

WEDNESDAY

BATH (E)
CATTERICK BRIDGE
KEMPTON PARK (AW) (E)
LINGFIELD PARK
YARMOUTH
DUNDALK (AW)

THURSDAY

CARLISLE DONCASTER
EPSOM DOWNS (E)
NEWBURY (E)
NEWMARKET
Downpatrick
LEOPARDSTOWN (E)

FRIDAY

ASCOT
CARLISLE (E)
CHEPSTOW (E)
MUSSELBURGH (E)
NEWMARKET
YORK
Cork (E) NAVAN (E)

SATURDAY

ASCOT
CHESTER
HAMILTON PARK (E)
NEWMARKET
SALISBURY (E)
YORK
CURRAGH

SUNDAY

Perth
Southwell
Stratford-On-Avon
CURRAGH
Sligo

MONDAY

AYR
FFOS LAS
WINDSOR (E)
WOLVERHAMPTON (AW) (E)
KILLARNEY (M) (E)

TUESDAY

BATH
BEVERLEY
THIRSK (E)
Worcester (E)
KILLARNEY (M) (E)

FEATURE RACES

Thursday 13

Newmarket

Princess Of Wales's Stakes (Group 2)
July Stakes (Group 2)
Bahrain Trophy (Group 3)

Friday 14

Newmarket

Falmouth Stakes (Group 1)
Duchess Of Cambridge Stakes (Group 2)

York

Summer Stakes (Group 3)

Saturday 15

Newmarket

Darley July Cup (Group 1)
Bet365 Superlative Stakes (Group 2)
Bet365 Bunbury Cup (Heritage Handicap)

York

56th John Smith's Cup (Heritage Handicap)

Ascot

Fred Cowley MBE Memorial Summer Mile Stakes (Group 2)

Curragh

Darley Irish Oaks (Group 1)
Sapphire Stakes (Group 2)
Jebel Ali Anglesey Stakes (Group 3)

Sunday 16

Curragh

Kilboy Estate (Group 2)
Minstrel Stakes (Group 3)

Newmarket Moet & Chandon July Festival

Thursday

The meeting kicks off with a potential clash of Royal Ascot-winning juveniles in the Arqana July Stakes, the 1200m Group Two contest that has been won both by precocious youngsters who never repeat the form again and by future Classic winners who found this race a stepping stone to future glory.

In just his second year with a trainer's licence, Richard Spencer took a seat at the top table when Rajasinghe landed the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot last month (**right**), building upon a promising debut success on the Tapeta at Newcastle. Rajasinghe will have to concede 3lb to his rivals here after his Coventry Stakes success, but connections are keen to maintain the winning momentum rather than waiting for targets later in the campaign.



"If we didn't run at Newmarket we'd either have to wait for the Prix Morny at Deauville or run at Goodwood with a penalty but if he does run, that still gives us a bit of time before possibly going to Deauville," said Spencer. Among his rivals is Sound Or Silence, a winner for Godolphin in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Ascot.

Late bloomer US Navy Flag, who needed five races to break his maiden tag, is an interesting contender for Aidan O'Brien, while the Richard Hannon-trained Denaar is set to be the comeback mount for Frankie Dettori who has been sidelined for nearly a month with a shoulder injury since a pre-Royal Ascot accident in the paddock. Could he return with a winner here?

The card kicks off with the 2600m Bahrain Trophy, a Group Three contest which usually attracts only a small field but can throw up a St Leger contender or two.

It has been won by Newmarket trainer John Gosden four times in the last six years and Crowned Eagle and Face The Facts are his representatives this year. Well beaten in the Derby, where everything happened too quickly for him, Crowned Eagle is better judged on his previous victory in a decent handicap at Windsor.

Friday

The highlight of Friday is the Group One Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes, a 1600m contest for fillies and mares. This race offers one of the first chances for a clash of the generations between the Classic crop and their older rivals and victories are shared out fairly equally among the ages – Alice Springs ended a run of five successes for four-year-olds when scoring last year, but three-year-olds have fared well before that.

Alice Springs' trainer Aidan O'Brien could be represented this year by two three-year-olds, Coronation Stakes runner-up Roly Poly, as well as recent Pretty Polly Stakes runner-up Rain Goddess.

Meanwhile, one-time leading 1000 Guineas fancy Wuheida is set to make her long-awaited seasonal return in the same race. Last year's Prix Marcel Boussac winner (**below**) suffered a setback in April which ruled her out of the Newmarket Classic, as well as the Oaks, for which she was also prominent in the betting.



Trainer Charlie Appleby took the daughter of Dubawi for a racecourse gallop at Chelmsford last week and is planning for her to make her reappearance at the venue at which she scored on her debut last summer.

Appleby reported earlier this week: "It might be a bold move running her back into a Group One first time out but she was second favourite for the 1000 Guineas at one point and we've always thought she was a quality filly.

"She worked nicely at Chelmsford and she's ready to come back. We're not worried who turns up as we have a lot of faith in our filly."

Other possible starters include fellow Godolphi representatives, the Saeed bin Suroor-trained Arabian Hope and German-trained filly Delectation (Andreas Wohler), who finished fourth to Hugo Palmer's Unforgettable Filly – also a possible starter - in the German 1000 Guineas last time out.

Saturday

Fifteen horses remain in contention for Saturday's Group One Darley July Cup, the 1200m that advertises itself as being Europe's sprinting championship, and those set to take part include some of the most exciting sprinters around.

Heading the betting is unbeaten Commonwealth Cup winner Caravaggio, who features among six Aidan O'Brien-trained possible starters. O'Brien has won the race three times in the past, Stravinsky and Mozart both landing the race as three-year-olds, and Caravaggio has captured the imagination in the same way after storming to victory at Ascot. He powered home to beat Harry Angel there (**Below**) and the pair could meet



again, with Clive Cox's representative the sole possible contender for Godolphin. The pick of the older horses in the line-up looks to be James Fanshawe's The Tin Man, who roared back to his best under Tom Queally with victory over Tasleet in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes. They will lock horns once more and also face Diamond Jubilee third Limato, so impressive on his way to victory in last year's July Cup.

Alongside Caravaggio and adding weight to the O'Brien team are Washington DC, Intelligence Cross and Peace Envoy, while Kevin Ryan runs Brando, David O'Meara saddles Intisaab, and Richard Fahey is double-handed with Grawl and Mr Lupton.

Bookmakers get their chance of some payback on the same card in the shape of the fiendishly-tough Bunbury Cup, a historic 1400m handicap that is sure to involve some pre-race speculation as to whether high or low stall numbers will be favoured.

Recent high-class form is the key to this race, although Richard Fahey has won the contest three times in the last six years so his representatives would have to be particularly respected.

The Rest Of The Week's Action

Enable out to prove her mettle in Ireland

With the picture as to the pecking order among this year's crop of three-year-old colts looking ever murkier, could it be that a filly might be better than them all this year? Step forward the John Gosden-trained Enable, a crushing five-length winner of the Investec Oaks at Epsom last month (below), and bidding for a Classic double this Saturday when she heads to The Curragh to run in the Darley-sponsored Irish version.



The daughter of Nathaniel has had over a month to recover from her Epsom exertions – such as they were – and Gosden is looking forward to seeing if she can become the first filly to complete the English-Irish Oaks double since Ed Dunlop's Snow Fairy seven years ago.

Gosden said this week: "Enable is in good form. We have freshened her up after the Oaks at Epsom and she is building up nicely for the Irish Oaks at the Curragh.

"I've been happy enough with her and the plan always was to go to the Curragh after she won at Epsom. She hasn't been over raced. She was impressive at Chester and Epsom and she won a two-year-old race well towards the backend. We are hopeful that she is very much going in the right direction."

Gosden could yet be double-handed, with Ribblesdale Stakes winner also a possible starter. The trainer added: "She won a Ribblesdale in good order. She got free late and finished very strongly and I'll obviously discuss matters with the owners."

Doors open for unsung jockeys on 'Super Saturday'

One of the busiest days of the summer racing calendar, fans of high-quality Flat racing truly are spoilt for choice this Saturday.

Alongside the July Cup at Newmarket and the Irish Oaks are top-drawer fixtures at Ascot, York and Chester, meaning that jockeys who usually tend to fall between the cracks when it comes to picking up the very best rides will get their time to shine.

At Ascot, the highlight is the Fred Cowley MBE Summer Mile, a Group Two, for which the entries include the William Haggas-trained Mutakayyef, who won the race 12 months ago, and found only Ribchester too good at the business end of the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot last time out.

Sovereign Debt, better than ever this year at the age of eight, could be among the opposition. Since joining trainer ruth Carr at the beginning of the year, he has won on the All-Weather Championships Finals Day at Lingfield in April, a Group 2 at Sandown and a Group 3 at Epsom. If his form continues that he will prove a tough challenger to Mutakayyef.

Up at York, the highlight is the 58th running of the John Smith's Cup, the £200,000 handicap contest over 2000m that is the longest-running commercial sponsorship in Flat racing and the centrepiece of a seven-race programme that includes two Listed races, which have both increased in value by 25% to offer £50,000 purses.

Topping the handicap is the much-improved Scarlet Dragon, who progressed throughout last season for Eve Johnson-Houghton and won a £60,000 handicap over this course and distance last August. He finished sixth behind Snoano in the Wolferton Handicap on his only start so far this year. Majeed, second in that contest, also remains in the reckoning, as does the winner.

Master Carpenter, the winner of this race in 2015 for Rod Millman, returns to the fray, while Sir Michael Stoute, whose team must still be on a high after the Eclipse success last weekend of Ulysses, is responsible for Ballet Concerto and Mustashry.