

Spotlight

Al Ain hails from Japan's highly-regarded 2017 classic crop. The four-year-old saw off his esteemed contemporaries in the first leg of Japan's Triple Crown last April, winning the G1 Satsuki Sho (2000m). The bay has been in good form with two placed efforts this term, latterly when third to Suave Richard in a hot edition of the G1 Osaka Hai (2000m) on 1 April.

Danburite, third in last year's Satsuki Sho, landed a first G2 success earlier this year and was a solid sixth in the Osaka Hai.

Hong Kong's heavyweights offer up an exciting test. The powerful front-runner Time Warp has won both the G1 Hong Kong Cup and G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup at the course and distance this term. Tony Cruz's charge became the first horse to dip under two minutes for 2000m at Sha Tin in the latter contest.

Ping Hai Star has won his last four races, and none was more impressive than the latest, a sensational last-to-first win in the Hong Kong Derby (2000m) under Ryan Moore. This John Size's charge is slated to test his mettle in the top bracket for the first time.

The Cruz stable's Pakistan Star is an enigmatic talent and he is entered with a view to bettering his close second to Neorealism last year. The yard also has the high-class Gold Mount, a Royal Ascot winner when a three-year-old, as well as Hong Kong Derby third Exultant.

Trainer John Moore looks to the 2016 G1 Queensland Derby winner Eagle Way, which is a G3 winner in Hong Kong.



TIME WARP
HONG KONG
5g 120
A S Cruz



AL AIN
JAPAN
4c 118
Y Ikee



PAKISTAN STAR
HONG KONG
5g 118
A S Cruz



DANBURITE
JAPAN
4c 116
H Otonashi



PING HAI STAR
HONG KONG
4g 115
J Size



EAGLE WAY
HONG KONG
5g 113
J Moore



GOLD MOUNT
HONG KONG
5g 113
A S Cruz



DINOZZO
HONG KONG
5g 112
J Size



EXULTANT
HONG KONG
4g 110
A S Cruz