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YOUR GUIDE TO QIPCO British Champions Day - Ascot Saturday 15th October

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Saturday 15th October – Ascot Racecourse

British Champions Day





*All times BST

Saturday 15th October 2022 - QIPCO British Champions Day: Ascot

START	
TIMES* RACE	DISTANCE
1:25: QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (Group 2)	3200m
2:00: QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes (Group 1)	1200m
2:40: QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (Group 1)	2400m
3:20: The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Group 1)	1600m
4.00: QIPCO Champion Stakes (Group 1)	2000m
4:40: The Balmoral Handicap (Class 2)	1600m





Race 1 - 1:25BST QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (Group 2, 3200m)

The Super Stat

Alan King's Trueshan seeks a third straight QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup. However, he has a fair way to go to match the stamina-laden grey Further Flight who won this race a record-breaking five times between 1991 and 1995.

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Seeking soft ground, connections of **TRUESHAN** have been left frustrated for most of the turf season, and the Northumberland Plate hero failed to deliver in defeat to **Coltrane** in the Doncaster Cup. However, with rain forecast, Alan King favours this option (a dual race winner) to next week's Prix Royal-Oak at ParisLongchamp. The fast-improving St Leger winner **Eldar Eldarov**, admittedly with untested stamina reserves over 3200m, rates as the main danger.

1-2-3: 1 TRUESHAN 2 Eldar Eldarov 3 Waterville

Race 2 - 2:00BST QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes (Group 1, 1200m)

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Last year's winner **Creative Force** arrives fresh from a three-month break, having last raced when fourth to Alcohol Free in the July Cup. Conversely, both **Rohaan** and **KINROSS** have been incredibly busy. The former, a dual Wokingham Stakes winner, brought his C&D record to an impressive 4-5 with a comfortable Bengough Stakes win, while the latter drops back to 1200m following a hat-trick of 1400m wins (in Group 1 or Group 2 contests). Ralph Beckett's charge didn't enjoy much in-running luck last year (ninth of 20), but the projected soft ground makes him the most logical selection.

The Super Stat

Since 2012, James Fanshawe's The Tin Man (2016) has clocked the fastest QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes time. He completed the 1200 metre course in 1 minute 12.15 seconds (1:12.15).

1-2-3: 1 KINROSS 2 Rohaan 3 Creative Force

Race 3 - 2:40BST QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (Group 1, 2400m)

The Super Stat

Three-year-old's have won the last five renewals of the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes. Sir Michael Stoute's Crystal Capella (2008 & 2010) is the oldest winner (aged five in 2010) since the turn of the century.

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Oaks second **Emily Upjohn** sports a hood for her long-awaited return after underperforming (raced too keenly early on) in the King George. **Eshaada** and **Albaflora** fought out the finish of this race last year, and the former was returning from a short break when outstayed by a newly hooded **MIMIKYU** in the Park Hill Fillies at Doncaster. Although promising to be better suited by this shorter trip, **Eshaada** will still do well to reverse those Doncaster placings with the John & Thady Gosden-trained runner, herself a sister to the 2016 Fillies & Mares heroine Journey.

1-2-3: 1 MIMIKYU 2 Eshaada 3 Emily Upjohn



Race 4 - 3:20BST The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Group 1, 1600m)

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The wide-margin Boomerang Mile winner **Jadoomi** was supplemented earlier this week for £70,000. James Doyle takes over in the saddle from the suspended Christophe Soumillon. The exciting Frankel filly **Inspiral** (6-7 career) merits ample respect after her latest Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques Les Marois win, but a sporting suggestion is the 2020 winner **THE REVENANT**, who also finished runner-up in 2019, and within close striking distance of Baaeed and Palace Pier 12 months ago. Godolphin's French Guineas/Woodbine Mile hero **Modern Games** could struggle to deal with a projected rain-softened surface.

<u>1-2-3:</u> **1** THE REVENANT **2** Inspiral **3** Jadoomi

The Super Stat

Saeed Bin Suroor (trainer) and Godolphin (owner) have enjoyed Queen Elizabeth II Stakes

glory five times, with Mark Of Esteem (1996), Dubai Millennium (1999), Summoner (2001), Ramonti (2007) and Poet's Voice (2010).

Spotlight On Four Qipco Champion Stakes Contenders

Baaeed

FORM: 1-1111 TRAINER: WILLIAM HAGGAS JOCKEY: JIM CROWLEY OWNER: SHADWELL ESTATE COMPANY LTD



Bred by the late Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, the brilliant Sea The Stars colt seeks to emulate the legendary Frankel by maintaining his unbeaten record with success in the feature QIPCO Champion Stakes. The current season brought Lockinge, Queen Anne and Sussex Stakes success before a truly scintillating performance in the Juddmonte International at York. With Sheikha Hissa (daughter of Sheikh Hamdan) and the rest of the world observing on, it's difficult to envisage any other scenario than an eleventh, and final, career win before a glittering stud career follows.

Adayar

FORM: 1145-1 TRAINER: CHARLIE APPLEBY JOCKEY: WILLIAM BUICK OWNER: GODOLPHIN



Convincing winner of last year's Derby, surprising stablemates Hurricane Lane and One Ruler. Followed up in the King George before finishing fourth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Concluded his season with a below-par fifth in last year's QIPCO Champion Stakes and off the track this season (with a respiratory infection) until returning in a minor event at Doncaster. Champion jockey William Buick said, "It's a tough task but he's a Derby and King George winner who ran well in the Arc on ground he didn't like. I would say he's the best horse Baaeed has taken on and it's going to make a great race."

Bay Bridge

FORM: 11-125

TRAINER: SIR MICHAEL STOUTE JOCKEY: RICHARD KINGSCOTE OWNER: JAMES WIGAN & BALLYLINCH STUD



Powered clear when winning the Brigadier Gerard Stakes on seasonal reappearance in May before playing second-fiddle to the progressive State of Rest in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. Failed to justify favouritism in Sandown's mid-season summer highlight, the Coral-Eclipse, and absent since with a muscle injury. His trainer, Sir Michael Stoute said earlier this week; "It's a tough race against a world-beater and last year's Derby winner, but it's the Champion Stakes, so it's entitled to be."

Royal Champion

FORM: -41431 TRAINER: ROGER VARIAN JOCKEY: JACK MITCHELL OWNER: SHEIKH MOHAMMED OBAID AL MAKTOUM



Without any doubt this Shamardal gelding has masses to find with Baaeed and Adayar on his first venture beyond Group 3 company. Nevertheless, Roger Varian's runner has progressed steadily over the duration of the year since taking a valuable Class 2 handicap at Epsom on Oaks day in June. His emphatic win in the Listed Doonside Cup (Ayr) was a career-best performance and, granted further improvement, it remains possible that he can sneak into a place in this prestigious Group 1 contest.



Race 5 - 4:00BST QIPCO Champion Stakes (Group 1, 2000m)

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BAAEED, a gritty winner on QIPCO British Champions Day (Queen Elizabeth II Stakes) last year, remains unbeaten, and was indeed flawless when introduced to 2000m for the first time in the Juddmonte International at York. His preparation for what is the final race of an illustrious career has been unhindered and, with the greatest of respect to his opponents, it will come as a mighty shock if he fails to deliver. Last year's Derby winner **Adayar** is a clear next best.

1-2-3: 1 BAAEED 2 Adayar 3 Bay Bridge

The Super Stat

Kind, the dam of the legendary Frankel (2012) and Noble Mission (2014), is the only mare to produce two separate QIPCO Champion Stakes winners.

A mere three of the last ten winners of the QIPCO Champion Stakes have been three-year-old's, with the French colt Sealiway successfully flying the flag for last year's Classic generation.

The favourite has won the QIPCO Champion Stakes five times over the past ten years. The finishing position of the favourite (oldest to latest over the period) is: 1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 4.

Race 6 - 4:40BST The Balmoral Handicap (Class 2, 1600m)

The Super Stat

The Balmoral Handicap was only established in 2014. Seven of the eight winners were trained in Great Britain, with Njord (2020) being the exception. He was trained in County Kildare (Ireland) by Jessica Harrington.

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A typically competitive Balmoral Handicap concludes QIPCO British Champions Day. **Tyrrhenian Sea** continues to show a rock-solid level of form, while the 2019 winner **Escobar** demonstrated his well-being when landing the Peroni Nastro Azzurro Challenge Cup (1400m). William Haggas holds a strong hand, including with the cheek pieced **Montaasib** and **Sweet Believer**, but the suggestion is David Menuisier's **MIGRATION** who suffered a slight setback after a fine early season run (second) in the Spring Cup at Newbury.

1-2-3: 1 MIGRATION 2 Tyrrhenian Sea 3 Sweet Believer



TOP JOCKEYS - CURRENT YEAR

Jockey	Wins	Rides	Win %	P/L
Ryan Moore	9	55	16	+2.62
Daniel Tudhope	8	42	19	+68.50
William Buick	7	44	16	-12.80
Saffie Osborne	5	28	18	+16.00
Hollie Doyle	5	35	14	+9.58

CHAMPION STAKES: ROLL OF HONOUR

- **2021 SEALIWAY,** Cedric Rossi, Mickael Barzalona
- 2020 ADDEYBB, William Haggas, Tom Marquand
- 2019 MAGICAL, Aidan O'Brien, Donnacha O'Brien
- 2018 CRACKSMAN, John Gosden, Frankie Dettori
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- 2016 ALMANZOR, Jean-Claude Rouget, Christophe Soumillon
- 2015 FASCINATING ROCK, Dermot Weld, Pat Smullen
- 2014 NOBLE MISSION, Lady Cecil, James Doyle
- 2013 FARHH, Saeed Bin Suroor, Silvestre De Sousa
- 2012 FRANKEL, Sir Henry Cecil, Tom Queally



TOP TRAINERS - CURRENT YEAR

Trainer	Wins	Runs	Win %	P/L
Charlie Appleby	10	46	22	+15.88
William Haggas	10	48	21	-14.65
Aidan O' Brien	5	27	19	-9.57
Andrew Balding	5	61	8	-10.01
Kevin Philippart De Foy	4	13	31	+27.75

FACTS & FIGURES

- QIPCO British Champions Day acts as the end of season highlight for British flat racing, with the culmination of the British Champions Series and the feature race being the QIPCO Champion Stakes.
- The inaugural Champion Stakes took place in 1877, with the race becoming a Grade 1 contest in 1971. The brilliant Brigadier Gerard was the winner of the race in 1971 (and 1972).
- Initially staged at Newmarket, the Champion Stakes was transferred to Ascot in 2011 with the creation of QIPCO British Champions Day. The winner of the QIPCO Champion Stakes receives an invitation to compete in the Breeders' Cup Turf.
- The legendary Frankel brought the curtain down on an unbeaten career when winning the QIPCO Champion Stakes in 2012.
- Tristan (1882, 1883 & 1884) is the most successful horse in Champion Stakes history. Others have won the race twice, including Twice Over (2009 & 2010) and Cracksman (2017 & 2018) in more recent times.

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