

# HK WINNING FACTOR

## HAPPY VALLEY – September 23, 2020

**Rail position: C+3 (good).**

**Market Guide:** ^ Expect to run longer odds. v Expect to run shorter odds. Note, suggested bets based on fixed odds available & current/expected tote odds in Hong Kong, which can change dramatically in final minutes. Rating odds are displayed for runners up to 30-1 as a guide for subscribers with access to fixed odds.

**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 1800m

	Rating		HK Tote	Draw		Tempo = < AVE
1	10.3	SKY GEM	3.8			
2	25.2	HOME WIN	7.2 ^	11	SKY GEM	>>>>
3	8.3	WHO'S HORSE	8.3 V	10	ENJOYABLE SUCCESS	>>>>
4	4.2	BABY STORM	12 V	9	VIRTUS STAR	>>>>>>>>?
5	25.2	ENJOYABLE SUCCESS	6.0 ^	8	FORTUNE PATROL	>>>>
6		FORTUNE PATROL	12 ^	7	BABY STORM	>>>>>>>>>>>>
7		HAPPY HOUR	16	6	THE JOY OF GIVING	>>>>>>
8		SUCCESS ALLSTARS	21 ^	5	SUCCESS ALLSTARS	>>>>>>?
9	20.1	THE JOY OF GIVING	33	4	HAPPY HOUR	>>>>>>>>
10		CHARITYDREAM		3	WHO'S HORSE	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	3.4	VIRTUS STAR	5.3 V	2	HOME WIN	>>>>>>>>>>
12	20.1	STRAPPING BAUHINIA	29 ^	1	STRAPPING BAUHINIA	>>>>>>>>

The race: The leaders here look obvious – Who's Horse and Baby Storm – and that would normally mean a slow tempo because there's no external pressures, and that's how we're assessing it. However, the query is whether the 2 apprentice riders could get it wrong and run each other along a bit more than that? A related query is whether they might go too slow and invite runs from the back of the field in the back straight & that seems a more likely risk & something Purton will be looking for on Sky Gem, who backs up from Sunday. Home Win has good positional speed, it wouldn't be out of the question he can go with the first two but he gives a fair bit of weight to both & is f/up so thinking he will box seat instead. Expect Happy Hour to be closer this dist/draw. Virtus Star a little question mark – he was ridden forward in April 1650m wide draw when he first moved to this stable & didn't finish off, reverted thereafter to his run-on tactics & that might be more likely again. Success Allstars had to be actively restrained to steady back when keen out of the gates this c/d in July then ran on – now he has Blkrs going on & hasn't trialed in them?

Recommendations: Sky Gem sure to be fancied as Purton on, Fownes stable likes to back horses up quickly & his run Sunday on the dirt was sound with tempo against him but he isn't any star either and looks short enough. VIRTUS STAR good f/up, his form is general is strong for where he sits in the handicap, he just needs a decent trip to be in the finish. 2.5 units. Think the real value here though is BABY STORM. Had to work going forward from wide gate f/up 1650m, boxed on ok and will be fitter, should have a soft run on the lead tonight over a distance where he ran particularly well 2 starts ago to lead until the final 75m in July. 4 units. At likely long odds, THE JOY OF GIVING and STRAPPING BAUHINIA worth a small play. 0.5 unit each.

### Race 2 – Class 4 1200m

	Rating		HK Tote	Draw		Tempo = AVE
1		DAY DAY RICH	53	12	WOOD ON FIRE	>>>>>>>>>>?
2		HELAKU KNIGHT	24 ^	11	HELAKU KNIGHT	>>>>>>
3	15.4	BULLISH BROTHER	7.1	10	ATHENA	>>>>>>>>?
4	6.3	JAZZ STEED	3.1	9	JAZZ STEED	>>>>>>
5	2.6	TELECOM ROCKET	7.4 V	8	DAY DAY RICH	>>>>>>>>>>?
6	30.1	SEVENTH SEA	11 ^	7	SEVENTH SEA	>>>>
7	19.2	WOOD ON FIRE	14	6	DESTIN	>>>>
8	19.2	NOBLE MAN	25 V	5	SUPER EIGHTEEN	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9		ATHENA	17 ^	4	SHINING ON	>>>>
10		DESTIN	21 ^	3	TELECOM ROCKET	>>>>>>
11	24.3	SUPER EIGHTEEN	18	2	NOBLE MAN	>>>>>>>>
12	7.9	SHINING ON	4.9	1	BULLISH BROTHER	>>>>>>>>>>

The race: Pace could be either side of average, depending on whether the outside draws want to be positive early but think there might be enough going on here to generate a decent speed. First, the obvious - Bullish Brother a possible leader but has been more likely to take a trail & has the box seat for the taking here if he gets crossed & think Super Eighteen could be one to cross him with a clean break & Noble Man (Blkrs on) sits handy. But out wider Day Day Rich is a fast horse who was again restrained behind the leader f/up & again fought the jockey at Sha Tin but it's possible connections might they take a different attitude now he comes to HV with the rail right out? We've seen Wood On Fire handy lately but he has only had inside gates – now he draws wide needing to cross the whole field and the same applies to Athena going to gate 10 after having 1,2 and 1 in his last 3 runs when close? Jazz Steed got his tongue over the bit l/s when he was ridden close & failed as fav, he has a Tongue Tie on tonight, but suggest he will likely change tactics as well from this draw.

Recommendations: TELECOM ROCKET ran to his career best l/week 1650m. On the negative side, he drops back to 1200m but trainer has put Blkrs on him to offset that & stable is good with back-up runners. 7 units.





Race 7 – Class 3 1200m

	Rating		HK Tote	Draw		Tempo => AVE
1	6.6	CALIFORNIADEEPSHOT	5.4	12	XPONENTIAL	>>>>>>
2	8.2	METRO WARRIOR	2.7 ^	11	SEVEN HEAVENS	>>>>>>
3	8.2	SEVEN HEAVENS	19 V	10	TELECOM JAC	>>>>
4	16.0	BEAUTY SPARK	10	9	TOP SCORE	>>>>>>
5	10.3	STANLEY PARK	13	8	CALIFORNIADEEPSHOT	>>>>>>>>>>
6		TELECOM JAC	31	7	METRO WARRIOR	>>>>>>>>>>
7	12.8	FLYING BONUS	11	6	CANTSTOPTHEFEELING	>>>>>>>>>>
8	25.1	TOP SCORE	16 ^	5	VERY SWEET ORANGE	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
9	12.8	XPONENTIAL	17	4	FLYING BONUS	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
10	6.6	CANTSTOPTHEFEELING	7.3	3	AMAZING KIWI	>>>>>>>>>>
11		VERY SWEET ORANGE	29 ^	2	STANLEY PARK	>>>>>>>>>>
12	16.0	AMAZING KIWI	37 V	1	BEAUTY SPARK	>>>>>>

The race: Good speed here and likely faster than average. Flying Bonus has Blkrs off but only had them for one run & even without them has developed a pattern of chasing the lead at a solid pace. The 1000m specialist Very Sweet Orange is fast enough to keep him company and there is quite a bank of horses with good early pace on either side of them here.

Recommendations: Rating prices tell you everything – this is a tough race. Metro Warrior's f/up win was common after a perfect trip & now drawn to have a more difficult run & won't be surprised if market very cool on him tonight. Like Californiadeepshot as a prospect but has a few hurdles here f/up. CANTSTOPTHEFEELING been going ok without the right race pan but this sets up well tonight, as good a chance as any. 1 unit. Happy to be one a few here at odds. SEVEN HEAVENS has a horrible draw but will likely go back and run on, trialled well. 1 unit. AMAZING KIWI was wide last week behind Green Aeon and has had excuses last few. Come down a fair bit in rating and going to be huge price. 1 unit. STANLEY PARK, XPONENTIAL 0.5 unit each.

Race 8 – Class 2 1200m

	Rating		HK Tote	Draw		Tempo => AVE
1		AMAZING STAR	13	12	WALDORF	>>>>
2	18.5	WALDORF	24	11	AMAZING STAR	>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
3		MASSIVE POCKET	8.3 ^	10	BEAUTY APPLAUSE	>>>>>>>>>>
4		UGLY WARRIOR	14 ^	9	MASSIVE POCKET	>>>>
5	28.6	BEAUTY APPLAUSE	7.6	8	MAGNIFICENT	>>>>>>
6		MAGNIFICENT	23 ^	7	GOLDEN DASH	>>>>>>>>>>
7	2.0	CALIFORNIA RAD	2.3 V	6	MEGA HEART	>>>>
8		MEGA HEART	31	5	CALIFORNIA RAD	>>>>>>>>>>
9		BEAUTY AMIGO	15	4	TEAM SPIRIT	>>>>>>>>>>>>
10		GOLDEN DASH	15	3	BEAUTY AMIGO	>>>>>>>>>>>>
11	14.6	TEAM SPIRIT	14	2	UGLY WARRIOR	>>>>>>>>>>>>
12	4.8	TOUCH OF LUCK	14	1	TOUCH OF LUCK	>>>>

The race: Amazing Star is a very quick horse early, drops in class here with the 10-pound claimer going on and hard to imagine he will not be instructed to lead from this gate. Ugly Warrior, Beauty Amigo & Team Spirit have all led at different times & even Golden Dash has the pace to be part of the lead if he kicks up early under the light weight. If Amazing Star does cross easily then it may only be average pace but suspect he's going to have the foot to the floor to make sure he gets around them in the short run to the first turn so it may be faster than that. Just not convinced Beauty Applause has the speed to match these others at 1200m so the wide draw looks sticky for him – he may need to pull back. California Rad may be a pair further back than recent starts with the pace on.

Recommendations: CALIFORNIA RAD carried weight, ran good times winning f/up in C3 and his record c/d is now 10: 4-3-2. He is well up to the class rise, especially with the much lighter weight and should get the right run behind the pace. Not expecting much margin, certainly one to beat. 6.5 units. The interesting runner at a price is TOUCH OF LUCK who is now with Whyte. Better known as a dirt miler but fresh, inside draw, will be running on. 3.5 units.

20200923	Trk	Cl	No.	Selection	Rated	Bookie Price	Units
1	H	5	4	BABY STORM	4.2	13	4
1	H	5	9	THE JOY OF GIVING	20.1	41	0.5
1	H	5	11	VIRTUS STAR	3.4	4	2.5
1	H	5	12	STRAPPING BAUHINIA	20.1	41	0.5
2	H	4	5	TELECOM ROCKET	2.6	6.5	7
3	H	4	4	FORZA ANGEL	5.6	12	2.5
3	H	4	7	SMILING FACE	21.5	67	0.5
3	H	4	8	WILD WEST WING	2.9	6	6
4	H	3	5	TASHIDELEK	3.5	12	5
4	H	3	9	RICH AND LUCKY	8.5	9.5	1
5	H	4	8	RULE THEE	5	5.5	1
5	H	4	9	HAR HAR HEART	18.7	31	0.5
5	H	4	11	BUNDLE OF ENERGY	3.1	9.5	6
6	H	4	8	FAITHFUL TRINITY	5	9.5	3.5
6	H	4	12	ROYAL RACER	2	7.5	11
7	H	3	3	SEVEN HEAVENS	8.2	12	1
7	H	3	5	STANLEY PARK	10.3	13	0.5
7	H	4	9	XPONENTIAL	12.8	17	0.5
7	H	4	10	CANTSTOPTHEFEELING	6.6	8	1
7	H	4	12	AMAZING KIWI	16	67	1
8	H	2	7	CALIFORNIA RAD	2	2.3	6.5
8	H	2	12	TOUCH OF LUCK	4.8	14	3.5
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