

Sha Tin Selections
(Sunday, March 23, 2025)

Race 1: #5 Super Express, #4 Top Dragon, #7 Fortune Boy, #2 Forerunner

Race 2: #5 Divano, #3 Packing Hermod, #2 Young Champion, #1 Healthy Happy

Race 3: #2 Spirit Of Peace, #12 Lucky Sam Gor, #3 Harold Win, #8 Flying Amani

Race 4: #4 Ahren, #1 Enjoy Golf, #3 Parterre, #5 Quick Contribution

Race 5: #9 Endeared, #4 Armour War Eagle, #7 Solid Impact, #6 Everyone's Star

Race 6: #10 Mister Dapper, #6 Oriental Smoke, #8 Lucky Fionn, #11 Gale Saga

Race 7: #1 Rubylot, #2 My Wish, #5 Bundle Award, #3 Johannes Brahms

Race 8: #3 Masterofmyuniverse, #4 Pakistan Legacy, #1 Lady's Choice, #8 Crimson Flash

Race 9: #4 Magnifique, #1 Invincible Shield, #3 Triumphant More, #2 Super Legends

Race 10: #6 Enthralled, #3 Pray For Mir, #2 Mondial, #10 Winning Wing

Race 1 - LUGER HANDICAP

#5 Super Express makes his debut for the John Size stable and will be highly favoured. The three-year-old has shown plenty of promise in multiple trials and looks to have the talent to figure immediately. Barrier 3 and Ryan Moore are in his favour, ensuring he gets the right run to win first-up. #4 Top Dragon looks ready for the step up to 1400m after three runs over 1200m, two of which saw him narrowly denied in runner-up finishes. He has been kept ticking over with a solid trial between runs and is primed to break through. #7 Fortune Boy is improving with racing, as seen last start when he overcame a wide draw over 1200m and charged home late into fourth in the same race as Top Dragon. The rise to 1400m should suit, and he can take another step forward. #2 Forerunner is mostly consistent, winning well two starts ago before backing it up with a close second last time. He remains in form and is among the chances.

Race 2 - RAPPER DRAGON HANDICAP

#5 Divano has had two poor barriers in his last two starts in the Classic Series, coming from last to finish second to My Wish in the Classic Mile before being steadied early in the Classic Cup, where he was never a threat. The drop back in trip suits, and on prior form, he should be able to revert to more positive tactics, which will only enhance his chances. #3 Packing Hermod also comes out of the Classic Mile and Classic Cup, starting as the favourite in the former and placing third before finding 1800m a stretch too far in the latter. The four-year-old has built a strong record with four wins from eight starts, and dropping back to 1400m—where he defeated Rubylot four runs ago—puts him in strong contention. #2 Young Champion bounced back to winning ways last start and did it in style. He has always shown potential, and now that he has found form again, he could continue rising in the ratings. #1 Healthy Happy looks poised to receive a sweet run up on the pace, and though winless for some time, he has picked up recent placings, including a last-start second to Young Champion.

Race 3 - SKY DARCI HANDICAP

#2 Spirit Of Peace notched his first win two starts ago in impressive fashion before switching to Sha Tin and rising to 1400m. He jumped from barrier 9 on that occasion, settled in the rear division, and wound up strongly to flash home late into fourth, making up a stack of ground. He has trialled well twice between runs and looks ready to bounce back. #12 Lucky Sam Gor is a progressive three-year-old trending in the right direction and should make his presence felt fourth-up, dropping back to 1400m after a fair fifth over the mile last time. His prior fourth-place finish behind Sky Jewellery at this trip reads as strong form. #3 Harold Win comes out of the same race as Lucky Sam Gor. He returned to Class 4 last time and showed immediate

improvement, overcoming a wide draw to map handy before finishing third. He hasn't had much luck with barriers in recent starts but is rarely far away. #8 Flying Amani might be one to show further improvement second-up. Though unwanted in the betting on debut from barrier 12 and given a quiet ride, he closed off nicely late into sixth, beaten just three and a half lengths.

Race 4 - PING HAI STAR HANDICAP

#4 Ahren turned in a highly promising debut performance, closing in hard and fast from the rear to finish three-quarters of a length second to Crossborderpegasus, who franked the form with another impressive win last weekend. That form should hold up well, and Ahren looks poised to break through second-up. #1 Enjoy Golf has been ultra-consistent in all three runs over the minimum trip this season, racking up a string of second-place finishes. His sole win has come over 1400m, so the step up to 1200m should suit. #3 Parterre returned to Class 4 last start, worked across from barrier 10 to press forward and lead, giving a good sight before being collared late, finishing three-quarters of a length away in fourth. His strong record of three wins from six attempts in the grade keeps him firmly in the mix. #5 Quick Contribution resumes first-up and has trialled well for his return. The three-year-old showed good improvement from his debut into his second-up run, where he placed third behind Sky Joy, and he should have more to offer.

Race 5 - AMBITIOUS DRAGON HANDICAP

#9 Endearred returns to a course and distance where he has performed well after two runs over the extended mile on the all-weather track. His Class 3 record leaves plenty to be desired, having yet to hit the frame in 12 attempts, but he has often been hampered by wide draws and performed well despite adversity. Moving into gate 1 here is an advantage. #4 Armour War Eagle put a string of unlucky runs behind him to break through for his first local win last start, and there's no reason he shouldn't be competitive again. #7 Solid Impact has been a long time between wins, but he has been finishing off well in recent starts. His fast-finishing third to Bundle Award two runs ago reads well for this. #6 Everyone's Star blew his chances last time when rearing at the start and failing to feature. He has trialled okay between runs, and his debut effort two starts ago suggested he has promise.

Race 6 - FAY FAY HANDICAP

#10 Mister Dapper has thrived since transferring to David Eustace, and after a luckless fourth two runs back, he atoned last time with a dominant one-and-three-quarter-length victory at this course and trip. He should be hard to beat again. #6 Oriental Smoke has endured a tough run of barrier draws since returning to Class 4, drawing no lower than stall 10 in five starts, yet he continues to race well. He has placed in his last two, including a runner-up finish to Mister Dapper last time, and gets another chance moving into barrier 4, which should allow for a more favourable run. #8 Lucky Fionn finally broke through last start with a well-overdue maiden victory over 1400m under a cool James McDonald ride. He steps back up to the mile after a luckless wide run at the trip two starts back and should remain competitive. #11 Gale Saga has also been plagued by wide draws but continues to hit the line strongly. A more favourable run in transit could see him improve.

Race 7 - THE BMW HONG KONG DERBY 2025

#1 Rubylot has stamped his Derby credentials with two strong performances in the series, closing fast for sixth against the race shape in the Classic Mile before emerging late in the Classic Cup to score emphatically. There's little separating the leading contenders, so much will come down to position in running versus the tempo. #2 My Wish exudes consistency, having won the Classic Mile before producing one of the best on-pace performances in the Classic

Cup, only edged out late into second behind Rubylot by three-quarters of a length. His tactical speed allows him to map with options, and if the Classic Cup is any guide, he will be the one they all have to gun down late. #5 Bundle Award has emerged as a serious Derby contender after an impressive last-start win over 1800m, where a switch to cold riding tactics saw him unleash a powerful turn of foot to score in dominant fashion. #3 Johannes Brahms remains firmly in the mix after a near last-to-third effort in the Classic Cup, finishing just one and a half lengths off Rubylot. He still has more to offer.

Race 8 - FUIRORE HANDICAP

#3 Masterofmyuniverse finds the right race to return to winning ways. He had excuses over 1400m two starts ago before relishing the drop back in distance last time, closing in strongly late for third behind Fast Network. He has since trialled well between runs and looks hard to hold out. #4 Pakistan Legacy is heading in the right direction and is now third-up in Hong Kong after two encouraging efforts. He comes out of a strong form race where he led at a solid tempo before fading late into fifth. He should strip fitter and give a sight. #1 Lady's Choice drops back into Class 3, where he is better suited. He should press forward and make his own luck in the run. #8 Crimson Flash was game on pace in the same race as Masterofmyuniverse last start, only feeling the pinch late to finish fourth. He has improvement to come and won't be far away.

Race 9 - WERTHER HANDICAP

#4 Magnifique has been ultra-impressive, winning back-to-back Class 4 races in dominant fashion despite a wide barrier last time when rising to 1200m. He now tests his mettle in Class 3, but he looks a horse on the rise, and his trial between runs suggests he remains in top form. #1 Invincible Shield made amends for a luckless debut when bouncing back second-up from barrier 1, scoring a tidy win over Lifeline Express—a formline that has since stood up well. #3 Triumphant More boasts the same formline, having also won over Lifeline Express last start, and now holds a strong record of three wins from five starts. Barrier 2 provides a sweet run in transit, and he is firmly in the mix. #2 Super Legends wasn't able to complete a hat-trick of wins last start after racing wide without cover up on the pace from a tough draw. He stuck on well for fourth behind Triumphant More and looks capable of turning the tables with a smoother trip, though barrier 10 remains a concern.

Race 10 - DESIGNS ON ROME HANDICAP

#6 Enthralled may have failed to make the final cut for the Derby, but he is a four-year-old going places after his last-to-first victory last start, securing his first local success at just his third attempt. He has looked the part in a trial since and will take plenty of beating. #3 Pray For Mir loves to make his own luck on the pace and fought strongly against Enthralled last start, only going down by a neck on the wire. Once again, he should be ahead of Enthralled in the run and will be looking to make him work to get past. #2 Mondial was up against it on local debut in the Classic Cup, but he has shown good improvement at the trials since and can be expected to do better in a more suitable contest. #10 Winning Wing is trending in the right direction after finishing a close-up second to Sky Heart third-up. He has since trialled well, winning his heat impressively, and with a favourable low draw, he looks set to receive a sweet run in transit.