VOLCANIC SPARK	13 V	3	MANAGEMENT FOLKS	>>>>
13	30.7	YIU CHEUNG VICTORY	36	2	HAKKA RADIANCE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
14	6.5	PERFECT PAIRING	10 V	1	DOUBLE WIN	>>>>>>?

The race: Pace looks moderate, with Hakka Radiance, Forever Glorious and Sharpen Bright very likely to be pressing forward. Packing Hurricane, who has been back from wide gates his last couple, is probably nearer the front today from better barrier, though whether he's a pace influence or not is some query – he can get pulling if given too much exposure? Hakka Radiance has been probably the most committed to the frontrunning role and has been going well ridden that way. Double Win a query as he began well and was behind the leader winning at HV 2 runs ago from gate 1 but has a history of beginning poorly and did again in his start since that win?

The market: Interesting race if for no other reason than he have several horses here racing lengths below their best who would simply dominate if they returned to old form – Packing Hurricane, Serangoon, Volcanic Spark are the ones that standout. Volcanic Spark heavily-backed last couple of starts and run well without races quite working out but Serangoon has had his chances for Purton and just gone fairly. On his best, Packing Hurricane would thrash this field, is a 7yo now, but even looks the right favourite on recent runs from a series of wide draw, the latest running on against tempo HV 1800m. His rider is having first day in HK as a club jockey, though he rode fine on International day, but is a high class rider who handled riding in Australia very well a year or more ago and don't think he'll be fazed by riding a favourite here. Some in the market up the top might find it a decent ask giving away a lot of weight here to some lower down the handicap and Supreme Mastermind (Purton) also has to deal a nasty draw.

Recommendations: Tough race but think there's some value in the market. PACKING HURRICANE 2 units at 6.5 with bookies. VOLCANIC SPARK 1.5 units at 18.0. PERFECT PAIRING 1.5 units at 14.0. MANAGEMENT FOLKS 1 unit.

Race 6 – Class 4 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	9.6	SUNDAY'S SERENADE	8.4	14	THE ALL ROUNDER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
2		SEA CHARIOT	48	13	WINNING DIAMOND	>>>>>>
3	12.0	THE HEIR	8.2	12	RAGING RAPIDS	>>>>>>>>
4		BEAUTY VIVA	8.6 ^	11	BEAUTY VIVA	>>>>
5	18.7	RAGING RAPIDS	10	10	SUNDAY'S SERENADE	>>>>>>
6		STAR GLOW	27 ^	9	CIRCUIT GOGO	>>>>
7		CIRCUIT GOGO	28 ^	8	THE HEIR	>>>>>>
8	29.2	GOLDEN DREAM	10 ^	7	GOLDEN DREAM	>>>>>>
9	18.7	PROUD BOX	5.8	6	STAR GLOW	>>>>>>>>
10	7.7	BETTER AND BETTER	3.9	5	WIN SPEED	>>>>>>>>>?
11		GOLDEN FORTUNE	28 ^	4	BETTER AND BETTER	>>>>>>>>>
12		THE ALL ROUNDER	66 V	3	GOLDEN FORTUNE	>>>>>>>>>
13	23.7	WINNING DIAMOND	29	2	PROUD BOX	>>>>>>
14	2.5	WIN SPEED	16 V	1	SEA CHARIOT	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, strong potential for slower. Really not easy to find much speed here & it might not make it to average, but The All Round probably as likely a leader as any and needs to cross the entire field to get there. Just not sure how much opposition he will get on that way across, as the lack of speed looks obvious and might encourage one or two to be more positive. Sea Chariot and Better And Better both have the speed to hold forward positions inside but the really interesting runner is Win Speed. This is his second run for his new trainer, Crawford, and didn't wear Blks in that race, began awkwardly from a wide gate, settled at the rear & ran tailed out. The rider said that his start had been the reason for settling so far back but he did also recommend that the horse's Blks go back on. He wears Visors today, is drawn a lot better and would expect him to be far more prominent this time, which had been his previous pattern?

The market: Tricky market this in what is not an overstrong race and horses in the market like Sunday's Serenade (Purton), Raging Rapids and The Heir have some map issues. Proud Box solid 3d 1200m debut without rating anything flashy then very wide second start before failed l/s at HV when in market. Had a freshen since so perhaps was not at his best that night or didn't like HV? Trialled ok and looks suited 1400m. Better And Better probably keeps favouritism but has been disappointing to date in 8 starts for 1 placing despite being right in the betting in 7 of them inc one as 2.5 fav. The real query horse is Win Speed at second run for Crawford after failed first time out without headgear, and his only other run without headgear was poor too. Horse to beat on form l/season.

Recommendations: Rolling the dice here on WIN SPEED whose best rating is one of the best in this race and he is on the bottom handicap. He's a 1000-1 chance on run f/up when Blks came off and Hewitson recommended the shades go back on, which he has here with Visors. Crawford has won a couple of races first time out with his transfer horses so far but has won 4 with horses 2nd time for the yard. 4 units and taking the 15.0 with bookies.

Race 7 – Class 4 1600m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	3.3	ENDUED	4.6 V	14	KYRUS TREASURE	>>>>>>>
2	3.3	ETALON OR	6.6 V	13	HAPPY UNIVERSE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	31.4	THE LION KING	17	12	THE GOLDEN KNIGHT	>>>>
4	12.8	RISING PHOENIX	8.5	11	KINGLY Demeanor	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		HAPPY UNIVERSE	14 ^	10	GLORIASTAR	>>>>>>>
6	12.8	THE GOLDEN KNIGHT	4.1 ^	9	AMAZING FUN	>>>>>>>
7	31.4	FRANTANCK	34 V	8	CONSPIRACY WITNESS	>>>>>>>
8	12.8	GLORIASTAR	13	7	CALIFORNIA BANNER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		CALIFORNIA BANNER	10 ^	6	THE LION KING	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		KYRUS TREASURE	41 ^	5	ETALON OR	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		KINGLY Demeanor	27 ^	4	FRANTANCK	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		SANDMAN	43 ^	3	RISING PHOENIX	>>>>>>>
13	31.4	AMAZING FUN	27	2	SANDMAN	>>>>
14		CONSPIRACY WITNESS	26 ^	1	ENDUED	>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo at least, potential for faster. Keen-running Frantanck hasn't led in 2 starts this season but there have been mitigating circumstances & he looks likely to be back to his more regular role in front here, without much speed under him. He has a new jockey in McMonagle, who might try to ride a more measured race on him than the horse himself sometimes allows but there is other speed outside working up to pressure him if he attempts to slow the speed. Kingly Demeanor in particular does like the pace to be very genuine, though he is coming back sharply in distance.

The market: No surprise to see The Golden Knight favourite – he has been the early favourite his last 2 two runs before easing when betting got serious, though did still start favourite in one of them. Don't see him starting favourite here by race time – he is a chronic start-misser and professional money will oppose him again. Endued and Etalon Or, dropping back into C4 today, stand out here on their ratings and Endued looked unlucky to be beaten by Rising Phoenix on International Day so expect he Might start the top choice.

Recommendations: Happy to play the top 2 against the field. ENDUED 3 units at 4.4 with bookies. ETALON OR 3 units at 5.0.

Race 8 – Group 3 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	25.0	TOMODACHI KOKOROE	14	12	DANCING CODE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
2	8.1	PATCH OF THETA	8.2	11	PATCH OF THETA	>>>>>>>
3	2.6	PACKING HERMOD	3,7 V	10	BEAUTY ETERNAL	>>>>>>>
4	8.1	LIGHT YEARS CHARM	4.0	9	STORM RIDER	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		BEAUTY ETERNAL	21 ^	8	JOHANNES BRAHMS	>>>>>>>
6	19.7	JOHANNES BRAHMS	23 V	7	SKY TRUST	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	10.1	AERIS NOVA	7.3	6	LIGHT YEARS CHARM	>>>>>>>?
8		CAPITAL DELIGHT	34 ^	5	GUSTOSISSIMO	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	30.8	DANCING CODE	14	4	AERIS NOVA	>>>>>>>
10	12.6	SKY TRUST	25 V	3	PACKING HERMOD	>>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		STORM RIDER	27 ^	2	CAPITAL DELIGHT	>>>>
12	25.0	GUSTOSISSIMO	17	1	TOMODACHI KOKOROE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>?

The race: Average tempo, potential for slower. Several potential leaders – Tomodachi Kokoroe, Gustosissimo, Sky Trust and even Sky Trust's stablemate Dancing Code – but it doesn't necessarily look a scenario where there will actually be competition for the front as none of them would be regarded as "must lead". Tomodachi Kokoroe has the big weight so may not want to be targeted by the lightweights if he leads & it wouldn't take much here to slow this to a moderate tempo. Light Years' Charm continues to miss the jump in his races but Purton has chased him up into m/field in his last couple of starts?

The market: Decent battle for favouritism here between Packing Hermod (Guyon) and Light Years Charm (Purton), who likely run the top two picks in betting in some order. Light Years Charm fin a length behind Packing Hermod on Sep 28 similar race when had some traffic in the straight. However, there is a weight swing in favour of Packing Hermod, who also maps in front of Light Years Charm. Patch Of Theta certainly good enough but awkwardly drawn, Aeris Nova and Sky Trust coming off sound form easier races but light weights, good maps.

Recommendations: PACKING HERMOD 4 units. PATCH OF THETA 1 unit.

Race 9 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	13.1	CALL ME GLORIOUS	17 V	14	RISING FORCE	>>>>>>>>>>
2	10.5	CROSSBORDERPEGASUS	3.5 ^	13	MATTERS MOST	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	25.9	MATTERS MOST	10 ^	12	CROSSBORDERPEGASUS	>>>>>>
4	2.8	SAVVY BRILLIANT	7.1 V	11	AERODYNAMICS	>>>>>>
5		AERODYNAMICS	26	10	MIGHTY COMMANDER	>>>>>>
6	16.4	HAPPY INDEX	20	9	HAPPY INDEX	>>>>>>
7	32.1	A TIME FOR US	9.8	8	PEGAS	>>>>>>>>>>
8		LUCKY CANDY	6.5 ^	7	ETERNAL RICHNESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		PEGAS	19 ^	6	NEVER TOO SOON	>>>>
10		LET'S HAVE FUN	42 ^	5	LUCKY CANDY	>>>>>>
11	5.4	MIGHTY COMMANDER	9.7	4	A TIME FOR US	>>>>>>
12		NEVER TOO SOON	28	3	SAVVY BRILLIANT	>>>>
13		ETERNAL RICHNESS	52 ^	2	LET'S HAVE FUN	>>>>>>>>>>
14	13.1	RISING FORCE	16	1	CALL ME GLORIOUS	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for faster. Eternal Richness has shown good early speed both HK starts before performing poorly, so he is a pace influence though also has the option of the box seat if they want to try something different, as the speed comes across from wide out Matters Most and Rising Force. Call Me Glorious' best form was early in his career when he led but he has not led for a while and likely takes a trail.

The market: Crossborderpegasus a horse of some promise, who posted a couple of excellent ratings l/season as 3yo, despite looking quirky and difficult to ride. He would be the worthy fav if they all turned up at their very best but returns after 7 months without a race and the map looks sticky too. Perhaps his talent will keep him favourite as the horse who looks his main rival, Savvy Brilliant (Purton) can also be a bit quirky and difficult, though he has had a recent race where he performed well despite finding trouble in the home straight. Not the most straightforward market as Matters Most and Mighty Commander also have some map issues, and Lucky Candy (ex Neptune NZ) has trialed well but this first race since April and his 2 wins NZ were both on soft ground.

Recommendations: SAVVY BRILLIANT 3.5 units at 5.0 with bookies. MIGHTY COMMANDER 2 units. RISING FORCE has only raced on dirt, where form l/season was good enough but did trial well a number of times on turf l/season. 1 unit.

Race 10 – Class 3 1400m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		BEAUTY ALLIANCE	13 ^	14	VERY GRATEFUL	>>>>>>>>?
2		NATURAL NUMBERS	41 ^	13	NATURAL NUMBERS	>>>>>>
3	9.3	SIX PACK	4.8	12	BEAUTY ALLIANCE	>>>>
4		CLASS	22 ^	11	CLASS	>>>>>>>>>>
5	7.4	KA YING ATTACK	5.6	10	KEEN MOLLY	>>>>>>>>>>
6	7.4	CHARMING LEGEND	16 V	9	GHORGAN	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7		GUMMY GUMMY	34	8	GUMMY GUMMY	>>>>>>>>?
8		KEEN MOLLY	15 ^	7	ARMOR GOLDEN EAGLE	>>>>>>
9	2.4	WITH A SMILE	5.0 V	6	LUCKY TOGETHER	>>>>
10		ARMOR GOLDEN EAGLE	13 ^	5	CHARMING LEGEND	>>>>>>>>>>
11	14.5	GHORGAN	9.3	4	KA YING ATTACK	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		LUCKY TOGETHER	47	3	EIGHTY LIGHT YEARS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
13	18.2	EIGHTY LIGHT YEARS	10	2	SIX PACK	>>>>>>
14		VERY GRATEFUL	26 ^	1	WITH A SMILE	>>>>>>>>

The race: Average tempo, potential for something faster. The most obvious frontrunners are Eighty Light Years (Bentley) and Ka Ying Attack (Poon). Both are coming off a succession of runs when they drew wide & were ridden positively but they won't need to go as fast to get the front here from inside barriers. So, the chemistry between them will be critical to the speed, and so will any pressure applied from wider. by Ghorgan, Gummy Gummy some query as he can be slow away at times but can be ridden forward if he begins and did jump well recent trial, and Very Grateful up to 1400m for the first time, fresh at first run for almost 3 months and Blks back on? Very Grateful has missed the jump 3 of 4 starts in HK but has been ok away in the Blks latest trials?

The market: Early fav is Six Pack off nice run behind Smart Avenue l/s and certainly a strong winning chance but expect that With A Smile (Purton) will displace him as fav and start clear first choice. He is making the jump from C4 to C3 but rated highly, drops sharply in weights and gets a great map. The one the market looks to have missed is Charming Legend – a very well-backed 5.7 chance l/s when f/up for 6 months, sat 4 wide no cover in the Smart Avenue race and finished well back. Fitter, maps better.

Recommendations: Keen on WITH A SMILE here. Taking 3.8 with bookies. 4 units. CHARMING LEGEND is 15.0 with bookies but expect to start shorter. 1.5 units.

Race 11 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		Current	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	4.0	CIRCUIT GRAND SLAM	3.7	14	FLASH CURRENT	>>>>>>
2	5.0	INFINITE RESOLVE	5.6 V	13	PI LEGEND	>>>>>>>>?
3	6.3	CANDLELIGHT DINNER	22	12	HEAVING	>>>>>>
4	19.1	HEAVING	13	11	YOUNG ARROW	>>>>>>
5		MIGHTY MASTS	23 ^	10	M M CONCORD	>>>>>>>>?
6	19.1	ROMANTIC SON	21	9	CANDLELIGHT DINNER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	19.1	YOUNG ARROW	21	8	NEVER PETER OUT	>>>>
8		M M CONCORD	32	7	WOLF COMING	>>>>>>
9		PI LEGEND	8.2 ^	6	QUARTZ LEGEND	>>>>>>>>
10	23.8	QUARTZ LEGEND	19	5	TOURBILLON GOLFER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		FLASH CURRENT	15 ^	4	INFINITE RESOLVE	>>>>>>>>>>
12	9.8	TOURBILLON GOLFER	7.7	3	ROMANTIC SON	>>>>>>
13		NEVER PETER OUT	35 ^	2	CIRCUIT GRAND SLAM	>>>>?
14		WOLF COMING	12 ^	1	MIGHTY MASTS	>>>>>>>>?

The race: Average tempo, perhaps potential for faster. Candlelight Dinner is quick, can lead easily and probably will but the question is around intent. There looks a lack of real competition – only Tourbillon Golfer looks a rival for the front & he also has the option to take a sit. For another thing, Candlelight Dinner has Guyon now, who was not even keen to lead at HV l/s when he won at 1000m in good style. Infinite Resolve went fast in lead wide draw l/s but now has a better draw, Blkrs off and swaps aggressive rider Ferraris for more conservative Bowman, so he probably isn't looking to lead. That almost leaves the possibility of competition in front with new horses, Mighty Masts (ex Merchant Gold AUS), M M Concord (ex Battesimo AUS) and Pi Legend (ex Railway Man AUS), all of which have some sort of speed over a bit further overseas but don't look naturally quick? Circuit Grand Slam has gone straight back to last both HK starts, drawn better and Purton on but whether he can be more positive a query?

The market: Expect top 2 to keep the first positions in betting but closer, there's even a possibility Infinite Resolve (Bowman), with good map, could challenge for top billing as Circuit Grand Slam (Purton) looks like giving him a start. The new horse Pi Legend hasn't run for over 300 days but trialled particularly well. At his best, we could only find him a 17.0 chance off form in Australia that doesn't catch the eye but also has a challenging map. Wolf Coming had support at long odds last couple but hard to assess – 3 of 4 starts total excuses, not terrible l/s when wide?

Recommendations: CANDELIGHT DINNER was a smart winner l/s 1000m HV, rating high enough to be competitive. He is a question mark at 1200m, as only experience this distance was 2 runs back HV when led, ran 8th but beaten just over a length. There's a scenario here where he gets control so not saying he can't run 1200m & getting a price. 1.5 units at 15.0 with bookies.

20260101	Trk	Cl	No.	Selection	Rated	Bookie Price	Units
1	S	5	6	WINDICATOR FAMILY	8.20	9.5	1
1	S	5	7	SHINE BRIGHT	4.20	21	2
1	S	5	9	DRAGON SUNRISE	10.30	12	1
2	S	4	2	BIGTIME GENERATION	11.40	16	1
2	S	4	12	WINNING CHAMPION	7.30	21	2
2	S	4	13	SEA SAPPHIRE	9.10	11	1
3	S	5	5	RUN RUN TIMING	3.30	6	3
3	S	5	13	LUCKY GENERATIONS	12.50	18	1
4	S	4	2	LIGHT YEARS GLORY	6.40	10	1.5
4	S	4	11	GOOD FORTUNE	15.60	31	0.5
5	S	4	6	PACKING HURRICANE	5.20	6.5	2
5	S	4	11	MANAGEMENT FOLKS	8.10	10	1
5	S	4	12	VOLCANIC SPARK	6.50	18	1.5
5	S	4	14	PERFECT PAIRING	6.50	14	1.5
6	S	4	14	WIN SPEED	2.50	15	4
7	S	4	1	ENDUED	3.30	4.4	3
7	S	4	2	ETALON OR	3.30	5	3
8	S	G3	2	PATCH OF THETA	8.10	10	1
8	S	G3	3	PACKING HERMOD	2.60	3	4
9	S	3	4	SAVVY BRILLIANT	2.80	5	3.5
9	S	3	11	MIGHTY COMMANDER	5.40	10	2
9	S	3	14	RIISING FORCE	13.10	17	1
10	S	3	6	CHARMING LEGEND	7.40	15	1.5
10	S	3	9	WITH A SMILE	2.40	3.8	4
11	S	3	3	CANDLELIGHT DINNER	6.30	15	1.5
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