

2015 Champions Cup (G1) - Profile of Invited Horses

Gun Pit

Age (Date of Foaling) / Origin	: 5 (October 23, 2010) / Australia
Sex / Color	: Gelding / Bay
Sire / Dam (Sire of Dam)	: Dubawi / Magic Tori (Ali-Royal)
Breeder	: A. Smeaton
Owner	: Cheng Chung Wah
Trainer	: Caspar Fownes
Jockey	: Zachary Purton
Career Record	: 18 starts, 8 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third
Career Earnings	: HK\$ 6,937,625
'15 Season Record	: 6 starts, 3 wins
Past Champions Cup Performances	: None

Gun Pit comes off three consecutive victories including his latest start in the Jackson Handicap where, despite carrying the second heaviest weight of 60kg, the bay gelding ran through the 1,650-meter all-weather track at Sha Tin in 1:36.34, breaking his own track record for a two-length win. While yet to capture a graded victory, he will make use of his powerful turn of foot that won him all his seven starts over Sha Tin's all-weather track.

Australian-bred **Gun Pit**, owned by Cheng Chung Wah who purchased the colt in New Zealand while still unraced, made his debut at Sha Tin in February 2014 and broke his maiden in his fourth start two months later. After registering a runner-up effort in the following start, he was tested on all-weather track where he registered two successive wins, the latter being the Venus Handicap, in which the son of Dubawi assumed command 200 meters out and showed a powerful turn of speed to win by a 2-1/2-length margin. He concluded his 2013/14 debut season with three wins, two seconds and a third out of eight starts.

Gun Pit kicked off his 2014/15 season in October with a victory in the San Francisco Handicap on all-weather track where he produced an explosive late kick from second to last for a 1-3/4-length win and finished eighth and fourth in the following two starts on turf before scoring another all-weather victory in December.

Finishing last in his first grade-race attempt in the HK-G1 Hong Kong Classic Mile in January and unsuccessful in the following two starts on turf, the Caspar Fownes-trained bay jumped back into the spotlight when returning to all-weather track. Posted race favorite while carrying top weight of 60.5kg, he won over a strong duel with Sichuan Vigour with a head margin in the Diamond Hill Handicap in March then outdueled the Hard Spun bay again, this time by 3/4 length, in the Hong Kong Reunification Cup in July to conclude the season with four wins out of nine starts.

Career Performances of Gun Pit

Date	Name of Race	Racecourse	Dist. (m) Going	Jockey (Wgt (kg))	Placed / Field Winner (2nd)	Winning Time (Margin)
'15 11.18	Jackson Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	Z. Purton (60.0)	1 / 14 (Eroico)	1:36.3 (2)
07.01	Hong Kong Reunification Cup	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	Z. Purton (60.5)	1 / 12 (Sichuan Vigour)	1:37.3 (3/4)
03.25	Diamond Hill Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Fast	Z. Purton (60.5)	1 / 9 (Sichuan Vigour)	1:37.3 (Short Head)
03.15	BMW Hong Kong Derby (HK-G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	2000 Good	B. Prebble (57.0)	10 / 14 Luger	2:01.2 (6)
03.01	CITIBANK Insurance Services Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1800 Good to Firm	U. Rispoli (57.5)	6 / 13 Contentment	1:47.0 (4)
01.18	Hong Kong Classic Mile (HK-G1)	Sha Tin (HK)	1600 Good to Firm	O. Doleuze (57.0)	11 / 11 Beauty Only	1:33.9 (19)
'14 12.20	Ho Sheung Heung Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	Z. Purton (55.0)	1 / 14 (Majestic Anthem)	1:39.0 (1-1/4)
11.19	Japan Racing Association Trophy	Happy Valley (HK)	1650 Good	Z. Purton (56.0)	4 / 12 Harbour Master	1:39.7 (2-3/4)
11.09	Cyber Colors Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1600 Good	C. Ho (57.0)	8 / 14 Beauty Only	1:34.3 (6-1/4)
10.15	San Francisco Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	C. Ho (52.5)	1 / 14 (Hypersonic)	1:38.8 (1-3/4)
07.06	Sight Winner Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1600 Good to Firm	Z. Purton (60.5)	2 / 14 Fantastic Kaka	1:34.5 (1-1/2)
06.25	Venus Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	Z. Purton (57.5)	1 / 14 (Buddy Buddies)	1:39.5 (2-1/4)
06.11	Chamomile Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1650A* Good	T. Berry (52.5)	1 / 13 (Harbour Master)	1:38.7 (1-1/4)
05.28	Tai Tam Country Trail Handicap	Happy Valley (HK)	1650 Good to Firm	Z. Purton (59.5)	2 / 12 Beauty King	1:40.5 (Nose)
04.02	Man Yiu Handicap	Happy Valley (HK)	1650 Good to Yielding	Z. Purton (56.5)	1 / 12 (Kokoda)	1:41.2 (1/2)
03.23	Dendrobium Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1600 Good	Z. Purton (57.5)	3 / 11 Telecom Prince	1:36.2 (1-1/2)
03.09	Yan Oi Tong Cup	Sha Tin (HK)	1400 Good	Z. Purton (57.5)	4 / 14 Fay Deep	1:23.2 (1-3/4)
02.16	Billet Express Handicap	Sha Tin (HK)	1200 Good	T. Berry (56.0)	6 / 14 Full Talent	1:10.0 (4-3/4)

[Note] *A=All Weather