



THE ULTIMATE RACEDAY

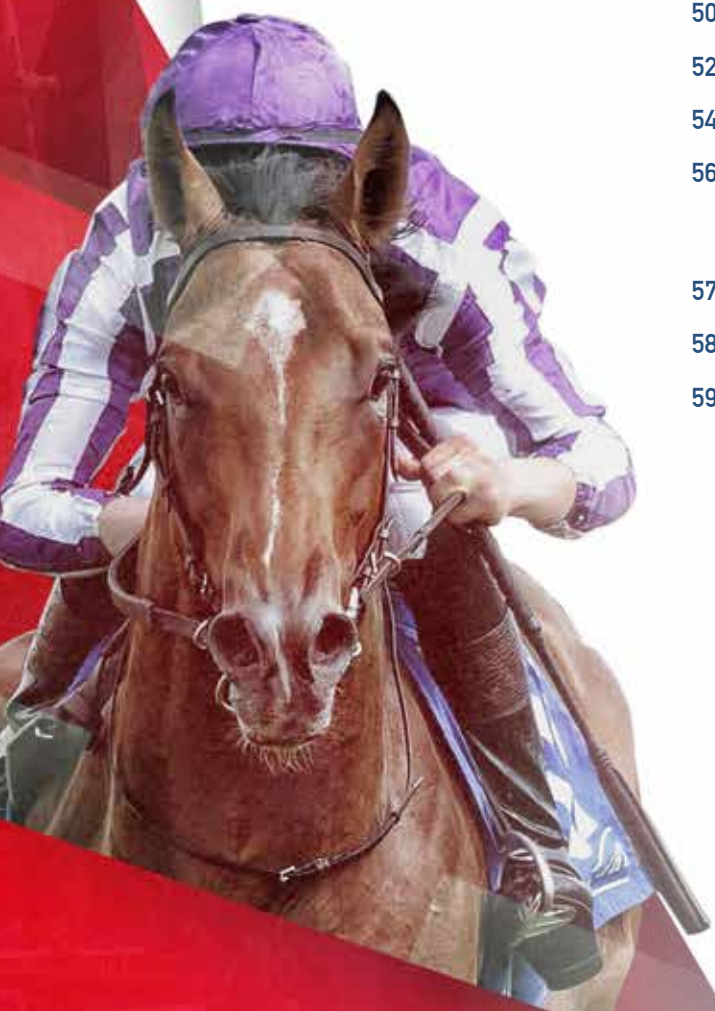


SATURDAY
20 OCTOBER 2018
ASCOT RACECOURSE

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FOREWORD

ROD STREET



We are looking forward to welcoming you to QIPCO British Champions Day, for what promises to be an amazing day of world class racing and features an incredible number of individual Group 1 winners. This fantastic finale to the European Flat racing season includes four Group 1s, a Group 2 and the richest mile handicap in Europe and, with almost £4.5 million in prize money on offer, we are extremely grateful to our sponsors QIPCO for their continued generosity and commitment.

We are set to see many of the finest horses compete, some of whom have already shone throughout the QIPCO British Champions Series, including the world's leading three year-old Roaring Lion, whose victories this year include the Juddmonte International Stakes and the Coral-Eclipse. Other highly-acclaimed horses entered include Cracksman, whose performance in the QIPCO Champion Stakes last year saw him rated the top horse in Europe, together with Stradivarius who is currently unbeaten this season and previous winner on the day, The Tin Man.

Whilst the action on the track is yet to unfold, some titles off the track have already been decided and we congratulate our 2018 Stobart Flat Jockey Champion Silvestre De Sousa on winning his third title after having one of his best ever seasons. We also congratulate Jason Watson for winning this year's Stobart Apprentice Championship title and for a phenomenal win on Gifted Master in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. Godolphin look set to claim another Champion Owner title, having won the last three years.

Away from the track there are also a huge array of other exciting activities on display to suit racegoers of any age. The Fan Zone will be open all day where you can meet a racehorse and learn to ride on a mechanical horse. You can also enjoy a glitzy Opening Ceremony featuring some of our most successful Winter Olympians, who will also have their medals on show in the Grandstand, visit the jockey hub for signings, as well as watch the crowning of the Stobart Champion Flat Jockey in the parade ring. If that wasn't enough to fill your day, racegoers can also challenge themselves to take on a racehorse over 10 metres in the Race A Champion activation located next to the Bandstand – you'll get to see how your speed measures up against a Champions Day horse.

When the action on the track comes to a conclusion, we have award-winning singer-songwriter Ella Eyre and chart-topping DJ-producer Jax Jones headlining our after party and bringing the day to a star-studded close.

We wish you an enjoyable and exciting day.

Rod Street

Chief Executive, British Champions Series









QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

THE ULTIMATE RACEDAY

SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

ASCOT RACECOURSE

RACE DAY PROGRAMME

- 1.25  **LD** **First Race – QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (Group 2)**
2 MILES (ROUND COURSE)
- 2.00  **SP** **Second Race – QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes (Group 1)**
6 FURLONGS (STRAIGHT COURSE)
- 2.40  **FM** **Third Race – QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (Group 1)**
1 MILE AND 4 FURLONGS (ROUND COURSE)
- 3.15  **MI** **Fourth Race – Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO) (Group 1)**
1 MILE (STRAIGHT COURSE)
- 3.50  **MD** **Fifth Race – The QIPCO Champion Stakes (Group 1)**
1 MILE AND 2 FURLONGS (ROUND COURSE)
- 4.30  **BH** **Sixth Race – The Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)**
1 MILE (STRAIGHT COURSE)

The Ascot Racecourse Executive, in consultation with British Champions Series and the BHA, reserves the right to transfer any race scheduled to take place on the Round Course to the Inner Flat Course in the event of the Outer Course being unraceable, or in serious danger of such, on the day before or on the morning of racing.

The Inner Course contingency is therefore a plan against potential abandonment and the intention is to use the Outer Course where possible.

*all timings subject to change

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY 2017

ITINERARY

10.30am

GATES OPEN

Pony Club Tours for kids begin

Starting in Fan Zone

12.05pm

Stobart Champion Jockey autograph signing

Stobart Jockey Hub



1.00pm

Punters' Panel preview the day's racing

Parade Ring

2.10pm

Athlete Autograph Signings

Ascot Grandstand



12.30pm

Parade of Team GB Olympians **Parade Ring**

2.50pm

Crowning of Champion Owner for 2018

Parade Ring



12.40pm

Crowning of Stobart Champion Jockey and Stobart Champion Apprentice **Parade Ring**



4.00pm

Draw to win a VW Polo **Parade Ring**

12.50pm

Opening Ceremony, featuring Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment & Students of British Racing School **Parade Ring**

4.45pm

After Party, headlined by Ella Eyre & Jax Jones begins **Grandstand Lawn**



DON'T MISS From 10.30am

THE FAN ZONE

Featuring behind the scenes tours of Ascot, Meet the Racehorse, Jockey School and a giant inflatable obstacle course. (In partnership with The Pony Club) **Old Paddock Lawns**

THE ALPINE BAR

A raised platform from which to view the racing, drinks, music and a selection of food offerings. Don't miss the special edition Champions Day Ale & Lager courtesy of Windsor & Eton Brewery. **Trackside Lawns**

FAIRGROUND RACING GAME

Support QIPCO British Champions Day's charity partner, Racing Welfare, and have a go at winning your own version of the QIPCO Champion Stakes on our traditional fairground racing game for a chance to win special Champions Day prizes. **Stewards House Lawn**

MEDAL EXHIBITION

Exhibition of Olympic, European and Commonwealth medals. **Ascot Grandstand**



FACTS AND FIGURES OF QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY



4 WINNERS FOR FRANCE
 CIRRUS DES AIGLES (2011) CHARM SPIRIT (2014)
 SOLOW (2015) ALMANZOR (2016)



£4,468,750
 QIPCO
 BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY
 PRIZE MONEY UP FOR GRABS THIS YEAR!



3 HORSES
 RUNNER UP TWICE IN THE SAME RACE

RIBCHESTER | CIRRUS DES AIGLES | FOUND
FRANKEL IS THE ONLY HORSE TO HAVE WON ON SUCCESSIVE CHAMPIONS DAYS



13 IRISH-TRAINED WINNERS OF WHICH 5 HAVE BEEN FOR AIDAN O'BRIEN - NO ONE HAS ENJOYED MORE

5 WINNERS



BY A NECK OR LESS



3 GREY WINNERS
 SOLOW (2015) LIBRISA BREEZE (2017)
 PERSUASIVE (2017)



5 WINNERS
 HAD WON CLASSICS EARLIER IN THE SEASON

FRANKEL (2011 QIPCO 2000 Guineas)
 DANCING RAIN (2011 Investec Oaks & 2011 German Oaks)
 SIMPLE VERSE (2015 Ladbrokes St Leger)
 MINDING (2016 QIPCO 1000 Guineas & Investec 2016 Oaks)
 ALMANZOR (2016 French Derby)

**FRANKEL
 SOLOW &
 MINDING**
 ALL ACHIEVED
**4 GROUP
 1 WINS**
 EARLIER IN THE SEASON
 EN ROUTE TO LANDING THE
 QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES

7 LENGTHS

MARGIN OF CRACKSMAN'S
 SUCCESS IN THE 2017
 QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES



GALILEO
5 WINNERS
SIRED BY GALILEO

FRANKEL (2011 AND 2012), NOBLE MISSION (2014)
 MINDING (2016), HYDRANGEA (2017)
 ORDER OF ST GEORGE (2017)

£737,230 FIRST PRIZE
 FOR **CRACKSMAN**
 WHEN WINNING THE
 QIPCO CHAMPION
 STAKES LAST YEAR.
 THE 2010 RUNNING,
 WAS WORTH £213,739



SIX TOP TRAINERS SEEKING A QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY FIRST

What have Andrew Balding, Clive Cox, Richard Fahey, Richard Hannon, Sir Michael Stoute and Roger Varian got in common? Brilliant trainers, all of them. But the answer we were looking for is that none of them have yet to taste success on QIPCO British Champions Day, despite saddling 91 runners between them. Will the eighth QIPCO British Champions Day, at Ascot, bring a breakthrough victory for any of them? We assess their chances.



ANDREW BALDING

The Kingsclere handler has had 19 runners on Champions Day but the closest he has come to hitting the target has been with Whiplash Willie, fourth in the QIPCO British Champions

Long Distance Cup in 2014, and Tullius, who filled the same position in the QIPCO-sponsored Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on the same card. Balding's principal hope this year appears to be Beat The Bank, a dual Group 2 winner this year bound for a second stab at the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (sponsored by QIPCO). Donjuan Triumphant (Sprint) is another Group 1 possible, while he has South Seas and Zwayyan in the Balmoral Handicap.



SIR MICHAEL STOUTE

The doyen of Newmarket's training ranks has won big prizes all over the world during his decorated career but, so far, a win on QIPCO British Champions Day has eluded him.

Half of his 14 challengers have gone off at single-figure odds but none have finished closer than second, the position achieved by Poet's Word in the QIPCO Champion Stakes last year. Queen's Trust was also third for him in the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes in 2016. Estimate, owned by the Queen, started 2-1 favourite for the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup in 2013 but could finish only seventh. This year, Stoute's principal hope is Crystal Ocean in the QIPCO Champion Stakes.



RICHARD FAHEY

Ribchester came close to giving Richard Fahey a first QIPCO British Champions Day winner last year when beating all bar Persuasive in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes – and it had been the same 12

months earlier when he was runner-up to Minding. Growl also finished runner-up for Fahey in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint in 2016 at 50-1. In total, he has sent 28 runners to QIPCO British Champions Day without quite pulling off a victory. His two runners this year are Sands of Mali (QIPCO British Champions Sprint) and Gabriel (Queen Elizabeth II Stakes).



CLIVE COX

None of Clive Cox's previous ten runners on QIPCO British Champions Day have fared better than fourth. Electolysyer (QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup in 2012); My Dream

Boat (QIPCO Champion Stakes in 2016) and Harry Angel (QIPCO British Champions Stakes Sprint last year) have all filled that position. The last-named went off 5/4 favourite, but faded in the closing stages. Three years ago his Kodi Bear was also a leading fancy for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes but trailed in eighth. Harry Angel seeks to make amends in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes.



ROGER VARIAN

Newmarket-based Roger Varian has had 11 runners on QIPCO British Champions Day with the best of them being Belardo, who ran a cracker to be second in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes

three years ago at 33-1. His Zabeel Prince went off at 4-1 for the Balmoral Handicap last year but failed to figure. Morando had started 5-1 favourite for the same race 12 months before but could finish only seventh after meeting trouble in running. This year Varian saddles an intriguing contender for the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, Pilaster.



RICHARD HANNON

Having only taken out a licence in 2014, Richard Hannon has had less opportunities than most to strike on QIPCO British Champions Day. So far, he has had nine runners on the big

day and most have been outsiders. Night Of Thunder was the exception, starting 2-1 favourite for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes four years ago and beating all bar Charm Spirit.

1:25PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 2)



Total prize money £530,000

Prize money breakdown: 1st: £300,563 - 2nd: £113,950
3rd: £57,028 - 4th: £28,408 - 5th: £14,257 - 6th: £7,155

- 2m (3200m) Round Course | 3yo+ | No Penalties | Maximum Field 20
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: ORDER OF ST GEORGE

Order Of St George pulled off an unlikely-looking second victory in the race, having looked held when fourth and seemingly toiling two furlongs out. At that point, the Jessica Harrington-trained Torcedor had kicked clear, but the leader suddenly began to tire close home, allowing his pursuers to sweep past with Ryan Moore's mount just getting home. "We all know what a talented horse he is, but he is a little bit funny," said part-owner Michael Tabor. "To be honest, I thought he was beaten and briefly turned away from watching, but Ryan has really galvanised him."



POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE



STRADIVARIUS

Only third in this race last year, trainer John Gosden was adamant that the best was still to come. So it has proved for this colt in 2018 with an impressive success in the MansionBet Yorkshire Cup followed by a battling victory in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, questions about his stamina for the marathon two-and-a-half-mile test being answered emphatically. He conquered Torcedor in the Qatar Goodwood Cup, before he earned connections a seven-figure payout after completing the Weatherbys Hamilton Stayers' Million challenge by taking the Lonsdale Cup at York. It will take a big performance to dethrone him here.



DESERT SKYLINE

Confirmed himself as a very smart stayer last season, belying long odds to finish third in the Goodwood Cup and capturing the Doncaster Cup under Silvestre de Sousa from Thomas Hobson. This season began well when chasing home Torcedor at Ascot and then doing best of the rest behind Stradivarius in the Yorkshire Cup, but poor runs followed at Royal Ascot and Goodwood. Pleasing, therefore, to see him show more spark in the Lonsdale Cup back at York before staying on at Newbury in latest start. Expert trainer hopes he might just be on the way back now and the best of his form gives him claims of picking up a share of the money.



FLAG OF HONOUR

Steady improvement at two yielded a Group 3 win on his final start and that progression has been maintained this season. Unable to land a blow when thrown into the French Derby, but caught the eye making late gains from the rear division, and the hint he dropped there about needing a greater test of stamina was not missed. Upped to a mile and three-quarters, he took Group 2 and Group 3 prizes and then a Group 1 at that trip, the most recent success in the Comer Group International Irish St Leger over Irish Derby winner Latrobe confirming his status as a genuine top-drawer stayer. Connections took this prize 12 months ago with Order Of St George. Do they have a successor in waiting?



FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Capri (IRE)	4	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Desert Skyline (IRE)	4	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
Mount Moriah (GB)	4	Ralph Beckett	Mr Norman Brunskill
Stradivarius (IRE)	4	John Gosden	Mr B. E. Nielsen
Thomas Hobson (GB)	8	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
Weekender (GB)	4	John Gosden	Mr K. Abdullah
Cypress Creek (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Flag of Honour (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
Kew Gardens (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Sir Erec (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor



2018 IN THE LONG DISTANCE DIVISION:

THE MANSIONBET YORKSHIRE CUP | 1M 5F 188Y | GOOD TO FIRM | £165,000 | GROUP 2 | 18TH MAY | YORK

1	Stradivarius (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr B. E. Nielsen
2	Desert Skyline (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
3	Call To Mind (GB)	William Buick	William Haggas	The Queen
4	Max Dynamite (FR)	Ryan Moore	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
5	Count Octave (GB)	Oisin Murphy	Andrew Balding	Qatar Racing Limited
6	Clever Cookie (GB)	P. J. McDonald	Peter Niven	Mr P. D. Niven
7	Wicklow Brave (GB)	Andrea Atzeni	W. P. Mullins	Wicklow Bloodstock (Ireland) Ltd
8	On To Victory (GB)	Paul Mulrennan	Eve Johnson Houghton	HP Racing On To Victory

THE GOLD CUP | 2M 4F | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 21ST JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Stradivarius (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr B. E. Nielsen
2	Vazirabad (FR)	C. Soumillon	A. de Royer Dupre	H.H. Aga Khan
3	Torcedor (IRE)	Colm O'Donoghue	Mrs J. Harrington	Te Akau Torcedor(Mngr David Ellis)
4	Order of St George (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	M.Tabor,D.Smith,MrsJ Magnier, L Williams
5	Scotland (GER)	Jim Crowley	Andrew Balding	Mrs Fitri Hay
6	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)	Martin Harley	David Simcock	Mr Mohammed Jaber
7	Max Dynamite (FR)	William Buick	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
8	Mount Moriah (GB)	Harry Bentley	Ralph Beckett	Mr Norman Brunskill
9	Desert Skyline (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn

QATAR GOODWOOD CUP | 2M | GOOD | £523,000 | GROUP 1 | 31ST JULY | GOODWOOD

1	Stradivarius (IRE)	Andrea Atzeni	John Gosden	Mr B. E. Nielsen
2	Torcedor (IRE)	Colm O'Donoghue	Mrs J. Harrington	Te Akau Torcedor(Mngr David Ellis)
3	Idaho (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
4	Dal Harraild (GB)	Paul Hanagan	William Haggas	St Albans Bloodstock Limited
5	St Michel (GB)	Luke Morris	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	John Pearce Racing Ltd
6	Desert Skyline (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn



2018 IN THE LONG DISTANCE DIVISION:

WEATHERBYS HAMILTON INSURANCE LONSDALE CUP | 2M | £225,000 | GOOD TO FIRM | GROUP 2 | 24TH AUGUST | YORK

1	Stradivarius (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr B. E. Nielsen
2	Count Octave (GB)	Oisin Murphy	Andrew Balding	Qatar Racing Limited
3	Idaho (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
4	Desert Skyline (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
5	Red Verdon (USA)	Jim Crowley	Ed Dunlop	The Hon R J Arculli
6	Sir Chauvelin (GB)	Daniel Tudhope	Jim Goldie	Mr J. Fyffe, Mrs M. Craig, Mr G. Thomson
7	Max Dynamite (FR)	David Egan	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
8	St Michel (GB)	Luke Morris	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	John Pearce Racing Ltd
9	Petitioner (IRE)	Robert Havlin	Roger Charlton	Mr B. E. Nielsen

DONCASTER CUP STAKES | 2M 2F | £100,000 | GOOD TO SOFT | GROUP 2 | 14TH SEPTEMBER | DONCASTER

1	Thomas Hobson (GB)	Ryan Moore	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
2	Max Dynamite (FR)	Andrea Atzeni	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
3	Sheikhzayedroad (GB)	Martin Harley	David Simcock	Mr Mohammed Jaber
4	Algometer (GB)	Oisin Murphy	David Simcock	Miss K. Rausing
5	Saunter (FR)	James Doyle	Ian Williams	Michael Watt and Billy Slater (AUS)
6	Renneti (FR)	Frankie Dettori	W. P. Mullins	Mrs S. Ricci
7	Lord Yeats (GB)	Graham Lee	Jedd O'Keeffe	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
8	Jukebox Jive (FR)	Joe Fanning	Anthony Honeyball	Mr R. W. Huggins

WILLIAM HILL ST LEGER STAKES | 1M 6F | GOOD | £700,000 | GROUP 1 | 15TH SEPTEMBER | DONCASTER

1	Kew Gardens (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
2	Lah Ti Dar (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Lord Lloyd Webber
3	Southern France (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
4	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
5	Old Persian (GB)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
6	Raymond Tusk (IRE)	Andrea Atzeni	Richard Hannon	Middleham Park Racing XXXI & K Sohi
7	Nelson (IRE)	Michael C. Hussey	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
8	Proschema (IRE)	Richard Kingscote	Tom Dascombe	Empire State Racing Partnership
9	Maid Up (GB)	Rob Hornby	Andrew Balding	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd
10	Loxley (IRE)	James Doyle	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
11	The Pentagon (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
12	Zabriskie (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Aidan O'Brien	Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd



2018 IN THE LONG DISTANCE DIVISION:

PAST WINNERS OF THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 2)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
2011	120	Fame And Glory	Jamie Spencer	Aidan O'Brien
2012	113	Rite of Passage	Pat Smullen	Dermot Weld
2013	114	Royal Diamond	Johnny Murtagh	Johnny Murtagh
2014	111	Forgotten Rules	Pat Smullen	Dermot Weld
2015	115	Flying Officer	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden
2016	115	Sheikhzayedroad	Martin Harley	David Simcock
2017	123	Order of St George	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien

HISTORY OF THE RACE

Established in 1873 as the Jockey Club Cup, this race was run at Newmarket until 2011, when it was moved to Ascot and renamed the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup.

The seven contests in the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance category vary in distance from the mile and six furlongs (2,800m) of York's MansionBet Yorkshire Cup to the two and a half miles (4,000 metres) of the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot. The intermediate two-mile trip of the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup therefore provides the perfect distance for the category finale.

The last two renewals have both produced thrilling finishes- a four-horse photo in 2016 seeing Sheikhzayedroad defeat Group 1 winners Quest For More, Simple Verse and Order Of St George to provide David Simcock with his third QIPCO British Champions Day victory.

But it was Order Of St George who came out on top to give Aidan O'Brien a second success in the race, cutting his rivals down to come from an unpromising position and land the seventh Group-race success of his career in 2017.

The contest has been further boosted this year by an increase of £50,000 to the already-impressive prize fund.

2:00PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 1)**Total prize money £632,500****Prize money breakdown: 1st £358,690.75 - 2nd £135,987.50
3rd £68,057 - 4th £33,902 - 5th £17,014.25 - 6th £8,538.75**

- 6f (1200 m) Straight Course | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 20
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: LIBRISA BREEZE

Librisa Breeze downed all the big names to win under a jubilant Robert Winston. With Harry Angel sent off favourite in a high-quality field, there was no hiding place. However, they were all left in the wake of Dean Ivory's speedy grey, who survived a bump a furlong out to win impressively. Harry Angel had burst clear with two furlongs to run, but tired inside the final furlong and was cut down. Tasleet attacked on the far side, but it was the Dean Ivory-trained grey who found most.

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE****THE TIN MAN**

A Group 1 winner in each of the last three seasons, he immediately struck up a good relationship with first-time partner Oisin Murphy in the 32Red Sprint Cup and handled the testing conditions better than some of his rivals. A thoroughly admirable horse and clearly as good as ever, he has been seen out only four times this year, running with great credit in the Diamond Jubilee and Deauville's Prix Maurice De Gheest following a confidence-boosting success at Windsor. He arrives fresher than many, this race having presumably long been prominent in connections' plans.

**HARRY ANGEL**

Officially rated the world's best sprinter in 2017 for his four-length success in the Sprint Cup at Haydock. Having given 5lb and a two-length beating to Brando at York on his first start this year, he was understandably sent off a strongly-backed favourite for the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot. But having been restless in the stalls, he managed to trap his legs in the back of the gate, missed the break and ultimately finished lame. Brought back to fitness for the 32Red Sprint Cup at Haydock, he again didn't look entirely happy in the stalls, and despite racing with plenty of zest, faded out of contention close home. Hopefully we will see him back at his brilliant best here.

**LIBRISA BREEZE**

Bids for back-to-back victories after capping an outstanding, breakthrough season with success in this contest in 2017. Arrives fresh after just four starts this campaign and although his form figures look unpromising he has had very little go his way, including when finishing just in behind The Tin Man at Deauville. Disappointing latest effort at Newbury is an obvious concern, but he has bounced back from similar performances previously. Characteristically held up to deliver a late burst at the finish, a strongly-run race clearly suits, but this track and trip has brought out the best in him before and plenty of grounds for optimism as to his prospects of becoming the first dual winner of this race.



FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Bacchus (GB)	4	Brian Meehan	G P M Morland, D J Erwin, John G S Woodman
Brando (GB)	6	Kevin Ryan	Mrs Angie Bailey
Donjuan Triumphant (IRE)	5	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Dreamfield (GB)	4	John Gosden	Godolphin
Dream of Dreams (IRE)	4	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Saeed Suhail
Harry Angel (IRE)	4	Clive Cox	Godolphin
Librisa Breeze (GB)	6	Dean Ivory	Anthony Bloom
Limato (IRE)	6	Henry Candy	Mr Paul G. Jacobs
Projection (GB)	5	Roger Charlton	The Royal Ascot Racing Club
Sir Dancealot (IRE)	4	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
Son of Rest (GB)	4	J. A. Stack	B. Parker
Tasleet (GB)	5	William Haggas	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
The Tin Man (GB)	6	James Fanshawe	Fred Archer Racing - Ormonde
Laugh A Minute (GB)	3	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Sands of Mali (FR)	3	Richard Fahey	The Cool Silk Partnership
Sioux Nation (USA)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Speak In Colours (GB)	3	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Mrs C. C. Regalado-Gonzalez
Classical Times (GB)	4	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Mr Allan Belshaw

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2018 IN THE SPRINT DIVISION:

KING'S STAND STAKES | 5F | 3YO+ | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 19TH JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Blue Point (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
2	Battaash (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Charles Hills	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
3	Mabs Cross (GB)	Paul Mulrennan	Michael Dods	Mr David W. Armstrong
4	Finsbury Square (IRE)	Olivier Peslier	Mauricio Delcher Sanchez	Mr B. Van Dalfsen
5	Bucchero (USA)	Jose Ortiz	Timothy Glyshaw	Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC
6	Different League (FR)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	P Brant/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/ D Smith
7	Lady Aurelia (USA)	John R. Velazquez	Wesley A. Ward	Stonestreet Stables LLC & Peter Leidel
8	Washington DC (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
9	Kachy (GB)	Richard Kingscote	Tom Dascombe	David Lowe
10	Gifted Master (IRE)	James Doyle	Hugo Palmer	Dr Ali Ridha
11	Battle of Jericho (USA)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
12	Ornate (GB)	Oisin Murphy	David C. Griffiths	Kings Road Racing Partnership
13	Primo Uomo (IRE)	N. G. McCullagh	G. O'Leary	Lance Bloodstock Limited
14	Declarationofpeace (USA)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith





2018 IN THE SPRINT DIVISION:

COMMONWEALTH CUP | 6F | 3YO | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 22ND JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Eqtidaar (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
2	Sands of Mali (FR)	Paul Hanagan	Richard Fahey	The Cool Silk Partnership
3	Emblazoned (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	H. R. H. Princess Haya of Jordan
4	Stone of Destiny (GB)	Oisin Murphy	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
5	Hey Jonesy (IRE)	Kevin Stott	Kevin Ryan	Pallister Racing
6	Gidu (IRE)	John R. Velazquez	Todd Pletcher	Zayat Stables Ltd
7	Heartache (GB)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Hot To Trot Racing
8	Fighting Irish (IRE)	Ioritz Mendizabal	Harry Dunlop	Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don
9	Invincible Army (IRE)	James Doyle	James Tate	Mr Saeed Manana
10	Unfortunately (IRE)	Tony Piccone	K. R. Burke	Cheveley Park Stud
11	Roussel (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
12	Equilateral (GB)	James McDonald	Charles Hills	Mr K. Abdullah
13	Cardsharp (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
14	Speak In Colours (GB)	Donnacha O'Brien	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Mrs C. C. Regalado-Gonzalez
15	Fleet Review (USA)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
16	Sioux Nation (USA)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
17	Actress (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
18	Laugh A Minute (GB)	Andrea Atzeni	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
19	Main Desire (IRE)	Daniel Tudhope	Michael Bell	Clipper Logistics
20	Enjazaat (GB)	Dane O'Neill	Owen Burrows	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
21	Now You're Talking (IRE)	Jamie Spencer	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	MacLennan/Tynan/Shanahan/Magnier



2018 IN THE SPRINT DIVISION:

DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES | 6F | GOOD TO FIRM | £600,000 | GROUP 1 | 23RD JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Merchant Navy (AUS)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Merchant Navy Synd/Smith/Magnier/Tabor
2	City Light (FR)	C. Soumillon	S. Wattel	Ecurie J L Bouchard/Madame I Corbani
3	Bound For Nowhere (USA)	Joel Rosario	Wesley A. Ward	Wesley A. Ward
4	The Tin Man (GB)	Tom Queally	James Fanshawe	Fred Archer Racing - Ormonde
5	Projection (GB)	Kieran Shoemark	Roger Charlton	The Royal Ascot Racing Club
6	D'Bai (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
7	Sir Dancealot (IRE)	Sean Levey	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
8	Spirit of Valor (USA)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Stonestreet Stables
9	Librisa Breeze (GB)	Robert Winston	Dean Ivory	Anthony Bloom
10	Redkirk Warrior (GB)	Frankie Dettori	David & B Hayes & T Dabernig	M B Lee & Miss Y C J Tam
11	Harry Angel (IRE)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Godolphin
12	Intelligence Cross (USA)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith

DARLEY JULY CUP | 6F | 3YO+ | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | 14TH JULY | NEWMARKET JULY COURSE

1	U S Navy Flag (USA)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
2	Brando (GB)	Tom Eaves	Kevin Ryan	Mrs Angie Bailey
3	Fleet Review (USA)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
4	Sir Dancealot (IRE)	Gerald Mosse	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
5	Sioux Nation (USA)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
6	Dreamfield (GB)	James Doyle	John Gosden	Godolphin
7	Blue Point (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
8	Spirit of Valor (USA)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Stonestreet Stables
9	Eqtidaar (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
10	Redkirk Warrior (GB)	Regan Bayliss	David & B Hayes & T Dabernig	M B Lee & Miss Y C J Tam
11	Limato (IRE)	Harry Bentley	Henry Candy	Mr Paul G. Jacobs
12	Sands of Mali (FR)	Paul Hanagan	Richard Fahey	The Cool Silk Partnership
13	Intelligence Cross (USA)	Padraig Beggy	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith



2018 IN THE SPRINT DIVISION:

COOLMORE NUNTHORPE STAKES | 5F | GOOD TO FIRM | £350,000 | GROUP 1 | 24TH AUGUST | YORK

1	Alpha Delphini (GB)	Graham Lee	Bryan Smart	The Alpha Delphini Partnership
2	Mabs Cross (GB)	Tom Eaves	Michael Dods	Mr David W. Armstrong
3	Blue Point (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
4	Battaash (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Charles Hills	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
5	Havana Grey (GB)	P. J. McDonald	K. R. Burke	Global Racing Club & Mrs E Burke
6	Take Cover (GB)	David Allan	David C. Griffiths	Norcroft Park Stud
7	Heartache (GB)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Hot To Trot Racing
8	Sioux Nation (USA)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
9	Mr Lupton (IRE)	Paul Hanagan	Richard Fahey	Mr N. D. Kershaw & Partner
10	Battle of Jericho (USA)	Frankie Dettori	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
11	Caspian Prince (IRE)	Ben Curtis	Michael Appleby	Mr Stephen Louch
12	Washington DC (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
13	Judicial (IRE)	Luke Morris	Julie Camacho	Elite Racing Club
14	Abel Handy (IRE)	Kevin Stott	Declan Carroll	Mr F. Gillespie
15	Declarationofpeace (IRE)	Michael C. Hussey	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith

32RED SPRINT CUP | 6F | HEAVY | £300,000 | GROUP 1 | 8TH SEPTEMBER | HAYDOCK PARK

1	The Tin Man (GB)	Oisin Murphy	James Fanshawe	Fred Archer Racing - Ormonde
2	Brando (GB)	Tom Eaves	Kevin Ryan	Mrs Angie Bailey
3	Gustav Klimt (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
4	Donjuan Triumphant (GB)	Rob Hornby	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
5	Sands of Mali (FR)	Paul Hanagan	Richard Fahey	The Cool Silk Partnership
6	Harry Angel (IRE)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Godolphin
7	Speak In Colours (GB)	Donnacha O'Brien	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Mrs C. C. Regalado-Gonzalez
8	Tasleet (GB)	Jim Crowley	William Haggas	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
9	Sir Dancealot (IRE)	Gerald Mosse	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
10	Hey Jonesy (IRE)	Kevin Stott	Kevin Ryan	Pallister Racing
11	Eqtidaar (IRE)	Daniel Tudhope	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
12	James Garfield (IRE)	Richard Kingscote	George Scott	W. J. and T. C. O. Gredley



2018 IN THE SPRINT DIVISION:

PAST WINNERS OF THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 1)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
2011	120	Deacon Blues	Johnny Murtagh	James Fanshawe
2012	114	Maarek	Jamie Spencer	David Peter Nagle
2013	115	Slade Power	Wayne Lordan	Edward Lynam
2014	118	Gordon Lord Byron	Wayne Lordan	Tom Hogan
2015	123	Muhaarar	Paul Hanagan	Charles Hills
2016	115	The Tin Man	Tom Queally	James Fanshawe
2017	119	Librisa Breeze	Robert Winston	Dean Ivory

HISTORY OF THE RACE

The event was established in 1946, and it was originally called the Diadem Stakes, named after Diadem (foaled 1914), a winner of several of Ascot's leading races.

The race was given its present name and returned to October in 2011 when it became part of the newly created QIPCO British Champions Day.

In 2015, the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes was upgraded from Group 2 to Group 1 status and, in response to its enhanced prestige, the race's value was boosted from £350,000 to £600,000 establishing it as Europe's joint-most valuable sprint.

This six-furlong (1,200 metres) contest provides the grand finale to the seven-race QIPCO British Champions Sprint division. There are three Series races run over five furlongs (1,000 metres) and four, including today's contest, over six furlongs. Many sprinters tend to specialise over one of these distances, but the true greats have the versatility to excel over both trips.

Having won the first running under its current guise in 2011 with Deacon Blues, Newmarket trainer James Fanshawe won the race for a second time in 2016 with The Tin Man, ridden by Tom Queally, but Librisa Breeze was a first QIPCO British Champions Day winner for both Dean Ivory and jockey Robert Winston in 2017.

2:40PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES

(GROUP 1)

**Total prize money £600,000****Prize money breakdown: 1st £340,260 - 2nd £129,000****3rd £64,560 - 4th £32,160 - 5th £16,140 - 6th £8,100**

- 1m4f (2400 metres) Round Course | 3yo+ Fillies & Mares | Maximum Field 19
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: HYDRANGEA

Aidan O'Brien equalled American trainer Bobby Frankel's worldwide record of training 25 Group 1 winners in a year as Hydrangea scored an impressive success. The daughter of Galileo was tackling the mile-and-a-half trip for the first time and Moore had to bring her widest of all on the final bend but she stayed on strongly to win by two lengths from Bateel, trained by Francis-Henri Graffard in France. Hydrangea was claiming the second Group 1 of her career and Moore said: "Hydrangea is great, she'd been running very good races all year and she has a great attitude."

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:****LAH TI DAR**

The unbeaten record may have gone last time in the William Hill St Leger, but Lah Ti Dar lost very little else in Classic defeat as she narrowly failed to reel in Kew Gardens. Unraced at two, she has gone from strength to strength this season and put up another career-best effort there. Despite seeing the trip out well enough that day, it seems likely that she will prove at her best over a mile and a half, the same distance over which she waltzed to a 10-length victory at York in August. Having missed the majority of the summer, including an intended bid to win the Investec Oaks, she arrives here fresher than most and could well be the one they all have to beat.

HYDRANGEA

Doubts over her ability to see out the mile-and-a-half trip, just weeks after overturning stablemate Winter in the Group 1 Matron Stakes over a mile, were emphatically silenced when Hydrangea strode away to win the QIPCO British Champion Fillies & Mares Stakes at this meeting 12 months ago. So far this year things haven't gone as well, a decent second in a Group 2 at The Curragh being followed by a couple of disappointing efforts, most recently when last in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. But her stable wasn't fully firing at that point and there is every reason to expect a much-improved showing as she returns to action at the scene of such a famous triumph.

CORONET

This admirably consistent grey boasts an excellent record over this course and distance, taking last year's Group 2 Ribblesdale Stakes before finishing a good third in this race, having been asked to come from off the pace. Claimed a second career Group 2 success on her first start of this season before heading to France for the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, missing out on a first Group 1 victory in a head-bobbing photo finish. She further enhanced her excellent record at this track when finishing a highly creditable third in the QIPCO-sponsored King George back in July, only finding Sea Of Class too good in the Darley Yorkshire Oaks subsequently.



FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Coronet (GB)	4	John Gosden	Denford Stud
God Given (GB)	4	Luca Cumani	St Albans Bloodstock Limited
Horseplay (GB)	4	Andrew Balding	Cliveden Stud
Hydrangea (IRE)	4	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Kitesurf (GB)	4	A. Fabre	Godolphin S.N.C.
Athena (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Broadway (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Bye Bye Baby (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Flattering (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Lah Ti Dar (GB)	3	John Gosden	Lord Lloyd-Webber
Magical (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Magic Wand (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M J Jooste
Pilaster (GB)	3	Roger Varian	Cheveley Park Stud
Sizzling (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith



2018 IN THE FILLIES & MARES DIVISION:

QIPCO 1000 GUINEAS | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 6TH MAY | NEWMARKET ROWLEY MILE

1	Billesdon Brook (GB)	Sean Levey	Richard Hannon	Pall Mall Partners & Partners
2	Laurens (FR)	P. J. McDonald	K. R. Burke	Mr John Dance
3	Happily (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
4	Wild Illusion (GB)	James Doyle	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
5	Altyn Orda (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	Roger Varian	Mr Nurlan Bizakov
6	Soliloquy (GB)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
7	Anna Nerium (GB)	Tom Marquand	Richard Hannon	Mrs R. J. McCreery
8	Worship (IRE)	Oisin Murphy	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Ltd & Mr Kin Hung Kei
9	Liquid Amber (USA)	W. J. Lee	W. McCreery	Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd
10	Dan's Dream (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	Mick Channon	Hunscombe, Watt, Peckham, Botham & Edwards
11	I Can Fly (GB)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
12	Sarrocchi (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier/Mrs E. Irwin
13	Madeline (IRE)	Andrea Atzeni	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
14	Vitamin (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Richard Hannon	Mr Hussain Alabbas Lootah
15	Sizzling (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith

INVESTEC OAKS | 1M 4F | SOFT | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 1ST JUNE | EPSOM DOWNS

1	Forever Together (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
2	Wild Illusion (GB)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
3	Bye Bye Baby (IRE)	Wayne Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
4	Magic Wand (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/ M J Jooste
5	Flattering (IRE)	Padraig Beggy	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
6	Give And Take (GB)	James Doyle	William Haggas	Mr Nicholas Jones
7	Perfect Clarity (GB)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Dr Bridget Drew & Mr David J Keast
8	I Can Fly (GB)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
9	Ejtyah (GB)	Jamie Spencer	David Simcock	Abdullah Saeed Al Naboodah



2018 IN THE FILLIES & MARES DIVISION:

CORONATION STAKES | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 22ND JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Alpha Centauri (IRE)	Colm O'Donoghue	Mrs J. Harrington	Niarchos Family
2	Threading (IRE)	William Buick	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
3	Veracious (GB)	Frankie Dettori	Sir Michael Stoute	Cheveley Park Stud
4	Billesdon Brook (GB)	Sean Levey	Richard Hannon	Pall Mall Partners & Mrs R. J. McCreery
5	Clemmie (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Agnier
6	Coeur De Beaute (FR)	Stephane Pasquier	Mauricio Delcher Sanchez	Mr Teruya Yoshida
7	Aim of Artemis (IRE)	James Doyle	John Gosden	Godolphin
8	Anna Nerium (GB)	Tom Marquand	Richard Hannon	Mrs R. J. McCreery
9	Teppal (FR)	Olivier Peslier	David Simcock	H.H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani
10	Nkosikazi (GB)	Oisin Murphy	Brian Meehan	James Stewart, Sam Sangster, Brian Meehan
11	Whitefountainfairy (GB)	David Probert	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
12	Adorable (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	Mick Channon	Mr M. Al-Qatami & Mr K. M. Al-Mudhaf

TATTERSALLS FALMOUTH STAKES | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £200,000 | GROUP 1 | 13TH JULY | NEWMARKET JULY COURSE

1	Alpha Centauri (IRE)	Colm O'Donoghue	Mrs J. Harrington	Niarchos Family
2	Altyn Orda (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	Roger Varian	Mr Nurlan Bizakov
3	Clemmie (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
4	Nyaleti (IRE)	Joe Fanning	Mark Johnston	3 Batterhams and a Reay
5	Arabian Hope (USA)	Jim Crowley	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
6	Threading (IRE)	William Buick	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
7	Opal Tiara (IRE)	Charles Bishop	Mick Channon	The Filly Folly & Sweet Partnership

QATAR NASSAU STAKES | 1M 1F | GOOD | £600,000 | GROUP 1 | 2ND AUGUST | GOODWOOD

1	Wild Illusion (GB)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
2	Urban Fox (GB)	Daniel Tudhope	William Haggas	Barnane Stud Ltd
3	Veracious (GB)	Frankie Dettori	Sir Michael Stoute	Cheveley Park Stud
4	Billesdon Brook (GB)	Tom Marquand	Richard Hannon	Pall Mall Partners & Mrs R. J. McCreery
5	Wilamina (IRE)	Oisin Murphy	Martyn Meade	The Snailwell Stud
6	Rhododendron (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith

DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS | 1M 4F | GOOD TO FIRM | £350,000 | GROUP 1 | 23RD AUGUST | YORK

1	Sea of Class (IRE)	James Doyle	William Haggas	Sunderland Holding Inc.
2	Coronet (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Denford Stud
3	Eziyra (IRE)	William Buick	D. K. Weld	H.H. Aga Khan
4	Horseplay (GB)	Oisin Murphy	Andrew Balding	Cliveden Stud
5	Magic Wand (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M J Jooste
6	Laurens (FR)	P. J. McDonald	K. R. Burke	Mr John Dance
7	Bye Bye Baby (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
8	Flattering (IRE)	Michael C. Hussey	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor

PAST WINNERS OF THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (GROUP 1)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
2011	117	Dancing Rain	Johnny Murtagh	William Haggas
2012	116	Sapphire	Pat Smullen	Dermot Weld
2013	116	Seal of Approval	George Baker	James Fanshawe
2014	113	Madame Chiang	Jim Crowley	David Simcock
2015	116	Simple Verse	Andrea Atzeni	Ralph Beckett
2016	115	Journey	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden
2017	119	Hydrangea	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien

HISTORY OF THE RACE

The genealogy of the QIPCO British Champions Fillies And Mares Stakes dates back to 1946, when Ascot staged the Princess Royal Stakes for the first time. In 2008 it was renamed the Pride Stakes and moved to Newmarket, but it returned to Ascot under its current name in 2011.

The new race was given a boost in its very first year as it was won by none other than the Investec Oaks and Preis der Diana (German Oaks) winner, Dancing Rain, a dual Classic heroine having her final European start. Simple Verse was the second Classic winner to claim the spoils in its short recent history when successful in 2015. The race was awarded Group 1 status in 2013 and now boasts prize money of £600,000, making it Britain's joint-most valuable fillies-only race.

3:30PM

QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) (GROUP 1)



Total prize money £1,156,250

Prize money breakdown: 1st £655,709.37 - 2nd £248,593.74
3rd £124,412.50 - 4th £61,975 - 5th £31,103.13 - 6th £15,609.38

- 1m (1600 metres) Straight Course | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 20
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: PERSUASIVE

Ascot enjoys few winners as much as those gained by Frankie Dettori and the evergreen Italian once again got onto the QIPCO British Champions Day roster when Persuasive struck for John Gosden against the boys. Ribchester, the leading miler in Europe last season, tried to take control of the race with two furlongs to run, but was there to be shot at in the closing stages. When Dettori got in the clear on John Gosden's grey she found a change of gear that Ribchester could not live with, eventually scoring by an eased-down length. Churchill finished third.



POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR:

RECOLETOS

Enjoyed a positive first experience of the QIPCO British Champions Day when fourth in last year's QIPCO Champion Stakes and has gone from strength to strength this year since being switched back to a mile. Having caught the eye when finishing a clear second to the high-class filly Alpha Centauri in the Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville, he showed great mettle to get up in the shadow of the post and claim the Prix Du Moulin last time from a competitive field. His sire Whipper was a late bloomer and this four-year-old arrives himself thriving and on an upward curve. Connections must be hopeful of taking this huge prize back to France for a third time in five years.



ROARING LION

Classy performer at two and understandably the subject of much expectation this season. Proved disappointing first time out in the bet365 Craven Stakes, but showed more when fifth in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas and then delivered a huge performance in the Betfred Dante Stakes, stretching right away close to home. He travelled strongly until stamina possibly gave way over a mile and a half in the Investec Derby and appeared to confirm that impression when coming late to catch Saxon Warrior in both the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown in July and the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown last month. His smooth victory in the Juddmonte International at York in between further cements his status as a shining light in the 2018 Flat season.



LAURENS

Outstandingly tough filly who has lived up to all expectations this season with a series of top-class performances in Group 1 company. Second in the QIPCO 1000 Guineas on her first start of the campaign, she struck twice in France before failing to see out the trip in the Darley Yorkshire Oaks. She bounced straight back to winning form dropped to a mile in the Coolmore Matron Stakes, beating Alpha Centauri and then followed up last time in the Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes, holding off Happily by a head. An uncomplicated ride with an admirable temperament, she thrillingly gets the chance to tackle male rivals for the first time.





FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Addeybb (IRE)	4	William Haggas	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
Beat The Bank (GB)	4	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Century Dream (IRE)	4	Simon Crisford	Abdulla Belhabb
Gabrial (IRE)	9	Richard Fahey	Dr Marwan Koukash
Lightning Spear (GB)	7	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
Lord Glitters (FR)	5	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
Recoletos (FR)	4	C. Laffon-Parias	Sarl Darpat France
Stormy Antarctic (GB)	5	Ed Walker	Mr P. K. Siu
Zabeel Prince (IRE)	5	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Aljazzi (GB)	5	Marco Botti	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar
Expert Eye (GB)	3	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr K. Abdullah
Gustav Klimt (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
Hey Gaman (GB)	3	James Tate	Mr Sultan Ali
Rhododendron (IRE)	4	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
Roaring Lion (USA)	3	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
Romanised (IRE)	3	K. J. Condon	Mr Robert Ng
Without Parole (GB)	3	John Gosden	John Gunther & Tanya Gunther
Clemmie (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
Happily (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
I Can Fly (GB)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Laurens (FR)	3	K. R. Burke	Mr John Dance



2018 IN THE MILE DIVISION:

QIPCO 2000 GUINEAS | 1M | GOOD | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 5TH MAY | NEWMARKET ROWLEY MILE

1	Saxon Warrior (JPN)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
2	Tip Two Win (GB)	David Probert	Roger Teal	Mrs Anne Cowley
3	Masar (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
4	Elarqam (GB)	Jim Crowley	Mark Johnston	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
5	Roaring Lion (USA)	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
6	Gustav Klimt (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
7	James Garfield (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	George Scott	W. J. and T. C. O. Gredley
8	Raid (IRE)	Martin Harley	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
9	Murillo (USA)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
10	Expert Eye (GB)	Andrea Atzeni	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr K. Abdullah
11	Cardsharp (GB)	James Doyle	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
12	Headway (GB)	Jamie Spencer	William Haggas	The Royal Ascot Racing Club
13	Rajasinghe (IRE)	Adam Kirby	Richard Spencer	Rebel Racing
14	Nebo (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	Charles Hills	Mrs Julie Martin and David R. Martin

AL SHAQAB LOCKINGE STAKES | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £350,000 | GROUP 1 | 19TH MAY | NEWBURY

1	Rhododendron (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
2	Lightning Spear (GB)	Oisin Murphy	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
3	Lancaster Bomber (USA)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
4	Dutch Connection (GB)	Jamie Spencer	Charles Hills	Godolphin
5	Deauville (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs F Hay/M Tabor/Mrs J Magnier/D Smith
6	Accidental Agent (GB)	Charles Bishop	Eve Johnson Houghton	Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton
7	Suedois (FR)	Daniel Tudhope	David O'Meara	Mr George Turner & Clipper Logistics
8	Addeybb (IRE)	James Doyle	William Haggas	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
9	Alexios Komnenos (IRE)	Chris Hayes	J. A. Stack	Werrett Bloodstock/Britton/Mcguinness
10	Limato (IRE)	Harry Bentley	Henry Candy	Mr Paul G. Jacobs
11	Zonderland (GB)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Cheveley Park Stud
12	Beat The Bank (GB)	Jim Crowley	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
13	Zabeel Prince (IRE)	Andrea Atzeni	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
14	War Decree (USA)	Padraig Beggy	Aidan O'Brien	A Rosen/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith

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2018 IN THE MILE DIVISION:

QUEEN ANNE STAKES | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £600,000 | GROUP 1 | 19TH JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Accidental Agent (GB)	Charles Bishop	Eve Johnson Houghton	Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton
2	Lord Glitters (FR)	Jamie Spencer	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
3	Lightning Spear (GB)	Oisin Murphy	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
4	Century Dream (IRE)	William Buick	Simon Crisford	Abdulla Belhabb
5	Yoshida (JPN)	Jose Ortiz	William Mott	Winstar, CHC, SF Racing, Head of Plains
6	Beat The Bank (GB)	Jim Crowley	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
7	Recoletos (FR)	Olivier Peslier	C. Laffon-Parias	Sarl Darpat France
8	So Beloved (GB)	Phillip Makin	David O'Meara	Thoroughbred British Racing
9	Rhododendron (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
10	Benbatl (GB)	C. Soumillon	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
11	Oh This Is Us (IRE)	Tom Marquand	Richard Hannon	Team Wallop
12	Deauville (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs F Hay/M Tabor/Mrs J Magnier/D Smith
13	Limato (IRE)	James Doyle	Henry Candy	Mr Paul G. Jacobs
14	Suedois (FR)	Daniel Tudhope	David O'Meara	Mr George Turner & Clipper Logistics
15	Zonderland (GB)	Adam Kirby	Clive Cox	Cheveley Park Stud

ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES | 1M | GOOD TO FIRM | £500,000 | GROUP 1 | 19TH JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Without Parole (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	John Gunther & Tanya Gunther
2	Gustav Klimt (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
3	Wootton (FR)	Mickael Barzalona	H. Pantall	Godolphin S.N.C.
4	Tip Two Win (GB)	David Probert	Roger Teal	Mrs Anne Cowley
5	Kings Shield (USA)	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
6	Gabr (GB)	Jim Crowley	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
7	Romanised (IRE)	Shane Foley	K. J. Condon	Mr Robert Ng
8	Threeandfourpence (USA)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs E. M. Stockwell
9	U S Navy Flag (USA)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
10	Chilean (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	Martyn Meade	Manton Estate Racing

QATAR SUSSEX STAKES | 1M | GOOD | £1,000,000 | GROUP 1 | 1ST AUGUST | GOODWOOD

1	Lightning Spear (GB)	Oisin Murphy	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
2	Expert Eye (GB)	James Doyle	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr K. Abdullah
3	Lord Glitters (FR)	Daniel Tudhope	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
4	Gustav Klimt (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
5	Beat The Bank (GB)	Jim Crowley	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
6	So Beloved (GB)	Adam Kirby	David O'Meara	Thoroughbred British Racing
7	Without Parole (GB)	Andrea Atzeni	John Gosden	John Gunther & Tanya Gunther
8	Orbaan (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	A. Fabre	Prince A. A. Faisal

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN SUN CHARIOT STAKES | 1M | GOOD | £250,000 | GROUP 1 | 6TH OCTOBER | NEWMARKET ROWLEY MILE

1	Laurens (FR)	Daniel Tudhope	K. R. Burke	Mr John Dance
2	Happily (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
3	Altyn Orda (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	Roger Varian	Mr Nurlan Bizakov
4	I Can Fly (GB)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
5	Billesdon Brook (GB)	James Doyle	Richard Hannon	Pall Mall Partners & Mrs R. J. McCreery
6	Veracious (GB)	Frankie Dettori	Sir Michael Stoute	Cheveley Park Stud
7	Aljazzi (GB)	Colm O'Donoghue	Marco Botti	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar
8	Clemmie (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
9	Wind Chimes (GB)	Pierre-Charles Boudot	A. Fabre	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor

HISTORY OF THE RACE

Long recognised as Europe's mile championship, 1,600-metre races come no bigger than this anywhere on the international stage. Carrying a cool £1.1 million in prize money before supplementary entries, the race has entered a different stratosphere in financial terms, boosted from £250,000 in 2010 when it was run at Ascot's late September meeting. It is now by far the richest mile race in Europe and one of the most valuable anywhere in the world.

Named in honour of The Queen in 1955, the race has a roll of honour packed full of stars, including Brigadier Gerard (1971 & 1972), Known Fact (1980), Dubai Millennium (1999) and the awesome Frankel, who took the contest in 2011 in effortless fashion. After a dozen straight home wins leading up to 2005, the winner's trophy had gone to France or Ireland in the previous three years until Persuasive's 2017 success.

The race also holds special memories for Frankie Dettori. It provided him with his first-ever Group 1 victory thanks to Markofdistinction in 1990 and six years later Mark Of Esteem was the third leg of his 'Magnificent Seven', when he won all seven races on that famous (or infamous if you were a bookmaker) Ascot card.

PAST WINNERS OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) (GROUP 1)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
2011	136	Frankel	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
2012	130	Excelebration	Joseph O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Smith/ Magnier/ Tabor
2013	125	Olympic Glory	Richard Hughes	Richard Hannon Sr	Sheikh Joaan Al Thani
2014	122	Charm Spirit	Olivier Peslier	Freddy Head	Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa
2015	125	Solow	Maxime Guyon	Freddy Head	Wertheimer & Frère
2016	122	Minding	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Smith/ Magnier/ Tabor
2017	118	Persuasive	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud

ROLL OF HONOUR 1970-2010 FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES

FIRST RUN IN 1955 AND RUN AT NEWMARKET IN 2005 WHEN ASCOT WAS BEING REDEVELOPED.

YEAR	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
1970	Welsh Pageant	Sandy Barclay	Noel Murless	Jim Joel
1971	Brigadier Gerard	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1972	Brigadier Gerard	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1973	Jan Ekels	Jimmy Lindley	Guy Harwood	Anthony Bodie
1974			Track Waterlogged	
1975	Rose Bowl	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1976	Rose Bowl	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1977	Trusted	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Duchess of Norfolk
1978	Homing	Willie Carson	Dick Hern	2nd Baron Rotherwick
1979	Kris	Joe Mercer	Sir Henry Cecil	Lord Howard de Walden
1980	Known Fact	Willie Carson	Jeremy Tree	Khalid Abdullah
1981	To-Agori-Mou	Lester Piggott	Guy Harwood	Andry Muinos
1982	Buzzards Bay	Walter Swinburn	Hugh Collingridge	Vera McKinney
1983	Sackford	Greville Starkey	Guy Harwood	Anthony Bodie
1984	Teleprompter	Willie Carson	Bill Watts	18th Earl of Derby
1985	Shadeed	Walter Swinburn	Sir Michael Stoute	Maktoum Al Maktoum
1986	Sure Blade	Brent Thomson	Guy Harwood	Sheikh Mohammad
1987	Milligram	Pat Eddery	Sir Michael Stoute	Helena Springfield Ltd
1988	Warning	Pat Eddery	Guy Harwood	Khalid Abdullah
1989	Zilzal	Walter Swinburn	Sir Michael Stoute	Mana Al Maktoum
1990	Markofdistinction	Frankie Dettori	Luca Cumani	Gerald Leigh
1991	Selkirk	Ray Cochrane	Ian Balding	George Strawbridge
1992	Lahib	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1993	Bigstone	Pat Eddery	Elie Lellouche	Daniel Wildenstein
1994	Maroof	Richard Hills	Robert Armstrong	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1995	Bahri	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1996	Mark of Esteem	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
1997	Air Express	Olivier Peslier	Clive Brittain	Mohamed Obaida
1998	Desert Prince	Olivier Peslier	David Loder	Lucayan Stud
1999	Dubai Millennium	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2000	Observatory	Kevin Darley	John Gosden	Khalid Abdullah
2001	Summoner	Richard Hills	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2002	Where or When	Kevin Darley	Terry Mills	John Humphreys
2003	Falbrav	Darryll Holland	Luca Cumani	Rencati/Yoshida
2004	Rakti	Philip Robinson	Michael Jarvis	Gary Tanaka
2005	Starcraft	Christophe Lemaire	Luca Cumani	The Australian Syndicate
2006	George Washington	Mick Kinane	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier/ Tabor/ Smith
2007	Ramonti	Frankie Dettori	Saeed Bin Suroor	Godolphin
2008	Raven's Pass	Jimmy Fortune	John Gosden	Princess Haya of Jordan
2009	Rip Van Winkle	Johnny Murtagh	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier/ Tabor/ Smith
2010	Poet's Voice	Frankie Dettori	Saeed Bin Suroor	Godolphin

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QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)**Total prize money £1,300,000****Prize money breakdown: 1st £737,230 - 2nd £279,500
3rd £139,880 - 4th £69,680 - 5th £34,970 - 6th £17,550**

- 1m2f (2000 metres) | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 14
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: CRACKSMAN

In what was indisputably the performance of the meeting, Cracksman conquered a smart field by seven lengths. Trainer John Gosden's decision to target this race proved exactly the right move as his charge thrived for the drop back to 10 furlongs. Taking up the running just before the home straight, Dettori knew that there were no stamina issues with his mount and he simply poured it on, with Poet's Word and Highland Reel giving game but futile chase. Dettori, winning the race for the first time, said: "It was a fantastic feeling, I glanced up at the big screen and he was clear. I've not got words to describe it. It's just brilliant."

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:****CAPRI**

Claimed some notable scalps when defeating Cracksman, Wings Of Eagles and Waldgeist in the Irish Derby at The Curragh last season, keeping on strongly under pressure, then returned from a break to capture a second Classic when repelling Crystal Ocean in the Ladbrokes St Leger at Doncaster. Subsequently disappointed in France, but bounced back to winning ways first time out this year in Group Three at Naas. Setback at home saw him off the track again until returning in Prix Foy at Longchamp, but stepped up noticeably from that effort when fifth in Arc de Triomphe at ParisLongchamp, beaten less than four lengths. Not to be underestimated.

**CRACKSMAN**

Exceptional seven-length winner of this race 12 months ago, undoubtedly producing the performance of the meeting and arguably the entire season. The imposing son of Frankel has secured a further two Group 1 victories so far in 2018, although he failed to show quite the same sparkle when no match for Poet's Word in the QIPCO-sponsored King George on unsuitably fast ground back in June. Unsighted since, he has been primed for an autumn campaign, and granted similar conditions to last year's procession, he would be very hard to beat. Victory would see him become the second horse to win in consecutive years on QIPCO British Champions Day since his sire back in 2012.

**CRYSTAL OCEAN**

Improving son of Sea The Stars who has developed into a top middle-distance performer this season. Yet to win in two attempts at Group 1 level, but put up a mighty performance when finishing second in the QIPCO-sponsored King George back in July. That halted a run of three successive victories which culminated with an easy victory at the Royal Meeting in June with the four-year-old coasting to success in the Group 2 Hardwicke Stakes. Subsequently unable to concede 8lb to last year's Arc winner, Enable, at Kempton last month but clearly lost little in defeat to such a high-class performer and could well be suited by a return to this track following two career-best efforts here in the summer.



FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Addeybb (IRE)	4	William Haggas	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
Capri (IRE)	4	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Cracksman (GB)	4	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
Crystal Ocean (GB)	4	Sir Michael Stoute	Sir Evelyn De Rothschild
Maverick Wave (USA)	7	John Gosden	Godolphin
Mirage Dancer (GB)	4	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr K. Abdullah
Monarchs Glen (GB)	4	John Gosden	Mr K. Abdullah
Subway Dancer (IRE)	6	Z. Koplik	Bonanza
Rhododendron (IRE)	4	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith
Roaring Lion (USA)	3	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
Verbal Dexterity (IRE)	3	J. S. Bolger	Mrs J. S. Bolger
Athena (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Crown Walk (GB)	3	H. Pantall	Godolphin S.N.C.
Magical (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Magic Wand (IRE)	3	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M J Jooste



2018 IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION:

INVESTEC CORONATION CUP | 1M 4F | SOFT | £420,000 | GROUP 1 | 1ST JUNE | EPSOM DOWNS

1	Cracksman (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
2	Salouen (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	Sylvester Kirk	Mr H. Balasuriya
3	Windstoss (GER)	Adrie de Vries	Markus Klug	Gestut Rottgen
4	Idaho (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier
5	Hawkbill (USA)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
6	Yucatan (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Flaxman Stables/Mrs Magnier/Tabor/Smith

INVESTEC DERBY | 1M 4F | GOOD | £1.5 MILLION | GROUP 1 | 2ND JUNE | EPSOM DOWNS

1	Masar (IRE)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
2	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Silvestre De Sousa	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
3	Roaring Lion (USA)	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
4	Saxon Warrior (JPN)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
5	Hazapour (IRE)	Frankie Dettori	D. K. Weld	H.H. Aga Khan
6	Delano Roosevelt (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
7	Young Rascal (FR)	James Doyle	William Haggas	Mr Bernard Kantor
8	The Pentagon (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
9	Kew Gardens (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
10	Sevenna Star (IRE)	Robert Havlin	John Gosden	Gestut Ammerland
11	Knight To Behold (IRE)	Richard Kingscote	Harry Dunlop	Mr L. Neil Jones
12	Zabriskie (IRE)	Padraig Beggy	Aidan O'Brien	Flaxman Stables Ireland

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES | 1M 2F | GOOD TO FIRM | £750,000 | GROUP 1 | 20TH JUNE | ROYAL ASCOT

1	Poet's Word (IRE)	James Doyle	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Saeed Suhail
2	Cracksman (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
3	Hawkbill (USA)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
4	Cliffs of Moher (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/M Jooste
5	Eminent (IRE)	Oisin Murphy	Martyn Meade	Sir Peter Vela
6	Royal Julius (IRE)	Gerald Mosse	J. Reynier	Mme J. P. Angelini
7	Desert Encounter (IRE)	Jamie Spencer	David Simcock	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori



2018 IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION:

CORAL-ECLIPSE | 1M 2F | GOOD TO FIRM | £750,000 | GROUP 1 | 7TH JULY | SANDOWN PARK

1	Roaring Lion (USA)	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
2	Saxon Warrior (JPN)	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
3	Cliffs of Moher (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/M Jooste
4	Hawkbill (USA)	William Buick	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
5	Happily (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
6	Raymond Tusk (IRE)	Jim Crowley	Richard Hannon	Middleham Park Racing XXXI & K Sohi
7	Forest Ranger (IRE)	Tony Hamilton	Richard Fahey	Mrs H. Steel

KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) | 1M 4F | GOOD TO FIRM | £1,250,000 | GROUP 1 | 28TH JULY | ASCOT

1	Poet's Word (IRE)	James Doyle	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Saeed Suhail
2	Crystal Ocean (GB)	William Buick	Sir Michael Stoute	Sir Evelyn De Rothschild
3	Coronet (GB)	Olivier Peslier	John Gosden	Denford Stud
4	Salouen (IRE)	Silvestre De Sousa	Sylvester Kirk	Mr H. Balasuriya
5	Rostropovich (IRE)	Seamie Heffernan	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M J Jooste
6	Desert Encounter (IRE)	Andrea Atzeni	David Simcock	Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori
7	Hydrangea (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor

THE JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES | 1M 2F | GOOD TO FIRM | £1 MILLION | YORK | 23RD AUGUST

1	Roaring Lion (USA)	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
2	Poet's Word (IRE)	James Doyle	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Saeed Suhail
3	Thundering Blue (USA)	Fran Berry	David Menuisier	Mr Clive Washbourn
4	Saxon Warrior (JPN)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
5	Benbatl (GB)	Jim Crowley	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
6	Without Parole (GB)	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	John Gunther & Tanya Gunther
7	Latrobe (IRE)	W. M. Lordan	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Mr Lloyd J. Williams
8	Thunder Snow (IRE)	C. Soumillon	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin



2018 IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION:

HISTORY OF THE RACE

With £1.3 million in prize money, the QIPCO Champion Stakes over one mile and two furlongs (2,000 metres) is the most valuable 10-furlong race in Europe. Following on from iconic races like the Investec Derby and King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes sponsored by QIPCO, this is the final, pulsating showdown in the QIPCO British Champions Series Middle Distance division.

The race brought a great heritage with it from Newmarket, where it had been run from its inception in 1877 until 2010. But the dramatic injection in prize money that accompanied its move to become the highlight of the new QIPCO British Champions Day has further enhanced its status.

Each of the seven renewals in the race's new surroundings have produced top-quality fields and thrilling finishes. The first set the bar high, with French raider Cirrus Des Aigles getting the better of Aussie superstar So You Think with two champion mares, Snow Fairy and Middy, further behind. For quality and drama few races could ever match the 2012 running, when Frankel completed his career unbeaten.

2013 saw Farhh prevail in a three-way battle, while in 2014 we were treated to a spine-tingling duel between Al Kazeem and Noble Mission, who ultimately came out on top for Lady Cecil. In 2015, QIPCO British Champions Day dream team Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen (who have each enjoyed four winners at the meeting) pounced late to land the spoils with Fascinating Rock.

In 2016, Almanzor completed a stunning sequence of five victories with a dramatic defeat of Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe winner Found to provide French trainer Jean-Claude Rouget with his first win and jockey Christophe Soumillon with his second win the race. But last year's winner Cracksman raised the bar even higher when scoring by seven lengths, earning him the highest official rating of any horse trained in Europe in 2017 in the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings.



QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES ROLL OF HONOUR 1970–2010

FIRST RUN IN 1877 AND HELD AT NEWMARKET UP TO 2010

YEAR	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
1970	Lorenzaccio	Geoff Lewis	Noel Murless	Charles St George
1971	Brigadier Gerard	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1972	Brigadier Gerard	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1973	Hurry Harriet	Jean Cruquet	Paddy Mullins	Malcolm Thorp
1974	Giacometti	Lester Piggott	Ryan Price	Charles St George
1975	Rose Bowl	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1976	Vitiges	Pat Eddery	Peter Walwyn	Mrs Marc Laloum
1977	Flying Waters	Yves Saint-Martin	Angel Penna	Daniel Wildenstein
1978	Swiss Maid	Greville Starkey	Paul Kelleway	Max Fine
1979	Northern Baby	Philippe Paquet	Francois Boutin	Anne-Marie d'Estainville
1980	Cairn Rouge	Tony Murray	Michael Cunningham	D. Brady
1981	Vayrann	Yves Saint-Martin	Francois Mathet	HH Aga Khan IV
1982	Time Charter	Billy Newnes	Henry Candy	Robert Barnett
1983	Cormorant Wood	Steve Cauthen	Barry Hills	Bobby McAlphine
1984	Palace Music	Yves Saint-Martin	Patrick Biancone	Nelson Bunker Hunt
1985	Pebbles	Pat Eddery	Clive Brittain	Sheikh Mohammed
1986	Triptych	Tony Cruz	Patrick Biancone	Alan Clore
1987	Triptych	Tony Cruz	Patrick Biancone	Alan Clore
1988	Indian Skimmer	Michael Roberts	Sir Henry Cecil	Sheikh Mohammed
1989	Legal Case	Ray Cochrane	Luca Cumani	Sir Gordon White
1990	In the Groove	Steve Cauthen	David Elsworth	Brian Cooper
1991	Tel Quel	Thierry Jarnet	Andre Fabre	Sheikh Mohammed
1992	Rodrigo de Triano	Lester Piggott	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Robert Sangster
1993	Hatoof	Walter Swinburn	Criquette Head	Maktoum Al Maktoum
1994	Dernier Empereur	Sylvain Guillot	Andre Fabre	Gary Tanaka
1995	Spectrum	John Reid	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Lord Weinstock
1996	Bosra Sham	Pat Eddery	Sir Henry Cecil	Wafic Said
1997	Pilsudski	Michael Kinane	Sir Michael Stoute	Lord Weinstock
1998	Alborada	George Duffield	Sir Mark Prescott	Kirsten Rausing
1999	Alborada	George Duffield	Sir Mark Prescott	Kirsten Rausing
2000	Kalanisi	Johnny Murtagh	Sir Michael Stoute	HH Aga Khan IV
2001	Nayef	Richard Hills	Marcus Tregoning	Hamdan Al Maktoum
2002	Storming Home	Michael Hills	Barry Hills	Maktoum Al Maktoum
2003	Rakti	Philip Robinson	Michael Jarvis	Gary Tanaka
2004	Haafhd	Richard Hills	Barry Hills	Hamdan Al Maktoum
2005	David Junior	Jamie Spencer	Brian Meehan	Roldvale Ltd
2006	Pride	Christophe Lemaire	Alain De Royer Dupre	NP Bloodstock Ltd
2007	Literato	Christophe Lemaire	Jean-Claude Rouget	Herve Morin
2008	New Approach	Kevin Manning	Jim Bolger	Princess Haya of Jordan
2009	Twice Over	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
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PAST WINNERS OF THE QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES ON QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY (GROUP 1)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
2011	128	Cirrus des Aigles	Christophe Soumillon	Mrs Corinne Barande-Barbe	Jean-Claude Dupouy
2012	140	Frankel	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
2013	124	Farhh	Silvestre de Sousa	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2014	122	Noble Mission	James Doyle	Lady Jane Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
2015	123	Fascinating Rock	Pat Smullen	Dermot Weld	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd
2016	127	Almanzor	Christophe Soumillon	Jean-Claude Rouget	Ecurie Antonio Caro
2017	130	Cracksman	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer



4:45PM

BALMORAL HANDICAP (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)**Total prize money £250,000****Prize money breakdown: 1st £155,625 - 2nd £46,600****3rd £23,300 - 4th £11,650 - 5th £5,825 6th £2,925**

- 1m (1600 metres) | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 20
- Declare 10am Thursday 18th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: LORD GLITTERS

Well-backed favourite Lord Glitters received a predictably warm reception from the QIPCO British Champions Day crowd as he came from the clouds to win the for David O'Meara and Danny Tudhope. When GM Hopkins hit the front close home, he looked sure to provide John Gosden with a QIPCO British Champions Day treble. But despite having met trouble in running that saw him lose ground just as others were quickening over a furlong out, Lord Glitters was gathered together and brought with a careering late run to cut down his rivals and score going away by a neck. "That was nervewracking," said O'Meara. "It was no fault of Danny's but they got in all sorts of trouble – he's obviously a very talented horse."

**HISTORY OF THE RACE**

Named after the castle in Scotland that has belonged to the British Royal Family since it was purchased by Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria, in 1852, the Balmoral Handicap was inaugurated in 2014.

A race known as the Balmoral Handicap had previously been staged over five furlongs at the Royal Meeting, discontinued in 2004 in favour of the new Windsor Forest Stakes for fillies and mares. The Ascot Executive always intended to bring the name back when the appropriate opportunity arose, and Her Majesty The Queen graciously consented to it being re-introduced on QIPCO British Champions Day.

The new Balmoral Handicap Sponsored by QIPCO, with its £250,000 race value, has quickly become established as one of the most prestigious events of its kind anywhere in Europe.

In its inaugural running, the race could not have had a more popular winner than Marcus Tregoning's Bronze Angel, twice the winner of the Cambridgeshire.

But the race attracted its classiest field yet last season and was taken by Lord Glitters, who came from an impossible-looking position to justify favouritism. He has since finished placed at Group 2 and Group 1 level, further boosting the status of this contest.

YEAR	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
2014	Bronze Angel	Louis Steward (3)	Marcus Tregoning	Lady Tennant
2015	Musaddas	Eddy Greatex (5)	Saeed Bin Suroor	Godolphin
2016	Yuften	Andrea Atzeni	Roger Charlton	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar
2017	Lord Glitters	Daniel Tudhope	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull



FIVE-DAY ENTRIES FOR BALMORAL HANDICAP (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)

Entries on 15th October 2018

HORSE	AGE	TRAINER	OWNER
Flaming Spear (IRE)	6	Dean Ivory	Anthony Bloom
Hathal (USA)	6	Jamie Osborne	Al Shaqab Racing
Mjjack (IRE)	4	K. R. Burke	Mrs M. Gittins
Circus Couture (IRE)	6	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Jane Chapple-Hyam & Bryan Hirst
Sharja Bridge (GB)	4	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Mitchum Swagger (GB)	6	Ralph Beckett	The Anagram Partnership
Safe Voyage (IRE)	5	John Quinn	Mr Ross Harmon
Escobar (IRE)	4	David O'Meara	Withernsea Thoroughbred Limited
South Seas (IRE)	4	Andrew Balding	Qatar Racing Limited & Mr A M Balding
Via Via (IRE)	6	James Tate	Mr Saeed Manana
Hors de Combat (GB)	7	Denis Coakley	Chris van Hoorn Racing
Tricorn (IRE)	4	John Gosden	H. R. H. Princess Haya of Jordan
Another Batt (IRE)	3	George Scott	Excel Racing (Another Batt)
Waarif (IRE)	5	David O'Meara	Middleham Park Racing XLIX
Humbert (IRE)	4	Hugo Palmer	Woodhurst Construction Ltd
Kynren (IRE)	4	David Barron	Elliott Brothers & Peacock & Partner
Raydiance (GB)	3	K. R. Burke	Ontoawinner 14 & Mrs E Burke
Zwayyan (GB)	5	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Original Choice (IRE)	4	William Haggas	Mr A. A. Goodman
Poet's Society (GB)	4	Mark Johnston	Kingsley Park 9
Via Serendipity (GB)	4	Stuart Williams	Happy Valley Racing & Breeding Limited
Chatez (IRE)	7	Alan King	Mrs Peter Andrews
Aquarium (GB)	3	Mark Johnston	Kingsley Park Owners Club
Ripp Orf (IRE)	4	David Elsworth	C Benham/ D Whitford/ L Quinn/ K Quinn
Vale of Kent (IRE)	3	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
Fire Brigade (GB)	4	Michael Bell	The Fitzrovians
Lake Volta (IRE)	3	Mark Johnston	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum
Third Time Lucky (IRE)	6	Richard Fahey	The Musley Bank Partnership & Partner
Stylehunter (GB)	3	John Gosden	H. R. H. Princess Haya of Jordan
Raising Sand (GB)	6	Jamie Osborne	Nick Bradley Racing 22 & Partner
Masham Star (IRE)	4	Mark Johnston	3 Batterhams and a Reay
Argentello (IRE)	3	John Gosden	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum
Greenside (GB)	7	Henry Candy	Clayton, Frost, Kebell & Turner
Escalator (GB)	3	Charlie Fellowes	Mr Saeed bel Obaida
M C Muldoon (IRE)	3	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Mr Paul Hancock
Dream Today (IRE)	3	Mark Johnston	Barbara & Alick Richmond
Baraweez (IRE)	8	Brian Ellison	Mr A. Barnes
Markazi (FR)	4	David O'Meara	Thoroughbred British Racing
Bravery (IRE)	5	David O'Meara	Thoroughbred British Racing
History Writer (IRE)	3	David Menuisier	Clive Washbourn & Partner
Saint Equiano (GB)	4	Keith Dalgleish	Paul & Clare Rooney
Leader Writer (FR)	6	Henry Spiller	G. B. Partnership
Salt Whistle Bay (IRE)	4	Rae Guest	The Hightailers & Rae Guest
Simoon (IRE)	4	Ed Walker	Lord Blyth

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE CROWNED

The official Stobart-sponsored Championships for Flat jockeys begins at Newmarket's QIPCO Guineas Festival on Saturday 5th May 2018 and concludes at Ascot on QIPCO British Champions Day on Saturday 20th October 2018.

THE £105,000 IN PRIZE MONEY FOR JOCKEYS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAMPION JOCKEY:	£25,000
RUNNER-UP:	£10,000
CHAMPION APPRENTICE:	£5,000
LEADING JOCKEY (MOST WINS THROUGHOUT THE FULL CALENDAR YEAR):	£15,000
ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONSHIP:	£10,000
PJA WELFARE SCHEME FOR ALL MEMBERS:	£25,000

STOBART JOCKEY OF THE MONTH WINNERS SO FAR IN 2018

MAY 2018:	DONNACHA O'BRIEN	AUGUST 2018:	OISIN MURPHY
JUNE 2018:	WILLIAM BUICK	SEPTEMBER 2018:	MEGAN NICHOLLS
JULY 2018:	JAMES DOYLE		

Throughout the Championship a Jockey of the Month Award has been made. Each month the winner receives £1,000, as well as £500 for a charity of their choice and the two runners up £500 each.

2018 STOBART FLAT JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

STANDINGS AS OF 31ST MAY 2018

POSITION	JOCKEY	WINNERS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE
1st	Silvestre de Sousa	30	147	20%
2nd	Daniel Tudhope	20	104	19%
3rd	James Doyle	18	89	20%
4th	Paul Hanagan	18	98	18%
5th	Richard Kingscote	17	88	19%
6th	Jim Crowley	16	82	20%
7th	P.J. McDonald	16	108	15%
8th	William Buick	16	63	25%
9th	Ryan Moore	12	57	21%
10th	Charles Bishop	11	65	17%

STANDINGS AS OF 30TH JUNE 2018

POSITION	JOCKEY	WINNERS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE
1st	Silvestre de Sousa	54	292	18%
2nd	Jim Crowley	38	187	20%
3rd	Daniel Tudhope	37	222	17%
4th	James Doyle	33	175	19%
5th	Ben Curtis	30	162	19%
6th	Franny Norton	30	189	16%
7th	Paul Hanagan	29	197	15%
8th	William Buick	29	131	22%
9th	David Egan	28	158	18%
10th	Joe Fanning	27	184	15%

STANDINGS AS OF 31ST JULY 2018

POSITION	JOCKEY	WINNERS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE
1st	Silvestre de Sousa	85	419	20%
2nd	Daniel Tudhope	60	319	19%
3rd	James Doyle	56	267	21%
4th	Jim Crowley	54	287	19%
5th	Franny Norton	52	302	17%
6th	Oisin Murphy	46	350	15%
7th	Joe Fanning	45	285	16%
8th	Ben Curtis	45	237	19%
9th	Luke Morris	45	380	12%
10th	P.J. McDonald	43	309	14%

STANDINGS AS OF 31ST AUGUST 2018

POSITION	JOCKEY	WINNERS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE
1st	Silvestre de Sousa	113	555	20%
2nd	James Doyle	77	348	22%
3rd	Oisin Murphy	74	485	15%
4th	Daniel Tudhope	71	419	17%
5th	Jim Crowley	68	378	18%
6th	Ben Curtis	66	356	19%
7th	Franny Norton	64	379	17%
8th	P.J. McDonald	63	446	14%
9th	Andrea Atzeni	62	349	18%
10th	Joe Fanning	61	384	16%

STANDINGS AS OF 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

POSITION	JOCKEY	WINNERS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE
1st	Silvestre de Sousa	138	692	20%
2nd	Oisin Murphy	102	606	19%
3rd	James Doyle	95	424	21%
4th	Jim Crowley	93	480	19%
5th	Daniel Tudhope	87	525	17%
6th	Andrea Atzeni	79	440	15%
7th	Joe Fanning	77	494	16%
8th	Ben Curtis	76	423	19%
9th	Franny Norton	74	481	12%
10th	Ryan Moore	71	375	14%

SILVESTRE DE SOUSA STOBART CHAMPION JOCKEY 2018

They say he will travel anywhere in search of a winner. Some put his success down to his inner calmness, the way that he is always smiling, even under pressure. Others reckon he's simply the strongest, the fittest, and the most competitive jockey out there.

The 2018 Stobart Flat Jockeys' Championship has had a familiar feel from a relatively early stage. Although Silvestre de Sousa's season was a little slower to get going than he might have hoped, and the year hasn't come without the occasional setback, the flow of winners has never stopped.

On QIPCO British Champions Day, there will not be a more popular coronation all day than that of the Brazilian, who becomes Stobart Champion Flat jockey for the second consecutive year and the third time in all.

De Sousa's determination and attacking riding style continues to make him a popular choice among owners and trainers, as well as punters, who have come to rely upon his consistency from Ayr to Yarmouth and everything in between.

Notable highlights in 2018 have included two long overdue Royal Ascot winners – his first since 2014 – as well as an eighth career Group 1 success courtesy of the Michael Bell-trained Pretty Pollyanna, who battled gamely to land the Darley Prix Morny in Deauville in France, weeks after also landing the Group 2 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes at Newmarket's July Festival meeting.

Other big successes came courtesy of the Mark Johnston-trained Communique and Dark Vision, while De Sousa also went close to claiming a first Classic when the same stable's Dee Ex Bee finished second to Masar in the Investec Derby.

De Sousa won his maiden jockeys' title back in 2015 with 132 winners, but surpassed that tally with almost a month still remaining in this year's championship. The 37-year-old will, however, have to be on his mettle right to the end of the campaign if he is to match the record tally of 155 victories he managed 12 months ago.

Having booted home a remarkable 40 winners in June alone last year, De Sousa hasn't managed to match that achievement this term, but he has still been consistently prolific throughout the season, steadily turning the screw from the front.

A fantastic 31 winners from 127 rides in July was his best monthly return, highlighted by a memorable four-timer at the end of the month for trainer Mick Appleby at Pontefract that left bookmakers fuming at the end of what should have been a relatively quiet Sunday's action.



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The name at the top of the championship standings may be a familiar one, but the challenge from behind has come from some new faces with Oisin Murphy enjoying his finest year yet in the saddle, both in terms of winners and quality. A total of eight Group one wins have come his way this year, with the prospect of more still to come, possibly even on the QIPCO British Champions Day card.

Murphy has, of course, been associated with the Qatar Racing outfit since his apprentice days and Group 1 victories on Lightning Spear and, particularly, Roaring Lion will have brought great personal satisfaction for the 23-year-old, with finely-judged rides on the latter seeing his colt come out on top in the Coral-Eclipse, Juddmonte International and QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes.

The Killarney-born rider was the second jockey to register a century of winners this season and while he will have to settle for the runner-up spot this year (sweetened by prize money of £10,000), the 2014 Champion Apprentice looks increasingly like the natural successor to the crown in the coming years, even if De Sousa will never make it easy.

James Doyle is another jockey riding on the crest of a wave in 2018. The 30-year-old, officially retained by Godolphin, has been enjoying plenty of support from other stables this season and has built up a particularly successful relationship with trainer William Haggas.

Doyle partnered Addeybb to victory in Doncaster's Lincoln Handicap back in March and that was an early sign of things to come with the pair successfully teaming up for almost a third of the rider's winners this term.

Doyle was also the go-to guy for the spare ride aboard Sir Michael Stoute's Poet's Word, with the five-year-old - one of the stars of the 2018 season - repaying the faith with a brace of Group 1 victories at Ascot this summer, namely in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes and the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, sponsored by QIPCO. As well as enjoying top-level success in Dubai and Australia, Doyle has understandably been riding with plenty of confidence for a number of operations throughout the year.

Northern-based jockeys Ben Curtis and Daniel Tudhope have also played their part this season, with both riders comfortably sitting in the top 10 in the championship standings.

Tudhope has refused to rest on his laurels following a fine 2017 campaign and along with matching last year's achievements in terms of victories, he has steered home two Irish Group 1 winners as well as a second career success at Royal Ascot, courtesy of the Archie Watson-trained Soldier's Call, owned by Clipper Logistics, to whom the Scot is the retained rider.

Curtis has also enjoyed a career-best season and could well have climbed further up the standings if not for an ill-timed shoulder injury which forced the Irishman out of action for the best part of September.

Riding predominantly for the likes of Karl Burke and David Barron, Curtis is often called upon by southern trainers as they aim to plunder prizes in the North, with plenty of rides this season coming via powerful Newmarket handlers Hugo Palmer, William Haggas and Ed Dunlop.



WINNING RECORDS OF JOCKEYS ON QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	TRAINER	OWNER
Andrea Atzeni (2)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Simple Verse	5/1	Ralph Beckett	QRL/Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani/ M Al Kubaisi
	15/10/16	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Yuften	12/1	Roger Charlton	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar
George Baker (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Seal Of Approval	16/1	James Fanshawe	T R G Vestey
Jim Crowley (1)	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Madame Chiang	12/1	David Simcock	Miss K Rausing
Matthew Davies (1)	15/10/11	Future Stars Handicap	Edinburgh Knight	18/1	Paul D'Arcy	Knights Racing
Silvestre De Sousa (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Farhh	11/4	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
Frankie Dettori (4)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Flying Officer	6/1	John Gosden	Mr George Strawbridge
	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Journey	4/1	John Gosden	Mr George Strawbridge
	21/10/17	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Persuasive	8/1	John Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud
	21/10/17	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cracksman	13/8F	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
George Downing (1)	20/10/12	Future Stars Handicap	Jack Dexter	11/2	Jim Goldie	Jim Goldie Racing Club
James Doyle (1)	18/10/14	QIPCO Champions Stakes	Noble Mission	7/1	Lady Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
Edward Greatrex (1)	17/10/15	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Musaddas	7/1	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
Maxime Guyon (1)	17/10/15	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Solow	10/11F	Freddy Head	Wertheimer et Frere
Paul Hanagan (1)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Muhaarar	5/2F	Charlie Hills	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
Martin Harley (1)	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Sheikhzayedroad	11/1	David Simcock	Mohammed Jaber
Richard Hughes (1)	19/10/13	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Olympic Glory	11/2	Richard Hannon	Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani
Wayne Lordan (2)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Slade Power	7/1	Edward Lynam	Mrs S Power
	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Gordon Lord Byron	5/1JF	Tom Hogan	Dr Cyrus Poonawalla & Morgan L Cahalan
Ryan Moore (3)	15/10/16	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Minding	7/4F	Aidan O'Brien	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Order of St George	4/5F	Aidan O'Brien	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs Magnier & L J Williams
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Hydrangea	4/1	Aidan O'Brien	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
Johnny Murtagh (3)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Deacon Blues	5/1F	James Fanshawe	Jan and Peter Hopper & Michelle Morris
	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Dancing Rain	6/1	William Haggas	M J & L A Taylor
	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Royal Diamond	20/1	Johnny Murtagh	Andrew Tinkler
Joseph O'Brien (1)	20/10/13	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Excelebration	10/11F	Aidan O'Brien	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
Olivier Peslier (1)	18/10/14	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Charm Spirit	5/1	Freddy Head	H H Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa Al Thani
Tom Queally (3)	15/10/11	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Frankel	4/11F	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdullah

NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	TRAINER	OWNER
	20/10/11	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Frankel	2/11F	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdullah
	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	The Tin Man	13/2	James Fanshawe	Fred Archer Racing - Ormonde
Pat Smullen (4)	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Rite Of Passage	8/1	Dermot Weld	Dr R Lambe
	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Sapphire	5/2JF	Dermot Weld	Moyglare Stud Farm
	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Forgotten Rules	3/1	Dermot Weld	Moyglare Stud Farm
	17/10/15	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Fascinating Rock	10/1	Dermot Weld	Newtown Anner Stud Farm
Christophe Soumillon (2)	15/10/11	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cirrus Des Aigles	12/1	Mme C Barande-Barbe	Jean-Claude-Alain Dupouy
	15/10/16	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Almanzor	11/8F	Jean-Claude Rouget	Ecurie Antonio Caro
Jamie Spencer (2)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Fame And Glory	3/1	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs F Hay, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Maarek	5/1	David Nagle	Lisbunny Syndicate
Louis Steward (1)	18/10/14	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Bronze Angel	20/1	Marcus Tregoning	Lady Tennant
Lewis Walsh (1)	19/10/13	Future Stars Handicap	Breton Rock	12/1	David Simcock	John Cook
Robert Winston (1)	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Librisa Breeze	10/1	Dean Ivory	Tony Bloom
Daniel Tudhope (1)	21/10/17	Balmoral Handicap	Lord Glitters	3/1F	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull



STOBART CHAMPION APPRENTICE TITLE RACE

Twice this century, the Stobart Flat Champion apprentice title has been so closely contested that it has ended up in an unlikely dead-heat. Even more frequently, the outcome of the battle comes down to just a winner here and a winner there as the Flat season draws to a close. But not in 2018.

Good contacts, hard work, a shrewd back-up team, undoubted talent and a healthy slice of luck have all contributed to see **Jason Watson** follow in the footsteps of some of the sport's greatest talents to be crowned on QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot.

In the last 20 years, the likes of **Ryan Moore**, **Paul Hanagan**, **William Buick**, **Hayley Turner** and **Oisin Murphy** have all used the apprentices' championship as a springboard to hugely-successful careers. Indeed, last year's title-winner **David Egan** has proved a fine case in point this year, exceeding the 53-winner total he accumulated in 2017 and partnering a Group 2 winner when **Pilaster** scored at Glorious Goodwood.

It must be pointed out, of course, that Egan also played a pivotal role in determining this year's apprentices' title. It was in June – when heading the standings and on his way to becoming the first dual champion since **Gary Bardwell** in 1987 and 1988 – that having lost his weight allowance, he elected to forfeit his apprentice licence and turn professional.



"In some respects, being a dual champion apprentice does sound good, but it isn't the be-all and end -all and I'm looking to go up to the next level," he explained.

His unexpected exit from the contest left Watson and **Jamie Gormley** tied together at the top of the standings, but it was from that point onwards that the champion started to put some distance between himself and his rivals.

In July, Watson rode 11 winners from just 49 mounts at a 22-per-cent strike-rate. Owners and trainers started to take notice. In August, he increased that tally to 20 winners, including victory for Gifted Master in the Unibet Stewards' Cup at Glorious Goodwood, his mount rallying and getting back up in the final stride to deny Justanotherbottle and fellow apprentice **Ger O'Neill** by a short-head.

Pivoine took a valuable handicap at York's Ebor Festival meeting for **Andrew Balding** later that month and the ball was by now fully rolling.

By September, he was regularly getting almost-full books of rides and notched up another 24 victories. A double at Ascot featured victory in a big handicap aboard Ripp Orf, then there was another at Brighton and other doubles at Chelmsford and Brighton again before the week was even out.

Successes at Brighton will always be particularly sweet for the 18-year-old, who was born and brought up in the city and first taken at the age of six to the local riding school run by former jumps jockey **Ray Goldstein** by his father, a postman. After a couple of lessons, Goldstein told Watson's parents that if he hadn't ridden his first winner at Brighton by the age of 18, he'd eat his hat. Fortunately, he wasn't wrong.

"It's been a great season and I'm grateful to everyone who has supported me," says the rider. "If you'd told me back in January that I would win the Stewards' Cup and then go on to be Champion Apprentice, I wouldn't have believed it.

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"I've just tried to keep my head down, keep kicking and take every day as it comes. My agent, **Tony Hind**, has been keeping me updated about the title, but my my job has just been to ride as many winners as I can.

"If you look at the jockeys who have been champion apprentice, it's an impressive list, and if in the future I can do what the likes of **William Buick** and **Oisin Murphy** are doing now, I'll be happy."

Alongside the support of mentor Goldstein and agent Hind, Watson is also keen to acknowledge the likes of his coach, **John Reid**, and trainer **Andrew Balding**, both of whom possess undoubted expertise in nurturing apprentice riders.

Watson's progress, which recently saw him pass the 95-winner mark and thereby forfeit his apprentices' weight allowance, is remarkable. It is not even 18 months since he rode his first winner, scoring at Salisbury in May 2017 aboard **Many Dreams** for **Gary Moore**.

The young man forced to settle for second that day was **Rossa Ryan** and the same one-two has been repeated in this year's apprentices' championship, the 18-year-old having – like Watson – struck a rich vein of form in the final months of the season. After a treble at Ffos Las in early-August, Ryan briefly hit the front in the standings, and the winners have continued to flow. Based with **Richard Hannon**, Ryan has ridden for a number of other yards this season, his biggest success coming at the Ebor meeting at York for **John Quinn** aboard sprinter **El Astronaute**.

Other apprentices to have enjoyed a particularly successful time in 2018 include **Callum Rodriguez**, **Jamie Gormley** and **Nicola Currie**. All will finish the season comfortably inside the top 50 in the overall standings, alongside some well-established names in the sport. All look to have bright futures ahead of them.



WINNING RECORDS OF TRAINERS ON QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	JOCKEY	OWNER
Mme C Barande-Barbe (1)	15/10/11	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cirrus Des Aigles	12/1	Christophe Soumillon	Jean-Claude-Alain Dupouy
Ralph Beckett (1)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Simple Verse	5/1	Andrea Atzeni	QRL/Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani/ M Al Kubaisi
Sir Henry Cecil (2)	15/10/11	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Frankel	4/11F	Tom Queally	Khalid Abdullah
	20/10/12	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Frankel	2/11F	Tom Queally	Khalid Abdullah
Lady Cecil (1)	18/10/14	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Noble Mission	7/1	James Doyle	Khalid Abdullah
Roger Charlton (1)	15/10/16	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Yuften	12/1	Andrea Atzeni	Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar
Paul D'Arcy (1)	15/10/11	Future Stars Handicap	Edinburgh Knight	18/1	Matthew Davies	Knights Racing
James Fanshawe (3)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Deacon Blues	5/2F	Johnny Murtagh	Jan and Peter Hopper & Michelle Morris
	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Seal Of Approval	16/1	George Baker	T R G Vestey
	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champion Sprint Stakes	The Tin Man	13/2	Tom Queally	Fred Archer Racing - Ormonde
Jim Goldie (1)	20/10/12	Future Stars Handicap	Jack Dexter	11/2	George Downing	Jim Goldie Racing Club
John Gosden (4)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Flying Officer	6/1	Frankie Dettori	Mr George Strawbridge
	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Journey	4/1	Frankie Dettori	Mr George Strawbridge
	21/10/17	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Persuasive	8/1	Frankie Dettori	Cheveley Park Stud
	21/10/17	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cracksman	13/8F	Frankie Dettori	Mr A E Oppenheimer
William Haggas (1)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Dancing Rain	6/1	Johnny Murtagh	M J & L A Taylor
Richard Hannon (1)	19/10/13	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Olympic Glory	11/2	Richard Hughes	Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani
Freddy Head (2)	18/10/14	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Charm Spirit	5/1	Olivier Peslier	H H Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa Al Thani
	17/10/15	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Solow	10/11F	Maxime Guyon	Wertheimer et Frere
Charlie Hills (1)	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Muhaarar	5/2F	Paul Hanagan	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
Tom Hogan (1)	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Gordon Lord Byron	5/1JF	Wayne Lordan	Dr Cyrus Poonawalla & Morgan L Cahalan
Dean Ivory (1)	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Librisa Breeze	10/1	Robert Winstone	Tony Bloom
Edward Lynam (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Slade Power	7/1	Wayne Lordan	Mrs S Power
Johnny Murtagh (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Royal Diamond	20/1	Johnny Murtagh	Andrew Tinkler
Aidan O'Brien (5)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Fame And Glory	3/1	Jamie Spencer	Mrs F Hay, D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
	20/10/12	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Excelebration	10/11F	Joseph O'Brien	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
	15/10/16	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Minding	7/4F	Ryan Moore	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Order Of St George	4/5F	Ryan Moore	M Tabor, D Smith, Mrs Magnier & L J Williams
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Hydrangea	4/1	Ryan Moore	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor

NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	JOCKEY	OWNER
David O'Meara (1)	21/10/17	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Lord Glitters	3/1F	Daniel Tudhope	Geoff and Sandra Turnbull
David Nagle (1)	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Maarek	5/1	Jamie Spencer	Lisbon Syndicate
Jean-Claude Rouget (1)	15/10/2016	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Almanzor	11/8F	Christophe Soumillon	Ecurie Antonio Caro
David Simcock (3)	19/10/13	Future Stars Handicap	Breton Rock	12/1	Lewis Walsh	John Cook
	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Madame Chiang	12/1	Jim Crowley	Miss K Rausing
	15/10/16	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Sheikzayedroad	11/1	Martin Harley	Mohammed Jaber
Saeed bin Suroor (2)	19/10/13	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Farhh	11/4	Silvestre De Sousa	Godolphin
	17/10/15	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Musaddas	7/1	Edward Greatrex	Godolphin
Marcus Tregoning (1)	18/10/14	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Bronze Angel	20/1	Louis Steward	Lady Tennant
Dermot Weld (4)	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Rite Of Passage	8/1	Pat Smullen	Dr R Lambe
	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Sapphire	5/2JF	Pat Smullen	Moyglare Stud Farm
	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Forgotten Rules	3/1	Pat Smullen	Moyglare Stud Farm
	17/10/15	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Fascinating Rock	10/1	Pat Smullen	Newton Anner Stud Farm



BRITISH CHAMPION OWNER TITLE RACE

Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin racing operation is no stranger to success in Britain. Indeed, since the ruler of Dubai began to invest heavily in the sport in the 1980s, he has taken the owners' championship with regularity, first in his own maroon and white silks and latterly with his team's royal blue livery.

Godolphin looks set to claim another champion owner title this year, but there was a notable new box ticked at Classic level in 2018 as Masar strode to glory in the Investec Derby. It was the first time that a Godolphin runner had claimed Epsom's great prize and of particular importance to the team as the home-bred colt was trained by the Sheikh's private trainer Charlie Appleby and sired by its Dalham Hall stallion New Approach out of the broodmare Khawlah, who won the UAE Derby back in 2011.

Masar proved an excellent contributor to this year's title-winning tally, not only with his commanding length-and-a-half defeat of Dee Ex Bee. He had also finished a promising third to Saxon Warrior as QIPCO British Champions Series opened for business back in early May in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas. Unfortunately the colt picked up an injury when building up to the Coral-Eclipse which was enough to rule him out until the end of the season, but hopes are high that he will return as a four-year-old for another campaign.

Masar could not have spearheaded the title assault without some worthwhile back-up, often from his stablemates at Appleby's Moulton Paddocks base. Wild Illusion, another Godolphin homebred, flew the flag in the three-year-old fillies' division. She posted a commendable fourth on her seasonal reappearance behind Billesdon Brook in the QIPCO 1000 Guineas and went even better when chasing home Forever Together in the Investec Oaks and then Magic Wand in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot. The daughter of the Sheikh's finest stallion asset Dubawi finally made another Group 1 breakthrough when steered clear of Urban Fox in the Qatar Nassau Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

Appleby and Godolphin had made major progress in the championship throughout Royal Ascot. Old Persian landed the King Edward VII Stakes and later the Great Voltigeur at York, while Blue Point left behind the disappointment of being ruled out of the Al Quoz Sprint before entering the stalls and enduring a fruitless trip to Hong Kong in the spring by returning to Britain with a vengeance in the King's Stand Stakes.

This has also been a season to cherish for Sheikh Fahad Al Thani and Qatar Racing, whose family has been pivotal to the growing profile of today's event and his continued support of British racing across the board, has seen him in contention for second spot in the championship.

Instrumental to the charge has been a colt who has taken the team to new levels during 2018. Roaring Lion has been a regular presence in Group 1 this season, looking a shade unfortunate to finish only fifth in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas before running on to finish third behind Masar at Epsom.

Dropped back to a mile and a quarter, he has been in a class of his own. He shaded his old sparring partner Saxon Warrior in an



CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 5 FLAT OWNERS

POSITION	OWNER	LEADING EARNER	WINS	RUNS	PRIZE MONEY
1st	Godolphin	Masar (IRE)	110	540	£4,339,064.50
2nd	Mr Hamdan Al Maktourn	Battaash (IRE)	89	476	£2,555,020.25
3rd	Qatar Racing Limited	Roaring Lion (USA)	17	136	£2,442,890.61
4th	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Saxon Warrior (JPN)	8	57	£2,203,566.06
5th	Mr Saeed Suhail	Poet's Word (IRE)	10	52	£1,553,104.52

*correct as of 9am 16th October 2018



exhilaratingly tight finish to the Coral-Eclipse in midsummer and then took apart what was considered as high a quality field to have been assembled all season in the Juddmonte International at York as he came three and a quarter lengths away from the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Sponsored By QIPCO) hero Poet's Word.

Roaring Lion's superiority was confirmed as he made it a Group 1 hat-trick in the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes and he ought to prove very hard to beat if in the same sort of form on QIPCO British Champions Day.

The son of Kitten's Joy clearly features highly on Sheikh Fahad's all-time list but he has a rival in his owner's affections with the super consistent Lightning Spear. Now an incredible seven years of age, he has run in the last three renewals of the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored By QIPCO), with a third to the mighty Minding in 2016 being one of many near-misses by the veteran at the highest level.

There were two more knocks to the QIPCO British Champions Series crossbar when he was short-headed by Rhododendron in the Al Shaqab Lockinge Stakes at Newbury and when third behind Accidental Agent in a blanket finish to the Queen Anne Stakes. Lightning Spear finally gained a long overdue moment in the spotlight when winning the Qatar Sussex Stakes to the relief of his emotional trainer David Simcock. Qatar Racing were not left out at Royal Ascot either, with the quirky giant Pallasator turning up on his best behaviour under Jamie Spencer to close the meeting with victory in the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Sheikh Mohammed's brother Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum assembled a strong squad again during this season led by the sprinter with the golden shoes, Battaash, who chased home Blue Point in the King's Stand and was in a class of his own in the King George Qatar Stakes at Goodwood. An honourable mention should also go to Eqtidaar, who was prepared to the minute by Sir Michael Stoute to clinch the Commonwealth Cup.

Although Aidan O'Brien's string were subdued during an important stage of the year, the likes of Saxon Warrior, Darley July Cup winner US Navy Flag and clear-cut William Hill St Leger scorer Kew Gardens have represented the Coolmore silks of Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier and Michael Tabor well. They are sure, once again, to offer a strong presence on QIPCO British Champions Day as the season draws to its climactic conclusion.

RACE A CHAMPION

Don't miss the chance to come to the Race A Champion challenge located next to the bandstand and sprint along a 10m track to see if you can beat the time of one of the star horses entered to run on QIPCO British Champions Day, when breaking from the starting stalls.

On Thursday 20th September, to mark one month to go until QIPCO British Champions Day, we challenged World and European 4x100m relay Champion **Adam Gemili**, England and Harlequins rugby player **Danny Care**, former Olympic cyclist turned jockey **Victoria Pendleton** and star jockey **Oisín Murphy**, to do just that. The activity took place at Exchange Square in London and saw the athletes sprint along the 10m track attempting to keep up with lights set to 1.71 seconds, the calculated speed of the world's best rated sprint horse, Battaash.

Though a tough challenge for the athletes, Adam Gemili came out on top clocking an incredible time of just 1.47 seconds. Following the challenge, the QIPCO British Champions Day ambassador said, "I really enjoy going to the races and doing the 10m sprint challenge gave me a real sense of just how quick and powerful racehorses are. I'm delighted to have beaten Battaash's time which was pretty unexpected but I know I am also not carrying a jockey or breaking out of the stalls in race! For a half ton horse to be able to cover ten metres from a standing start in 1.71 seconds is unbelievable and I've even more respect for the jockeys for staying on board during that acceleration. I love going to QIPCO British Champions Day, and taking on the challenge has made me appreciate even more what amazing athletes racehorses are at this year's event. I am really looking forward to the day I hope everyone there will come down and have a go at the Race A Champion themselves".



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QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES AMBASSADORS



OISIN MURPHY AGE - 23 YEARS OLD | GROUP 1 WINNING FLAT JOCKEY

Oisín is without doubt one of the rising stars of the horseracing world. He burst onto the scene in 2013 with a sensational 9,260/1 four-timer on Ayr Gold Cup day, while in 2014 he became the youngest jockey to win a QIPCO British Champions Series race, when at 19 he partnered Hot Streak to victory in the Temple Stakes at Haydock.

Coming from a family steeped in racing tradition (his uncle is Grand National winning jockey, turned trainer, Jim Culloty), Oisín has been described by those in racing as a "rare young talent" and, unsurprisingly, it wasn't long before he was snapped up to become the retained rider for the powerful Qatar Racing operation.

Having ridden his first Royal Ascot winner in 2017 aboard Benbatl, 2018 has so far been a landmark year for Oisín. He claimed his first UK Group 1 win on Roaring Lion in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown, a partnership that has grown even stronger following wins in both the Juddmonte International and the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes. A masterful ride on long-time ally Lightning Spear saw the pairing take an emotional victory in the Qatar Sussex Stakes, after 14 attempts together in Group 1 company.



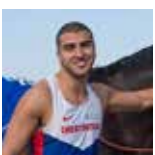
KATARINA JOHNSON-THOMPSON AGE - 25 YEARS OLD | ATHLETE - HEPTATHLON & HIGH JUMP

One of the greatest all-round athletes in the world, Katarina Johnson-Thompson specialises in the Heptathlon but such is her talent that she is amongst the world's best in both the High Jump and Long Jump and has been labelled as 'the future of athletics'.

Since winning the World Junior Championships as a teenager in 2012, KJT has gone on to win multiple international medals including gold in this year's Commonwealth Games in Australia, adding to her World Indoor Pentathlon gold from earlier in the year. She also claimed heptathlon silver in the European Championships in Berlin after smashing a personal best performance of 6,759 points and moving her into the World all-time Top 25. She is only the second woman in history to score 5000+ points in a Pentathlon and is the current British Record holder in both the Pentathlon competition and High Jump.

Looking back on her role as a QIPCO British Champions Series ambassador in 2017 KJT said "I attended QIPCO British Champions Day last year and it was one of the best days out I've ever experienced. Racehorses are incredible creatures and the whole concept of training a horse for a competition in the same way a coach trains an athlete fascinates me."

This year Katarina has already taken jockeys James Doyle and Harry Bentley through the ultimate heptathlon challenge where they were put up against one another in the Javelin, High Jump, Long Jump and 200m. She said, "The focus jockeys put on their core training is amazing and there are a lot of similarities in how we both train in the gym. The guys were good sports, they picked up the heptathlon challenge events quickly and definitely showed their competitive sides too."



ADAM GEMILI AGE - 24 YEARS OLD | ATHLETE - 100M, 200M, & 4x100M

A sprint sensation born in London, Adam Gemili is the first man in British history to run sub 10 seconds in the 100m and sub 20 seconds in the 200m. Gemili, who played professional football for Dagenham & Redbridge and spent seven years at Chelsea's youth academy, decided to concentrate on athletics after becoming the 100m World Junior Champion in 2012 where his winning time of 10.05s established a new championship record and enabled him to compete for Team GB at the London Olympics later that year, aged just 18.

Since then, Adam has become the European Champion in the 200m and 4x100m relay, a silver medallist in the 100m and 4x100m relay at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and captained Team GB athletics team at the Rio 2016 Olympics. After an interrupted start to the season through injury, Gemili was part of the 4x100m relay team that won Gold at the 2017 World Athletics Championships, in doing-so setting a new European and National record time of 37.47. He subsequently won gold in the 4x100m relay in this year's European Championships.

This year Adam took part in a very exciting activation called Race A Champion where he was challenged to race against a QIPCO British Champions Day horse over 10m. Lights were set to the speed of racehorse Battaash breaking from the starting stalls and Adam was tasked with attempting to beat the speed of 1.71 seconds. Over the 10m the GB sprinter clocked a whopping time of 1.47 seconds.

Adam, who has attended QIPCO British Champions Day for a number of years said, "I really enjoyed my involvement in QIPCO British Champions Series this year especially taking on the Race A Champion challenge. I may have beaten the time but I know I was also not carrying a jockey or breaking out of the stalls in race. For a half ton horse to be able to cover ten metres from a standing start in 1.71seconds is pretty incredible and I've even more respect for the jockeys for staying on board during that acceleration. I love going to QIPCO British Champions Day, and taking on the challenge made me appreciate even more what amazing athletes racehorses are and I look forward to being at QIPCO British Champions Day again this year."



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BACKGROUND TO QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES AND QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

Now in its eighth year, the QIPCO British Champions Series incorporates Great Britain's top 35 Flat races under one banner to highlight the very best quality of competition the sport has to offer. The ambition of the QIPCO British Champions Series is to increase the appeal of horseracing in this country and in QIPCO British Champions Day, create an iconic and fitting finale to the British Flat racing season, something the racing calendar previously lacked.

Some of the world's leading thoroughbred racehorses, the most talented jockeys and trainers, internationally-renowned racecourses and the highest-rated races on earth – including four of the top 10 races run anywhere in the world in 2017 - come together to create a unique offering for existing and new fans of racing.

The QIPCO British Champions Series reaches its climax on QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday 20th October. Staged for the first time in 2011, Champions Day is the single richest day in the British Flat calendar boasting £4.35 million in prize money. The prize money is spread across the final races in the five Series categories (Sprint, Mile, Middle Distance, Fillies & Mares and Long Distances divisions) as well as the prestigious £250,000 Balmoral Handicap.

The race programme includes four Group 1 races – the £1.3 million QIPCO Champion Stakes run over a mile and a quarter, the £1.1 million Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO and run over the straight mile course, the £600,000 Fillies & Mares Stakes, contested over the Derby and Oaks distance of a mile and a half and the £600,000 QIPCO Sprint Stakes. These races comprise some of the most valuable races of their kind in Europe.

Completing the pattern race line-up is the Group 2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup, which this year has had its guaranteed prize money increased by £50,000. Despite its official classification, the Long Distance Cup is effectively a Group 1 race in respect of its conditions, such as no weight penalties for previous Group 1 winners, and attracts a high-class field every year.

STRUCTURE OF QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES

The QIPCO British Champions Series comprises five categories:

- Sprint
- Mile
- Middle Distance
- Long Distance
- Fillies & Mares

Each division features the seven highest-rated races in each category in Great Britain which culminate in a same-day finale on QIPCO British Champions Day on Saturday 20th October 2018.

With a collective prize fund of over £20million, the Series is staged across ten of the UK's leading racecourses:

- Ascot
- Doncaster
- Epsom Downs
- Goodwood
- Haydock Park
- Newbury
- Newmarket's Rowley Mile
- Newmarket's July Course
- Sandown Park
- York

The Series encompasses British Flat racing's key festivals including:

- The QIPCO Guineas Festival
- The Investec Derby Festival
- Royal Ascot
- The Moët & Chandon July Festival
- King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes Day
- Qatar Goodwood Festival
- The Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival
- The William Hill St Leger Festival



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The global racing and bloodstock operations, Qatar Racing and Qatar Bloodstock, are both subsidiaries of QIPCO. Qatar Bloodstock was established in 2010, following the purchase of the world champion miler Makfi - who has since been sold to stand at stud in Japan - and the operation currently stands stallions in Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand.

Qatar investment & Projects Development Holding Company (QIPCO Holding) is a private, family run company owned by six brothers who are members of the Qatari Royal family. The chief executive is Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah al Thani who together with his brothers are cousins of the Emir of the state of Qatar.

Since the company's inception, the group has diversified to form individual subsidiaries each operating independently and specialising in various fields of expertise. For more information please visit www.qipco.com.qa.

In 2011 QIPCO became the inaugural sponsors of British Champions Series and in June 2015 a landmark, multi-million pound deal secured QIPCO's ongoing support for the series and British racing for a further ten years until 2024.

As the Title Partner, QIPCO enjoys exclusive naming rights for the series and full partnerships rights for the £4.35 million QIPCO British Champions Day climax at Ascot, which is set to have increased to £5 million when the new contract expires in 2024.

QIPCO is also the official partner of the Guineas Festival at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse which launches the British Champions Series with the QIPCO 2000 and 1000 Guineas and is title partner to the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes hosted at Ascot in July. Under the deal signed in 2015, QIPCO is an official commercial partner with Ascot Racecourse, including Royal Ascot.



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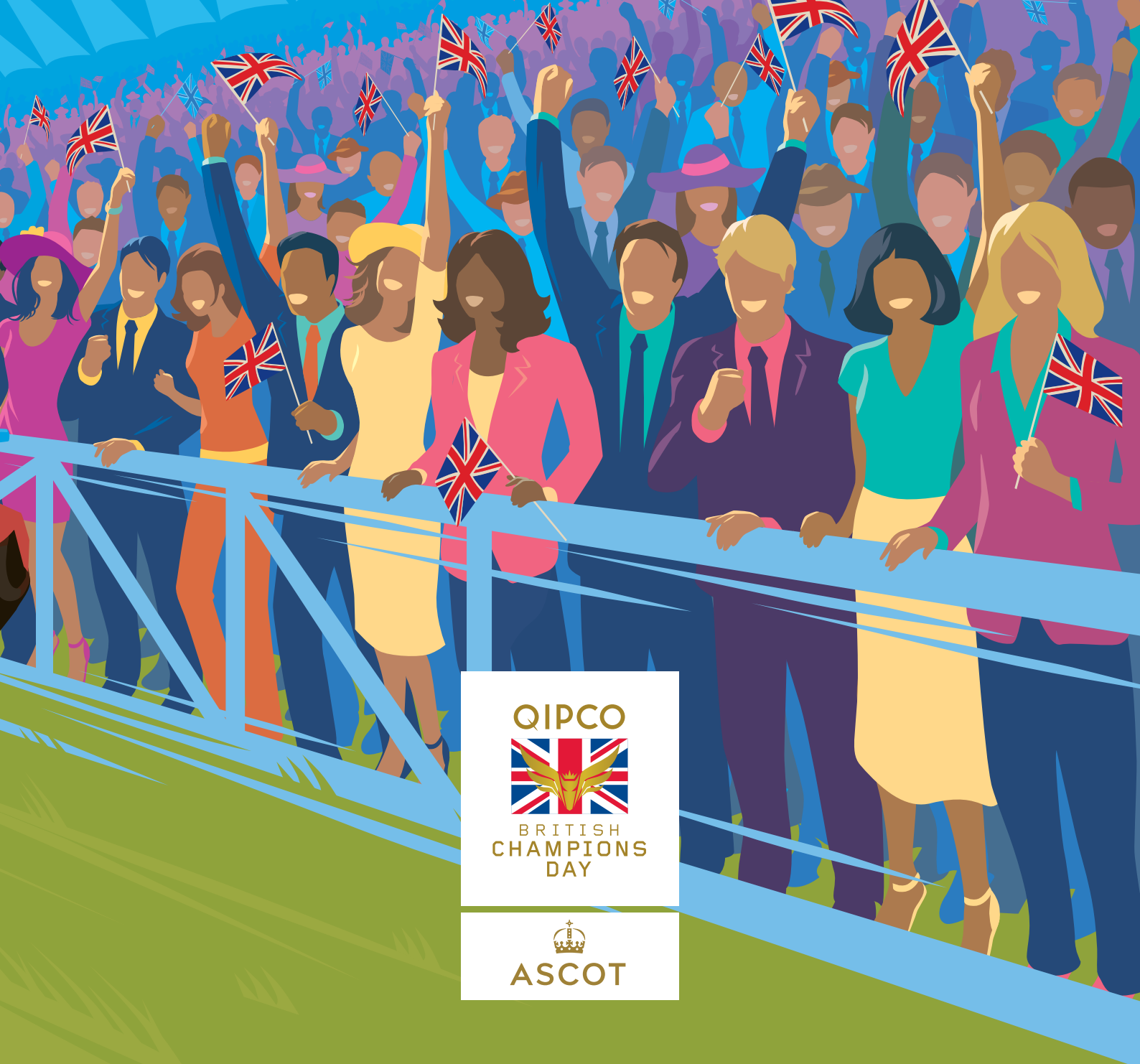
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