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### **Strong interest in Hong Kong racing tonight**

The TAB is expecting increased interest in its late night racing from Hong Kong tonight, after a strong performance in its first week.

The TAB will conduct betting on the Happy Valley race meeting tonight (Wednesday 24 September), starting at 11.15pm and going through to 3am tomorrow morning.

TAB customers will be able to wager through Phonebet, the Internet and Touch Tone channels. There is no Fixed Odds Betting available on Hong Kong races.

New Zealand Racing Board Racing Manager Michael Dore says the first night of late night coverage of Hong Kong racing last week was well supported.

“A number of customers have told us they are pleased with the new feature on Trackside television this year where we display the Hong Kong odds next to the SuperTAB odds,” Mr Dore says.

“Hong Kong racing is some of the best in the world and the crème de la crème of international jockeys ride out of there so we expect punters will get right behind tonight’s racing.”

The line-up of jockeys includes Australians Darren Beadman, Brett Prebble and Zac Purton. New Zealand’s Marc Du Plessis also rides in Hong Kong.

Du Plessis will be hoping he can build on his performance last week at Happy Valley where he won Race 7 on Multo Expresso.

Beadman and Prebble are the leading jockeys with five wins a piece from the three race meetings held so far in the new Hong Kong season.

Former New Zealand trainer Paul O’Sullivan has one horse racing tonight in Race 3 – Big Kahuna.

John Moore, son of the famous George Moore, is the leading trainer in Hong Kong after the first three meetings with six wins from 18 runners under his belt. He has four horses racing tonight – Alive and Kicking in Race 2, Amsterdam in Race 6, Victory Conqueror in Race 7 and Viva Hong Kong in Race 8. Alive and Kicking and Victory Conqueror will be ridden by Darren Beadman.

Moore has been the leading trainer in prize-money won in Hong Kong for the past three seasons. He is also the trainer of the world-renowned Viva Pataca.

For LIVE odds and betting options visit the website: [www.tab.co.nz](http://www.tab.co.nz)

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