



Sunday 14 July 2019 @ Sha Tin – Meeting 88

A summary of my Best Selections and Strategies are as follows:

18.5 units strategy

Best Outlay

Race 2: 8 ADONIS (rp - \$2.50) – WIN (6 units)

ADONIS has been running very well his last three starts and the booking of Zac Purton should have him break through today. Whilst he's drawn wide, he generally is best being allowed to find his feet early, before being asked to sprint in the straight.

Next Best Outlays

**Race 7: 3 AEROHAPPINESS (rp - \$3.20) – WIN (4 units) +
5 REEL BIZZY (rp - \$6.00) – WIN (2 units)**

AEROHAPPINESS has been putting some excellent run home numbers on the board, including a quick final-furlong last start behind Aethero. He doesn't need to get as far back in the running this time from a better drawn and will be right in the finish late. REEL BIZZY was pretty impressive winning his last start and his price looks too big for him to be going around without something on him.

Race 4: 5 SUPER KIN (rp - \$3.50) – WIN (3.5 units)

The debut run of SUPER KIN suggested that he would be winning at short notice. Down the straight he sustained an excellent gallop on the wrong side, with the form developing nicely out of the race. The barrier this afternoon is not good, but with a little Purton magic he's a good bet at the price.

Race 10: 7 LUCKY TIME (rp - \$5.00) – WIN (3 units)

LUCKY TIME put up a very good rating figure when he won his last start and I expect he should cope well with the rise in grade. Jack Wong doesn't instill huge confidence, however a positive ride early on can see him find a spot in the leading three or four horse with cover which will be a great position to launch a run at them in the straight.

Thanks for a great season! It's been a profitable one and here's to more of the same today!

Cheers!

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RACE 1

SUMMARY:

MISTER MONTE has the services of 4.5kg claimer Alfred Chan and although the young lad isn't firing home the winners like most do when they have this allowance, he has a good chance aboard this galloper who drops in to the bottom grade for the first time. His last run at Sha Tin (three runs back) was actually very good and he has posted some reasonable figures recently. I don't hold a great deal of confidence in the apprentice, but the horse is good enough. GOOD RUNNERS WAY is clearly a leading contender. He has closed strongly on his last two starts at Sha Tin over shorter distances and will relish coming up to 1800m. He is a little one-paced so will need the speed on the whole way which isn't guaranteed. ABOVE has the services of Zac Purton for John Moore and he will be popular in the market no doubt, especially following his last run on the all-weather surface where he ran in to trouble on the turn. There was plenty of merit to the run, but it is worth noting his best two runs have come on the specialist dirt surface. PROUD SKY has been holding his form well enough, is limited, but shouldn't be far away. In the opener I'm happy to have small outlays on Good Runners Way and Mister Monte at their prices.

SELECTIONS:

4 GOOD RUNNERS WAY (rp - \$4.50)

1 MISTER MONTE (rp - \$7.50)

6 ABOVE (rp - \$5.00)

10 PROUD SKY (rp - \$8.00)

STRATEGY:

4 GOOD RUNNERS WAY – WIN (small units)

1 MISTER MONTE – WIN (small units)

SPEED:

Race 1

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| → |  (11) 13-Investor Boom | | |  (14) 3-Golden Kid | | | | | | |
| → | |  (10) 8-Letsgofree |  (9) 4-Good Runners Way | | | |  (13) 11-Little Fantasy |  (12) 6-Above | | |
| → | | | |  (7) 2-Sky Gem | |  (6) 10-Proud Sky |  (5) 7-Whampoa Star | |  (8) 1-Mister Monte | |
| → | | |  (1) 12-Celebration | |  (4) 9-Young Glory | |  (2) 14-Rocket Go | |  (3) 5-Captain Boss | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | | On Pace | | Leader | |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

There isn't much speed on paper here with MISTER MONTE the potential leader from CAPTAIN BOSS and ABOVE. WHAMPOA STAR can settle close and ROCKET GO is drawn to sit in the first half a dozen horses in the running.

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RACE 2

SUMMARY:

There is good pace in this event and it might set up nicely for the back markers, including ADONIS. His last three runs over the course and distance have all contained merit, but this time the record-chasing Zac Purton gets on board and that will make the world of difference. He is a Hong Kong maiden but looks a sound bet in this event based on recent form, jockey booking and race-shape. RICHCITY FORTUNE will go forward and considering he is a pretty easy ride, the 4.5kg claim for Alfred Chan is well utilised. WHISKY KNIGHT maps quite well and perhaps the drop back to 1200m and a more conservative ride will enhance his chances. He is limited but can run well. GOLDEN CANNON returns to Sha Tin and even though he hasn't won over 1200m, the level of his performances over longer rate him a reasonable chance to finish in the money. Adonis is a confident win bet here though.

SELECTIONS:

8 ADONIS (rp - \$2.50)

6 RICHCITY FORTUNE (rp - \$7.00)

7 WHISKY KNIGHT (rp - \$8.00)

4 GOLDEN CANNON (rp - \$14.00)

STRATEGY:

8 ADONIS – WIN (6 units)

SPEED:

Race 2

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| → | | | | | | | | | |  (11) 14-Xiang Huang Qi |
| → |  (14) 5-Blissful Eight |  (12) 8-Adonis |  (9) 11-Raichu |  (13) 3-Formula Galore |  (7) 10-Keep Going | | | | | |
| → |  (9) 2-Never Better |  (10) 4-Golden Cannon | |  (6) 13-Sunny Orient |  (4) 9-Run Moochi | | | | |  (3) 6-Richcity Fortune |
| → | | |  (5) 12-Jimson The Famous |  (1) 1-Harbour Century | | | | |  (2) 7-Whisky Knight | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | | | | Leader | |

Pace: GOOD

There looks to be GOOD speed here with RICH CITY FORTUNE and XIANG HUANG QI setting the tempo. WHISKY KNIGHT can trail these runners with KEEP GOING and RUN MOOCHI.

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RACE 3

SUMMARY:

The main two chances I am interested in here are BREEZE OF SPRING (Purton) and TELECOM ROCKET (Poon). The former has only had two career starts and has posted excellent closing sectionals at both. He finished a distant fourth to Chicken Dance (third-placed Lightning Treasure has won since) but ran an 11.32 final-200m and he should clearly appreciate the step up to 1400m. I'm expecting him to settle closer from a better draw this afternoon. TELECOM ROCKET competed at the same meeting and had a comparable finishing burst (11.44) over the final furlong, in a race with a stronger tempo set through out. He too looks ready to win now. Outside of those two runners, it looks a pretty open race. CITY LEGEND might improve second up and with a senior rider on board, while FORTUNATE RUNNER is poorly drawn and resuming, but his form from last preparation reads well and isn't the worst. PEARL CHAMPION is another that has proven costly for punters but the slow pace went against him last start and he might bounce back even though the tempo here doesn't appear as tough it'll be overly strong either. Price dictates that Telecom Rocket is the 'back' here as Breeze Of Spring has come up very short. I don't mind a quinella with them both either.

SELECTIONS:

7 BREEZE OF SPRING (rp - \$3.00)
 13 TELECOM ROCKET (rp - \$4.50)
 4 PEARL CHAMPION (rp - \$8.00)
 3 CITY LEGEND (rp - \$12.00)

STRATEGY:

13 TELECOM ROCKET – WIN (small units)
 7 with 13 – QUINELLA (small unit)

SPEED:

Race 3

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| → | | | | | | | | |  (12) 5-Fortunate Runner | | |
| → |  (14) 6-Smiling Success | |  (13) 4-Pearl Champion | |  (11) 10-Casimiro |  (8) 2-All You Need | |  (7) 9-Have Fun Together | |  (10) 1-Shouson | |
| → | |  (9) 8-Free View | |  (6) 3-City Legend | |  (5) 7-Breeze Of Spring | | |  (4) 12-Blooming Spirit | |  (3) 14-Royal Chocolate |
| → | | | | |  (1) 11-Divine Power | |  (2) 13-Telecom Rocket | | | | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | | Midfield | On Pace / Midfield | | On Pace | Leader | | | |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

ROYAL CHOCOLATE can lead this race at a moderate tempo from SHOUSON and BLOOMING SPIRIT. FORTUNATE RUNNER has an awkward draw and might be caught wide from HAVE FUN TOGETHER.

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RACE 4

SUMMARY:

It's a little tricky to work out the pace in this event with a number of lightly-raced gallopers taking part in it, but that said, there doesn't appear too many chances form-wise either. SUPER KIN was impressive on his debut, hitting the line strongly over 1000m when drawn on the wrong side of the track. Since that race (742) on June 16, Marvelous World (fourth) and Aquila (fifth) have both won, with Holee Money and Star Superior both hitting the frame. The key will be the step up to 1200m for Super Kin, but he will need some luck from a wide draw. MONKEY JEWELLERY is a key danger. He is now third-up and his form ties in with a sound second to Marvelous World. He didn't quite get the pace to suit on that occasion, didn't have much luck in the straight either, but he clearly also has good upside. SUPER EIGHTEEN ran second to Chicken Dance and we have referenced that form already. He will get back but should be working home well, while BINGO can fill a minor spot and a soft lead might even allow him to steal it.

SELECTIONS:

5 SUPER KIN (rp - \$3.50)
 3 MONEY JEWELLERY (rp - \$2.80)
 4 SUPER EIGHTEEN (rp - \$9.00)
 1 BINGO (rp - \$16.00)

STRATEGY:

5 SUPER KIN – WIN (3.5 units)

SPEED:

Race 4

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| → | |  (11) 10-Play To Win | | | | | | | | | |
| → |  (14) 2-Winning Together | |  (10) 11-Eight Trigrams | |  (12) 8-Colorado High | |  (8) 6-Apollos Bow | |  (13) 5-Super Kin | | |
| → | |  (9) 4-Super Eighteen | | |  (4) 12-Spicy Really |  (6) 9-Solar Victory | |  (7) 7-Blastoise | |  (5) 3-Monkey Jewellery | |
| → | | | | | | |  (3) 14-Moneymore | |  (1) 13-Mehboob | |  (2) 1-Bingo |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | | Leader | | | |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

There isn't a great deal of pace on paper here and BINGO can lead with MONKEY JEWELLERY and Joao Moreira potentially controlling the overall speed from outside him. SUPER KIN has a draw that will be challenging for Purton, whilst MEHBOOB and BLASTOISE can settle just behind the main pacesetters.

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RACE 5

SUMMARY:

This is another race that seems predominantly between two runners, with CIRCUIT THREE and MY WINNER looking the obvious chances. The former was very good behind subsequent winner High Rev and if he can recapture the form from his second to Champion Supreme earlier this season, he will go close. My Winner comes through the exact same form reference from their last outing and for that reason, with Purton on board, has to be given plenty of respect. He is consistent, but has also been consistently beaten and with a strike rate of 5% (one from 20 starts), it is hard to get overly enthusiastic. I think that BULB ELITE, with Joao Moreira on board and from a favourable draw over 1400m poses as a real winning chance and he has had excuses on his last two starts, his only two for Dennis Yip. The drop in class is significant for FALCON TURBO and he can run better than his recent form might suggest on face value. His ratings actually don't have him far away from being good enough. However, this is a difficult race so use my prices accordingly.

SELECTIONS:

8 CIRCUIT THREE (rp - \$4.00)
 10 MY WINNER (rp - \$4.50)
 2 BULB ELITE (rp - \$7.50)
 1 FALCON TURBO (rp - \$11.00)

STRATEGY:

NO OUTLAY RECOMMENDED – use prices accordingly.

SPEED:

Race 5

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| → | | | | | | | | | |  (14) 5-Prince Harmony | |
| → |  (12) 1-Falcon Turbo | |  (8) 13-Dragon Legend | |  (10) 9-Ka Ying Brilliance | |  (9) 11-Sleep Education | |  (7) 3-My Power | |  (13) 4-Care Free Prince |
| → |  (11) 12-Bandy | | |  (6) 14-Joy Master | |  (5) 10-My Winner | | | |  (2) 7-Supreme Plus | |
| → | | |  (3) 6-Aeroflash | |  (4) 8-Circuit Three | | | |  (1) 2-Bulb Elite | | |
| | Backmarker | | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | | | Leader | |

Pace: GOOD

There are a few horses that might contest the pace here, CARE FREE PRINCE, SUPREME PLUS and PRINCE HARMONY. MY POWER and BULB ELITE could camp behind these from SLEEP EDUCATION and MY WINNER ideally drawn.

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RACE 6

SUMMARY:

This is a tough race with plenty of chances. SMART ROCKET was excellent when winning at Happy Valley on his last outing, settling close enough to a hot speed and he deserved the win. He carries 3kg more for that effort but maps nicely and still has strong claims again. CROWN AVENUE has placed on his last three starts and is in terrific form at present. He is well exposed but with the right run in the race he can land the prize. The drop in grade gives DEFINING MOMENT a good chance, although he keeps running the same race every time, getting back and running on. No doubt with Purton on board this time he will be quite popular. GORGEOUS AGAIN (second), BULLISH GLORY (fourth), AMAZING AGILITY (fifth) and DOR DOR (sixth) all come through the same race (752) back on June 23, and you could nearly make an argument for each runner. There's not much between the ratings of a number of horses with the best play being small outlays on Smart Rocket and Crown Avenue.

SELECTIONS:

3 SMART ROCKET (rp - \$4.50)
 9 CROWN AVENUE (rp - \$10.00)
 1 DEFINING MOMENT (rp - \$6.00)
 12 GORGEOUS AGAIN (rp - \$8.00)

STRATEGY:

3 SMART ROCKET – WIN (small units)
 9 CROWN AVENUE – WIN (smaller unit)

SPEED:

Race 6

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| → | | | | | | | | |  (13) 14-California Legend | | |
| → |  (14) 4-King's Man |  (9) 1-Defining Moment | |  (8) 9-Crown Avenue | | |  (10) 11-Dor Dor | | |  (11) 7-McQueen | |
| → |  (12) 10-Bullish Glory | |  (7) 13-Full Of Chances | |  (5) 5-Cheerful Star | | |  (6) 3-Smart Rocket | | | |
| → | |  (3) 6-Amazing Agility | |  (4) 12-Gorgeous Again | | |  (1) 8-Good Days | |  (2) 2-Sunny Power | | |
| | Backmarker | | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | | On Pace | | Leader | |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

MCQUEEN can lead this race and there might not be too much in the way of pressure outside of CALIFORNIA LEGEND and SUNNY POWER. SMART ROCKET is drawn to find an ideal spot during the running, just ahead of GOOD DAYS and possibly DOR DOR.

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RACE 7

SUMMARY:

There will be a play in this event with AEROHAPPINESS. He was terrific when staying on behind the highly promising galloper Aethero and his final-400m (22.26) was the second-best at the entire meeting. He maps better here and the reality is if he brings the level of any one of his last three runs he is going to be hardest to beat. BALLISTIC KING comes through the same form reference and he too deserves some respect. REEL BIZZY is interesting. He sat three and four wide without cover at the tail of the field and showed tremendous dash when he last competed to notch his first Hong Kong win. There has been some form out of the race (Magic Legend won on Wednesday having finished seventh) and he must be kept safe. HELLO BEAUTY will have his share of admirers with the Moore/Purton combo and the fact he is on the back-up following a sound run in defeat last week. His price looks very short though and I'm happy to be on AeroHappiness primarily to win and a smaller outlay on Reel Bizzy.

SELECTIONS:

- 3 AEROHAPPINESS (rp - \$3.20)
- 7 BALLISTIC KING (rp - \$4.40)
- 5 REEL BIZZY (rp - \$6.00)
- 1 HELLO BEAUTY (rp - \$7.00)

STRATEGY:

- 3 AEROHAPPINESS – WIN (4 units)
- 5 REEL BIZZY – WIN (2 units)

SPEED:

Race 7

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| → |  (13) 10-Breeders' Sky | | | |  (14) 14-E Generation | | |  (11) 8-Triumphant Arch | |
| → | |  (12) 13-Decisive Action | |  (7) 2-Solomon's Bay | |  (9) 5-Reel Bizzy | |  (10) 9-World Famous | |
| → |  (8) 6-Classic Posh | |  (6) 4-Ardenode | |  (5) 7-Ballistic King | | | | |
| → | | |  (4) 12-Let's Take It Easy | | |  (2) 3-AeroHappiness | |  (3) 1-Hello Beauty |  (1) 11-Ambitious Heart |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | | On Pace | | Leader |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

The pace looks a touch on the SLOW side of GOOD here with AMBITIOUS HEART leading from TRIUMPHANT ARCH. HELLO BEAUTY maps to get a sweet run ahead of AEROHAPPINESS with WORLD FAMOUS close by also.

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RACE 8

SUMMARY:

The Sha Tin Mile Trophy is the feature event on the card and, potentially, depending on results earlier in the day, could be a Trainer's Championship decider. John Moore's GOOD STANDING comes back to handicap conditions and the last time he did that, he blitzed his rivals in The Hong Kong-Macau Trophy. However, the form hasn't worked out well from that race and the mile has to be a slight query for him. TIME TO CELEBRATE will appreciate coming up to the mile, being a three-time course and distance winner, and his second to Flying Thunder last start was sound. There isn't much between them though on their best form. However, there is a good value chance with HARMONY VICTORY. This fellow seems best suited to the mile and closed very well in a strongly run Sha Tin 1600m event last time won by subsequent winner Not Usual Talent. He has a great turn of foot, which he should be able to display with only 51.5kg (maybe 1kg over) on his back. KA YING STAR has a great course and distance record and should be included in exotics. Happy to be on both Harmony Victory and Time To Celebrate though here.

SELECTIONS:

10 HARMONY VICTORY (rp - \$6.50)

7 TIME TO CELEBRATE (rp - \$3.80)

5 GOOD STANDING (rp - \$4.50)

4 KA YING STAR (rp - \$7.00)

STRATEGY:

10 HARMONY VICTORY - WIN (small units)

7 TIME TO CELEBRATE – WIN (small units)

SPEED:

Race 8

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| → | |  (9) 10-Harmony Victory |  (10) 6-Doctor Geoff |  (11) 9-Raging Blitzkrieg | | | | | | |
| → |  (7) 11-World Record | |  (5) 3-Dinozzo | | |  (4) 7-Time To Celebrate | |  (8) 8-Mission Tycoon | | |
| → | |  (2) 2-Winner's Way | |  (1) 1-Citron Spirit | | | |  (3) 5-Good Standing | |  (6) 4-Ka Ying Star |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | Leader | | | | |

Pace: GOOD

There should be genuine speed here with KA YING STAR and MISSION TYCOON going forward with GOOD STANDING. TIME TO CELEBRATE is drawn to receive "one-off cover" with RAGING BLITZKRIEG in not such a good position.

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RACE 9

SUMMARY:

This is a difficult race. GOOD BEAUTY arguably has as good a chance as any following his win over the course and distance a month ago where he was badly held-up but rallied strongly inside the final-200m to notch the win. Effectively, he only carries 2.5kg more and should go close again. The concern is while the race rated okay, the form out of it hasn't worked out that well. Young Legend (fifth) started \$2.50 in that event and perhaps the solid tempo went against him, so he might bounce back with an easier time expected up front. If the pace is overdone a tad, then ASSIMILATE can go reasonably close to winning. The strong pace suited him 2 weeks ago when runner-up over the course and distance, and warrants respect. The best bigger priced value chance is MY DARLING. He went out over 100-1 when he last competed and although beaten over five lengths, actually ran quite well. This is substantially easier, and when considering he is a three-time course and distance winner, who might be nearing his peak at his fourth run in this preparation, he definitely must be included in the exotics. Good Beauty is a small win outlay and quinellas with Young Legend and My Darling.

SELECTIONS:

6 GOOD BEAUTY (rp - \$3.80)
 5 YOUNG LEGEND (rp - \$6.00)
 2 MY DARLING (rp - \$14.00)
 3 ASSIMILATE (rp - \$8.00)

STRATEGY:

6 GOOD BEAUTY – WIN (small units)
 2, 5, 6 – QUINELLA BOXED (small part-unit)

SPEED:

Race 9

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| → | | | | | | | |  (12) 2-My Darling | | | |
| → |  (14) 13-Little Wise Man | |  (8) 12-Jolly Convergence | |  (7) 6-Good Beauty | |  (10) 4-Chairman Lo | | |  (11) 5-Young Legend | |
| → |  (13) 3-Assimilate | | |  (6) 14-Sonic Fighter | |  (5) 9-Supreme Patrol | |  (9) 11-Smiling Charm | | | |
| → | |  (4) 7-Rickfield | |  (3) 8-Jolly Honour |  (2) 1-Packing Warrior | | | | |  (1) 10-More Than This | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | Leader | | | | | |

Pace: GOOD

YOUNG LEGEND can lead here and there's not a huge amount of pressure expected. MORE THAN THIS can sit on the pace with SMILING CHARM, MY DARLING and CHAIRMAN LO coming across from wide barriers.

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RACE 10

SUMMARY:

The return to Sha Tin and booking of Zac Purton will inspire a few to have CORDYCEPS well in the market and, in fairness, both cases are valid boosts. He has proven a consistent galloper through the season and should join BUDDIES, on the pace and the two could easily fight this one out. Buddies is a little harder to assess based on his turf performances not rating anywhere near as well as his all-weather wins, but then again he is an improving type of galloper. We played LUCKY TIME last week when he demolished his rivals in a race that rated very well and although we go from Purton to Jack Wong, this is the galloper to beat. Generally, he holds his form well and I like that he is backing-up quickly. He rises in grade, which isn't an issue and drops 6kg in weight carried. SARRI is another that could be included on the back of a better run from him at his last start over the course and distance. Lucky Time is the horse to back though along at a great price.

SELECTIONS:

7 LUCKY TIME (rp - \$5.00)
 6 CORDYCEPS (rp - \$3.50)
 2 BUDDIES (rp - \$7.00)
 4 SARRI (rp - \$14.00)

STRATEGY:

7 LUCKY TIME – WIN (3 units)

SPEED:

Race 10

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| → |  (13) 11-Right Honourable | |  (14) 8-Ever Laugh | | | | | | | | |
| → | |  (8) 1-Party Together | |  (11) 4-Sarri | | | |  (10) 10-General Dino | |  (12) 2-Buddies | |
| → | | |  (7) 14-Zhan Jiang Rocks | |  (6) 5-Vincy | |  (9) 7-Lucky Time | | | | |
| → |  (4) 9-Happy Sebring | |  (2) 13-Marqula | | |  (3) 12-Smiling Pride | |  (1) 3-Arcada | |  (5) 6-Cordyceps | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | | On Pace / Midfield | | On Pace | | Leader | | |

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW

CORDYCEPS and BUDDIES look likely to control this race from the front with ARCADA trailing and GENERAL DINO working forward. LUCKY TIME can also go forward but has a slightly awkward draw to contend with, however could secure a good spot with a positive ride.

RACE 11

SUMMARY:

This is a really good race to finish the season, and I'm primarily interested in two horses: HEZTHEWONFORUS and GLORIOUS SPECTRUM. Hezthewonforus won well first up this preparation and simply went far too hard close to the main speed over the mile on his second-up assignment. He drops back to the 1400m and should be nearing his peak now. He will take some beating, especially if he doesn't have to work too hard from what is, granted, a tricky barrier of 12. Glorious Spectrum (Thanks Forever has the same form line, and probably had an excuse for being too close) was first-up behind Green Energy 2 weeks ago and ran exceptionally well. He will strip fitter, appreciate the step up in trip and in all likelihood will get a good run in the race. He has to be played as well. THANKS FOREVER gets the services of Zac Purton, who has won both rides aboard him and that has to be taken in to calculation. Barrier 5 will help Purton give Thanks Forever the optimum run to get the best out of him. KING OPIE has proven consistent this season and shouldn't be far away, while MR SO AND SO is also backing-up within 11 days and his second to Not Usual Talent was creditable. He has won two of four over the track and trip.

SELECTIONS:

4 HEZTHEWONFORUS (rp - \$4.00)
 11 GLORIOUS SPECTRUM (rp - \$5.50)
 6 THANKS FOREVER (rp - \$5.50)
 9 KING OPIE (rp - \$11.00)

STRATEGY:

4 HEZTHEWONFORUS – WIN
 11 GLORIOUS SPECTRUM – WIN

SPEED:

Race 11

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| → |  (13) 7-Fast Most Furious |  (14) 8-Gorgeous King |  (11) 5-Mr So And So |  (7) 13-Lobo's Legend |  (9) 10-Beauty Spirit |  (12) 4-Hezthewonfo... | | | | |
| → |  (10) 14-Sichuan Dar | |  (6) 1-Jolly Banner | |  (5) 6-Thanks Forever | | | |  (8) 2-California Whip | |
| → | | |  (2) 3-Elusive State |  (4) 11-Glorious Spectrum | |  (1) 9-King Opie | |  (3) 12-Cruising | | |
| | Backmarker | Midfield / Backmarker | Midfield | On Pace / Midfield | On Pace | Leader | | | | |

Pace: GOOD

This is a bit of a tricky map, with a few horses liable to change tactics. CALIFORNIA WHIP is a potential leader from CRUISING, whilst HEZTHEWONFORUS might work across to sit handy to the pace. KING OPIE won't be far away from his draw with THANKS FOREVER and BEAUTY SPIRIT.

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