

Sha Tin Selections

(Tuesday, October 01, 2024)

Race 1: #11 Red Maverick, #2 Joyful Life, #4 Aromatica, #5 The Khan

Race 2: #2 Chilli Baba, #8 Ho Ho Star, #1 Super Elite, #9 Beat Hollow

Race 3: #10 Gluck Racer, #2 New Future Folks, #9 Triumphant Warrior, #5 Enshine

Race 4: #2 Geneva, #1 Top Scorer, #3 Judy's Great, #4 Cheerful World

Race 5: #1 Enjoy Golf, #11 Jumbo Fortune, #13 View of The World, #4 All Riches

Race 6: #7 Storm Winner, #10 Soaring Bronco, #1 Sharpen Bright, #5 Mister Dapper

Race 7: #8 Magic Control, #1 Invincible Sage, #6 Beauty Waves, #2 Stoltz

Race 8: #8 Sunlight Power, #1 Copartner Prance, #5 Patch Of Theta, #9 Superb Boy

Race 9: #7 Packing Power, #6 Glory Elite, #3 Kaholo Angel, #10 Motoman

Race 10: #9 Winning Gold, #1 Top Gun, #5 Lo Pan Spirit, #8 The Heir

Race 1 - SHENYANG HANDICAP

#11 Red Maverick caught the eye first-up after showing improvement in his trial leading into that race. The rise in distance suits, and he could surprise at odds. #2 Joyful Life searches for his first win after two consecutive runner-up finishes since dropping into Class 5. He has drawn perfectly in barrier 2 and will receive every chance from there. #4 Aromatica was on the verge of a win late last season, with three consecutive placings. Purton takes the ride and they will play a part in the finish. #5 The Khan raced wide without cover first-up but made up good late ground, and he should make his mark in this grade soon.

Race 2 - NANNING HANDICAP

#2 Chilli Baba was heavily supported in his first Class 5 run last term but was too far back and didn't stride freely. One to follow here presented fresh. #8 Ho Ho Star is knocking on the door for his maiden victory and just needs everything to fall into place to get the job done, which could be a query from barrier 11. #1 Super Elite has improved since his stable transfer last season, and his first-up placing had merit after being forced to race wide. #9 Beat Hollow may get an uncontested lead, which will make him hard to catch.

Race 3 - CHONGQING HANDICAP

#10 Gluck Racer has his share of issues but won first-up last season, and he certainly has the ability to win a weaker race like this. #2 New Future Folks caught the eye with a fast-finishing effort into second on debut last season. He has since trialled well against Invincible Sage and finds himself in a winnable race upon resuming. #9 Triumphant Warrior has placed in four of his nine starts but is still in search of a maiden win; this type of race offers him a genuine opportunity. #5 Enshine is well prepared for his first start, having undergone thorough education through numerous trials. He also receives the guiding hand of Zac Purton, adding to his appeal.

Race 4 - CHONGQING HANDICAP

#2 Geneva is ready to win after a solid third-place finish first-up, and he has since trialled as well as ever. Though he has been costly, he appears poised to take the next step this campaign. #1 Top Scorer has been equally disappointing, yet he remains in the mix, consistently fighting out the finish without a win to his name. #3 Judy's Great will strip fitter second-up, and he was a winner last season produced second-up. Zac Purton taking over the reins enhances his chances significantly. #4 Cheerful World was beaten by less than a length into fifth on debut last term; the step up to 1200m should suit him better, making him one to watch.

Race 5 - CHENGDU HANDICAP

#1 Enjoy Golf maintained good form first-up with a close third-place finish. #11 Jumbo Fortune marks freshman trainer David Eustace's second runner, and he appears to have him well prepared based on his trial performances. #13 View of The World showed significant improvement in a recent trial under Zac Purton, suggesting he's ready to deliver his best effort on his third career start. #4 All Riches is set to run his usual honest race on the lead, where he seems to have an easy time on paper. He could be one to catch.

Race 6 - JINAN HANDICAP

#7 Storm Winner has been trending in the right direction towards a win. Although he needs to improve on his Sha Tin record on paper, he is a horse in form compared to when he first stepped onto the main track. #10 Soaring Bronco attracted decent betting support first-up and delivered his best performance yet, finishing a close third. He looks ready to take the next step. #1 Sharpen Bright is a talented stayer who will require further than this trip but should make a strong bid in the finish. #5 Mister Dapper finished a fair fourth first-up and has place claims.

Race 7 - THE NATIONAL DAY CUP (HANDICAP)

#8 Magic Control is an untapped talent, poised to be Cody Mo's first Group runner. His first-up win, at just his second attempt in Hong Kong at this course and distance, oozed class. His light weight will serve him well as he tackles Group company for the first time in Hong Kong. #1 Invincible Sage resumes under top weight, but that won't prevent him from making his presence felt in a race like this. #6 Beauty Waves was no match against Ka Ying Rising first-up; the rain-affected track may have been against him, but he ran well into second and is well placed here. #2 Stoltz is a proven performer in races such as this. Though getting on in age, his trials have been more than satisfactory.

Race 8 - BEIJING HANDICAP

#8 Sunlight Power tackles Class 2 for the first time after a dominant first-up victory over this distance, winning by two lengths. Trainer Ricky Yiu believes his charge has more to offer and can join the city's elite. #1 Copartner Prance steps up to 1400m for the first time in his career. He performed well first-up and will certainly enter this race as a fitter proposition. #5 Patch Of Theta enjoyed a successful last season, winning four of his ten races while never missing a placing. He, too, finds himself in Class 2 for the first time, but he is capable of measuring up. #9 Superb Boy is a model of consistency but may have reached his ceiling; he will need everything to fall into place to secure the win.

Race 9 - SHANGHAI HANDICAP

#7 Packing Power has his unbeaten record on the line here as he chases a third straight win. This marks his acid test, as it presents by far the stiffest competition he has faced. With the 4YO Classic Series in mind, connections will hope he can continue his rise in the ratings. #6 Glory Elite lost no admirers when finishing as the runner-up to Gorgeous Win first-up. He is likely to find the front and give his usual bold sight. #3 Kaholo Angel is third-up now, and his last-start fifth was full of promise; he looks ready to make his mark. #10 Motoman has shown significant improvement in his recent trials, so expect to see a better horse this campaign.

Race 10 - TIANJIN HANDICAP

#9 Winning Gold is a horse on the up, resuming and in pursuit of a hat-trick of wins. His big-margin victories in Class 4 will hold him in good stead as he steps up to Class 3. #1 Top Gun won on his Hong Kong debut last season, which is always a promising sign, but he had excuses in two subsequent runs. He looked well in his trial without being tested. #5 Lo Pan Spirit can

improve second-up after a late-fading fourth on pace first-up. #8 The Heir has had plenty of chances to break through and will once again receive every opportunity to get on the board.