

MONDAY

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AYR
Newton Abbot
WINDSOR (EVE)
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
GALWAY (mixed) (EVE)

TUESDAY

31

GOODWOOD
BEVERLEY
YARMOUTH
Perth (EVE)
Worcester (EVE)
GALWAY (mixed) (EVE)

WEDNESDAY

4

MUSSELBURGH
THIRSK
Worcester
KEMPTON (EVE)
BATH (EVE)
BELLEWSTOWN (EVE)

THURSDAY

5

HAYDOCK
YARMOUTH
Perth
NEWBURY (EVE)
EPSOM (EVE)
BELLEWSTOWN (EVE)
TIPPERARY (EVE)

FRIDAY

6

SANDOWN
DONCASTER, Newton Abbot
BEVERLEY (EVE)
HAYDOCK (EVE)
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
BELLEWSTOWN (EVE)
Wexford (EVE)

SATURDAY

7

SANDOWN
HAYDOCK, BEVERLEY
CHELMSFORD CITY
LEICESTER
NOTTINGHAM (EVE)
CARLISLE (EVE)
NAAS, Bellewstown (EVE)

SUNDAY

1

WINDSOR
Cartmel
Uttoxeter
CURRAGH

2

PONTEFRACT
WOLVERHAMPTON
WINDSOR (EVE)
HAMILTON (EVE)
GOWRAN PARK
Listowel

3

BRIGHTON
HAMILTON
CHEPSTOW (EVE)
Stratford (EVE)

9

AYR
Worcester,
WINDSOR (EVE)
RIPON (EVE)
ROSCOMMON(EVE)

10

PONTEFRACT
WOLVERHAMPTON
BRIGHTON (EVE)
Uttoxeter (EVE)
Roscommon (EVE)

11

LINGFIELD
YARMOUTH
CATTERICK
BATH (EVE)
KEMPTON (EVE)

12

NEWMARKET
CARLISLE
DONCASTER
NEWBURY(EVE)
EPSOM (EVE)
DUNDALK
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

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NEWMARKET
YORK, ASCOT
CHEPSTOW (EVE)
CHESTER (EVE)
Ffos Las (EVE)
Downpatrick
Cork (EVE)

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NEWMARKET
YORK, ASCOT
CHESTER
Newton Abbot
SALISBURY (EVE)
HAMILTON (EVE)
NAVAN
Limerick

15

Perth
Stratford
Southwell
Sligo
KILLARNEY

16

AYR
RIPON
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
WINDSOR (EVE)
KILLARNEY (mixed) (EVE)

17

BEVERLEY
BATH
THIRSK (EVE)
Worcester (EVE)
KILLARNEY (mixed) (EVE)

18

CATTERICK
LINGFIELD
Uttoxeter
YARMOUTH (EVE)
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
FAIRYHOUSE
KILLARNEY (mixed) (EVE)

19

HAMILTON
CHEPSTOW
LEICESTER
DONCASTER (EVE)
EPSOM (EVE)
KILLARNEY (mixed)
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

20

NEWBURY
NOTTINGHAM, HAYDOCK
NEWMARKET (EVE)
HAMILTON (EVE)
PONTEFRACT (EVE)
Kilbeggan (EVE)

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NEWMARKET
NEWBURY, RIPON
Market Rasen, Cartmel
HAYDOCK (EVE)
LINGFIELD (EVE)
CURRAGH

22

REDCAR
Stratford
Newton Abbot
CURRAGH
Tipperary

23

AYR
Cartmel
WINDSOR (EVE)
BEVERLEY (EVE)
BALLINROBE (EVE)

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FFOS LAS
MUSSELBURGH
NOTTINGHAM (EVE)
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
Ballinrobe (EVE)

25

LINGFIELD
BATH, CATTERICK
LEICESTER (EVE)
SANDOWN (EVE)
NAAS (EVE)

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SANDOWN
YARMOUTH
Worcester
NEWBURY (EVE)
DONCASTER (EVE)
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)
Limerick (EVE)

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ASCOT
THIRSK, Uttoxeter
NEWMARKET (EVE)
CHEPSTOW (EVE)
YORK (EVE)
DOWN ROYAL(EVE)
Wexford (EVE)

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ASCOT, NEWMARKET
YORK, CHESTER
NEWCASTLE
SALISBURY (EVE)
LINGFIELD (EVE)
GOWRAN PARK

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PONTEFRACT
Uttoxeter

THE FEATURE RACE ACTION IN JULY

SUNDAY 1

CURRAGH

JUDDMONTE PRETTY POLLY STAKES
FINLAY VOLVO INTERNATIONAL STAKES
GRANGECON STUD STAKES

FRIDAY 6

SANDOWN

GALA STAKES
DRAGON STAKES

SATURDAY 7

SANDOWN

CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES
CORAL CHARGE (SPRINT STAKES)
CORAL DISTAFF
CORAL MARATHON (ESHER STAKES)

HAYDOCK

BET365 LANCASHIRE OAKS

SUNDAY 8

FAIRYHOUSE

BROWNSTOWN STAKES

THURSDAY 12

NEWMARKET

BAHRAIN TROPHY
ARQANA JULY STAKES
PRINCESS OF WALES'S ARQANA STAKES

FRIDAY 13

NEWMARKET

TATTERSALLS FALMOUTH STAKES
DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES

SATURDAY 14

NEWMARKET

DARLEY JULY CUP
BET365 SUPERLATIVE STAKES

YORK

59TH JOHN SMITH'S CUP

ASCOT

FRED COWLEY MBE MEMORIAL SUMMER MILE

THURSDAY 19

LEOPARDSTOWN

ICON MELD STAKES

FRIDAY 20

NEWBURY

IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING ROSE BOWL

SATURDAY 21

CURRAGH

DARLEY IRISH OAKS
JEBEL ALI RACECOURSE ANGLESEY STAKES
FRIARSTOWN STUD MINSTREL STAKES
ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES

NEWBURY

WEATHERBYS SUPER SPRINT
BET365 HACKWOOD STAKES
BET365 STEVENTON STAKES

MARKET RASEN

SUMMER PLATE HANDICAP CHASE

SUNDAY 22

CURRAGH

KILFRUSH STUD SAPPHIRE STAKES
KILBOY ESTATE STAKES

FRIDAY 27

ASCOT

BROWN JACK HANDICAP
EBF VALIANT STAKES

SATURDAY 28

ASCOT

KING GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES
PRINCESS MARGARET STAKES

SUNDAY 1

The second day of the Irish Derby meeting features the prestigious Pretty Polly Stakes. The race is one of the most valuable Group Ones in Europe for fillies and mares and has a roll of honour that includes greats such as Minding, Dar Re Mi, Dance Design, and Alexander Goldrun. The Roger Varian-trained Nezwaah landed the race in 2017 (below).



Often an interesting clash between the generations, this year's renewal is no different thanks to the decision of the Aidan O'Brien team to send Investec Oaks winner Forever Together for the race.

Among the talented older rivals she could face are the John Gosden-trained Coronet, three times no match for Enable last season but also a dual Group Two winner who unquestionably has the class to make Forever Together work hard for success.

SATURDAY 7

Masar, the first horse to carry Godolphin's royal blue colours to victory in the Derby, is set to drop back to 2000m and compete against older horses for the first time in Sandown's Coral-Eclipse Stakes.

Derby winners have a mixed record in the Eclipse over the past quarter of a century, with Erhaab, Benny The Dip, Motivator and Authorized all meeting defeat after the Epsom glories. However, Sea The Stars and Golden Horn have redressed the balance in recent years, completing the Derby-Eclipse double in 2009 and 2015 respectively.

The John Gosden-trained Roaring Lion, third to Masar in the Derby, is set to renew rivalries, while another possible contender is the highly-progressive Royal Ascot winner Poet's Word, so impressive when beating Cracksman (below).

**THURSDAY 12 - SATURDAY 14**

A change of pace at Newmarket as the picturesque July course holds its flagship fixture of the year with the three-day July Festival meeting featuring a mix of Group races, top-class handicaps and informative maidens.

The feature event on the opening day of the meeting is the Group Two Arqana July Stakes, a 1200m event for two-year-old colts and geldings. Ivawood, the winner three years ago, went on to land the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood before a narrow defeat in the Middle Park Stakes, but 2016 winner Shalaa went better than that, taking the Richmond, the Middle Park and the Prix Morny and proving himself to be the best of the best over sprint trips among last season's juveniles. Can this year's winner possibly match that record?

The Princess of Wales's Arqana Stakes, a Group Two over 2400m, is another high-class event.

Friday sees the fillies and mares take centre stage with the Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes firmly established as a top Group One event. Aidan O'Brien bids for a hat-trick of successes having taken the prize with Alice Springs and Roly Poly in 2016 and 2017. However, the Jessica Harrington-trained Alpha Centauri sets a stiff standard after her six-length romp in the Coronation Stakes.

The feature of the week, the Darley July Cup, takes place on the final day of the meeting on Saturday. The 1200m Group One event is one of the most significant races of its type in Europe and has the names of its winners include almost every big name in sprinting.

The betting for this year's renewal is headed by Royal Ascot winners Blue Point and Merchant Navy, the former the impressive winner of the King's Stand Stakes for Charlie Appleby who showed a mean turn of foot in success. Can he prove as effective over this 1200m trip?

The original plan for Merchant Navy was to return to Australia in time for the start of the southern hemisphere breeding season, but will connections experience a change of heart after his battling success in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes? (below)



SATURDAY 21

The winner of this year's Darley Irish Oaks will be doing well to match the style in which Enable scored 12 months ago under Frankie Dettori, her five-and-a-half-length victory seeing her rated the best middle-distance performer of her generation anywhere in Europe.

Ribblesdale Stakes winner Magic Wand is likely to prove hard to beat in her quest to supply Aidan O'Brien with a sixth success in the race. She had failed to handle rain-softened conditions at Epsom previously, but bounced off the quick ground at Ascot and some decent weather would be in her favour.

Epsom winner Forever Together could also line up in the same contest, while Godolphin's Wild Illusion, second in the Oaks and also to Magic Wand at Ascot, is another possible contender.

SATURDAY 28

Though it might take all of John Gosden's training talents to get Cracksman firing again, don't rule out a dramatic return to form if he makes it to the line-up for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, the 2400m middle-distance mid-season championship of Europe and a clash between the ages and the sexes.

Cracksman had looked laboured in success in the Coronation Cup and appeared even less reluctant to put his best forward at Royal Ascot when he chased home Poet's Word in the Prince of Wales's Stakes. However, Gosden said after that race: "I think his mind might have been more on the fillies walking back to the stables from the last race. We will have to sharpen him up for the King George."

The Sir Michael Stoute-trained Crystal Ocean could be the one that Cracksman has most to fear from. Stoute believes it is time to be brave with Crystal Ocean and pitch him in against the best in the King George after his impressive Group Two victory in the Hardwicke Stakes (below).



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