

LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (Group 1)










HK\$28 million (US\$3.6 million)

1st HK\$15,960,000, 2nd HK\$6,160,000, 3rd HK\$2,800,000

4th HK\$1,596,000, 5th \$924,000, 6th HK\$560,000



Performance Analysis

Horse Details					Horse Statistics							Probable Jockey	Trainer
Name	Rep	Age/Sex	Wt.	Int'l Rtg	Lifetime	G1	Good	Wet	RH	1800-2200	Trk/Dist		
Skalleti 	FR	5g	126	121	16 (12-1-2)	1 (0-1-0)	1 (1-0-0)	10 (7-1-2)	10 (8-1-1)	10 (8-1-0)	0 (0-0-0)	P-C Boudot	J Reynier
Danon Premium 	JPN	5h	126	119	13 (6-2-1)	8 (1-2-1)	12 (6-2-0)	1 (0-0-1)	6 (4-1-1)	6 (3-1-1)	0 (0-0-0)	W Buick	M Nakauchida
Win Bright 	JPN	6h	126	119	23 (9-2-0)	8 (2-0-0)	23 (9-2-0)	0 (0-0-0)	16 (8-2-0)	19 (9-1-0)	2 (2-0-0)	M Matsuoka	Y Hatakeyama
Furore 	HK	6g	126	117	25 (8-2-4)	8 (0-1-2)	23 (7-2-3)	2 (1-0-1)	25 (8-2-4)	14 (5-2-2)	7 (2-2-0)	J Moreira	A S Cruz
Time Warp 	HK	7g	126	117	45 (12-4-5)	12 (3-0-1)	33 (7-3-3)	6 (4-0-1)	39 (9-3-4)	21 (5-3-1)	13 (3-1-1)	K Teetan	A S Cruz
Dances With Dragon 	HK	7g	126	109	44 (11-3-3)	2 (1-0-0)	34 (8-1-3)	9 (3-2-0)	33 (8-1-2)	10 (3-0-1)	2 (0-0-0)	C Y Ho	C Fownes
Singapore Sling 	HK	7g	126	104	25 (4-4-3)	5 (0-1-0)	23 (3-4-3)	2 (1-0-0)	21 (3-4-1)	7 (1-1-0)	3 (0-1-0)	C Schofield	A T Millard
Magical 	IRE	5m	122	121	27 (12-8-1)	20 (7-7-1)	14 (5-6-0)	13 (7-2-1)	15 (8-2-1)	13 (9-3-1)	0 (0-0-0)	R Moore	A P O'Brien
Normcore 	JPN	5m	122	114	16 (6-1-3)	7 (1-0-1)	15 (6-1-3)	1 (0-0-0)	9 (4-0-1)	9 (3-1-2)	0 (0-0-0)	C Soumillon	K Hagiwara

Barrier Draw Statistics

Speed Chart

Draw	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	4	1	1	4
2	0	3	2	3
3	1	6	2	0
4	2	2	2	3
5	3	1	3	2
6	0	0	1	3
7	2	0	4	2
8	3	2	1	3
9	1	1	2	1
10	1	3	1	0
11	1	1	0	0
12	3	0	1	0
13	0	1	1	0
14	0	0	0	0

(Past 21 runnings)



There is only one notable leader in this year's Hong Kong Cup, Time Warp, so the tempo is unlikely to be strong. This requires some tactical adjustment from all the other jockeys, because leaving the leader with a soft time of things on a flat course like Sha Tin gives them too much advantage. On the other hand, taking off early to put pressure on can ruin the chance of the horse that makes that early move. Statistically, the position with the best winning strike-rate in 2000m races at Sha Tin is the horse settling midfield, one horse off the fence.

LIKELY PACE: GOOD TO SLOW