

HK WINNING FACTOR

HAPPY VALLEY – November 25, 2020

Rail position: C+3 (good).

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Maps: note race maps in HK racing very fluid. Fields are declared 3 days before, giving jockeys, owners & trainers 72 hours+ to work out pace & often change tactics accordingly, even radically. There is no requirement to notify officials of any change of tactics.

Race 1 – Class 5 1650m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		RUN THE TABLE	10 ^	12	GREEN GENERATION	>>>>
2		TELECOM MISSILE	7.9	11	RUN THE TABLE	>>>>>>
3		SMILING SUCCESS	23 ^	10	BRAVERY AND POWER	>>>>
4	6.6	BABY STORM	5.9 V	9	SMILING SUCCESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	2.2	VIRTUS STAR	2.8 V	8	WONDER BRAHMA	>>>>>>>>
6	20.4	WONDER BRAHMA	12	7	WINNERS BROTHER	>>>>>>>>
7		SACRED TIMING	18 ^	6	ENJOYABLE SUCCESS	>>>>
8	6.6	ENJOYABLE SUCCESS	21	5	SACRED TIMING	>>>>>>
9	31.5	GREEN GENERATION	17	4	TELECOM MISSILE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	31.5	WINNERS BROTHER	11 ^	3	FAIRY FLOSS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11		BRAVERY AND POWER	24 ^	2	VIRTUS STAR	>>>>>>
12	16.1	FAIRY FLOSS	18 ^	1	BABY STORM	>>>>>>>>>?

The race: Pace looks good, some potential for faster. Fairy Floss has the pace to lead at 1000m, has been dragged back from wide gates at 2 of 3 starts for O'Sullivan but led a fast-run 1400m in the other & from this draw & up to 1650m will have no trouble leading if he wants to lead, even with the presence of 2 horses with good early speed, Telecom Missile and Smiling Success. Where the potential for a faster pace comes about is that Telecom Missile & Smiling Success (Blks back on) both have claiming apprentices & may be sent out to use their pace & seek the lead. Baby Storm is another we have seen leading these sorts of races but a senior rider goes on here & he has the best barrier he has had for some time so they might take the box seat instead? Winners Brother (Blks replaced by Visor) also wants to race forward but probably not lead.

Recommendations: VIRTUS STAR putting it together now & rated well winning 1/s this c/d. Maps well here behind what looks a true speed and should be running on well again. 4.5 units. ENJOYABLE SUCCESS interesting runner here at first appearance after a stable change to YS Tsui. Has only won 1 race but his better performances are way better than his current 29 handicap rating & his formline has always suffered because he gets back in the field and runs on. That's going to be his situation here but there is the promise of a true speed & should be running on at good odds. 2.5 units. FAIRY FLOSS a big question at 1650m but will get forward without much effort from this draw, can't get any lower in the handicaps than this & worth a small ticket at odds. 0.5 unit.

Race 2 – Class 4 1650m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	23.4	TOTAL POWER	3.9 ^	11	NUNCHUKS	>>>>
2	9.7	CHARIZARD	6.9 ^	10	VICTORIOUS SEEKER	>>>>
3	3.9	FAITHFUL TRINITY	20 V	9	PRETTY BAUHINIA	>>>>
4	6.2	PLAY WISE	3.4	8	SHADOW BREAKER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		SHADOW BREAKER	28	7	CHARIZARD	>>>>>>
6	6.2	UNIVERSAL GO GO	16 V	6	UNIVERSAL GO GO	>>>>>>>>>>
7	12.0	NUNCHUKS	5.1	5	INDIGENOUS STAR	>>>>>>
8		VICTORIOUS SEEKER	40	4	SPEED FORCE	>>>>>>
9	29.3	INDIGENOUS STAR	11	3	FAITHFUL TRINITY	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	18.8	PRETTY BAUHINIA	20	2	PLAY WISE	>>>>>>>>>>
11	18.8	SPEED FORCE	44 V	1	TOTAL POWER	>>>>>>

The race: Faithful Trinity missed the jump last week for the apprentice rider & his race was over early. He had had handed up the lead his previous run for no apparent reason but had run first, second and first leading his first 3 runs this season & expect we will see him back to frontrunning here from the low draw, with Play Wise probably taking the box seat behind him. The pace will depend on how aggressive we see the riders on Universal Go Go and, more importantly, Shadow Breaker. Crucially, both have senior jockeys, and think Universal Go Go will be happy to take a sit, while Shadow Breaker will keep on to be outside the leader. If he doesn't press the issue from there, the pace should back off quite early.

Recommendations: Play Wise looks very well found in the market & playing against Total Power as well here. He has Purton & drawn 1 but this is also 1650m at his first race since July – even at his very best, he would look under the odds. Two horses that surely can't be these current prices. One is FAITHFUL TRINITY, 5-1 or shorter his last 4 starts, had excuses after a moderate ride 2 runs ago then missed the jump last week c/d when near favourite & race was over. Expect to see him leading here & he is still well handicapped on old form as a C3 winner. 4.5 units. UNIVERSAL GO GO also been hard in the market recent runs. He looked disappointing 1/s similar race when a 6.4 chance Nov 8 but note he suffered a displacement of his soft palate in that race & couldn't breathe. Fitted with a Tongue Tie tonight to correct that & surprise if he is the current odds from a nice draw. 2.5 units. CHARIZARD down to C4 first time in a while 1 unit. SPEED FORCE drawn in, fitter for f/up run & worth a ticket at big odds. 0.5 unit.

Race 3 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	4.7	HERCULES	6.8 V	12	WOOD ON FIRE	>>>>>>
2	14.4	PRANCE DRAGON	8.7	11	BRANDING POWER	>>>>>>
3	14.4	LORIZ	10	10	MASTER ALBERT	>>>>
4	17.9	MASTER ALBERT	9.5 ^	9	LORIZ	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5		MOMENTUM GALAXY	16 ^	8	HONEST WAY	>>>>>>
6	11.5	HONEST WAY	12	7	PRANCE DRAGON	>>>>>>
7		A SMILE LIKE YOURS	33 ^	6	A SMILE LIKE YOURS	>>>>>>>?
8		BRANDING POWER	46 ^	5	SUNDAY BETTING	>>>>>>?
9	3.0	REWARDING TOGETHER	2.6	4	HERCULES	>>>>>>>>
10		SUNDAY BETTING	28 ^	3	MOMENTUM GALAXY	>>>>>>>>
11	28.4	HAPPY JAI JAI	37 ^	2	REWARDING TOGETHER	>>>>>>>>>>
12	14.4	WOOD ON FIRE	9.4	1	HAPPY JAI JAI	>>>>>>

The race: Pace looks slow. This is a race in search of a leader, although there are obvious contenders in Rewarding Together and Loriz, who has been ridden behind recently but has won leading so he may even be the more enthusiastic about going all the way to the top. Momentum Galaxy has not been a leader but has looked a bit sharper this season over 1000m, now steps to 1200m and should hold a prominent spot with Hercules and the first starter, A Smile Like Yours, does have some speed. Sunday Betting, another first starter, is a query. He showed some tactical speed in his first 2 HK trials at Conghua but in fields of 4 and 5 in uncompetitive tempos, then got back to the rear when he trialled at HV but was not allowed to show any early speed if he had it. He's by Ocean Park, so likely wants ground and may be a touch outpaced under race conditions 1200m.

Recommendations: Don't think we will get anything like the current odds Hercules and this is looking a tough market to beat. NO BET.

Race 4 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	25.5	CANTSTOPTHEFEELING	13 ^	12	NOBLE BIRTH	>>>>>>>>>>
2	16.5	HERO TIME	10	11	GREAT SON	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3	1.7	JAZZ STEED	3.4 V	10	VIVA CHEF	>>>>>>?
4	20.4	MONKEY JEWELLERY	11	9	CANTSTOPTHEFEELING	>>>>>>
5		SKY CHAMPION	30 ^	8	VICTORIA GENERAL	>>>>
6		TOP ACCOLADE	66 ^	7	MONKEY JEWELLERY	>>>>>>>>>>
7		VICTORIA GENERAL	51 ^	6	ONE HAPPY STAR	>>>>>>>>>>>>
8	6.7	AMBITIOUS HEART	5.2	5	SKY CHAMPION	>>>>
9	16.5	VIVA CHEF	9.2 ^	4	TOP ACCOLADE	>>>>>>
10		NOBLE BIRTH	19 ^	3	AMBITIOUS HEART	>>>>>>>>
11	25.5	ONE HAPPY STAR	5.7 ^	2	JAZZ STEED	>>>>>>>>
12		GREAT SON	14 ^	1	HERO TIME	>>>>>>>>

The race: Only two pace horses here but looks busy enough to generate a good speed & even some scenarios where it could be faster. One Happy Star & Great Son (C Wong and 110 pounds to carry) will both look for the lead & they might engage in a tussle, so the early pace looks genuine until they sort out their order. Monkey Jewellery has the pace to get involved but much more likely take a sit behind them with Noble Birth working across from his wide draw. Viva Chef was going terribly ridden for pace then was so much better l/s ridden off the speed that it's hard to imagine they would use him early but the draw is a problem for him? Hero Time and Jazz Steed not pace horses but probably want to use their inside draws to be in touch with the leading group & Ambitious Heart had enough pace l/s to be prominent here and does have Moreira, who will want a run just behind the speed if he can get there.

Recommendations: From gate 10, l/s JAZZ STEED got back over 1200m then closed off strongly. Gets a better draw here & a big weight drop with the apprentice going on. He has been outspinted a couple of times in races that were stop start but expecting he will get a true speed here & every chance to run on. 10 units.

Race 5 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	13.5	LOVING A BOOM	6.8	12	LUMEN BABA	>>>>
2	4.4	GOOD VIEW CLARICO	6.7 V	11	TOM'S STYLE	>>>>>>
3	4.4	GRATEFUL HEART	3.2	10	WINNING ENDEAVOUR	>>>>
4		SEVEN HEAVENS	13 ^	9	SEVEN HEAVENS	>>>>
5		LUCKY MARYKNOLL	52 ^	8	HAPPY GOOD GUYS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		EXCEPTIONAL NICE	18 ^	7	GOOD VIEW CLARICO	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7		LUMEN BABA	87 ^	6	HELLO BEAUTY	>>>>>>
8	3.5	SKY SHOW	4.8 V	5	GRATEFUL HEART	>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	26.2	WINNING ENDEAVOUR	8.5 ^	4	LOVING A BOOM	>>>>>>>>
10	26.2	HELLO BEAUTY	46	3	LUCKY MARYKNOLL	>>>>>>
11	13.5	HAPPY GOOD GUYS	12	2	SKY SHOW	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12		TOM'S STYLE	45 ^	1	EXCEPTIONAL NICE	>>>>>>

The race: Good speed but a race of two groups, those with and those without speed. Any of Sky Show, Grateful Heart, Good View Clarico or Happy Good Guys could lead without surprising but with the exception of CL Chau on Good View Clarico, they have senior riders & suspect they will be trying to avoid a battle.

Recommendations: SKY SHOW won't be this price with Moreira & a low draw but may still be backable in a race with a few chances. Failed badly f/up in September when not wound up fit, has had plenty of work and 2 trials since & his latest trial excellent. 1 unit. GOOD VIEW CLARICO up to 1200m after good form at 1000m but did win 1200m at Sha Tin in C4 and gets a weight drop for the apprentice too. 1 unit.

Race 6 –Class 4 1650m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	5.9	REGENCY MASTER	3.9	11	KING DRAGON	>>>>>>
2	14.4	ALL YOU KNOW	10	10	PRETTY CUTE	>>>>
3		KIRAM	21	9	REGENCY MASTER	>>>>>>>>>>>>
4	7.4	FEARLESS FIRE	8.1	8	ALL YOU KNOW	>>>>>>
5	18.1	KING DRAGON	7.8 ^	7	ROYAL RACER	>>>>>>
6		PRETTY CUTE	68 ^	6	THUNDER STOMP	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	28.1	THUNDER STOMP	7.5 ^	5	FEARLESS FIRE	>>>>>>>>>>
8	4.7	ROYAL RACER	4.8 V	4	KIRAM	>>>>>>
9	4.7	HAPPY ICHIBAN	14 V	3	ALLOY STAR	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	9.2	BIG BANG BONG	8.7 ^	2	HAPPY ICHIBAN	>>>>>>>>>>
11		ALLOY STAR	50 ^	1	BIG BANG BONG	>>>>>>>>

The race: Several going forward early here but Alloy Star looks cheap speed who might discourage any real contest for the front. He has led his last 2 starts from inside gates at 1600m & 1650m & finished tailed off, so other riders will be happy to let him take up the running without wanting to attack him as he presents no threat. Also pushing forward with purpose is Regency Master, who needs to overcome his wide draw & Purton will probably look to get over outside the leader. Thunder Stomp, Fearless Fire and Happy Ichiban all have early speed too but are not desperate to lead. If they all find their spots quick enough, the leaders should back off the pace midrace.

Recommendations: From gate 7 f/up, HAPPY ICHIBAN was beaten for early speed & raced midfield, finding the line well at finish similar race 2 weeks ago. Fitter & gets a better map in the early stages here at nice odds. 3.5 units. FEARLESS FIRE won 1/s after sitting wide the whole way around, is still well handicapped on His best form. 1 unit. BIG BANG BONG another to benefit here from a good draw. He ran in the same race as FEARLESS FIRE won and was the only horse wider in running & beaten 3 lengths. 1 unit.

Race 7 – Class 2 1000m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo => AVE
1	2.4	HONG KONG WIN	3.4 V	11	EXPLOSIVE WITNESS	>>>>
2	14.1	CLASSIC UNICORN	3.3 ^	10	NORTHERN SUPERSTAR	>>>>
3	27.7	UGLY WARRIOR	21	9	CALIFORNIA CONCORD	>>>>>>>>
4	5.8	EXPLOSIVE WITNESS	8.8 V	8	LARSON	>>>>>>>>>>>>
5	9.1	LARSON	10	7	MULTIMILLION	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6		MEGA HEART	41	6	BALTIC SUCCESS	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7	14.1	MULTIMILLION	6.9 ^	5	MEGA HEART	>>>>
8		JOYFUL UNION	15 ^	4	UGLY WARRIOR	>>>>>>
9	14.1	BALTIC SUCCESS	38 V	3	HONG KONG WIN	>>>>>>>>>>
10		CALIFORNIA CONCORD	17 ^	2	JOYFUL UNION	>>>>
11		NORTHERN SUPERSTAR	25 ^	1	CLASSIC UNICORN	>>>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Pace looks strong. As usual, not all the pace horses will get involved in a battle for the front but Classic Unicorn, Baltic Success and Multimillion are basically one trick ponies who don't do anything else but lead, even if Larson elects to try to drop in behind them.

Recommendations: Classic Unicorn beat HONG KONG WIN into 6th in one of these Oct 7 but Classic Unicorn found the lead while, from gate 9, HONG KONG WIN got lost early, checked in running & pushed wide & took 3.5 lengths off the winner in the run down the straight. Since gone well down the straight when drawn wrong side, meets Classic Unicorn significantly better at weights this time & maps to get the right run. Wouldn't be surprised to see him displace Classic Unicorn as fav. 6 units. This is a race that looks set up for the leaders to be run over however the price is too big for BALTIC SUCCESS, who held on to win down the straight l/s after working hard across the field from a bad draw. 1 unit.

Race 8 – Class 3 1650m

	Rating		HK TOTE	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1	3.3	HOLY HEART	4.5 V	12	HEAVENLY THOUGHT	>>>>>>>>>>
2	8.2	THE ROCK	3.1 ^	11	FLYING SWORD	>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		EASY GO EASY WIN	18 ^	10	ANGEL OF MY EYES	>>>>>>>
4		HEAVENLY THOUGHT	20 ^	9	EASY GO EASY WIN	>>>>>>>>
5	24.8	SURREALISM	26 ^	8	THE ROCK	>>>>>>>>>>>>
6	24.8	FLYING SWORD	18	7	LEAP OF FAITH	>>>>>>>>
7		CHATER PINS	31 ^	6	RICH AND LUCKY	>>>>>>>>>?
8	15.9	TOYCOON	8.1 ^	5	TOYCOON	>>>>>>
9	8.2	LEAP OF FAITH	10 V	4	SURREALISM	>>>>>>
10	12.7	ANGEL OF MY EYES	13	3	SUMSTREETSUMWHERE	>>>>>>>>
11	10.2	SUMSTREETSUMWHERE	12 ^	2	CHATER PINS	>>>>>>
12	10.2	RICH AND LUCKY	13	1	HOLY HEART	>>>>>>

The race: A number of runners here who like to race near, or even in, the lead but often in races where the pace is not that strong. Flying Sword, stepping back up in distance after being outpaced at 1200m 2 weeks ago, might even be the fastest horse here early & expect him to be positive with needing to get across from his wide draw, and The Rock and Heavenly Thought also have a difficult draw to solve, so we should have forward pressure from the wide gates in the run to the first turn. No guarantees they get across easily, either, as Rich And Lucky has led a couple of times this c/d, inc his win in May, albeit when the initial pace was not quick. He began well at Sha Tin l/s then the rider KC Leung decided to sit behind, where the horse overraced and looked uncomfortable, so perhaps HT Mo will be more inclined to let him stride here? Could swing either way really but think it looks busy enough to be a genuine speed in the first half.

Recommendations: HOLY HEART was wound up for his resumption from a spell after bleeding in a race in April, so somequery whether he can back it up but he is up only 4 pounds in the weights & has the inside gate. 1 unit. RICH AND LUCKY not an easy ride – he got keen even in a solid tempo at Sha Tin l/s – but will be forward with a light weight here & worth a ticket at odds. 1 unit. SUMSTREETSUMWHERE ran well this grade l/s, better drawn here. 0.5 unit. SURREALISM a winner this c/d in May, both runs after the break have been passes & indications are will be much better odds than current tote price. 0.5 unit.

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