

HAPPY VALLEY SELECTIONS

(Wednesday, January 12, 2022)

Race 1: #9 Sky Gem, #8 Go Ballistic, #3 Victorious Seeker, #5 Red Impact

Race 2: #5 King's Trooper, #3 Zacian, #7 Viva Chef, #1 Daily Beauty

Race 3: #4 Lightning Storm, #3 Amazing Rocky, #8 Excellent Peers, #2 Ka Ying Spirit

Race 4: #5 Ares, #2 Falcon Turbo, #10 Touch Faith, #1 Prance Dragon

Race 5: #5 More Than Enough, #1 Ever Laugh, #7 Winning Volatility, #6 Glorious Lover

Race 6: #6 Colonel, #1 Elon, #9 Jazz Angel, #3 Faulds

Race 7: #4 Singapore Spirit, #2 Savvy Delight, #5 Noir Rider, #8 Bella Baby

Race 8: #1 Harmony Fire, #7 Special M, #3 Joyful Win, #6 Ginson

Race 9: #8 World Famous, #1 Cheerful Days, #2 Maldives, #6 Gallant Crown

Race 1: Tsz Wan Shan Handicap

#9 Sky Gem slots in light. He's a three-time winner over this trip who should be able to make the most of his featherweight impost. Expect a big run. #8 Go Ballistic finished a close-up second over this course and distance last start. Joao Moreira's booking warrants respect, especially down in the handicap. #3 Victorious Seeker is competitive in his spot over these staying trips. Don't discount. #5 Red Impact commands respect. He looks ready to step up in distance. He's the wildcard in the race.

Race 2: Wang Tau Hom Handicap

#5 King's Trooper has been a touch unlucky in his past few runs. He should get the right run here from gate four though and with even luck he is the one to beat. He should be good value. #3 Zacian is nothing short of consistent. He pairs favourably with Zac Purton from gate seven. Expect a big performance, especially as the likely favourite to win the race. #7 Viva Chef steps away from gate two. It wouldn't surprise to see him roll forward and try to play catch me if you can. #1 Daily Beauty does his best racing in this grade. He's next best.

Race 3: Ma Tau Kok Handicap

#4 Lightning Storm is chasing back-to-back wins. He won well on debut and looks well placed to do similar again. Zac Purton hops up and gate six should give him every opportunity. He's a talent on the rise. #3 Amazing Rocky can press for the front. He only needs to offset the awkward gate here to be a big threat. #8 Excellent Peers closed nicely for fifth last time out. He's open to further improvement. #2 Ka Ying Spirit is favoured from gate four. Expect him to perform sharply.

Race 4: Ma Tau Wai Handicap (2nd Section)

#5 Ares draws ideally. He can push forward from gate two which will ensure he has enough left in the tank for the finish. He's the one to beat, especially as a two-time winner in this grade. #2 Falcon Turbo steps away favourably from gate four with Zac Purton engaged. He's looking to snap a lengthy run of outs and the Australian's booking will ensure he gets every opportunity to do so. #10 Touch Faith is after back-to-back wins. #1 Prance Dragon is racing well. Don't discount.

Race 5: To Kwa Wan Handicap

#5 More Than Enough is competitive in his spot. He's racing well and with a quieter ride from the wide ally he rates as the one to beat. #1 Ever Laugh can test this bunch. He was a strong winner two starts ago and from gate four he is in with a shout. #7 Winning Volatility closed nicely for second at his most recent outing. Zac Purton's booking looks like a positive. #6 Glorious Lover is looking to snap consecutive runner-up efforts. He gets his chance, especially with Joao Moreira up again.

Race 6: Kowloon Tsai Handicap

#6 Colonel should find the front quite easily here. He could well find an uncontested lead and from there, prove difficult to reel in. This is a suitable for him. #1 Elon has next to no gate speed. He will be finishing fast under Vagner Borges. #9 Jazz Angel is doing all the right things as a lightly raced newcomer. He's on the steady improve and does look a strong threat here. #3 Faulds steps out on debut. Strong booking of Vincent Ho signals intent and his latest trial at the Valley caught the eye.

Race 7: Ma Tau Wai Handicap

#4 Singapore Spirit did a stack of work early on last start. Prior to this, he finished a narrow second on debut and a repeat of that effort here could well see him get a first win here. He can bounce back with a smoother run throughout. #2 Savvy Delight is a lightly raced talent. He's improving and is expected to jump favourite here. #5 Noir Rider can find the front and run this group along. He'll take a bit of catching, although he'll need to first offset the sticky draw. #8 Bella Baby has a powerful finish when required. He'll be thereabouts.

Race 8: Kowloon City Handicap

#1 Harmony Fire is closing in on another win. He's been a touch unlucky this term but does look favoured here from gate two with Zac Purton engaged. He can capitalise on both factors. #7 Special M is the main danger. His consistency has him as a very strong win and place chance. He might be a bit of value. #3 Joyful Win is chasing the Happy Valley hat-trick. He's a chance if he finds the front. #6 Ginson is better than his record suggests. Expect a big performance.

Race 9: Lok Fu Handicap

#8 World Famous should get the run of the race from gate one. He's a natural on-pacer who looks well placed to capitalise from these favourable conditions. #1 Cheerful Days was without luck last start after notching a hat-trick of wins. Zac Purton will ensure he gets his chance. He'll be finishing fast from the rear of the field. #2 Maldives is consistent. He is competitive in this grade. #6 Gallant Crown is reliable. He's proven and Joao Moreira's booking warrants consideration.