

THE ULTIMATE RACEDAY

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER
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BRITISH
CHAMPIONS
DAY



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MEDIA GUIDE



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QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY RACE DAY PROGRAMME

- 1.25PM** **QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 2)**
3-y-o and up, 1 mile and 7 furlongs (209yds), round course.
- 2.00PM** **QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 1)**
3-y-o and up, 6 furlongs (1200 metres), straight course.
- 2.40PM** **QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (GROUP 1)**
3-y-o and up, 1 mile and 3 furlongs (211yds), round course.
- 3.20PM** **QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) (GROUP 1)**
3-y-o and up, 1 mile (1600 metres), straight course.
- 4.00PM** **QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)**
3-y-o and up, 1 mile and 2 furlongs (2000 metres), round course.
- 4.40PM** **BALMORAL HANDICAP (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)**
3-y-o and up, 1 mile (1600 metres), straight course.

*all timings subject to change



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
Mickael Barzalona [1]	16/10/21	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Sealiway	12/1	Cedric Rossi	Le Haras De La Gousseire & Guy Pariente
Pierre-Charles Boudot [1]	17/10/20	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	The Revenant	5/1	Francis-Henri Graffard	Al Asayt France
William Buick [2]	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Wonderful Tonight	4/1	David Menuisier	Christopher Wright
	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Creative Force	11/2	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Jim Crowley [4]	18/10/14	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Madame Chiang	12/1	David Simcock	Miss K Rausing
	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Eshaada	16/1	Roger Varian	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
	16/10/21	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Baaeed	2/1	William Haggas	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
	16/10/21	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Aldaary	7/2	William Haggas	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
Matthew Davies [1]	15/10/11	Future Stars Handicap	Edinburgh Knight	18/1	Paul D'Arcy	Knights Racing
Silvestre de Sousa [2]	19/10/13	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Farhh	11/4	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Donjuan Triumphant	33/1	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Ltd
Frankie Dettori [7]	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
	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Stradivarius	EvensF	John Gosden	Mr. B. E. Neilsen
	20/10/18	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cracksman	5/6F	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Star Catcher	7/4F	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
Hollie Doyle [3]	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Trueshan	11/1	Alan King	Singula Partnership
	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Glen Shiel	16/1	Archie Watson	Hambleton Racing Xxxvi
	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Trueshan	Evens F	Alan King	Singula Partnership
James Doyle [2]	18/10/14	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Noble Mission	7/1	Lady Cecil	Mr K Abdullah
	20/10/18	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Sharja Bridge	8/1	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
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 [2]	17/10/15	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Muhaarar	5/2F	Charlie Hills	Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum
	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Sands Of Mali	28/1	Richard Fahey	Phoenix Thoroughbred & Cool Silk Partnership
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
Adam Kirby [1]	19/10/19	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Escobar	16/1	David O'Meara	Withernsea Thoroughbred Limited
Sean Levey [1]	19/10/19	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	King of Change	12/1	Richard Hannon	Ali Abdulla Saeed

WINNING RECORDS OF JOCKEYS ON QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY (CONTINUED)

NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	TRAINER	OWNER
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 (4)	15/10/16	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Minding	7/4F	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Order of St George	4/5F	Aidan O'Brien	Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith Mrs John Magnier & L J Williams
	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Hydrangea	4/1	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Magical	5/1	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
Tom Marquand (2)	17/10/20	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Addeybb	9/1	William Haggass	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
	17/10/20	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Njord	15/2	Mrs John Harrington	Blessingndisguise Partnership
Oisin Murphy (1)	20/10/18	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Roaring Lion	2/1F	John Gosden	Qatar Racing Limited
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
Donnacha O'Brien (2)	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Kew Gardens	7/2	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier and Mr M. Tabor
	19/10/19	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Magical	EvensF	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier and Mr M. Tabor
Joseph O'Brien (1)	20/10/12	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Excelebration	10/11F	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr 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	Mr K Abdullah
	20/10/12	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Frankel	2/11F	Sir Henry Cecil	Mr K 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, Mr D. Smith, Mrs John Magnier and Mr 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
Daniel Tudhope (1)	21/10/17	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Lord Glitters	3/1F	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
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

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Charlie Appleby (1)	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Creative Force	11/2F	William Buick	Godolphin
Andrew Balding (1)	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Donjuan Triumphant	33/1	Silvestre de Sousa	King Power Racing Ltd
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	Mr K Abdullah
	20/10/12	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Frankel	2/11F	Tom Queally	Mr K Abdullah
Lady Cecil (1)	18/10/14	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Noble Mission	7/1	James Doyle	Mr K 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
Richard Fahey (1)	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Sands Of Mali	28/1	Paul Hanagan	Phoenix Thoroughbred & Cool Silk Partnership
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 Champions 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 (8)	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
	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Stradivarius	EvensF	Frankie Dettori	Mr B. E. Neilsen
	20/10/18	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Roaring Lion	2/1F	Oisin Murphy	Qatar Racing Limited
	20/10/18	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Cracksman	5/6F	Frankie Dettori	Mr A E Oppenheimer
	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Star Catcher	7/4F	Frankie Dettori	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
Francis-Henri Graffard (1)	17/10/20	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	The Revenant	5/1	Pierre-Charles Boudot	Al Asayl France
William Haggas (4)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Dancing Rain	6/1	Johnny Murtagh	M J & L A Taylor
	17/10/20	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Addeybb	9/1	Tom Marquand	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
	16/10/21	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Baaeed	2/1	Jim Crowley	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
	16/10/21	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Aldaary	7/2	Jim Crowley	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
Richard Hannon (2)	19/10/13	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Olympic Glory	11/2	Richard Hughes	Sheikh Joaan Bin Hamad Al Thani
	19/10/19	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	King of Change	12/1	Sean Levey	Ali Abdulla Saeed
Jessica Harrington (1)	17/10/20	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Njord	15/2	Tom Marquand	Blessingndisguise Partnership
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

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NO. OF WINS	DATE	RACE	WINNER	SP	JOCKEY	OWNER
Dean Ivory (1)	21/10/17	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Librisa Breeze	10/1	Robert Winston	Tony Bloom
Edward Lynam (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Slade Power	7/1	Wayne Lordan	Mrs S Power
Alan King (2)	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Trueshan	11/1	Hollie Doyle	Singula Partnership
	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Trueshan	Evens F	Hollie Doyle	Singula Partnership
David Menuisier (1)	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares	Wonderful Tonight	4/1	William Buick	Christopher Wright
Johnny Murtagh (1)	19/10/13	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Royal Diamond	20/1	Johnny Murtagh	Andrew Tinkler
David Nagle (1)	20/10/12	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Maarek	5/1	Jamie Spencer	Lisbon Syndicate
Aidan O'Brien (8)	15/10/11	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Fame And Glory	3/1	Jamie Spencer	Mrs F. Hay, Mr D. Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	20/10/12	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Excelebration	10/11F	Joseph O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	15/10/16	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Minding	7/4F	Ryan Moore	Mr D. Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Mr 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	Mr D. Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	20/10/18	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Magical	5/1	Ryan Moore	Mr D. Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	19/10/19	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup	Kew Gardens	7/2	Donnacha O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
	19/10/19	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Magical	EvensF	Donnacha O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
David O'Meara (2)	21/10/17	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Lord Glitters	3/1F	Daniel Tudhope	Geoff and Sandra Turnbull
	19/10/19	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Escobar	16/1	Adam Kirby	Withernsea Thoroughbred Limited
Cedric Rossi (1)	16/10/21	QIPCO Champion Stakes	Sealiway	12/1	Mickael Barzalona	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
Jean-Claude Rouget (1)	15/10/16	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
Roger Varian (2)	20/10/18	Balmoral Handicap (Sponsored by QIPCO)	Sharja Bridge	8/1	James Doyle	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
	16/10/21	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes	Eshaada	16/1	Jim Crowley	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd
Archie Watson (1)	17/10/20	QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes	Glen Shiel	16/1	Hollie Doyle	Hambleton Racing Xxxvi
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

1:25PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 2)LONG
DISTANCE**Total prize money £500,000**

- Prize money breakdown: 1st: £283,550 - 2nd: £107,500 - 3rd: £53,800
4th: £26,800 - 5th: £13,450 - 6th: £6,750

Race Details

- Distance: 1m 7f 209yds Conditions: Round Course | 3yo+ | No Penalties | Maximum Field 20
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: TRUESHAN

After winning the Qatar Prix du Cadran at Longchamp just a fortnight prior to QIPCO British Champions Day, superstar stayer Trueshan made it back-to-back victories in the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup. The Alan King-trained colt showed his class by beating the likes of the legendary Stradivarius, to become the third horse to win at multiple QIPCO British Champions Day after Frankel (2011 and 2012) and Magical (2018 and 2019). Jockey Hollie Doyle rode a similar race to the 2020 renewal, sitting midfield throughout before exploding into life in the final few furlongs, showing Trueshan's true speed. The pair extended their lead in the closing stages and won by a comfortable one and a half lengths from Tashkhan in second, with Stradivarius back in third. Can Trueshan make history in 2022 by becoming the first horse to win at three QIPCO British Champions Days?

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE****COLTRANE** Trainer: Andrew Balding Age: 5

The tough and game Coltrane has already given his owners, Mick and Janice Mariscotti, a fabulous year. Beaten a neck when runner-up in the tote+ Chester Cup on his return, he then went one better in the Ascot Stakes at Royal Ascot before running away with the Coral Marathon at Sandown Park. Those efforts encouraged his connections to raise him in grade and he has not let them down, making the frame in the Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup (fourth to Kyprios) and Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup (second to Quickthorn) before landing the Coral Doncaster Cup, by a neck from Trueshan. Coltrane's progress is reflected by the fact that his official ratings has risen 18lb this season. He seems versatile regards underfoot conditions.

TRUESHAN Trainer: Alan King Age: 6

Trueshan seeks to make history by becoming the first horse to win three times on QIPCO British Champions Day. A runaway winner of this race two years ago, he retained his crown in decisive fashion 12 months ago and seems unlikely to relinquish it without a fight. He looked better than ever when winning the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle in June, when conceding lumps of weight to his rivals, and has subsequently been placed in the Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup and Coral Doncaster Cup. He let down odds-on backers in the latter but the muddling tempo didn't bring all his stamina into play. His ten wins on turf have all been achieved on good ground or softer, so any give in the ground will aid his cause.

ELDAR ELDAROV Trainer: Roger Varian Age: 3

A three-year-old has yet to win the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup but perhaps Eldar Eldarov will put the record straight. He was having only his third start when performing wonders to get up in the final stride of the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot in June and stayed on strongly to win the Cazoo St Leger at Doncaster on his latest start. His only defeat in five races came on his penultimate start when he dropped in trip and was a creditable fourth to Onesto in the Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp in mid-July. He remains capable of better yet, especially as he is being unleashed over two miles for the first time. "He could be a very exciting Cup horse for the next season and beyond," says his trainer.



ENTRIES FOR THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP [GROUP 2]

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | ROUND COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
Baron Samedi (GB)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Lech Racing Ltd
Beamish (FR)	P. Twomey	Mr J. J. Flynn
Coltrane (IRE)	Andrew Balding	Mick and Janice Mariscotti
Quickthorn (GB)	Hughie Morrison	Lady Blyth
Raise You (IRE)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	J Palmer-Brown/Brian Gleeson
Stratum (GB)	W. P. Mullins	Tony Bloom
Trawlerman (IRE)	John & Thady Gosden	Godolphin
Trueshan (FR)	Alan King	Singula Partnership
Wordsworth (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Princess Zoe (GER)	Anthony Mullins	Patrick F. Kehoe/Mrs.P.Crampton
Search For A Song (IRE)	D. K. Weld	Moyglare Stud Farms Ltd
Yaxeni (FR)	G. M. Lyons	SBA Racing Limited
Eldar Eldarov (GB)	Roger Varian	KHK Racing
Waterville (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg

2:00PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 1)

SPRINT

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY £500,000

- Prize money breakdown: 1st: £301,272 - 2nd: £114,219
3rd: £57,163 - 4th: £28,475 - 5th: £14,291 6th: £7,172

RACE DETAILS

- Distance: 6f Conditions: Straight Course | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 20
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: CREATIVE FORCE

Creative Force made it a day to remember for Charlie Appleby, marking his first win at QIPCO British Champions Day. Glen Shiel, the 2020 victor, got off to a lightning fast start and led all the way until the final couple of furlongs. However, William Buick had Creative Force in an excellent position and was right on Glen Shiel's tail, before using the slipstream to glide past the Archie Watson-trained challenger, ridden again by Hollie Doyle. Buick and Creative Force will be one of the favourites to repeat the feat in this year's renewal.

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE****CREATIVE FORCE** Trainer: Charlie Appleby Age: 4

No horse has won the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes in successive years, although 2020 winner Glen Shiel came close to achieving the feat when runner-up last year. Creative Force was the horse who denied him the double and now seeks back-to-back triumphs himself. He was a convincing winner 12 months ago, having won four other races earlier in the campaign, including in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. We've not seen so much of Creative Force this season but he's shown all his powers remain intact, being beaten just a neck by Naval Crown, his stablemate, in the Platinum Jubilee Stakes here in June before finishing fourth in the Darley July Cup (a place better than he managed in 2021). Having had only 13 races, he remains low mileage and possibly capable of better yet.

ART POWER Trainer: Tim Easterby Age: 5

Art Power has run in six QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes races over 6f in the past couple of years and finished 443454; never being beaten far on any occasion. His connections must have been growing a little concerned that their grey might never hit the jackpot but an emphatic win on his latest start in the Group 3 William Hill Ireland Renaissance Stakes at The Curragh means he will arrive at the top of the game. Art Power's record at Ascot stands close inspection. He's been a fine fourth in the past two renewals of this race – last year when drawn away from the trio who beat him – plus has twice run well at Royal Ascot, winning at the meeting in 2020 and finishing third in last year's Diamond Jubilee Stakes.

ROHAAN Trainer: David Evans Age: 4

Rohaan was disappointing in the Sprint last year but perhaps a fruitful year, during which he won seven of his 17 races, had caught up with him. His prowess at Ascot is certainly not in doubt as he has won the past two renewals of the Wokingham, beating an aggregate of 45 rivals from high in the weights. And a fortnight ago he returned to land the Group 3 John Guest Racing Bengough Stakes. Rohaan made the frame in two Group 1 races in the second half of the summer – the Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville (behind Highfield Princess) and Betfair Sprint Cup (behind Minzaal) at Haydock. He's in his element when pouncing late in strongly-run races, and seems effective on all types of going.



ENTRIES FOR THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 1)

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | STRAIGHT COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
Art Power (IRE)	Tim Easterby	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Brad The Brief (GB)	Hugo Palmer	Chasemore Farm
Creative Force (IRE)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Fresh (GB)	James Fanshawe	Clipper Logistics
Garrus (IRE)	Charles Hills	Mrs Susan Roy
Gulliver (GB)	David O'Meara	Withernsea Thoroughbred Limited
King's Lynn (GB)	Andrew Balding	The King
Kinross (GB)	Ralph Beckett	Mr Marc Chan
Naval Crown (GB)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Rohaan (IRE)	David Evans	Mr Kieran McCabe & Partner
Run To Freedom (GB)	Henry Candy	Mr Godfrey Wilson
Castle Star (IRE)	J. A. Stack	C. Bernick/Haras d'Etream/Antony Beck
Go Bears Go (IRE)	David Loughnane	Amo Racing and Omnihorse Racing
Mitbaahy (IRE)	Roger Varian	Mr Hasan Mefareh Alajmi & Fawzi Nass
Perfect Power (IRE)	Richard Fahey	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum
Double Or Bubble (IRE)	Chris Wall	Mr S Fustok
Vadream (GB)	Charlie Fellowes	Mr D. R. J. King
Ventura Diamond (IRE)	Richard Fahey	Middleham Park Racing XXVIII
Tenebrism (USA)	Aidan O'Brien	Westerberg/Coolmore/Merribelle Stables

2:35PM

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES

(GROUP 1)

FILLIES & MARES

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY £500,000

- Prize money breakdown: 1st: £283,550 - 2nd: £107,500 - 3rd: £53,800
4th: £26,800 - 5th: £13,450 - 6th: £6,750

RACE DETAILS

- Distance: 1m 3f 211yds Conditions: Round Course | 3yo+ Fillies & Mares | Maximum Field 19
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: ESHAADA

A dramatic finish in the QIPCO British Champions Fillies and Mares Stakes saw the Roger Varian-trained Eshaada head-bobbing to victory ahead of Albaflora. Ridden by Jim Crowley, the pair sat comfortably throughout the race, travelling the best out of the field of eight. When turning into the home straight Eshaada was sat on the bridle in third, looking the likely winner from that stage. She showed her class when leading two furlongs out and battled hard alongside Rossa Ryan and Albaflora to emerge victorious. The 8/11 favourite Snowfall only managed to finish third, three and-a-half lengths behind the winner.

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE****EMILY UPJOHN** Trainer: John & Thady Gosden Age: 3

Emily Upjohn slips in somewhat under the radar, having been absent since a disappointing run in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes here at Ascot almost three months ago. However, her efforts in the first half of the season make her a leading contender for a prize her stable has scooped twice since 2016. Emily Upjohn romped home by 9½ lengths on her return at Sandown and was making it three wins from three starts when also a wide-margin winner of the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York. She might well have won the Cazoo Oaks at Epsom, too, but for a stumble at the start putting her on the backfoot. In a dramatic finish, she was beaten a short head.

MIMIKYU Trainer: John & Thady Gosden Age: 3

Veteran owner-breeder George Strawbridge saw his distinctive white and green silks carried to victory by the John Gosden-trained Journey in this race in 2016 and must be hopeful of repeating the feat with her sister, Mimikyu, who has been blessed with similar powers and is also housed at Clarehaven. She was having only her sixth start when an emphatic winner of the Park Hill Fillies' Stakes at Doncaster last time when settling better than she has done sometimes in the past and scoring at the main expense of Eshaada, winner of this race last year. A first-time hood seemed to help Mimikyu relax at Town Moor last time and perhaps it is no coincidence that the same headgear also helped Journey fulfil her potential six years ago.

ESHAADA Trainer: Roger Varian Age: 4

Eshaada edged home by a short head from Albaflora in a thrilling renewal of the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares last year and is back to defend her crown. She had been runner-up in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot four months earlier and the demands of this course clearly serve her well, much as they did her sire, Muhaarar, who was all about speed and won the Commonwealth Cup and Champions Sprint at Ascot in 2015. Eshaada has been unable to add to her tally in three starts this term but has run well in defeat on her past two starts. She finished third to Free Wind in the bet365 Lancashire Oaks at Haydock and then chased home Mimikyu in the Coral Park Hill Fillies' Stakes Doncaster.



ENTRIES FOR QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (GROUP 1)

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | ROUND COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
Albaflora (GB)	Ralph Beckett	Miss K. Rausing
Eshaada (GB)	Roger Varian	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
Insinuendo (IRE)	W. McCreery	Deegan Racing Syndicate
Lilac Road (IRE)	William Haggas	Jon and Julia Aisbitt
Rosscarbery (GER)	P. Twomey	Robert J. W. Moran
Sea La Rosa (IRE)	William Haggas	Sunderland Holding Inc.
Sweet Lady (FR)	Francis-Henri Graffard	S.A.R.L. Gemini Stud
Thunder Kiss (IRE)	G. M. Lyons	Newtown Anner Stud Farm
Verry Elleegant (NZ)	Francis-Henri Graffard	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd
Ching Shih (IRE)	David Simcock	Miss K. Rausing
Emily Dickinson (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg
Emily Upjohn (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Lloyd Webber, Tactful Finance, S Roden
Eternal Pearl (GB)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Mimikyu (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Mr George Strawbridge
Mise En Scene (GB)	James Ferguson	Qatar Racing & RacehorseClub.com
Stay Alert (GB)	Hughie Morrison	Ben & Sir Martyn Arbib
Tranquil Lady (IRE)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Teme Valley

3:10PM

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

MILE

Total prize money £1,156,250

- Prize money breakdown: 1st £655,709 - 2nd £248,593 - 3rd £124,412
4th £61,975 - 5th £31,103 - 6th £15,609

Race Details

- Distance: 1m Conditions: Straight Course | 3yo+ | Maximum Field 20
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: BAAEED

The unbeaten Baaeed added to his winning streak by beating the market leader Palace Pier in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (sponsored by QIPCO). Jockey Jim Crowley trailed Frankie Dettori aboard Palace Pier throughout the race, both travelling well against a competitive field, with Dettori looking round to see where Crowley and Baaeed were. The pair strode clear of the pack in the final half furlong, but it was Baaeed that showed he was truly something special, displaying a wonderful combination of power and pace to comfortably win by a neck. Now the highest-rated racehorse in the world on turf, will he follow in the footsteps of Frankel by winning this year's QIPCO Champion Stakes and ending his career unbeaten?



POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR:

INSPIRAL Trainer: John & Thady Gosden Age: 3



Ten years after the mighty Frankel signed off his career with another win on QIPCO British Champions Day, several of his offspring are in action today – not least Inspiral, who has inherited plenty of her Dad's talent. Unbeaten in four starts last season, when crowned champion two-year-old filly, she won the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot by almost five lengths on her return this June and was winning at the highest level for the third time when taking the Jacques le Marois at Deauville on her latest start. Her only defeat came in between, when runner-up in the Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket. John Gosden attributed that defeat to the race coming too soon after her Ascot exploits but that won't be an issue this afternoon after a two-month break.

MODERN GAMES Trainer: Charlie Appleby Age: 3



Modern Games had the distinction of winning last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar after temporarily being withdrawn minutes before the start and his eventful story has included more glorious chapters around the globe this year. The chestnut colt won the Mirates Poule D'Essai Des Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) on his return at Longchamp and on his latest start he ventured to Canada and scooped the Ricoh Woodbine Mile. In between, he beat all bar Baaeed in the Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. The son of Dubawi is already pencilled in for a return to America for another Breeders' Cup assignment next month but first he will attempt to win a fourth race at the highest level in a fourth country. It goes without saying he has a wonderful temperament.

THE REVENANT Trainer: Francis-Henri Graffard Age: 7



The Revenant will need no introduction to QIPCO British Champions Day regulars as the French-trained challenger has become a standing dish in this race. Runner-up to King Of Change in the 2019 renewal, he went one better 12 months later when too strong for Roseman and Palace Pier. Last year, he again gave his all to finish a close fourth to the outstanding Baaeed – one of only two occasions in his 21-race career when he has finished outside the first three. As in previous years, The Revenant has warmed up for his date here by running in the Group 2 Qatar Prix Daniel Wildenstein a couple of weeks earlier at Longchamp. He looked on good terms with himself, chasing home the exciting Erevann.



ENTRIES FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) (GROUP 1)

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | STRAIGHT COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
El Drama (IRE)	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Jadoomi (FR)	Simon & Ed Crisford	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
Raadobarg (IRE)	J. P. Murtagh	Amo Racing Limited
Tempus (GB)	Archie Watson	Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXI and Partner
The Revenant (GB)	Francis-Henri Graffard	Al Asayl France
Bayside Boy (IRE)	Roger Varian	Teme Valley & Ballylinch Stud
Checkandchallenge (GB)	William Knight	Mr A. Hetherton
Modern Games (IRE)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Inspiral (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud
Tenebrism (USA)	Aidan O'Brien	Westerberg/Coolmore/Merribelle Stables

MILE

ROLL OF HONOUR 1980-2021 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
1980	Known Fact	Willie Carson	Jeremy Tree	Mr K 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	Mr K 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	Mr K 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
2011	Frankel	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Mr K Abdullah
2012	Excelebration	Joseph O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier/ Tabor/ Smith
2013	Olympic Glory	Richard Hughes	Richard Hannon Sr	Sheikh Joaan Al Thani
2014	Charm Spirit	Olivier Peslier	Freddy Head	Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa
2015	Solow	Maxime Guyon	Freddy Head	Wertheimer & Frère
2016	Minding	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier/ Tabor/ Smith
2017	Persuasive	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud
2018	Roaring Lion	Oisin Murphy	John Gosden	Qatar Racing
2019	King of Change	Sean Levey	Richard Hannon	Ali Abdulla Saeed
2020	The Revenant	Pierre-Charles Boudot	F-H Graffard	Al Asayl France
2021	Baaeed	Jim Crowley	William Haggas	Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd

3:40PM

QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)**Total prize money £1,300,000**MIDDLE
DISTANCE

- Prize money breakdown: 1st £737,230 - 2nd 279,500 - 3rd £139,880
4th £69,680 - 5th £34,970 - 6th £17,550

Race Details

- Distance: 1m 2f Conditions: 3yo+ | Round Course | Maximum Field 14
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: SEALIWAY

A classy field battled it out in the QIPCO Champion Stakes, but it was the 12-1 French-trained Sealiway who stormed home to take the spoils. It was a first victory on QIPCO British Champions Day for French Classic-winning jockey Mickael Barzalona. Sealiway followed Cazoo Derby winner Adayar throughout the race, keeping a good position in midfield and travelling well. The pair led the pack in the home straight, with Saudi Cup winner Mishriff coming to challenge with two furlongs to go. Adayar couldn't quite keep up with the leaders and in the final furlong it was Sealiway who battled it out with Dubai Honour. Sealiway showed an impressive turn of foot and finished strongly, winning by three quarters of a length. It maintained France's excellent record in the headline race at QIPCO British Champions Day, with Sealiway following in the footsteps of Cirrus des Aigles (2011) and Almanzor (2016).

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:****BAAEED** Trainer: William Haggas Age: 4

All-conquering Baaeed is the headline at this year's QIPCO British Champions Day. Unbeaten in ten starts, his connections have said this will be the outstanding colt's final race before he is retired to stud. He signed off last year with victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on QIPCO British Champions Day and this season has reeled off four more Group 1 wins, winning them by an aggregate of more than 13 lengths under regular rider Jim Crowley. The son of Sea The Stars won the Al Shaqab Lockinge Stakes in effortless fashion on his return before landing the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. Next came a fluent success in the Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood before a step up in trip and an imperious 6½-length success in the Juddmonte International at York, all part of the QIPCO British Champions Series. He's a magnificent horse and will be a short price to bow out in style.

DUBAI HONOUR Trainer: William Haggas Age: 4

Most of the focus building up the QIPCO Champion Stakes has naturally been on the outstanding Baaeed but William Haggas, his trainer, has a smart second string to his bow to Dubai Honour. This colt made tremendous strides through last year and looked like he might win this race last year, only to find Sealiway a bit too strong in the closing stages. Dubai Honour also ran a tremendous race when a fourth in the Longines Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin, a couple of months later, and he has continued to run well this season without quite getting his head in front. He lost out by a nose in the Sky Bet York Stakes and also finished second on his most recent start in the Unibet September Stakes at Kempton Park.

ADAYAR Trainer: Charlie Appleby Age: 4

Last year's emphatic Cazoo Derby winner seems likely to ensure Baaeed does not have things all his own way this afternoon. He followed up his triumph in the premier Classic at Epsom last year by winning the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes here at Ascot before finishing a gallant fourth in the 2021 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Adayar was possibly not over those exertions when below-par in this race 13 days later but freshness will not be a problem today as he only made his 2022 return at Doncaster last month. He was not extended to beat two inferior rivals that day, going about his business with relish. It should have put him spot-on for his much tougher assignment.



ENTRIES FOR THE QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | ROUND COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
Adayar (IRE)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
Baaeed (GB)	William Haggas	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
Bay Bridge (GB)	Sir Michael Stoute	James Wigan & Ballylinch Stud
Dubai Honour (IRE)	William Haggas	Mr Mohamed Obaida
Helvic Dream (IRE)	Noel Meade	Mrs Caroline Hendron/Mrs M.Cahill
High Definition (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien	D.Smith,Mrs J.Magnier,M.Tabor,Westerberg
Mac Swiney (IRE)	J. S. Bolger	Mrs J. S. Bolger
Royal Champion (IRE)	Roger Varian	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
My Prospero (IRE)	William Haggas	Sunderland Holding Inc.
Stone Age (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien	Brant/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg

MIDDLE
DISTANCE

QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES ROLL OF HONOUR 1980-2021

FIRST RUN IN 1877 AND HELD AT NEWMARKET UP TO 2010

YEAR	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
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	Mr K Abdullah
2010	Twice Over	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Mr K Abdullah
2011	Cirrus des Aigles	Christophe Soumillon	Mrs Corinne Barande-Barbe	Jean-Claude Dupouy
2012	Frankel	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Mr K Abdullah
2013	Farhh	Silvestre de Sousa	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2014	Noble Mission	James Doyle	Lady Jane Cecil	Mr K Abdullah
2015	Fascinating Rock	Pat Smullen	Dermot Weld	Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd
2016	Almanzor	Christophe Soumillon	Jean-Claude Rouget	Ecurie Antonio Caro
2017	Cracksman	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
2018	Cracksman	Frankie Dettori	John Gosden	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer
2019	Magical	Donnacha O'Brien	Aidan O'Brien	Mr D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Mr M. Tabor
2020	Addeybb	Tom Marquand	William Haggas	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
2021	Sealiway	Mickael Barzalona	Cedric Rossi	Le Haras De La Gousseire & Guy Pariente

4:15PM

BALMORAL HANDICAP (SPONSORED BY QIPCO)**Total prize money £200,000**

- Prize money breakdown: 1st: £103,080 - 2nd: £48,340
3rd: £24,180 - 4th: £12,080 - 5th: £6,040 - 6th: £3,020

**Race Details**

- Distance: 1m Conditions: 3yo+ | Straight Course | Maximum Field 20
- Declare by 10.00 a.m. Thursday 13th October

LAST YEAR'S WINNER: ALDAARY

Aldaary completed a magical day for owners Shadwell and retained jockey Jim Crowley by securing a treble at last year's QIPCO British Champions Day with a comfortable victory here. It was also a second winner of the day for trainer William Haggas in the famous blue and white striped colours. Crowley had Aldaary well positioned throughout the race and began to make headway two furlongs from home, when the groups from either side of the track merged. He roared past leader Matthew Flinders to break clear of the field and held off Symbolize by one and a half lengths to seal a memorable day for all connections.

**POSSIBLE CONTENDERS THIS YEAR:****ATRIUM** Trainer: Charlie Fellowes Age: 3

Atrium has thrived since making his debut just over 15 months ago, winning five of his dozen races for the syndicate that owns him. His trainer has said he shows little at home but comes alive at the racecourse, which is better than vice versa. He was impressive when winning over course and distance in early May (his second win at Ascot) and has won his past two starts at Newbury and Doncaster, the latter victory gained with something to spare against 15 rivals and showing he can also handle slower ground. Atrium now races off a career-high mark of 100 but he's still improving and, clearly, is well served by mile races on straight tracks.

MONTASSIB Trainer: William Haggas Age: 4

Montassib has been knocking at the door so loudly in competitive handicaps in the second half of this season that he probably has bruised knuckles. Having returned from a lengthy lay-off with successive wins at Wetherby and Goodwood, he was then a close fifth in the Buckingham Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot before fourth-place finishes in the bet365 Bunbury Cup, at Newmarket, and Dubai Duty Free Shergar Mile, here at Ascot. On his latest start, he found one too good at Haydock Park, again hinting his turn was close. Haggas is seeking a second successive Balmoral win, having won last year's renewal with Aldaary.

MIGRATION Trainer: David Menuisier Age: 6

Migration has been absent since being beaten a neck by Modern News in a competitive 17-runner handicap at Newbury in April but he can go well when fresh, so don't let that put you off him. Last season, having returned from 20 months on the sidelines, he was an unlucky loser on his return at Salisbury before winning at Glorious Goodwood and then scoring at York's Dante meeting. He was a well-backed favourite on each occasion, as he had been on his comeback. His trainer attributed his below-par final run of the campaign to fast ground and his overall record does point to good going or softer serving him well. His Newbury conqueror won a Listed race next time and went close in Group 3 company on his latest start.



ENTRIES FOR THE BALMORAL HANDICAP STAKES (SPONSORED BY QIPCO) (CLASS 2)

ENTRIES AS OF MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER | STRAIGHT COURSE

HORSE	TRAINER	OWNER
Migration (IRE)	David Menuisier	Gail Brown Racing (IX)
Accidental Agent (GB)	Eve Johnson Houghton	Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton
Escobar (IRE)	David O'Meara	Withernsea Thoroughbred Limited
Tyrrenian Sea (IRE)	Roger Varian	Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd
Johan (GB)	Mick Channon	Jon and Julia Aisbitt
Magical Morning (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Lady Bamford
Raadobarg (IRE)	J. P. Murtagh	Amo Racing Limited
Bashkirova (GB)	William Haggas	Cheveley Park Stud
Stormy Antarctic (GB)	Ed Walker	Mr P. K. Siu
Montatham (GB)	William Haggas	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
Shelir (IRE)	David O'Meara	Akela Thoroughbreds Limited
Rhoscolyn (GB)	David O'Meara	The Horse Watchers
Sweet Believer (IRE)	William Haggas	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum
Blue For You (IRE)	David O'Meara	Alderson Burke Francis
Symbolize (IRE)	Andrew Balding	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum
Astro King (IRE)	Sir Michael Stoute	Mr Saeed Suhail
Tacarib Bay (GB)	Richard Hannon	Mr J. R. Shannon
Casanova (GB)	Adrian McGuinness	Dooley Thoroughbreds
Safe Voyage (IRE)	John Quinn	Mr Ross Harmon
Perotto (GB)	Marcus Tregoning	Halcyon Thoroughbreds
Orbaan (GB)	David O'Meara	Mr J. C. G. Chua
Mums Tipple (IRE)	Richard Hannon	Marian Lyons & Patricia Zanelli
Montassib (GB)	William Haggas	Somerville Lodge Limited
Fantastic Fox (GB)	Roger Varian	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Bopedro (FR)	David O'Meara	Mr Lee Bond
Millebosc (FR)	William Haggas	Mr Gerard Louis Roger Augustin-Normand
Atrium (GB)	Charlie Fellowes	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Pergola
Protagonist (FR)	William Haggas	Mr Michael Buckley
Rebel Territory (GB)	Amanda Perrett	Mrs F Cotton, Mr & Mrs P Conway
What's The Story (GB)	Keith Dalgleish	Weldspec Glasgow Limited
Snooze N You Lose (FR)	K. R. Burke	Mrs Melba Bryce
Empirestateofmind (IRE)	John Quinn	Mr Ross Harmon
Revich (IRE)	Richard Spencer	Middleham Park LXVII & Phil Cunningham
Austrian Theory (IRE)	Charlie & Mark Johnston	Dr J. Walker
Dual Identity (IRE)	William Knight	Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds IV
Good Birthday (IRE)	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Notre Belle Bete (GB)	Andrew Balding	King Power Racing Co Ltd
Ghaly (GB)	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
Ribhi (IRE)	Marcus Tregoning	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd
Chichester (GB)	Keith Dalgleish	Sir Ian & Ms Catriona Good
Ouzo (GB)	Jamie Osborne	The Other Club
Ropey Guest (GB)	George Margarson	John Guest Racing
Arthur's Realm (IRE)	Ed Dunlop	Paul Turner and King for a Day
Federal (IRE)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Lloyd J Williams Syndicate
Harrow (IRE)	Andrew Balding	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Wisteria
Lunar Space (IRE)	Jamie Osborne	The Judges & Partner
Lawful Command (GB)	Brian Meehan	Family Amusements Ltd & Mr D Simmonds
Raising Sand (GB)	Jamie Osborne	Nick Bradley Racing 22 & Partner
Ascot Adventure (GB)	Clive Cox	Woodhurst Ltd & Withernsea
Croupier (IRE)	Simon & Ed Crisford	Mr Edward J. Ware
City Runner (IRE)	Brian Meehan	Manton Thoroughbreds VI

JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS STANDINGS

How the 2022 Flat Jockeys' Championship unfolded: month by month

30TH MAY

POSITION	NAME	WINS	RIDES	STRIKE RATE%
1st	William Buick	28	127	22
2nd	Ben Curtis	23	79	29
3rd	Tom Marquand	23	126	18
4th	Hollie Doyle	22	128	17
5th	Jim Crowley	18	71	25

30TH JUNE

1st	William Buick	63	264	24
2nd	Ben Curtis	41	182	23
3rd	Tom Marquand	40	249	16
4th	Hollie Doyle	36	233	16
5th	Daniel Tudhope	34	204	17

31ST JULY

1st	William Buick	94	376	25
2nd	Hollie Doyle	61	348	18
3rd	Tom Marquand	55	354	16
4th	Ben Curtis	54	275	20
5th	Daniel Tudhope	50	290	17

31ST AUGUST

1st	William Buick	121	473	26
2nd	Hollie Doyle	77	462	17
3rd	Ben Curtis	72	368	20
4th	Paul Mulrennan	68	389	18
5th	Tom Marquand	68	463	15

30TH SEPTEMBER

1st	William Buick	148	554	27
2nd	Hollie Doyle	85	555	15
3rd	Paul Mulrennan	84	484	17
4th	Tom Marquand	80	571	14
5th	Ben Curtis	75	410	18

CHAMPION JOCKEY 2022

WILLIAM BUICK

The Flat Jockeys' Championship is not an honorary gong, a bauble bestowed at the season's end, but a title earned through blood, sweat and tears. It is testament to the determination, character and talent of William Buick that having finished runner-up in the last two gruelling campaigns, that he was fully prepared to do it all again.

The 34-year-old gave it his all in 2021, a year in which he could have been forgiven for focusing on quality over quantity in a campaign that yielded a host of big-race successes, including the Cazoo St Leger on Hurricane Lane and the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes aboard Adayar.

But Buick's agent Tony Hind made it clear from an early stage this year that his appetite for honours, along with the rider's, was as voracious as ever.

"I have got this thing in my blood that I love making champions," Hind said. "I am going to go for it from start to finish with William. He has got a lot of good contacts, he is a brilliant jockey, and has got all the attributes to be champion."

Those attributes now have affirmation, if any were needed, in the form of a first Flat Jockeys' Championship for Buick. It's hard to believe it will be his last.

It seems an age ago that Buick shared the 2008 apprentices' title with David Probert when both were based with Andrew Balding at Kingsclere, a yard which has also helped launch the careers of last year's champion Oisin Murphy and 2010 champion apprentice Jason Watson - and which houses one of this year's leading apprentice jockeys in Harry Davies.

Balding's father, Ian, was so taken with Buick's ability that he struck a £10 bet at 500/1 that Buick would be champion by 2020, remarkably placed before the jockey had ridden in public.

Towards the end of 2014, Godolphin signed up both Buick and his close friend James Doyle; their careers remain closely entwined, with Doyle gaining a first British Classic success in the QIPCO 2000 Guineas in April of this year aboard Coroebus, at the expense of Buick who had elected to ride stablemate Native Trail.

Buick and Native Trail gained some compensation in the Tattersalls Irish 2,000 Guineas before the pair finished a close third behind Vadeni and Mishriff in the Coral-Eclipse, one of the races of the season.

Buick was back on board Coroebus at Royal Ascot, guiding him to success in the St James's Palace Stakes, one of five victories for the rider at the prestigious meeting.

Despite that first start to the first six weeks of the campaign, this year's title was no all-the-way success for Buick, who was headed by both Hollie Doyle and Ben Curtis at points during the opening skirmishes.

A gifted rider unfairly dogged by injury, Curtis's season has again been interrupted by battles with a longstanding shoulder problem. All racing fans will hope that he is able to put those issues behind him and return in 2023 to enjoy a smoother season.

As for Doyle, her achievements require no further introduction. This year saw further holes punched in the glass ceiling as she gained a first Classic success in the French Oaks on Nashwa, days after finishing third in the Epsom version on the same filly.





She finishes the campaign with her best-ever seasonal tally, battling it out for second place in the championship with husband Tom Marquand and Paul Mulrennan, whose impressive level stakes profit over the course of the campaign has ensured that his popularity with punters endures.

Another six successes at the Qatar Goodwood Festival saw Buick retain the meeting's top jockey title and put the seal on a prolific period which saw him ride over 30 winners in both June and July and pull clear of his title race competitors.

The pace barely dropped in August, a month in which Buick brought up his fastest century, appropriately with a Newmarket double for Charlie Appleby in mid-month, prompting Appleby to say: "To get to 100 winners in the speed that he's done it in is an achievement in itself and I am delighted to be a part of it.

"It's not just his achievements here in the UK, it's what he does on the global stage as well, and it just shows the horsemanship and the talent that William has. But to be crowned Champion Jockey will be a great achievement, and myself and everyone at Godolphin are very pleased for him."

As Appleby highlighted, Buick rides for a worldwide operation and some of this year's biggest highlights have been on the international stage.

Buick won the French 2000 Guineas aboard Modern Games (and the following day was back at Redcar for six rides) who has been a star for stable and jockey this season, placing in the French Derby and Sussex Stakes before winning the Woodbine Mile to complete a Grade One double in Canada for the jockey.

Just days later, Newmarket's important Cambridgeshire meeting saw further success.

Buick ended the first day with a treble which he supplemented 24 hours later with a double and then another treble on the Saturday, including a Group One when landing the Cheveley Park Stakes aboard Ralph Beckett's Lezoo, highlighting his popularity with all trainers - at the time of writing, Buick had ridden domestic winners for 36 different trainers in the calendar year at an impressive strike rate of 27%.

Buick wasn't done there though and Sunday saw him in Germany, again in Group One-winning action, when he partnered Rebel's Romance to beat German Derby winner Sammarco in the Preis von Europa.

It is a relentless schedule, especially for a man with a young family, but dedication and a drive to succeed have carried Buick to the top and we can be certain that he will not rest on the laurels of being crowned Champion Jockey today.

CHAMPION OWNER 2022 GODOLPHIN

"For Godolphin to be Champion Owner, me Champion Trainer and William (Buick) being two strides off being Champion Jockey that shows the strength and depth of the operation and long may that continue," said Charlie Appleby at the end of 2021. "The hardest point now is to try to maintain this level in 2022, but we have an exciting team with some very smart soon-to-be three-year-olds."

Appleby's faith was not to prove misplaced. Those three-year-olds had collected three Classics between them before the dust had settled on the new British season.

So, although the destination of this year's trainers' title will take a little more unravelling, Godolphin and Buick will be crowned Champion Owner and Champion Jockey following a season which began in scintillating fashion on Newmarket's Rowley Mile at the end of April (a month which had already seen Godolphin named UK Champion Owner on the all-weather for an eighth consecutive time).

Native Trail was unbeaten in his juvenile career and went into the winter as favourite for the QIPCO 2000 Guineas following his victory in the Dewhurst. Also successful on the same 2021 Dubai Future Champions Festival card was Coroebus, a convincing winner of the Group Three Emirates Autumn Stakes.

Buick - and the betting market - preferred Native Trail to Coroebus, but the latter produced a brilliant display to beat his stablemate by three quarters of a length and spark dreams of what lay ahead.

Those dreams didn't pan out as we all would have hoped with Coroebus suffering an untimely and fatal injury in the Prix du Moulin, having already added the St James's Palace Stakes to his tally, ending his career with four victories from seven starts.

Godolphin enjoyed a fine June, saddling 32 winners with a strike rate of 25%, and winning the Leading Owner Award at Royal Ascot for a second successive year with five victories over as many days. There was more top-level success too, courtesy both of Coroebus, and Naval Crown, who edged out stablemate Creative Force in a thrilling Platinum Jubilee Stakes.

The pair finished first and second at the same meeting in the Group Three Jersey Stakes 12 months earlier and repeated the feat against some of the leading sprinters in the world, with Naval Crown emerging best by a neck to become the 50th individual Group One winner for his sire, Dubawi. Noble Truth ensured that the Jersey Stakes remained with Godolphin and that success was further supplemented by Dubai Future (Wolferton) and Secret State (King George V Handicap).



Mawj, trained by Appleby's Godolphin colleague Saeed bin Suroor, finished second in the Albany Stakes but she went one better at Newmarket's July Festival in the Group Two Duchess of Cambridge Stakes and returned to Newmarket in September to finish third in the Group One Cheveley Park Stakes.

She was joined in the July Course winner's enclosure by the globe-trotting Yibir and New London, who gave a sign of things to come when storming home to win a heritage handicap. New London successfully stepped up in grade for the Group Three John Pearce Racing Gordon Stakes, putting himself in the frame for the Cazoo St Leger. Secret State also threw his hat into the ring for the final Classic of the season as the pair helped Godolphin end the Qatar Goodwood Festival as Champion Owner with six winners.

Godolphin ended July with another impressive haul of 30 winners at a 28% strike-rate and continued to send out winners at a similar rate throughout August and September with notable highlights provided by Noble Style's victory in the Gimcrack Stakes and by fellow juvenile Naval Power showcasing his talents in the Ascendant Stakes.

There are still races to be run and new champions to be crowned, but the race for the Owners' Championship was over bar the shouting, some time ago. At the very top of the sport, racing's wheel never stops turning.

THE 2022 APPRENTICE JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE RACE

BENOIT DE LA SAYETTE VS HARRY DAVIES



The 2022 Apprentice Jockeys' Championship has been a relentless rollercoaster of a ride. Given the precocity and obvious talent of Benoit De La Sayette and Harry Davies, the racing world hoped the title battle between them might deliver. They were not to be disappointed. The pair have gone hammer and tongs, tooth and nail to the finishing line, trying to outfox each other up, down and across country from Kempton evening meeting to Haydock in the rain.

Such has been the close-knit rivalry of the pair that the Championship is yet to be decided – with just a handful of winners separating De La Sayette and Davies at this stage.

Whatever the successful ingredient to the triumphal concoction, October has seen Benoit De La Sayette, 19, edge into a marginal lead with just a few days of the Championship remaining.

It seems a long time ago that the championship began, back at the end of April. The first few weeks saw the chance for Davies to get first run on his would-be rival, as De La Sayette had only just returned from a six-month suspension.

Davies, 17, struck first, scoring on sprinter Son Of Sannie just three days into the season. Both he and Saffie Osborne raced into an early lead, their confidence up and the thrill of a new campaign spurring them on.

It didn't take long for De La Sayette to throw his hat in the ring, though – and, as we have come to expect, he did it in the cheekiest way possible. Taking the ride on Vafortino in one of the biggest handicaps of the season, the Victoria Cup, he steered the four-year-old gelding home for a cosy victory.

Once again, just as he had demonstrated when winning the Lincoln a season earlier, De La Sayette proved himself a man for the big occasion. However, you can't keep a talented rider down for long, and Davies soon responded. Donning the blue silks of Godolphin, he bounced straight back with victory aboard After The Rain in the very next race.

Perhaps this was an early auspice of what was to come. Just when De La Sayette might have thought he'd stolen a march on his rival, so Davies hit back. It would be tit for tat throughout the summer. Indeed, just a week after the Victoria Cup, Davies landed a big Saturday handicap at Newmarket aboard Shine So Bright. Despite a slow start,

Davies refused to panic and weaved his mount through rivals to land the prize, demonstrating composure and cool in the heat of the moment.

And another seven days later, Davies continued his surge, landing a double at York on Bronte Cup Day with Truly Aclaimed and Maywake. Time for his rival to panic? Of course not. Forty-eight hours after Davies' double, De La Sayette caressed Salvator Mundi home at Leicester for bosses John and Thady Gosden.

By the end of June, the standings saw Harry Davies on 20 winners, with Benoit De La Sayette on 19. Neither had given an inch thus far, and July would see more of the same. On the opening weekend, it was De La Sayette's turn to ride a double, with Leicester once again a happy hunting ground as Divine Magic and Dukedom both did the business.

Damaar helped him stretch the lead yet further at Chelmsford the following day, and it was at this point that De La Sayette really laid a marker down for the first time. Another winner at Brighton twenty-four hours later, and he was on a roll. The following Saturday he scored again, this time at Newmarket.

Three winners during Qatar Glorious Festival week followed, including a success aboard Trawlerman, who went on to triumph in the Ebor. But the best thrive under pressure, and Davies was keeping himself in the mix. A treble at Chelmsford at the beginning of August gave him a big boost, and suddenly it was game on again.

Another Saturday winner at Newmarket two weeks later, and once again there wasn't much in it at all. Come mid-September and the scores were Davies 48, De La Sayette 47. Too close to call.

Since then however, Benoit de la Sayette has had a month to remember. Over a dozen winners has seen his lead become a title. Racing should be grateful to both him and Davies as, apart from serving up an exciting battle, we now have two brilliant riding prospects to look forward to in the future.

Not that any racing championship – even this one – can only have been about two protagonists.

Saffie Osborne, Rhys Clutterbuck, Ryan Sexton, and Callum Hutchinson have all demonstrated that they have bright futures with notable successes against the biggest names, while Sean Kirrane, Stefano Cherchi, Pierre-Louis Jamin and Fred Larson have all also shown themselves to be hot prospects for the future.

Competition at the top is becoming stronger and that healthy sporting rivalry is cascading down to the apprentice ranks. Recent winners of this title include Cieren Fallon, Oisín Murphy and Tom Marquand, and all have gone on to great things. It would take someone brave to bet that Benoit De La Sayette is not destined for the same heights.



CLASS OF 2022



DANCING BRAVE

HORSE



FRANKIE
DETTORI

JOCKEY



GALILEO

HORSE



SIR HENRY
CECIL

TRAINER



WILLIE
CARSON OBE

JOCKEY



The QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame inducts individuals, both equine and human, from 1970 to the present day and the Class of 2022 has already introduced equine Hall of Famers from both ends of the timeline.

Guineas Inductions

In April the Hall of Fame inducted two more titans of the turf, with Frankie Dettori and Dancing Brave becoming the tenth and eleventh Hall of Famers. Both titans were recognised at the QIPCO Guineas Festival and presented with their coveted Hall of Fame medals.

Frankie Dettori has been thrilling racing fans for 35 years and is a sporting colossus recognised by a global audience, and his story still has more chapters. Dettori has ridden almost 3,300 British winners and has also enjoyed vast success all around the world, winning major races in no fewer than 24 countries. His six victories in France's most coveted race, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, is a record.

The Class of 2022 also wound back the clock to the early 1980s, with Dancing Brave becoming the sixth horse to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His versatility and turn of foot, not to mention constitution, made him stand out from the crowd.

The Great Galileo

The seventh horse inducted into the Hall of Fame was the late great Galileo, who was recognised at the Cazoo Derby Festival following a public vote. Galileo was a dazzling Derby winner in 2001, and his progeny has continued to shine in the Classic race. The great stallion now joins his most successful progeny, the incomparable and all-conquering Frankel, in the Hall of Fame.

Saturday's Inductions

It was ten years ago this week that the late, magnificent colt, Frankel, signed off his flawless 14-race career with victory in the QIPCO Champion Stakes on this very raceday. Today we're celebrating his trainer, Sir Henry Cecil, one of the most successful and much-loved trainers of the past century. Speaking of his most celebrated masterpiece, Frankel, Cecil acclaimed; "He's the best I've ever had, the best I've ever seen."

Cecil is joined in the Hall of Fame by one of racing's colourful characters, Willie Carson OBE. Carson was a 5ft powerhouse of the Weighing Room and today, we recognise his glittering career by announcing his induction into the QIPCO British Champions Series Hall of Fame.

The Scot, who will be 80 next month, was Champion Jockey in Britain five times and his 3,828 winners in the UK have included 17 Classic triumphs, four of them in The Derby. Only three other greats have bettered his overall tally: Sir Gordon Richards (4870), Pat Eddery (4633) and Lester Piggott (4493).

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