



# CAMBRIDGESHIRE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27-29

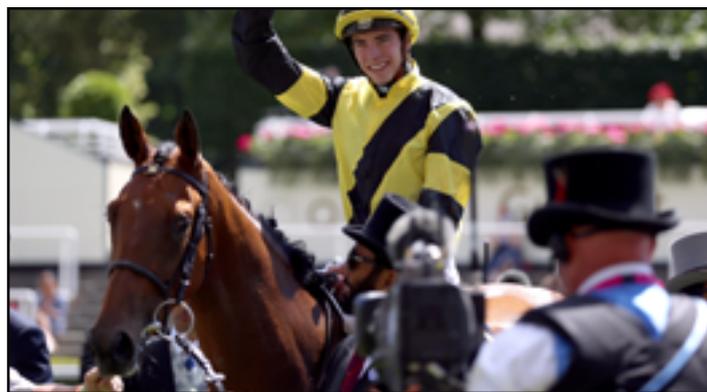
GROUP 1 ACTION AND MUCH MORE AT THE HOME OF HORSE RACING

## THURSDAY 27

The Group 3 Tattersalls Stakes (1400m) is the main event on day one, having thrown up Group 1 performers such as Tip Two Win (second in this year's Guineas), Tasleet and Havana Gold in recent seasons. The focus is likely to be on Roger Varian's **Prince Eiji**, a 2,600,000 guineas buy, who made a striking debut to win at Ascot earlier this month. This will give connections a good idea of where they stand with the Dubawi colt but his future looks bright and he must hold leading claims here before eyeing Group 1 targets in 2019.

The 107-rated pair of **Cardini** and **Dunkerron** offer established Group form, particularly the latter who was second in the Group 2 Vintage Stakes over this trip at Glorious Goodwood. He sets the standard but Richard Hannon's **Floating Artist** is also worth mentioning. The Nathaniel colt created a good impression when scoring on debut and backed that up with a fine second place in a Listed race at Haydock earlier this month.

The Jockey Club Rose Bowl Stakes (3200m) consolidates a solid card and some useful stayers are in action. Old hands **Nearly Caught** and **Sheikhzayedroad** – who, between them, have won 19 races and collected over £1.5m in prize money – set the standard for the older brigade but will be coming up against younger and improving rivals here. John Gosden's representative **Ben Vrackie** is worthy of full respect.



## FRIDAY 28

The heat goes up a notch on Friday with a pair of Group 2 contests, the feature being the Shadwell Joel Stakes over 1600m. A small but select turn-out sees only five runners declared, although it is still a quality field hosting Group 1 winner, **Accidental Agent**, and the lowest-rated horse running from a mark of 109.

Recent winner **Mustashry** (above left) tops the betting following his victory over 1400m at the St Leger Meeting at Doncaster and he is swiftly stepped back up in trip as connections looks to secure further Group 2 honours. As a result, the gelding will be burdened with a 1.5kg penalty here and that is sure to make life tough in this field, potentially leaving the door open for his improving rival, **Regal Reality**, who is also trained by Sir Michael Stoute. The three-year-old is worth another chance after disappointing on heavy ground last time at Haydock, having previously won a Group 3 with authority at Glorious Goodwood in August.

The aforementioned **Accidental Agent**, along with **Zabeel Prince** and **Zonderland** complete the field and the trio are certainly no back numbers, with all three having contested Group 1 races this summer.

The Rockfel Stakes (1400m) is the other Group 2 event on the card and Mark Johnston's **Main Edition** (above right) will be looking to bounce back after finishing fifth in the Group 1 Moyglare Stakes last time. Aidan O'Brien's **Just Wonderful** was behind her in seventh that day and the pair re-oppose, with preference for the former having already won both at Newmarket (on the July Course) and over this trip. Indeed, Johnston's filly was a commanding winner of the Sweet Solera Stakes last month and a repeat should be good enough.

The Group 3 Princess Royal Nayef Stakes (2400m) then gives the older fillies and mares a chance to shine with connections likely targeting valuable black type as the season draws to a close. An open-looking contest sees nine runners take their chance with Hughie Morrison's **Star Rock** as the marginal favourite. The four-year-old has improved with each run this season and topped it off with a career-best when second in a fillies' Group 2 in Germany earlier this month. Providing the ground isn't too quick, she should be able to repel the main dangers, **Mrs Sippy** and **Crimson Rosette**.



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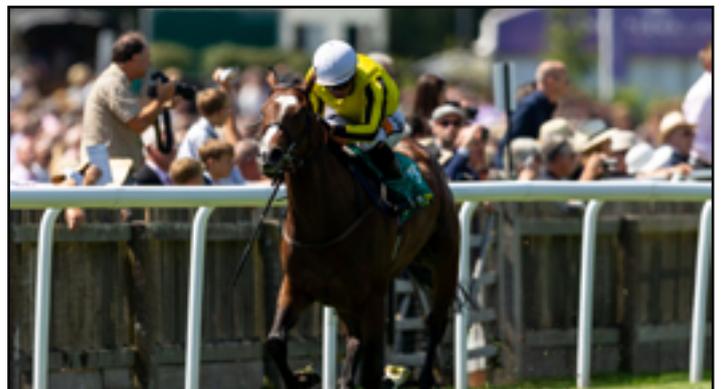
## SATURDAY 29

A fine day of racing is in store for Saturday and GBI viewers can look forward to two Group 1 races on the card, as well as the Cambridgeshire itself, the race which lends its name to the meeting and the first leg of this historic Autumn Double. The heritage handicap, run over 1800m, will see a 35-runner cavalry charge down the Rowley Mile with winning connections taking home nearly £100,000 in prize money.

David Barron's **Kynren** is a leading fancy and there has been plenty of support for the four-year-old this week in the build-up to the race. The gelding has been running well without winning all season but the drying ground is not in his favour and connections will be hoping conditions do not dry out too much for the son of Clodovil. Favourites do not have a great record in the race with only one coming out on top in the last 10 years.

William Haggas is yet to win the Cambridgeshire but is double-handed as he goes in search of an elusive success in the race. **Seniority** and **Alfarris** (below left) are his representatives, with faster ground favouring both horses. The latter has gone from strength to strength this season and his trainer has been targeting the four-year-old at the race since his victory at Glorious Goodwood in late July.

Others to note include Saeed bin Suroor's **Very Talented**, third in this race in 2016. The five-year-old has only been seen on a racecourse one since then – when bolting up at Chelmsford just last week – and he looks to have been targeted for another tilt at this race.



The Group 1 Middle Park Stakes (1200 metres) is arguably the most anticipated race on the card as it sees Aidan O'Brien's **Ten Sovereigns** lining up, the juvenile having been scintillating in both his victories to date. Unsurprisingly, the son of No Nay Never is well fancied for the race but such is the impression he has left in his two starts, he deserves his position at the top of the market. Simon Crisford's **Jash** could be the one to serve it up to the favourite, though, with the juvenile posting a fine debut effort – both visually and on the clock – before backing that up with a runaway victory in novice company at Salisbury earlier this month.

Coventry Stakes third, **Sergei Prokofiev**, and Group 2 winner **Emaraaty Ana** add further depth to a high-quality field in a race not to be missed. They could all be playing for minor honours, though, with Ten Sovereigns deeply impressive so far and targeted for this race for some time.

The Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes (1200 metres) sees the juvenile fillies in action and it looks set to be a closer affair than the Middle Park, although **Pretty Pollyanna** (above right) sets the standard. Michael Bell's filly bolted up in a Group 2 here in Newmarket back in July and has since gone on to secure Group 1 honours when beating the colts in France last month. However, there was less than a length between her and **Signora Cabello** at the line and John Quinn's filly re-opposes here. Unexposed at 1200m, Signora Cabello may just have a speed edge over Pretty Pollyanna, who already looks a genuine Guineas filly for next season.

The card also opens with Group 2 action in the form of the Royal Lodge Stakes (1600m), the race having been won 12 months ago by one of this year's superstars, the John Gosden-trained Roaring Lion.

Gosden has one of the likely market-leaders here in **Beatboxer**, although Karl Burke's **Kadar** is a fascinating prospect in opposition. The son of scat Daddy created a good impression when winning at Haydock on debut and it is interesting to see him pitched straight into Group-race company on the back of that success.