



香港賽馬會
The Hong Kong Jockey Club



#1 WAIKUKU (IRE) (PP #14)
*(Harbour Watch {Ire}--London Plane {Ire},
by Danehill Dancer {Ire})*
(€33,000 Ylg '16 TISEP)
O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting; B-Shane
Molan; T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira.
Current Rating: 108

Former John Oxx trainee is a nose away from being unbeaten in five Hong Kong starts, no easy feat for an import. Overcame a three-wide, no-cover trip to defeat seasoned horses over 1400 metres two starts back and showed in his latest that he could stay 1800m. The draw does him no favours and the price will be skinny enough, but he's squarely the one to beat.



#3 FURORE (NZ) (PP #12)
*(Pierro {Aus}--Stormy Choice {Aus},
by Redoute's Choice {Aus})*
(NZ\$210,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN)
O-Lee Sheung Chau; B-G S A Bloodstock
Pty Ltd; T-Frankie Lor; J-Hugh Bowman.
Current Rating: 104

A longer-winded half-brother to Blizzard (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), 12th behind Werther (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}) in the Derby three years ago, Furore has improved steadily in his preparation and he showed a very powerful turn of foot to win the Classic Mile. Like Waikuku, he's got an awkward gate to negotiate, but he looks more than capable of a top-three finish.



#5 KA YING STAR (GB) (PP #2)
*(Cityscape {GB}--Casual Glance {GB},
by Sinndar {Ire})*
O-Leung Shek Kong; B-Kingsclere Stud;
T-Tony Cruz; J-Vincent Ho.
Current Rating: 98

It has been 11 years since Tony Cruz unsaddled the Derby winner (Helene Mascot {Ire}) and Ka Ying Star has an outside chance to snap that streak. Impressive in winning his local debut in Class 2 over a mile, he rounded out the tierce in the Classic Mile and Classic Cup. He is another that seems distance-limited and may find that final furlong a task too tall.

#2 DARK DREAM (AUS) (PP #8)
*(All American {Aus}--Buchanan Girl {Aus},
by Lion Hunter {Aus})*
O-Albert Hung Chao Hong; B-Miss J E
Healey (NSW); T-Frankie Lor; J-Zac Purton.
Current Rating: 104



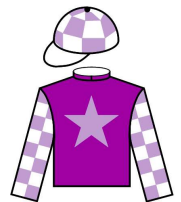
Racing in the colours of Albert Hung, who campaigned ill-fated 2017 Derby winner Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss), Dark Dream earned his way to Hong Kong with a win in the G1 Queensland Derby. He looked terrific taking a C2 over track and distance in late December and also has excuses in the first two legs of the Classic series. Right there on his best effort.

#4 MISSION TYCOON (AUS) (PP #11)
*(Written Tycoon {Aus}--Lakemba Gold
{Aus}, by Made of Gold)*
(A\$50,000 Ylg '16 INGFEF)
O-Elite Leisure Syndicate; B-A G Tobin
(Vic); T-Frankie Lor; J-Derek Leung.
Current Rating: 102



Mission Tycoon is clearly the Cinderella story of this year's Classic crop, having significantly outrun his odds when runner-up in the Classic Mile ahead of his stunning all-the-way tally in the Classic Cup. He appears to have outrun his pedigree as well thus far and is a chance to do so again, but he must avoid getting involved in a pace battle with Ka Ying Star.

#6 HELENE LEADINGSTAR (AUS) (PP #13)
*(Wanted {Aus}--Defy The Odds {Aus},
by Galileo {Ire})* (A\$10,000 Wlg '15 INGMAY)
O-Sir Po-shing & Lady Woo, Jackson &
Dawson Woo; B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty
Ltd (NSW); T-Tony Cruz; J-Karis Teetan.
Current Rating: 96



Raced by the connections of the aforementioned Helene Mascot, Helene Leadingstar gave a good account of himself in finishing second to Ho Ho Khan (see below) in an 1800m C2 Jan. 20. He got tested for class in the Classic Cup and finished a respectable fifth, but he was handy enough to that modest pace and lost ground from the 200m to the line. Passing.



#7 RED WARRIOR (IRE) (PP #9)
(Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Sweet Dreams Baby {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire})
 (€62,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB)
 O-The Honorable Ronald & Johanna Arculli; B-Barronstown Stud; T-John Size; J-Chad Schofield. Current Rating: 96

Owned by the one-time chairman of the Jockey Club, Red Warrior has earned his way into the Derby via some strong performances against tested handicap rivals, albeit at Happy Valley, including a narrow victory at odds-on Jan. 30. He can be forgiven his tough-trip ninth in the Classic Cup and it is not difficult to see him staying on into the top five.



#8 ENRICHMENT (AUS) (PP #5)
(Teofilo {Ire}--LovingthelimeLight, by Lemon Drop Kid)
 (NZ\$130,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN)
 O-Benson Lo Tak Wing; B-D Kerr & Mrs L Moore (Vic); T-John Size; J-Ryan Moore. Current Rating: 92

Campaigned by the connections of MG1SW Contentment (Aus) (Hussonet), Enrichment posted a grinding victory over Sunday's journey Feb. 2 and was good third last time back at 1800m while no menace to stablemate Waikuku. Ryan Moore rode Ping Hai Star (NZ) to victory for this barn last year, but Enrichment looks firmly held by the top three or four in here.



#9 HARMONY VICTORY (BRZ) (PP #1)
(Public Purse--Flower Fest {Brz}, by Crimson Tide {Ire})
 O-Yue Yun Hing; B-Stud Jaguarete; T-Danny Shum; J-Silvestre de Sousa. Current Rating: 92

A Group 1 winner in Brazil and a rare South American-bred Derby runner, Harmony Victory could be the longshot with the best chances of causing an upset Sunday. A fast-finishing C2 winner over 1800m in November, he was a disappointing fifth to Dark Dream next time out. There are excuses for the first two legs of the Classic series and he looms real value.



#10 MR SO AND SO (AUS) (PP #4)
(So You Think {NZ}--Danesty {Aus}, by Danehill)
 (A\$100,000 Ylg '16 INGMAR)
 O-AA84 Syndicate; B-Matrix Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW); T-John Size; J-Umberto Rispoli. Current Rating: 91

Mr So and So, multiple group-placed in Australia, was tenacious in winning back-to-back over 1400m earlier this season, but although he wasn't beaten all that far in the Classic Mile and Cup, he wasn't really attacking the line. He's certainly bred for a trip like this, but he leaves the impression that he's looking for 1400-1600m.



#11 HO HO KHAN (NZ) (PP #10)
(Makfi {GB}--China Choice {Aus}, by Encosta de Lago {Aus})
 O-Jessica Lee Man Yi, Ho Chi Ho, Alan Ho Yuk Lun & Cheung Siu Hing; B-G Harvey; T-David Hall; J-James McDonald. Current Rating: 89

One of the more difficult puzzles to solve in this race, as he strung together two wins in C3 and another with a light weight in C2 ahead of his start in the Classic Cup. In traffic for a good portion of the race, he closed off his final 400m in :23.16, second only to Furore, while no threat to the winner. Seems like he'll appreciate the distance and is liable to surprise.



#12 GOLD CHEST (PP #7)
(War Front--Say {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})
 O-Pan Sutong; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Richard Gibson; J-Oisín Murphy. Current Rating: 87

Campaigned by the same connections as 2013 Derby hero Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Gold Chest is winless from his four starts, though his best effort came in his latest, a runner-up effort in a six-runner C2 Feb. 24. One of two in the field out of a Galileo mare, he's bred like G1 winners Roly Poly (Ire) and U S Navy Flag (Ire), but seems overmatched here.



#13 TIANCHI MONSTER (NZ) (PP #6)
(Shocking {Aus}--Princess Biscotte {Aus}, by Casino Prince {Aus})
 (NZ\$39,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN)
 O-Wong Cho Bau; B-C C E, Mrs C F, Mrs I S & J W Thompson; T-Chris So; J-Craig Williams. Current Rating: 86

Tianchi Monster clearly has to prove that he is this class, as he is the lone member of the field to be exiting a Class 3 race, albeit as the favourite and going this distance Feb. 24. Craig Williams flies in from Melbourne to take over at the controls, but although it seems he has finally hit his straps with three wins from his last four runs, he faces a stiff challenge here.



#14 SUNNY SPEED (GB) (PP #3)
(Havana Gold {Ire}--Almunia {Ire}, by Mujadil) (24,000gns Wlg '15 TATDEF; 15,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT; €70,000 2yo '17 GORMAY) O-Matthew, Janice, James & Timothy Wong; B-Whitwell Bloodstock; T-John Moore; J-Neil Callan. Current Rating: 85

Sunny Speed has had the most harried preparation into the Derby, having finished a slow-starting 11th in the Classic Cup on Hong Kong debut just a month ago. He returned in the C2 won by Waikuku 13 days later and his fourth-place finish was just enough to earn a spot in the field. Should be running on, but seems a horse for later.