

Sha Tin Selections

(Sunday, September 28, 2025)

Race 1: #8 Speedy Smartie, #3 Yee Cheong Raider, #6 Brilliant Fire, #12 Sonic Boom

Race 2: #1 Top Throne, #9 Lahore, #8 Flowing Riches, #13 Mr Desira

Race 3: #8 Smashing Express, #6 Draco, #3 Perfect Peach, #10 Family Fortune

Race 4: #1 Fun N Fun Together, #8 Daily Trophy, #3 Yee Cheong Spirit, #12 Meepmeep

Race 5: #4 Packing Phoenix, #6 Rising Phoenix, #2 Spicy Standard, #8 Patch Of Time

Race 6: #10 Winning Machine, #8 Lucky Sam Gor, #1 Blazing Wukong, #6 Conspiracy Witness

Race 7: #4 Little Paradise, #10 King Of Fighters, #11 The Revolution, #2 Bundle Of Charm

Race 8: #8 My Wish, #6 Packing Hermod, #12 Light Years Charm, #9 Rubylot

Race 9: #4 Dancing Code, #2 Gorgeous Win, #11 Brilliant Express, #1 Young Champion

Race 10: #14 Top Time, #7 South Star, #2 Beauty Crescent, #9 Spirit Of Peace

Race 11: #5 Beauty Bolt, #10 Endeared, #4 Yuen Long Elite, #11 Flying Luck

Race 1 – TROPICBIRD HANDICAP

#8 Speedy Smartie turned in a decent run first-up when forced to work from a wide draw, boxing on gamely into second. He's much better placed from barrier 3 and gets a genuine chance to deliver Brett Crawford his first Hong Kong winner. #3 Yee Cheong Raider steps into Class 5 for the first time and has been holding his form well. His two recent efforts over this course and distance were encouraging, and Purton's booking from a soft draw makes him a serious player. #6 Brilliant Fire showed marked improvement first-up, running on late despite traffic in the straight, and looks set to progress further. #12 Sonic Boom closed sharply from the tail first-up on turf and now switches back to his preferred all-weather surface. Drawing the inside gate only enhances his claims.

Race 2 – PARROT HANDICAP

#1 Top Throne won one from four last season and had excuses from wide draws in his final two runs. His two trial wins leading into this have been strong, and barrier 14 is ideal for the straight course. #9 Lahore returns to the straight 1000m, where he was placed twice from three starts last term. He's been prepared with two trials and comes from the in-form Jamie Richards yard, which bodes well fresh. #8 Flowing Riches caught the eye trialling behind Lahore and was only seen three times last season, showing glimpses of ability. The addition of cheekpieces could be key. #13 Mr Desira resumes for just his second career run and is expected to improve on his debut sixth.

Race 3 – WOODPECKER HANDICAP

#8 Smashing Express is on the seven-day turnaround after hitting the line strongly into third over 1800m, and from a soft draw he gets every chance to deliver in a wide-open Class 5. #6 Draco was sent out a loose favourite first-up but endured a tough run from barrier 12, finishing a sound fifth. Though his form is on the up, he's drawn awkwardly again. #3 Perfect Peach resumed with a dominant win and, if he presents in similar shape, is capable of going back-to-back. #10 Family Fortune has been knocking on the door since the drop to this grade and, with a closing second to Perfect Peach fresh, he's again right in the mix.

Race 4 – SWALLOW HANDICAP

#1 Fun N Fun Together resumes off two strong trials and reunites with Zac Purton, who led all the way aboard him for his maiden win three back. He'll look to repeat that front-running success here. #8 Daily Trophy picked up where he left off with a fast-finishing second on return and remains well placed to go one better. #3 Yee Cheong Spirit makes his all-weather debut but has consistently trialled well on the surface and can figure with luck from gate 10. #12 Meepmeep draws an inside gate for the first time in a while, which gives him the chance to map much closer and improve his chances, even if he is better suited over further.

Race 5 – SHRIKE HANDICAP

#4 Packing Phoenix is a smart-looking newcomer for the Francis Lui yard who has trialled well in the lead-up, showing likeable gate speed. Expect him to lead and be hard to wear down. #6 Rising Phoenix is heading the right way and his first-up run down the straight, where he was held up before charging late into second, reads well. #2 Spicy Standard franked his improved off-season trial form with an impressive two-length win over this course and trip. As a John Size PPG, he's entitled to go on with it. #8 Patch Of Time bounded out and settled further back than usual first-up and never featured, but he's better than that and can rebound on prior form.

Race 6 – TAILORBIRD HANDICAP

#10 Winning Machine attracted solid market support first-up but endured a tough run wide without cover in a strongly run race and was entitled to tire late. He moves into barrier 1, which is a major upgrade and should ensure a softer run. #8 Lucky Sam Gor was a luckless third when held up at the top of the straight and looks ready to win. The wide draw makes his task harder, but that will help the price. #1 Blazing Wukong has returned in good order if his recent trials are any guide. Lightly raced and progressive, he looks to have more to offer this season. #6 Conspiracy Witness never got clear running first-up, but stepping up in trip and the booking of Zac Purton both suggest he can take a step forward.

Race 7 – CUCKOO HANDICAP

#4 Little Paradise was a two-time winner from just four starts last season and was unlucky not to add a third win when narrowly beaten after a luckless run in his final outing. He returns off an impressive trial win, and with Zac Purton taking over from barrier 4, he can atone. #10 King Of Fighters made solid late ground into third on resumption with blinkers applied for the first time and should relish the move to the bigger Sha Tin circuit second-up. #11 The Revolution showed nothing in two starts last term but has returned a much-improved horse judging by his recent trials, and the inside gate gives him the chance to translate that to raceday. #2 Bundle Of Charm caught the eye when finishing well for fourth on the all-weather first-up and back on turf with a better draw gives him claims.

Race 8 – THE CELEBRATION CUP (HANDICAP)

#8 My Wish shapes as one of the more exciting prospects going forward this season. His two trials for return have been impressive, and from barrier 4 he maps ideally on pace in a race lacking pressure. He is primed to resume as a winner. #6 Packing Hermod is a proven fresh performer with three of his six wins coming first-up. His form is strong, and he too maps to fight out the finish. #12 Light Years Charm takes a step up in class and faces a fresh test, but what he

produced last term suggests there's more to come. #9 Rubylot will get well back from barrier 14 but is capable of launching late under the right race shape.

Race 9 – MAGPIE HANDICAP

#4 Dancing Code maps to get the right run from barrier 2 and looks set to carry on from the strong form he showed last season while the stable is firing on all cylinders. #2 Gorgeous Win gave away a big head start first-up but closed off well into fourth behind Ka Ying Rising. The booking of Hugh Bowman works in his favour second-up but he will need a bit of luck starting from barrier 10. #11 Brilliant Express was caught wide on his Class 2 debut yet stuck on gamely into ninth. He's been dealt better luck with the draw this time and remains one on the up. #1 Young Champion can mix his form but is more than capable on his day and is one to keep safe second-up.

Race 10 – HWAMEI HANDICAP

#14 Top Time was luckless when resuming, held up badly in the straight before surging late for second. He rises to Class 3 for the first time but drops in weight and maps for every chance from barrier 1. #7 South Star showed good ability last term with two wins from seven starts and returns off an impressive trial win, now with Zac Purton booked for the first time. #2 Beauty Crescent has turned a corner since a tactics change and comes into this shooting for a third straight win. #9 Spirit Of Peace ran on strongly into third behind Beauty Crescent when resuming and, although likely to settle back from gate 11, he'll be closing off with interest again.

Race 11 – MESIA HANDICAP

#5 Beauty Bolt looks a serious prospect for the season ahead. He impressed into second on debut before scoring impressively second-up, and he returns with Classic Series aspirations on the radar. #10 Endearred is likeable on the quick back-up following a strong second on the all-weather. He finally draws a low gate again, which he's rarely enjoyed, and that could be the difference. #4 Yuen Long Elite rounded out last term with a commanding course-and-distance win and has trialled well leading in. He'll roll forward despite the wide draw and give them something to catch. #11 Flying Luck chased Yuen Long Elite home in that win, has been prepared with two trials, and looks ready to fire fresh from the in-form Caspar Fownes stable.