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MEDIA GUIDE



The world's best racehorse, Frankel, heads to post before the Juddmonte International Stakes at York

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Foreword: Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series

Last year's inaugural £3 million QIPCO British Champions Day, Britain's richest raceday and the season's spectacular new climax, exceeded our expectations.

Six of the world's top 11 active racehorses took part, something which no other raceday in the world could match in 2011, and it attracted a modern day record crowd for an autumn Flat racing fixture in the UK of 26,749 racegoers. If proof were needed that there is a place in our racing calendar for this major new raceday, it was provided in no uncertain terms.

This year has already seen a significant step forward, with a 20% bigger crowd guaranteed after all tickets sold out more than three weeks in advance – under 18s can still come in free if accompanied by a ticket-holding adult. 32,000 racegoers will be present at Ascot to watch the five championship races which provide the climax to the 35-race QIPCO British Champions Series, whilst the TV pictures will be shown in almost 100 countries across the world as well as on BBC1, At The Races and Racing UK here, ensuring a huge global audience.

In last year's QIPCO British Champions Series, 12 of the world's top 16 horses in the 2011 World Thoroughbred Rankings took part and this year is unlikely to be far behind. Of the 19 horses that had posted 124+ international ratings in the world up to 16 September this year, 11 have so far contested Series races with QIPCO British Champions Day still to come.

We have been privileged to witness some scintillating races – the world's best, Frankel, has led the way in sensational style adding another four Series victories to his four last year, with jaw-dropping performances in the Queen Anne Stakes and Juddmonte International; at Royal Ascot Colour Vision landed a memorable Gold Cup, ex-Australian star, So You Think, signed off in style in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, while current Australian superstar, Black Caviar, won a nail-biting Diamond Jubilee; Europe's top filly, Danedream, just got the better of the Coral-Eclipse winner, Nathaniel, in the Betfair King George; and Camelot proved he was king of Europe's three-year-old colts when displaying the speed to win the QIPCO 2000 Guineas and the stamina to blitz his rivals in the Investec Derby, before finding the elusive Triple Crown a step too far in the Ladbrokes St Leger. And that is to name just a few...

Now Frankel is set to lead a host of stars to QIPCO British Champions Day for the spectacular finale that is owned by British racing and hosted by Ascot.

Very special thanks to the owners and trainers who have supported the Series and who are bringing their stars for the big day on 20 October and to you, the media, for the fantastic coverage that you have again afforded it.

Above all, I would like to thank QIPCO Holding for helping to make it all possible. Having signed up to the Series and the Day for an initial two years, they have extended their sponsorship for a further five in a deal which enables a £4m QIPCO British Champions Day within the term of the contract. The Series and Day are set to go from strength to strength - exciting times lie ahead.

We hope you will enjoy a fantastic day at Ascot on Saturday 20 October when we will be looking to provide a shop window for all that is special about British Flat racing.

Background to the QIPCO British Champions Series and QIPCO British Champions Day

The QIPCO British Champions Series, now in its second year, unites the country's top 35 Flat races under one banner, throwing the spotlight on the very best of British Flat racing and providing greater context to the season. Its main aim is to broaden the sport's appeal in the UK.

The best thoroughbred racehorses, the most talented jockeys and trainers, world renowned racecourses and top Flat races – including nine of the top 16 races worldwide on current official ratings - come together to create a unique offering for existing and new fans of racing.

The QIPCO British Champions Series reaches its finale with QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot racecourse on Saturday 20 October. Staged for the first time in 2011, it is Britain's richest raceday with £3 million in prize money across the final races in the five Series categories.

The race programme is headlined by the £1.3m QIPCO Champion Stakes over a mile and a quarter and the £1m Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO over a mile, the most valuable races run over their distances in Europe.

The aim of the day was to create an established finale to the British racing season, something which it previously lacked, and attract the best horses to compete at it. The inaugural QIPCO British Champions Day was acclaimed by many as the best day's racing in the world last year with six of the world's top 11 active horses taking part and it attracted a crowd of 26,749 racegoers to Ascot, a modern-day record for a Flat autumn raceday in Britain.

Now, in only its second year, the event has sold out nearly three weeks in advance to guarantee a crowd of 32,000, 20% up on last year, though under-18s can still come in free if accompanied by an adult ticket-holder.

The project to transform and modernise horseracing in the UK began in autumn 2008 with in-depth consultation and research which led to the formation of Racing for Change. It represents all the key interests in British Racing, including the racecourses, owners, trainers, jockeys and breeders, all of whom are stakeholders in the QIPCO British Champions Series.

The go-ahead for the creation of British Champions Day was given by the European Pattern Committee in late September 2010. That left just seven months until the first Series race and in that time a major title sponsor was secured in QIPCO Holding, which has this year extended the original two-year deal for another five years; the rights to televise QIPCO British Champions Day were sold, initially to the BBC for two years and now to Channel 4 who will cover all 35 Series races live from 2013; executives were recruited to develop, promote and stage-manage the Series; a Series identity was created and a website was launched.

In addition to QIPCO's sponsorship, a substantial long-term investment by the shareholders - The Jockey Club, Ascot, York, Goodwood, Newbury and Arena, with Racing Enterprises Limited - has enabled this season-long event. Chris McFadden, Chairman of British Champions Series, said: "We're in it for the long-term, aiming to maintain Britain's status as the world-leading racing nation, promote top class racing in the UK and develop the sport's commercial rights' values."

In its first two years, the Series has witnessed one of the greatest racehorses of all time stake his claim to immortality, with Frankel winning eight Series races and now on target for number nine, which is likely to be the last of his unbeaten career, on QIPCO British Champions Day.

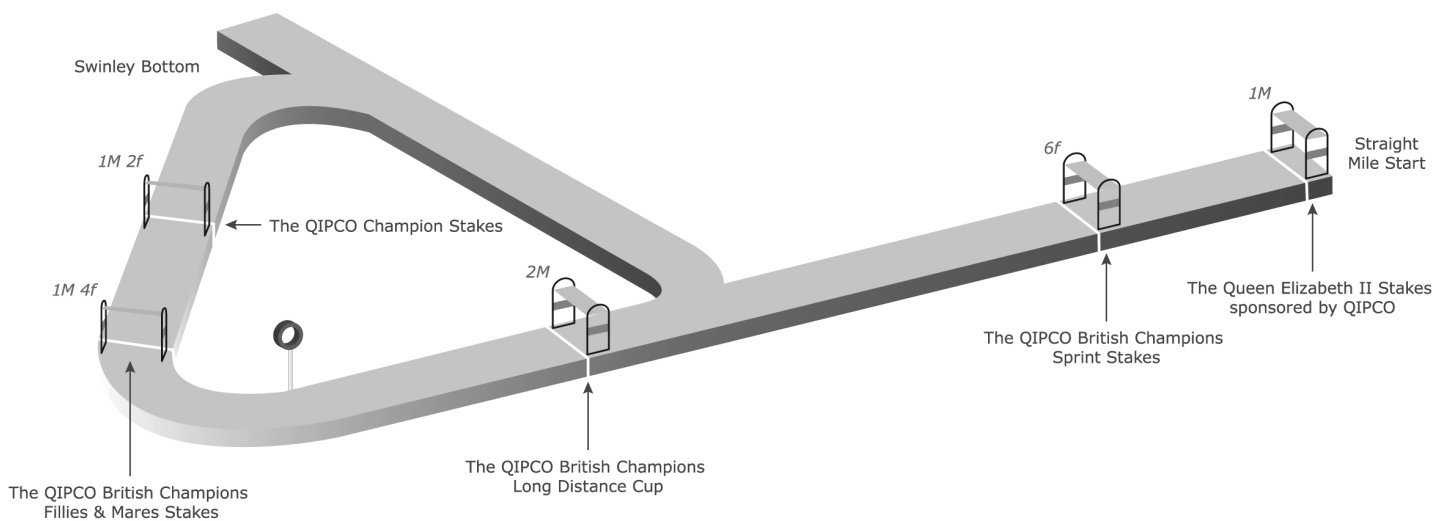
Race Programme (gates open at 10.30am)

1.45	£200,000	QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (Group 3*) 2 miles (round course)
2.20	£250,000	QIPCO British Champions Sprint (Group 2*) 6 furlongs (straight course)
2.55	£250,000	QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares (Group 2*) 1 mile 4 furlongs (round course)
3.30	£1,000,000	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO (British Champions Mile) (Group 1) 1 mile (straight course)
4.05	£1,300,000	QIPCO Champion Stakes (British Champions Middle Distance) (Group 1) 1 mile 2 furlongs (round course)
4.45	£50,000	QIPCO Future Stars Apprentices Handicap** 7 furlongs (straight course)

* the two Group 2 races and one Group 3 contest are Group 1 races in all but name – there are no penalties to be carried by Group race winners and they have a Group 1 level of prize money

** the QIPCO Future Stars Apprentices Handicap is the most valuable race in Europe for aspiring champion jockeys of the future and has doubled in value since last year

Course Map



Horses remaining engaged in the five championship races

1:45 £200,000 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 3)

2m 3YO+ Safety Factor/Maximum Figure 20

List of 25 Horses Engaged as of Wednesday, October 3rd 2012

Next Deadline is Confirmation by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

Supplementary Entries (£18,000) close by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Aaim To Prosper (IRE)	Brian Meehan	9st 7lb
Aiken	John Gosden	9st 7lb
Askar Tau (FR)	Marcus Tregoning	9st 7lb
Brown Panther	Tom Dascombe	9st 7lb
Camborne	John Gosden	9st 7lb
Caucus	John Gosden	9st 7lb
Cavalryman	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 7lb
Colour Vision (FR)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 7lb
Electrolyser (IRE)	Clive Cox	9st 7lb
Fame And Glory	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 7lb
High Jinx (IRE)	James Fanshawe	9st 7lb
Ile de Re (FR)	Donald McCain	9st 7lb
Kasbah Bliss (FR)	Francois Doumen, France	9st 7lb
Lone Ranger (FR)	A. de Royer Dupre, France	9st 7lb
Lost In The Moment (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 7lb
Opinion Poll (IRE)	Mahmood Al Zarooni	9st 7lb
Rite Of Passage	D. K. Weld, Ireland	9st 7lb
Saddler's Rock (IRE)	John M. Oxx, Ireland	9st 7lb
Simenon (IRE)	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	9st 7lb
Songcraft (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 7lb
Times Up	John Dunlop	9st 7lb
Vadamar (FR)	M. Delzangles, France	9st 7lb
Hawaafez	Marcus Tregoning	9st 4lb
I Have A Dream	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 11lb
Only A Pleasure (IRE)	A. Fabre, France	8st 11lb

- Last year's 1st Fame And Glory, 2nd Opinion Poll, 3rd Colour Vision and 5th Times Up all remain engaged after the forfeit stage.
- The winners of four of this year's Long Distance Series races remain engaged – Colour Vision (Gold Cup), Saddler's Rock (Artemis Goodwood Cup) and Times Up (Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup and Stobart Doncaster Cup), while Fame And Glory, Opinion Poll and Saddler's Rock between them won five of the seven Series races last year.

2:20 £250,000 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 2)

6f 3YO+ Safety Factor/Maximum Figure 28

List of 32 Horses Engaged as of Wednesday, October 3rd 2012

Next Deadline is Confirmation by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

Supplementary Entries (£20,000) close by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Dandy Boy (ITY)	David Marnane, Ireland	9st 0lb
Delegator	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 0lb
Elusivity (IRE)	Brian Meehan	9st 0lb
Firebeam	William Haggas	9st 0lb
Hawkeyetheno (IRE)	Jim Goldie	9st 0lb
Imperial Guest	George Margaron	9st 0lb
Jimmy Styles	Clive Cox	9st 0lb
Kingsgate Native (IRE)	Robert Cowell	9st 0lb
Libranno	Richard Hannon	9st 0lb
Maarek	David Nagle, Ireland	9st 0lb
Markab	Henry Candy	9st 0lb
Mayson	Richard Fahey	9st 0lb
Medicean Man	Jeremy Gask	9st 0lb
Royal Rock	Chris Wall	9st 0lb
Scarf (AUS)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 0lb
Sirius Prospect (USA)	Dean Ivory	9st 0lb
Society Rock (IRE)	James Fanshawe	9st 0lb
Soul (AUS)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 0lb
Spirit Quartz (IRE)	Robert Cowell	9st 0lb
Starspangledbanner (AUS)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 0lb
The Cheka (IRE)	Eve Johnson Houghton	9st 0lb
Tiddliwinks	Kevin Ryan	9st 0lb
Waffle (IRE)	David Barron	9st 0lb
American Devil (FR)	John Van Handenhove, France	8st 13lb
Fulbright	Mark Johnston	8st 13lb
Reply (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 13lb
Slade Power (IRE)	Edward Lynam, Ireland	8st 13lb
Valbcek (IRE)	Jeremy Nosedo	8st 13lb
Van Ellis	Mark Johnston	8st 13lb
Wizz Kid (IRE)	Robert Collet, France	8st 11lb
Angels Will Fall (IRE)	Charles Hills	8st 10lb
Restiadargent (FR)	Henri Pantall, France	8st 10lb

- Last year's 2nd Wizz Kid, 3rd Libranno and 4th Royal Rock all remain engaged after the forfeit stage.
- The winners of two of this year's Series Sprint races remain engaged – Mayson (Darley July Cup) and Society Rock (Betfred Sprint Cup).

2:55 £250,000 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (GROUP 2)

1m 4f 3YO+ Safety Factor/Maximum Figure 19

List of 24 Horses Engaged as of Wednesday, October 3rd 2012

Next Deadline is Confirmation by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

Supplementary Entries (£20,000) close by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Dancing Rain (IRE)	William Haggas	9st 3lb
Hawaafez	Marcus Tregoning	9st 3lb
I'm A Dreamer (IRE)	David Simcock	9st 3lb
Jehannedarc (IRE)	Alain de Royer Dupré, France	9st 3lb
Khawlah (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 3lb
La Pomme d'Amour	André Fabre, France	9st 3lb
Manieree (IRE)	John M. Oxx, Ireland	9st 3lb
Sajjhaa	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 3lb
Sapphire (IRE)	Dermot Weld, Ireland	9st 3lb
Shimmering Surf (IRE)	Roger Varian	9st 3lb
Solemia (IRE)	Carlos Laffon-Parias, France	9st 3lb
Testosterone (IRE)	Ed Dunlop	9st 3lb
Wild Coco (GER)	Sir Henry Cecil	9st 3lb
Ambivalent (IRE)	Roger Varian	8st 10lb
Beach of Falesa (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 10lb
Coquet	Hughie Morrison	8st 10lb
Dalkala (USA)	Alain de Royer Dupré, France	8st 10lb
Great Heavens	John Gosden	8st 10lb
Kailani	Mahmood Al Zarooni	8st 10lb
Princess Highway (USA)	Dermot Weld, Ireland	8st 10lb
Ridasiyna (FR)	Mikel Delzangles, France	8st 10lb
Shirocco Star	Hughie Morrison	8st 10lb
Vow	William Haggas	8st 10lb
Was (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 10lb

- Last year's winner, Dancing Rain, remains engaged after the forfeit stage as she seeks to regain her crown after nearly a year on the sidelines.
- The race could see a clash between the last two Investec Oaks winners, Dancing Rain and Was, while this year's Irish Oaks winner and Arc sixth, Great Heavens, has also stood her ground.
- Three top class French-trained fillies, who all won on Arc weekend, remain engaged – the Arc winner herself, Solemia, the Opera winner, Ridasiyna, and the Royallieu winner, Dalkala.

3:30 £1,000,000 QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES SPONSORED BY QIPCO (GROUP 1)

1m 3YO+ Safety Factor/Maximum Figure 30

List of 13 Horses Engaged as of Wednesday, October 3rd 2012

Next Deadline is Confirmation by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

Supplementary Entries (£70,000) close by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Carlton House (USA)	Sir Michael Stoute	9st 3lb
Cityscape	Roger Charlton	9st 3lb
Excelebration (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 3lb
Indomito (GER)	Andreas Wohler, Germany	9st 3lb
Rio de La Plata (USA)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 3lb
Side Glance	Andrew Balding	9st 3lb
Starspangledbanner (AUS)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 3lb
Declaration of War (USA)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 0lb
Most Improved (IRE)	Brian Meehan	9st 0lb
Reply (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 0lb
Requisition (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 0lb
Sovereign Debt (IRE)	Michael Bell	9st 0lb
Elusive Kate (USA)	John Gosden	8st 11lb

- The second and joint third highest-rated milers in the world behind Frankel this year, Excelebration and Cityscape, have stood their ground after the forfeit stage for Europe's richest mile race.
- Excelebration has won two Group 1 races in his career, both in France, but would have won three more in the UK had Frankel not be around, including this race last year when he finished four lengths behind the world number one.
- Excelebration, Cityscape, and Elusive Kate could renew rivalry after finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Prix Jacques Le Marois at Deauville in August.

Trainers with runners engaged who have won the QE2 in the past:

John GOSDEN (2)	Observatory (2000), Raven's Pass (2008)
Aidan O'BRIEN (2)	George Washington (2006), Rip Van Winkle (2009)
Sir Michael STOUTE (3)	Shadeed (1985), Milligram (1987), Zilzal (1989)
Saeed bin SUROOR (5)	Mark Of Esteem (1996), Dubai Millennium (1999), Summoner (2001), Ramonti (2007), Poet's Voice (2010)

Current jockeys to have won the QE2:

Frankie DETTORI (5)	Markofdistinction (1990), Mark Of Esteem (1996), Dubai Millennium (1999), Ramonti (2007), Poet's Voice (2010)
Jimmy FORTUNE (1)	Raven's Pass (2008)
Darryll HOLLAND (1)	Falbrav (2003)
Christophe LEMAIRE (1)	Stagecraft (2005)
Johnny MURTAGH (1)	Rip Van Winkle (2009)
Olivier PESLIER (2)	Air Express (1997), Desert Prince (1998)
Tom QUEALLY (1)	Frankel (2011)

4:05 £1,300,000 QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)

1m 2f 3YO+ Safety Factor/Maximum Figure 14

List of 17 Horses Engaged as of Wednesday, October 3rd 2012

Next Deadline is Confirmation by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

Supplementary Entries (£75,000) close by noon on Monday, October 15th 2012

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Beaten Up	William Haggas	9st 3lb
Bullet Train	Sir Henry Cecil	9st 3lb
Cirrus des Aigles (FR)	Mrs Corine Barande-Barbe, France	9st 3lb
Frankel	Sir Henry Cecil	9st 3lb
Master of Hounds (USA)	William Haggas	9st 3lb
Nathaniel (IRE)	John Gosden	9st 3lb
Rio de La Plata (USA)	Saeed bin Suroor	9st 3lb
Robin Hood (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 3lb
St Nicholas Abbey (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	9st 3lb
Giofra	Alain de Royer Dupré, France	9st 0lb
Izzi Top	John Gosden	9st 0lb
Camelot	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 12lb
Declaration of War (USA)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	8st 12lb
Kesampour (FR)	Mikel Delzangles, France	8st 12lb
Pastorius (GER)	Mario Hofer, Germany	8st 12lb
Saonois (FR)	Jean-Pierre Gauvin, France	8st 12lb
Ridasiyna (FR)	Mikel Delzangles, France	8st 9lb

- The highest, second highest and joint third highest-rated horses in the 2012 World Thoroughbred Rankings – Frankel (rated 140), Cirrus des Aigles (130), who won this race last year, and Nathaniel (126), fifth last year – have all stood their ground after the forfeit stage for the richest 10-furlong race in Europe.
- The potential runners also include the winners of the English (Camelot), Irish (Camelot), French (Saonois) and German (Pastorius) Derbys, plus the Breeders' Cup Turf and dual Investec Coronation Cup winner, St Nicholas Abbey.

Trainers with runners engaged who have won the QIPCO Champion Stakes in the past:

Corine BARANDE-BARBE (1)	Cirrus des Aigles (2011)
Sir Henry CECIL (4)	Indian Skimmer (1988), Bosra Sham (1996), Twice Over (2009), Twice Over (2010)
Alain de ROYER-DUPRE (1)	Pride (2006)

Current jockeys to have won the QIPCO Champion Stakes:

Michael HILLS (1)	Storming Home (2002)
Christophe LEMAIRE (2)	Pride (2006), Literato (2007)
Kevin MANNING (1)	New Approach (2008)
Johnny MURTAGH (1)	Kalanisi (2000)
Tom QUEALLY (2)	Twice Over (2009), Twice Over (2010)
Christophe SOUMILLON (1)	Cirrus des Aigles (2011)
Jamie SPENCER (1)	David Junior (2005)

Rolls of Honour since 1970 for the two Group 1 races

QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES SPONSORED BY QIPCO (GROUP 1)

First run 1955; run at Newmarket in 2005 when Ascot was being redeveloped

YEAR	HORSE	AGE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
1970	Welsh Pageant	4	Sandy Barclay	Noel Murless	Jim Joel
1971	Brigadier Gerard	3	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1972	Brigadier Gerard	4	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1973	Jan Ekels	4	Jimmy Lindley	Guy Harwood	Anthony Bodie
1974	<i>track waterlogged</i>				
1975	Rose Bowl	3	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1976	Rose Bowl	4	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1977	Trusted	4	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Duchess of Norfolk
1978	Homing	3	Willie Carson	Dick Hern	2nd Baron Rotherwick
1979	Kris	3	Joe Mercer	Henry Cecil	Lord Howard de Walden
1980	Known Fact	3	Willie Carson	Jeremy Tree	Khalid Abdulla
1981	To-Agori-Mou	3	Lester Piggott	Guy Harwood	Andry Muinos
1982	Buzzards Bay	4	Walter Swinburn	Hugh Collingridge	Vera McKinney
1983	Sackford	3	Greville Starkey	Guy Harwood	Anthony Bodie
1984	Teleprompter	4	Willie Carson	Bill Watts	18th Earl of Derby
1985	Shadeed	3	Walter Swinburn	Michael Stoute	Maktoum Al Maktoum
1986	Sure Blade	3	Brent Thomson	Barry Hills	Sheikh Mohammed
1987	Milligram	3	Pat Eddery	Michael Stoute	Helena Springfield Ltd
1988	Warning	3	Pat Eddery	Guy Harwood	Khalid Abdulla
1989	Zilzal	3	Walter Swinburn	Michael Stoute	Mana Al Maktoum
1990	Markofdistinction	4	Frankie Dettori	Luca Cumani	Gerald Leigh
1991	Selkirk	3	Ray Cochrane	Ian Balding	George Strawbridge
1992	Lahib	4	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1993	Bigstone	3	Pat Eddery	Elie Lellouche	Daniel Wildenstein
1994	Maroof	4	Richard Hills	Robert Armstrong	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1995	Bahri	3	Willie Carson	John Dunlop	Hamdan Al Maktoum
1996	Mark of Esteem	3	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
1997	Air Express	3	Olivier Peslier	Clive Brittain	Mohamed Obaida
1998	Desert Prince	3	Olivier Peslier	David Loder	Lucayan Stud
1999	Dubai Millennium	3	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2000	Observatory	3	Kevin Darley	John Gosden	Khalid Abdulla
2001	Summoner	4	Richard Hills	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2002	Where Or When	3	Kevin Darley	Terry Mills	John Humphreys
2003	Falbrav	5	Darryll Holland	Luca Cumani	Rencati / Yoshida
2004	Rakti	5	Philip Robinson	Michael Jarvis	Gary Tanaka
2005	Starcraft	5	Christophe Lemaire	Luca Cumani	The Australian Syndicate
2006	George Washington	3	Michael Kinane	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier / Tabor / Smith
2007	Ramonti	5	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2008	Raven's Pass	3	Jimmy Fortune	John Gosden	Princess Haya of Jordan
2009	Rip Van Winkle	3	Johnny Murtagh	Aidan O'Brien	Magnier / Tabor / Smith
2010	Poet's Voice	3	Frankie Dettori	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin
2011	Frankel	3	Tom Queally	Sir Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdulla

Frankel wins the 2011 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes

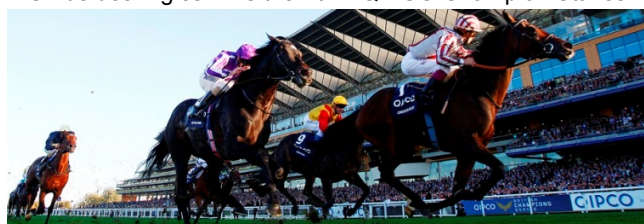


QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1)

First run 1877; run at Newmarket up to 2010

YEAR	HORSE	AGE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	OWNER
1970	Lorenzaccio	5	Geoff Lewis	Noel Murless	Charles St George
1971	Brigadier Gerard	3	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1972	Brigadier Gerard	4	Joe Mercer	Dick Hern	Jean Hislop
1973	Hurry Harriet	3	Jean Cruguet	Paddy Mullins	Malcolm Thorp
1974	Giacometti	3	Lester Piggott	Ryan Price	Charles St George
1975	Rose Bowl	3	Willie Carson	Fulke Johnson Houghton	Jane Engelhard
1976	Vitiges	3	Pat Eddery	Peter Walwyn	Mrs Marc Laloum
1977	Flying Water	4	Yves Saint-Martin	Angel Penna	Daniel Wildenstein
1978	Swiss Maid	3	Greville Starkey	Paul Kelleway	Max Fine
1979	Northern Baby	3	Philippe Paquet	François Boutin	Anne-Marie d'Estainville
1980	Cairn Rouge	3	Tony Murray	Michael Cunningham	D. Brady
1981	Vayrann	3	Yves Saint-Martin	François Mathet	HH Aga Khan IV
1982	Time Charter	3	Billy Newnes	Henry Candy	Robert Barnett
1983	Cormorant Wood	3	Steve Cauthen	Barry Hills	Bobby McAlpine
1984	Palace Music	3	Yves Saint-Martin	Patrick Biancone	Nelson Bunker Hunt
1985	Pebbles	4	Pat Eddery	Clive Brittain	Sheikh Mohammed
1986	Triptych	4	Tony Cruz	Patrick Biancone	Alan Clore
1987	Triptych	5	Tony Cruz	Patrick Biancone	Alan Clore
1988	Indian Skimmer	4	Michael Roberts	Henry Cecil	Sheikh Mohammed
1989	Legal Case	3	Ray Cochrane	Luca Cumani	Sir Gordon White
1990	In the Groove	3	Steve Cauthen	David Elsworth	Brian Cooper
1991	Tel Quel	3	Thierry Jarnet	André Fabre	Sheikh Mohammed
1992	Rodrigo de Triano	3	Lester Piggott	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Robert Sangster
1993	Hatoof	4	Walter Swinburn	Criquette Head	Maktoum Al Maktoum
1994	Dernier Empereur	4	Sylvain Guillot	André Fabre	Gary Tanaka
1995	Spectrum	3	John Reid	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Lord Weinstock
1996	Bosra Sham	3	Pat Eddery	Henry Cecil	Wafic Said
1997	Pilsudski	5	Michael Kinane	Michael Stoute	Lord Weinstock
1998	Alborada	3	George Duffield	Sir Mark Prescott	Kirsten Rausing
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2000	Kalanisi	4	Johnny Murtagh	Sir Michael Stoute	HH Aga Khan IV
2001	Nayef	3	Richard Hills	Marcus Tregoning	Hamdan Al Maktoum
2002	Storming Home	4	Michael Hills	Barry Hills	Maktoum Al Maktoum
2003	Rakti	4	Philip Robinson	Michael Jarvis	Gary Tanaka
2004	Haafhd	3	Richard Hills	Barry Hills	Hamdan Al Maktoum
2005	David Junior	3	Jamie Spencer	Brian Meehan	Roldvale Ltd
2006	Pride	6	Christophe Lemaire	Alain de Royer-Dupré	NP Bloodstock Ltd
2007	Literato	3	Christophe Lemaire	Jean-Claude Rouget	Hervé Morin
2008	New Approach	3	Kevin Manning	Jim Bolger	Princess Haya of Jordan
2009	Twice Over	4	Tom Queally	Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdulla
2010	Twice Over	5	Tom Queally	Henry Cecil	Khalid Abdulla
2011	Cirrus des Aigles	5	Christophe Soumillon	Corine Barande-Barbe	Jean-Claude Dupouy

Cirrus des Aigles wins the 2011 QIPCO Champion Stakes



Key contenders in the QIPCO Champion Stakes

FRANKEL – the highest-rated horse in the world on 140 and perhaps the greatest thoroughbred of all time. Unbeaten in 13 races for owner Khalid Abdulla, trainer Sir Henry Cecil and jockey Tom Queally, his most recent victory was by an easy seven lengths in the 10-furlong Juddmonte International (G.1) at York in August, the first time that the four-year-old had raced beyond a



mile. That performance earned him a rating of 140, as did his 11 length victory over Excelebration in the Queen Anne Stakes (G.1) over a mile at Royal Ascot in June, making him the first horse ever to achieve a 140 rating twice in his career. Last year he won the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G.1) over a mile on QIPCO British Champions Day, while this time he will contest the QIPCO Champion Stakes (G.1) over 10 furlongs, chasing his 14th career victory and his ninth successive Group 1 triumph in

what is expected to be the final start of his glittering racing career. In all he has won eight QIPCO British Champions Series races (no other horse has won more than two since the Series was created), but at Ascot he is likely to have his biggest test so far against the second and joint third highest-rated racehorses in the world so far this year. See “Frankel Facts” on pages 20-21 for more information on the world’s greatest racehorse.

13 career starts: 13 wins
 9 Group 1 starts: 9 wins
 Career earnings: £2,261,072

CIRRUS DES AIGLES – late developer and the second highest-rated horse on 130 behind Frankel in the 2012 World Thoroughbred Rankings (went up by two pounds following his Prix Dollar victory on 6 October). Brilliant winner of last year’s QIPCO Champion Stakes (G.1) for French trainer Corine Barande-Barbe, defeating So You Think, Snow Fairy, Middyay and



Nathaniel to record his first Group 1 victory at the age of five. Added two more top level races this year, the 12-furlong Dubai Sheema Classic (G.1) at Meydan in March, defeating multiple Group 1 winner St Nicholas Abbey, and the 11-furlong Prix Ganay (G.1) at Longchamp in April by an easy eight lengths from Group 1 winners Giofra, Reliable Man and Wigmore Hall. Hacked up by nine lengths in the 10-furlong Prix Dollar (G.2) at Longchamp on 6 October following four months on the sidelines

after an ankle injury and a drugs inquiry, which saw him disqualified (currently under appeal) from second place in the nine-furlong Prix d’Ispahan (G.1) in May. The six-year-old gelding is reported to be in great shape for the defence of his QIPCO Champion Stakes crown.

44 career starts: 16 wins, 16 seconds, 5 thirds, (7 unplaced)
 11 Group 1 starts: 3 wins, 3 seconds (later disqualified from one), 1 third, (4 unplaced)
 Career earnings: £3,822,900

NATHANIEL – joint third highest-rated horse in the 2012 World Thoroughbred Rankings on 126 for trainer John Gosden. Brilliant winner of the 12 furlong King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (sponsored by Betfair) (G.1) at Ascot in July 2011. Nose runner-up to Danedream in the same race in 2012, just prior to which he had won the 10-furlong Coral-Eclipse Stakes (G.1) at Sandown Park and after which he finished second to Snow Fairy in the 10-furlong Irish Champion Stakes (G.1). Missed the 2011 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G.1) at Longchamp due to the fast ground and the 2012 edition due to illness, but now reported to be recovering quickly and on target for the QIPCO Champion Stakes (G.1) in which he finished fifth last year, 3¼ lengths behind Cirrus des Aigles on good ground (Nathaniel excels on softer ground). In their first ever racecourse appearances, Nathaniel ran Frankel to half a length in a maiden at Newmarket in August 2010, the closest any horse has ever got to the world number one.



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10 career starts: 4 wins, 5 seconds, (1 fifth)
 4 Group 1 starts: 2 wins, 1 second, (1 fifth)
 Career earnings: £1,324,808

Other acceptors to note

The winners of all the main European Derbys are still engaged – **Camelot** (English and Irish), **Saonois** (French) and **Pastorius** (German). Camelot is highly unlikely to run after his seventh place in the Arc, but Saonois (eased when his chance in the Arc had gone) could run and Pastorius (who won his prep race in Germany on 3 October) is reported as a very likely contender.

The 1-2-3 from the Prix de l'Opera (G.1), **Ridasiyna**, **Izzi Top** and **Giofra**, all individual Group 1 winners, are entered, as is the Breeders' Cup Turf (G.1) and dual Investec Coronation Cup (G.1) winner **St Nicholas Abbey**, although he was well beaten in the Arc last time out.



2012 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) winner Saonois

Key contenders in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO

EXCELEBRATION – easily the second best miler in the world this year behind Frankel with a World Thoroughbred Ranking of 125. Winner of two Group 1 races, both in France – last season's Prix Du Moulin (G.1) at Longchamp on very soft ground (defeating Rio De La Plata, a possible QE2 rival, by 1½ lengths) and this season's Prix Jacques Le Marois (G.1) at Deauville



on good ground (in which he beat Cityscape and Elusive Kate, potential QE2 rivals, into second and third by 1¼ lengths and a neck). Finished behind Frankel on five occasions (four second places, including this race last year and the JLT Lockinge Stakes (G.1) and Queen Anne Stakes (G.1) this year, and one third place) and would have won five Group 1s had the great horse not been around. With no Frankel in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G.1), Europe's most valuable mile race, Excelebration has a great chance to go one better than last

year and win the biggest prize of his career. He was trained by Marco Botti in Newmarket at two and three, but has been with Aidan O'Brien in Ireland for his four-year-old season.

13 career starts: 7 wins, 4 seconds, 1 third, (1 fourth)
6 Group 1 starts: 2 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third
Career earnings: £1,048,272

CITYSCAPE – the joint third-highest rated miler in the world this year (with USA star Wise Dan) after Frankel and Excelebration on an international rating of 124 (though Wise Dan may be awarded a higher rating when the next edition of the World Thoroughbred Rankings is released). Cityscape, who runs in the Frankel colours of owner Khalid Abdulla and is trained by



Roger Charlton, achieved that mark in the nine-furlong Dubai Duty Free (G.1) at Meydan in March when he bolted clear to win by 4¼ lengths. His best run since was when a 1¼ lengths second to Excelebration in the Prix Jacques Le Marois (G.1) at Deauville in August and he followed that with a well-beaten third to Wise Dan in the Woodbine Mile (G.1) at Toronto in September. He looked a big threat to Nathaniel in the 10-furlong Coral-Eclipse (G.1) at Sandown Park in July with two furlongs to run, but did not

stay the trip and faded into fourth, while last season he ran a fine race to finish third to Canford Cliffs and Goldikova in the Queen Anne Stakes (G.1) over the QE2 course and distance at Royal Ascot.

21 career starts: 6 wins, 8 seconds, 2 thirds, (5 unplaced)
10 Group 1 starts: 1 win, 3 seconds, 2 thirds, (4 unplaced)
Career earnings: £2,777,356

ELUSIVE KATE – last season’s top juvenile filly, Elusive Kate, the impressive winner of the Prix Marcel-Boussac (G.1) at Longchamp a year ago, started her three-year-old campaign midway through the year. In her four 2012 starts, all at Group 1 level, she has won once and never been beaten by more than a length and a half in the other three.



First up was the Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes (G.1) at Newmarket in July on soft ground, which would not have been ideal. Yet she still ran Giofra very close, going down by just half a length, and she followed that with a comfortable victory in the Prix Rothschild (G.1) at Deauville. The John Gosden-trained filly’s best performance came when she took on the colts for the first time, finishing 1½ lengths behind Excelebration when third in the Prix Jacques Le Marois (G.1), again at Deauville. In her most recent start, she

was beaten ¾ length by Siyouma in the Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes (G.1) at Newmarket.

10 career starts: 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third, (2 unplaced)
 5 Group 1 starts: 2 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third
 Career earnings: £478,393

Other acceptors to note

Most Improved, winner of the 2012 St James’s Palace Stakes (G.1) at the Royal Meeting, remains engaged, as does **Carlton House**, owned by The Queen and looking to recapture the form that saw him finish a close third in last year’s Investec Derby (G.1) and a good second to So You Think in the Prince of Wales’s Stakes (G.1) at this year’s Royal Meeting in June.



Most Improved after his 2012 St James’s Palace victory



Carlton House wins the 2011 Dante Stakes at York

The other three Championship Races

The £200,000 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup

All the top stayers in Britain and Ireland remain engaged in the opening race on QIPCO British Champions Day.



Fame And Glory, winner of this race 12 months ago and of last season's Gold Cup (G.1) at Royal Ascot, both times comfortably beating **Opinion Poll**, may look to defend his crown after below par runs on his last two outings.

Trained by Aidan O'Brien, **Fame And Glory** also won the 2008 Criterium de Saint-Cloud (G.1), the 2009 Irish Derby (G.1), the 2010 Tattersalls Gold Cup (G.1) and the 2010 Investec Coronation Cup (G.1).

Last year's second, **Opinion Poll**, and third, **Colour Vision**, who were one-two in this year's Gold Cup for Godolphin when **Colour Vision** just got the better of **Opinion Poll**, both remain engaged. **Opinion Poll** won the Artemis Goodwood Cup (G.2) and Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup (G.2) last year, but has been sidelined since Royal Ascot this year. **Colour Vision** finished third in the Prix du Cadran (G.1) on Arc Day this October.

This year's Gold Cup third, **Saddler's Rock**, who won last year's Stobart Doncaster Cup (G.2) and this year's Artemis Goodwood Cup, is also a possible, as is **Times Up**, fifth in this race last year and winner of the Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup and Stobart Doncaster Cup this season. In both those races he defeated the fast improving **High Jinx**, runner-up in the Prix du Cadran on his latest start, who is another to stand his ground after the forfeit stage.

The £250,000 QIPCO British Champions Sprint

Wizz Kid, runner-up in this race last year and winner of the Prix de l'Abbaye (G.1) on Arc Day in Paris on her latest start, may look to go one better in the second year of the QIPCO British Champions Sprint.

Society Rock, winner of last year's Diamond Jubilee Stakes (G.1) and this year's Betfred Sprint Cup (G.1), remains engaged together with **Mayson**, winner of this year's Darley July Cup (G.1) and runner-up to **Wizz Kid** in the Abbaye.

Starspangledbanner, who defeated **Society Rock** in the 2010 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (G.1) and also took the 2010 Darley July Cup (G.1) having previously landed two Group 1s in his native Australia, could look to recapture that level of form after failing at stud.

Kingsgate Native triumphed in the 2007 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (G.1) and the 2008 Diamond Jubilee (G.1) and looks to be recapturing a better level of form once again for new trainer Robert Cowell, while Cowell also has the improving **Spirit Quartz**, narrowly defeated by Australian raider **Ortensia** in this year's Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (G.1).

Libranno and **Royal Rock**, third and fourth behind **Deacon Blues** and **Wizz Kid** in this race a year ago, are also engaged.

The £250,000 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes*

Dancing Rain, victorious in this race last year as well as in the Investec Oaks (G.1) and the German Oaks (G.1), is on target to defend her crown in her first race of the season having been sidelined with injury since early in the year.

Liam Norris, who purchased Dancing Rain and oversees the racing interests of owners Martin and Lee Taylor, revealed on 3 October: "The QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes is where we want to go with Dancing Rain and she is on target for the race.



"She had two small chips removed from both front fetlock joints earlier in the season. She came back to me after that and we nursed her back through. She did really well.

"She looks fantastic now and is a big, strong filly - much bigger than she was last year. She is in good form now and we are keeping everything crossed that we will have her at Ascot on October 20."

She could lock horns with this year's Investec Oaks (G.1) winner, **Was**, and the runner-up, **Shirocco Star**, as well as the Irish Oaks (G.1) winner, **Great Heavens**, who was a good sixth in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G.1) on her most recent start.

Solemia, dramatic winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G.1) and **Ridasiyna**, the Prix de l'Opera (G.1) winner on the same card, are both entered for France as is the impressive course and distance winner **Princess Highway** from Ireland, who bolted up in the Ribblesdale Stakes (G.2) at Royal Ascot.

Another French entry is **Dalkala**, who narrowly beat Shirocco Star in the Prix de Royalieu (G.2) at Longchamp on Arc weekend.

I'm A Dreamer, winner of the Beverly D. Stakes (G.1) at Arlington Park in the USA in August, is engaged, as is **Wild Coco**, the impressive winner of a Group 3 and a Group 2 on her last two starts.

**as well as £141,775 in first place prize money, the winning connections will also receive a free nomination to the stallion Makfi courtesy of the sponsors QIPCO, who stand the horse under the Qatar Bloodstock banner at Tweenhills Stud. The nomination is worth £25,000.*

Frankel Facts

- Frankel has won 13 races out of 13 races by an aggregate margin of 74½ lengths, an average winning distance of 5.7 lengths, winning £2,261,072 in prize money. Race number 14, the QIPCO Champion Stakes, is likely to be his last before he retires to stud and if he wins by far the most valuable race that he has contested to date, he will collect another £737,230 in prize money.
- 294,000 racegoers have witnessed Frankel's 13 victories, more than three times the number that attend a Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.
- Frankel is officially the highest-rated horse in the world on a rating of 140, towering above the next highest-rated horse this year, his main QIPCO Champion Stakes rival, Cirrus des Aigles, who is rated 130. Since international ratings were introduced in 1977, only one horse has achieved a rating higher than Frankel – Dancing Brave in 1986, who was rated 141 and was also owned by Khalid Abdulla. Can Frankel match or eclipse that mark in the QIPCO Champion Stakes? With one length roughly equivalent to 1¾ pounds, he would need to beat Cirrus des Aigles (assuming he is deemed to have run to form) by just over 6 lengths to be sure of achieving 141.
- Frankel is the first horse in history to run to an official rating of 140 twice. He did so in the Queen Anne Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot and the Juddmonte International over a mile and a quarter at York.
- His Timeform rating of 147 awarded after the Queen Anne Stakes is the highest in Timeform's 64-year history. It puts him ahead of the likes of Sea Bird (born 1962, rated 145), Brigadier Gerard (born 1968, rated 144) and Tudor Minstrel (born 1944, rated 144), while Timeform only have Dancing Brave on 140.
- 13 horses have won two races in the QIPCO British Champions Series races since its inception last year – Canford Cliffs, Dream Ahead, Blue Bunting, Dancing Rain, Fame And Glory, Opinion Poll, So You Think, Nathaniel, St Nicholas Abbey, Camelot, Society Rock, Saddler's Rock and Times Up – but only one horse, Frankel, has won more than that. Remarkably he has won no less than eight Series races to stamp his mark in no uncertain terms and he will look to make it nine on QIPCO British Champions Day.
- After winning the Juddmonte International Stakes at York, Frankel surpassed the record for consecutive wins in European Group 1 races set by Rock Of Gibraltar 10 years ago. He has won eight Group 1s in a row (nine in total) and can make it nine in a row (10 in total) on QIPCO British Champions Day.
- His starting price on his debut was 7-4, the only time he has ever been odds-against. His shortest starting price was 1-20 in this year's QIPCO Sussex Stakes at Goodwood when he became the first horse in history to win that race twice.

- Frankel's owner-trainer-jockey combination of Khalid Abdulla, Sir Henry Cecil and Tom Queally are seeking their third QIPCO Champion Stakes victory in four years having won the race in 2009 and 2010, when it was run at Newmarket, with Twice Over.
- Frankel is valued at a record-breaking £100 million as a future stallion and is expected to command a covering fee of around £100,000. Conversely his biggest rival in the QIPCO Champion Stakes, the winner of the race last year, Cirrus des Aigles, is worthless in breeding terms as he has been gelded.
- Frankel's life began in box number five of the Foaling Unit at Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket, Suffolk, where he was born at 11.40pm on 11 February 2008. He weighed 123lb (8 stone 11lbs) – a bit heavier than a Flat jockey. His height now is 163.8cm or 16hh 1/2 inch.
- He was named after one of the greatest American trainers of all time, Bobby Frankel, who died in November 2009 and who trained very successfully for Frankel's owner, Khalid Abdulla.
- He went into training with Sir Henry Cecil on 14 January 2010, having first completed his pre-training in Ireland.
- When Frankel arrived at Sir Henry's Newmarket yard, he went into one of the barns used for yearlings. Towards the middle of his two-year-old career, he was moved to a "bigger and better" box. However, he did not like it and would not settle, so had to be moved back. The team attempted to move him again, later in the year, but the same thing happened. He clearly prefers his original box, which now boasts CCTV – a must when stabling a horse of such value.
- He eats three feeds each day and snacks on English hay – older horses usually eat American hay, but this proved a little too rich for Frankel. For his main feed, he eats corn, alfalfa chaff and bran, and likes a carrot treat. He also has a calcium supplement to keep his bones in good shape. He eats more than any other horse in the yard – about 23lbs of Canadian oats per day, which is the equivalent of approximately 600 Weetabix biscuits.
- He has the largest feet in Sir Henry Cecil's yard and wears size 7½ shoes in front and size 7 behind.
- He is looked after by a small team of people, consisting of stable lad, Sandeep Gauravaram, head girl, Dee Deacon, work rider, Shane Fetherstonhaugh, vet, Charlie Smith, and farrier, Stephen Kiel, all of whom are overseen by assistant trainer, Mike Marshall, and Sir Henry Cecil himself. They describe Frankel as a very inquisitive character who always likes to know what is going on, adding that he is naturally competitive and knows that he is something special.

Recent winners of the championship races with end of season ratings

QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES SPONSORED BY QIPCO (GROUP 1) (highest-rated winner 136, average 125.9)

YEAR	RATING	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
2000	126	Observatory	K.Darley	J.Gosden
2001	122	Summoner	R.Hills	S.bin Suroor
2002	123	Where Or When	K.Darley	T.Mills
2003	127	Falbrav	D.Holland	L.Cumani
2004	123	Rakti	P.Robinson	M.Jarvis
2005	124	Starcraft	C.Lemaire	L.Cumani
2006	127	George Washington	M.Kinane	A.O'Brien
2007	123	Ramonti	F.Dettori	S.Bin Suroor
2008	129	Raven's Pass	J.Fortune	J.Gosden
2009	129	Rip Van Winkle	J.Murtagh	A.O'Brien
2010	122	Poet's Voice	F.Dettori	S.bin Suroor
2011	136	Frankel	T.Queally	Sir H.Cecil

QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (GROUP 1) (highest-rated winner 130, average 124.0)

2000	126	Kalanisi	J.Murtagh	Sir M.Stoute
2001	121	Nayef	R.Hills	M.Tregoning
2002	121	Storming Home	M.Hills	B.Hills
2003	121	Rakti	P.Robinson	M.Jarvis
2004	124	Haafhd	R.Hills	B.Hills
2005	123	David Junior	J.Spencer	B.Meehan
2006	123	Pride	C.Lemaire	A.De Royer Dupre
2007	123	Literato	C.Lemaire	J.C.Rouget
2008	130	New Approach	K.Manning	J.Bolger
2009	123	Twice Over	T.Queally	H.Cecil
2010	125	Twice Over	T.Queally	H.Cecil
2011	128	Cirrus des Aigles	C.Soumillon	Mrs C.Barande-Barbe

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (GROUP 2)

2011	120	Deacon Blues	J.Murtagh	J.Fanshawe
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QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (GROUP 2)

2011	117	Dancing Rain	J.Murtagh	W.Haggas
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QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (GROUP 3)

2011	121	Fame And Glory	J.Spencer	A.O'Brien
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Note: While the three championship races above all replaced existing races from the Flat racing programme (the Diadem Stakes at Ascot became the QIPCO British Champions Sprint, the Pride Stakes at Newmarket became the QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes and the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket became the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup), to all intents and purposes they are brand new contests. Each now has Group 1 conditions (i.e. no penalties) and Group 1 prize money, giving them a completely different profile.

The QIPCO Future Stars Apprentices Handicap ***Working holiday of a lifetime for the winning rider***

The sixth and final race on the card is the £50,000 QIPCO Future Stars Apprentices' Handicap over seven furlongs at 4.45pm, which has doubled in prize money from last year and is by far the richest race for apprentice jockeys in Europe.

The race provides a fantastic opportunity for aspiring British champions of the future to demonstrate their skills in the saddle on the highest profile raceday of the year.

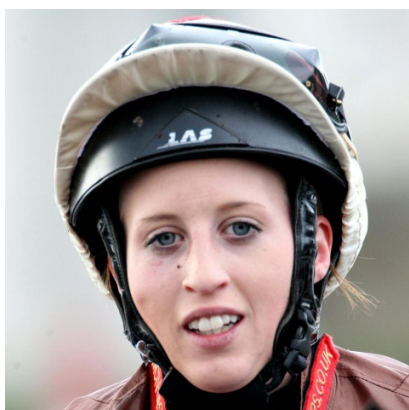
QIPCO Holding have already given our up-and-coming young jockeys a chance to shine on some of British Flat racing's biggest stages this season having also sponsored valuable apprentice races at Glorious Goodwood and York's Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival.

Frankie Dettori, Ryan Moore, Paul Hanagan, William Buick, Tom Queally, Jimmy Fortune and Hayley Turner were all crowned Champion Apprentice in their youth – who will be the next apprentice to prove a professional star?

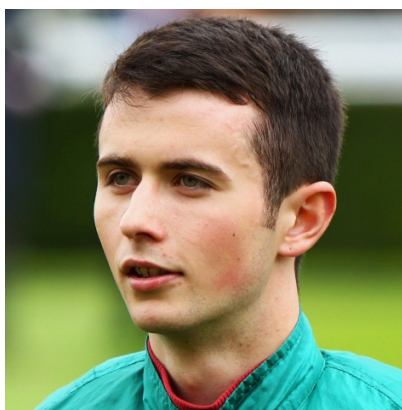
For the winning rider, there will be a special prize – a working holiday in the USA courtesy of QIPCO, with one of the trainers used by their racehorse-owning subsidiaries, Pearl Bloodstock and Qatar Bloodstock.

“Staging Europe's most valuable apprentices' race to close the card will give the future stars of our sport the chance to share some of the limelight on QIPCO British Champions Day, taking to the track just after the world's greatest racehorse is due to compete in the QIPCO Champion Stakes,” said Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series Ltd.

Currently Amy Ryan and Darren Egan are battling it out for title of UK Champion Apprentice for the 2012 season.



Amy Ryan



Darren Egan

TV & Radio Coverage

BBC1 covering the five championship races live

BBC television will be covering all five championship races live on BBC1 and BBC1 HD in a special three-hour programme, running from 1.30pm - 4.30pm and presented by Clare Balding.

BBC Radio 5 Live

5 Live Sport, the station's flagship Saturday afternoon programme, will be hosted live from Ascot.

At The Races and Racing UK both televising the full card

In a deal agreed at the time that QIPCO British Champions Day was created, both At The Races and Racing UK will cover all six races live on their racing channels.

International TV coverage

Through BBC Worldwide, QIPCO British Champions Day will be available in 84 countries with the confirmed live takers:

Dubai Sports Channel	(Pan Middle East – 17 Countries)
Supersport	(Pan Africa – 48 Countries)
Eurosport Asia	(Pan Asia – 17 Countries)
Sport 5	(Israel)
BeIN Sport	(France)

The following countries will be taking a betting shop feed of the day through GBI:

Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA, Canada, France, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Romania, Azerbaijan, Malta.

Ascot TV presentation team

Racing UK presenter Oli Bell, who has gained extensive international broadcasting experience in Australia, CNN's Amanda Davies and currently side-lined jockey Steve Drowne will be bringing QIPCO British Champions Day to racegoers, with Richard Hoiles commentating.

Rupert Bell will be handling the post-race interviews with the winning connections. These will also be taken by At The Races and Racing UK, as well as by international broadcasters utilising the world feed.



Steve Drowne will be the expert guest on Ascot TV

Pre-racing activities

British Equestrian Federation Demonstrations (Old Paddock Lawns)

Demonstrations from some of the leading riders and horsemen in their field, including Reining, Carriage Driving, Eventing, Show Jumping and Dressage (subject to the state of the ground in the demonstration area), featuring some of the development riders from the BEF team and commentary from leading performers and coaches.

Clare Balding Kids Q&A Session (Parade Ring) and Book Signing (Grandstand)

Children are invited to bring their parents and participate from inside the Parade Ring and ask Clare almost anything – her favourite pet, which horse she most admires or even her favourite type of biscuit! Clare will then sign copies of her book 'My Animals and Other Family' in the Grandstand for a short while afterwards.

Parade of Team GB Olympians and Paralympians (Parade Ring)

Team GB medal winners, including Peter Charles and Nick Skelton (Show Jumping), Carl Hester and Charlotte Dujardin (Dressage), Tina Cook, William Fox-Pitt, Zara Phillips and Nicola Wilson (Three-Day Eventing), Natasha Baker, Sophie Wells, Deborah Criddle and Sophie Christiansen (Paralympic Dressage) will appear in the Parade Ring before racing.

Pre-Racing Tipster Panel (Parade Ring)

Some of the best judges in racing will preview the card for the benefit of racegoers.

Jockey Master Class ('Jockey School' – Old Paddock Lawns)

Former Champion Jockey, Kevin Darley, will put the lucky winner of 'Jockey School' through their paces on a mechanical horse, as well as demonstrations from some of the apprentice jockeys riding in the last race.

Autograph Signing with Legendary Jockeys Frankie Dettori, Michael Kinane and Kevin Darley

Tickets for the signing, which will take place at the east end of the Parade Ring, are available to the first 100 racegoers to register interest.



Michael Kinane will sign autographs before racing

Attractions ongoing throughout the day

Jockey School (Old Paddock Lawns)

Think race riding is easy? Think you've got what it takes? Why not find out... We've got British Racing School qualified instructors ready to put you through your paces – if you graduate from Jockey School, you could win a master class with former Champion Jockey Kevin Darley later this afternoon.

Take Back The Reins (Old Paddock Lawns)

Never sat on a horse before? Well, try out a simulator first – the British Equestrian Federation can give you a leg up and get you started on the road to Rio 2016 as part of their London legacy project, Hoof.

Horsepower Exhibition (Grandstand)

Ever wondered how Frankel shapes up to a sports car? Now you can find out – with exhibits including a limited edition Triumph motorcycle, a single seater racing car from Silverstone and a Jaguar XJ Supersport.

London 2012 Show Jumps and Cross Country Fences (Old Paddock Lawns)

Didn't get tickets to London 2012? Well, you can check out some of the fences that were used in the equestrian competitions and even get some photos with them, including the iconic 'Saturn' cross country fence and the 'London Bus' show jump.

Pony Rides (Old Paddock Lawns)

For all those budding Frankie Dettori wannabes out there, you can go home saying you've ridden at Ascot Racecourse on British Champions Day. OK, it wasn't in a race...but nobody needs to know that!

Frankel's Career Timeline (East End of the Grandstand)

Follow the career of Frankel in a race by race timeline laid out in the Ascot Grandstand – over the length of his cumulative winning distance in his 13 races so far: a staggering 178m!

Meet the Racehorse (Old Paddock Lawns)

Monsignor, who has attended most QIPCO British Champions Series racedays over the last two years, is back – so if you want to actually get up close and personal with a thoroughbred, pay him a visit. If you want to guarantee a friendly reception, take him a Polo...

Felix Francis Book Signing (Grandstand)

Felix Francis, son of legendary author Dick Francis, will be signing copies of his new book 'Bloodline' at 13.00-14.00 and 15.00-16.00 in the Ascot Grandstand.

Amanda Lockhart Book Signing (Grandstand)

Amanda's stunning photo book 'The Art of the Race' charts the activity behind the scenes of racing. She will be signing copies of her book throughout the afternoon in the Grandstand.

A Different Kind of Horse Power (Cedar Tree Lawn and next to the Parade Ring)

Triumph and Jaguar showcase some horse power of a different sort, with the new Jaguar SportBreak and some of Triumph's most iconic motorcycles on display. There are also vehicles liveried in Frankel colours for you to get your photograph with.

Touch Screen Photo Kiosks (Grandstand)

Want to take home photos of the day? We have two touch screen photo kiosks on site where you can order prints taken by professional photographers within minutes of the shutter closing. They will then be delivered to your home a few days later.

QIPCO British Champions Series Merchandise (next to the Parade Ring)

Take home a memento of your day at the best day's racing in the world – British Champions Series and Frankel merchandise is available from the QIPCO British Champions Series Merchandise Store at the west end of the Parade Ring.



A Frankel cap is just one of a host of items that will be on sale at the merchandise store

Ticket Information

All adult tickets have been sold, but **ticket holders are able to bring children under 18 years of age free of charge** (note that all under 18s must be accompanied by a ticket-holding adult).

Parking is free in car park 6.

Travelling to Ascot

Ascot Racecourse is ideally situated in beautiful, wooded countryside adjoining Windsor Great Park and about a 50-minute drive or train journey from London.

Located close to the M3, M4, M40 & M25 motorways and to London Heathrow for international visitors, Ascot offers easy access for all racegoers wherever their departure point.

By Road

From London and the North

M4 Junction 6 onto the A332 Windsor by-pass and follow the signs to Ascot.

From the West

M4 Junction 10 to the A329(M) signed to Bracknell and follow the signs to Ascot.

From the South and East

M3 Junction 3 onto the A332 signed to Bracknell and follow the signs to Ascot.

From the Midlands

M40 southbound, Junction 4. Take the A404 towards the M4 (Junction 8/9). On the M4 head towards Heathrow / London. Leave M4 at Junction 6 and follow A332 Windsor by-pass to Ascot.

For up to date travel information tune into BBC Radio Berkshire on 94.5FM or 104.1FM or log onto www.bbc.co.uk/berkshire before you leave to receive a local traffic update.

By Rail

There is a frequent service to Ascot from both Reading and London Waterloo using South West Trains. The average journey time is 27 minutes from Reading and 52 minutes from Waterloo, although because of engineering work on 20 October, the journey from London will follow a different route to normal (trains will not stop at Richmond and Twickenham, from where a replacement bus service will take passengers to Hounslow) and will take around 7 minutes longer. The railway station is a seven-minute walk from the Racecourse.

The Structure of the QIPCO British Champions Series

The QIPCO British Champions Series is comprised of five categories:

- **Sprint**
- **Mile**
- **Middle Distance**
- **Long Distance**
- **Fillies & Mares**

Each features the seven highest-rated races in that category, culminating in a same-day finale on QIPCO British Champions Day on 20 October 2012.

With a total prize money pot of well over £13 million, the Series is staged across ten of the UK's leading racecourses:

- Ascot
- Doncaster
- Epsom Downs
- Goodwood
- Haydock Park
- Newbury
- Newmarket's Rowley Mile
- Newmarket's July Course
- Sandown Park
- York

The Series encompasses British Flat racing's key festivals, including:

- The QIPCO Guineas Festival at Newmarket's Rowley Mile
- The Investec Derby Festival at Epsom
- Royal Ascot
- The Piper Heidsieck July Festival at Newmarket's July Course
- Belfair Weekend at Ascot
- Glorious Goodwood
- The Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival at York
- The Ladbrokes St Leger Festival at Doncaster

2013 Series Race Calendar

Whilst in its first two years the QIPCO British Champions Series has been broadcast across both BBC and Channel 4, from 2013 all races will be shown on Channel 4 following a new broadcast deal for British racing signed in 2012.

May			
04 May	The QIPCO 2000 Guineas Stakes, Newmarket	Mile	Ch4
05 May	The QIPCO 1000 Guineas Stakes, Newmarket	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
17 May	The Sportingbet Yorkshire Cup, York	Long Distance	Ch4
18 May	The JLT Lockinge Stakes, Newbury	Mile	Ch4
25 May	The betfred.com Temple Stakes, Haydock Park	Sprint	Ch4
31 May	The Investec Oaks, Epsom Downs	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
31 May	The Investec Coronation Cup, Epsom Downs	Middle Distance	Ch4
June			
01 June	The Investec Derby, Epsom Downs	Middle Distance	Ch4
18 June	The Queen Anne Stakes, Royal Ascot	Mile	Ch4
18 June	The King's Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot	Sprint	Ch4
18 June	The St James's Palace Stakes, Royal Ascot	Mile	Ch4
19 June	The Prince of Wales's Stakes, Royal Ascot	Middle Distance	Ch4
20 June	The Gold Cup, Royal Ascot	Long Distance	Ch4
21 June	The Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
22 June	The Diamond Jubilee Stakes, Royal Ascot	Sprint	Ch4
July			
06 July	The Coral-Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park	Middle Distance	Ch4
12 July	The Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes, Newmarket	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
13 July	The Darley July Cup, Newmarket	Sprint	Ch4
27 July	The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (sponsored by Belfair), Ascot	Middle Distance	Ch4
31 July	The QIPCO Sussex Stakes, Goodwood	Mile	Ch4
August			
01 August	The Artemis Goodwood Cup, Goodwood	Long Distance	Ch4
03 August	The Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes, Goodwood	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
21 August	The Juddmonte International Stakes, York	Middle Distance	Ch4
22 August	The Darley Yorkshire Oaks, York	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
23 August	The Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes, York	Sprint	Ch4
24 August	The Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup, York	Long Distance	Ch4
September			
07 September	The Betfred Sprint Cup, Haydock Park	Sprint	Ch4
13 September	The Stobart Doncaster Cup, Doncaster	Long Distance	Ch4
14 September	The Ladbrokes St Leger, Doncaster	Long Distance	Ch4
27 September	The Nayef Joel Stakes, Newmarket	Mile	Ch4
October			
19 October	The QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup, Ascot	Long Distance	Ch4
19 October	The QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes, Ascot	Sprint	Ch4
19 October	The QIPCO British Champions Fillies and Mares Stakes, Ascot	Fillies & Mares	Ch4
19 October	The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO (British Champions Mile), Ascot	Mile	Ch4
19 October	The QIPCO Champion Stakes (British Champions Middle Distance), Ascot	Middle Distance	Ch4

The World's Highest-Rated Races

QIPCO British Champions Series has no less than nine of the world's top-rated races, based on the official three-year average ratings of the first four horses to finish in each race (2009-2011). France and the USA have three each and Ireland one:

1.	Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe	France	126.42
2.	Breeders' Cup Classic	USA	124.58
3.	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO	UK – QBCS	123.33
4=	QIPCO Sussex Stakes	UK – QBCS	123.00
4=	Breeders' Cup Mile	USA	123.00
6.	Prix Jacques Le Marois	France	122.75
7.	QIPCO Champion Stakes	UK – QBCS	122.58
8=	Investec Derby	UK – QBCS	122.42
8=	Coral-Eclipse Stakes	UK – QBCS	122.42
8=	Irish Champion Stakes	Ireland	122.42
11=	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (sponsored by Betfair)	UK – QBCS	121.92
11=	Prix de la Foret	France	121.92
13.	Prince of Wales's Stakes	UK – QBCS	121.67
14.	St James's Palace Stakes	UK – QBCS	121.50
15.	Breeders' Cup Turf	USA	121.42
16.	QIPCO 2000 Guineas	UK – QBCS	121.33

Based purely on the races in 2011, the rankings look even better for British racing with seven of the world's top 10 races in the QIPCO British Champions Series:

1.	Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe	France	126.25
2.	Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO	UK – QBCS	125.75
3.	QIPCO Champion Stakes	UK – QBCS	125.50
4.	QIPCO Sussex Stakes	UK – QBCS	125.00
5.	Prix Ganay	France	124.00
6.	St James's Palace Stakes	UK – QBCS	123.75
7.	Queen Anne Stakes	UK – QBCS	123.25
8.	Coral-Eclipse Stakes	UK – QBCS	122.75
9.	Prince of Wales's Stakes	UK – QBCS	122.50
10.	Breeders' Cup Classic	USA	122.25



Thanks mainly to Frankel, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes was the second highest-rated race in the world last year

2012 Series Race Winners

The Sprint division:

1. Betfred.com Temple Stakes (5f, 3yo+), Haydock Park, 26 May – **BATED BREATH**
2. King's Stand Stakes (5f, 3yo+), Royal Ascot, 19 June – **LITTLE BRIDGE**
3. Diamond Jubilee Stakes (6f, 3yo+), Royal Ascot, 23 June – **BLACK CAVIAR**
4. Darley July Cup (6f, 3yo+), Newmarket, 14 July – **MAYSON**
5. Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (5f, 2yo+), York, 24 August – **ORTENSIA**
6. Betfred Sprint Cup (6f, 3yo+), Haydock Park, 8 September – **SOCIETY ROCK**
7. **QIPCO British Champions Sprint (6f, 3yo+), Ascot, 20 October**

The Mile division:

1. QIPCO 2000 Guineas (1m, 3yo), Newmarket, 5 May – **CAMELOT**
2. JLT Lockinge Stakes (1m, 4yo+), Newbury, 19 May – **FRANKEL**
3. Queen Anne Stakes (1m, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 19 June – **FRANKEL**
4. St James's Palace Stakes (1m, 3yo), Royal Ascot, 19 June – **MOST IMPROVED**
5. QIPCO Sussex Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Goodwood, 1 August – **FRANKEL**
6. Nayef Joel Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Newmarket, Friday 28 September – **PENITENT**
7. **Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO (1m, 3yo+), Ascot, 20 October**

The Middle Distance division:

1. Diamond Jubilee Coronation Cup (sponsored by Investec) (1½ miles, 4yo+), Epsom, 2 June – **ST NICHOLAS ABBEY**
2. Investec Derby (1½ miles, 3yo), Epsom, 2 June – **CAMELOT**
3. Prince of Wales's Stakes (1¼ miles, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 20 June – **SO YOU THINK**
4. Coral-Eclipse Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Sandown Park, 7 July – **NATHANIEL**
5. King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes Sponsored by Betfair (1½ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 21 July – **DANEDREAM**
6. Juddmonte International (1¼ miles, 3yo+), York, 22 August – **FRANKEL**
7. **QIPCO Champion Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 20 October**

The Long Distance division:

1. Sportingbet Yorkshire Cup (1¾m, 4yo+) York, 18 May – **RED CADEAUX**
2. Gold Cup (2½m, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 21 June – **COLOUR VISION**
3. Artemis Goodwood Cup (2m, 3yo+), Goodwood, 2 August – **SADDLER'S ROCK**
4. Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup (2m, 3yo+), York, 25 August – **TIMES UP**
5. Stobart Doncaster Cup (2¼m 3yo+), Doncaster, 14 September – **TIMES UP**
6. Ladbrokes St Leger (1¾m, 3yo), Doncaster, 15 September – **ENCKE**
7. **QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (2m, 3yo+), 20 October**

The Fillies & Mares division:

1. QIPCO 1000 Guineas (1m, 3yo), Newmarket, 6 May – **HOMECOMING QUEEN**
2. Investec Oaks (1½ miles, 3yo), Epsom, 1 June – **WAS**
3. Coronation Stakes (1m, 3yo), Royal Ascot, 22 June – **FALLEN FOR YOU**
4. Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Newmarket, 13 July – **GIOFRA**
5. Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Goodwood, 4 August – **THE FUGUE**
6. Darley Yorkshire Oaks (1½ miles, 3yo+), York, 23 August – **SHARETA**
7. **QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (1½ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 20 October**

QIPCO British Champions Series 2012 Performance Tables

NOTE: These tables use the official performance ratings awarded by the British Horseracing Authority handicappers to the first three horses to finish in each QIPCO British Champions Series race.

Performance ratings may retrospectively be changed if the handicappers revise their ratings for a race in the light of subsequent results.

Overall Series Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	CATEGORY	PERFORMANCE RATING
1 Frankel	Queen Anne Stakes & Juddmonte International Stakes	Mile & Middle Distance	140
2= Excelebration	JLT Lockinge Stakes	Mile	125
2= Nathaniel	Coral-Eclipse Stakes & Betfair King George	Middle Distance	125
2= So You Think	Prince of Wales's Stakes	Middle Distance	125
5= Camelot	Investec Derby	Middle Distance	124
5= Farhh	Juddmonte International	Middle Distance	124
5= St Nicholas Abbey	Investec Coronation Cup & Juddmonte International	Middle Distance	124
8 Danedream	Betfair King George	Middle Distance	122
9= Encke	Ladbrokes St Leger	Long Distance	120
9= Homecoming Queen	QIPCO 1000 Guineas	Fillies & Mares	120
9= Little Bridge	King's Stand Stakes	Sprint	120



Frankel dominates the 2012 QIPCO British Champions Series

Sprint Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	PERFORMANCE RATING
1 Little Bridge	King's Stand Stakes	120
2 Mayson	Darley July Cup	119
3 Bated Breath	King's Stand Stakes	118
4= Black Caviar	Diamond Jubilee Stakes	117
4= Society Rock	Betfred Sprint Cup	117
4= Spirit Quartz	Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes	117
7= Gordon Lord Byron	Betfred Sprint Cup	115
7= Ortensia	Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes	115
7= Sole Power	King's Stand Stakes & Betfred Temple Stakes	115
7= Moonlight Cloud	Diamond Jubilee Stakes	115
11 Restiadargent	Diamond Jubilee Stakes	114

Mile Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	PERFORMANCE RATING
1 Frankel	Queen Anne Stakes	140
2 Excelebration	JLT Lockinge Stakes	125
3 Camelot	QIPCO 2000 Guineas	119
4 French Fifteen	QIPCO 2000 Guineas	118
5 Dubawi Gold	JLT Lockinge Stakes	117
6 Most Improved	St James's Palace Stakes	116
7= Farhh	QIPCO Sussex Stakes	115
7= Penitent	Nayef Joel Stakes	115
9= Hermival	QIPCO 2000 Guineas	114
9= Gregorian	St James's Palace Stakes	114
9= Side Glance	Queen Anne Stakes	114

Middle Distance Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	RATING
1 Frankel	Juddmonte International	140
2= Nathaniel	Coral-Eclipse Stakes & Betfair King George	125
2= So You Think	Prince of Wales's Stakes	125
4= Camelot	Investec Derby	124
4= St Nicholas Abbey	Investec Coronation Cup & Juddmonte International	124
4= Farhh	Juddmonte International	124
7 Danedream	Betfair King George	122
8 Carlton House	Prince of Wales's Stakes	119
9 Twice Over	Coral-Eclipse Stakes	117

Long Distance Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	PERFORMANCE RATING
1 Encke	Ladbrokes St Leger	120
2 Camelot	Ladbrokes St Leger	119
3 Colour Vision	Gold Cup	117
4= Opinion Poll	Gold Cup	116
4= Red Cadeaux	Sportingbet Yorkshire Cup	116
6=Michelangelo	Ladbrokes St Leger	115
6= Saddler's Rock	Gold Cup	115
8 Times Up	Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup	114
9 Glen's Diamond	Sportingbet Yorkshire Cup	113
10= High Jinx	Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup & Stobart Doncaster Cup	111
10= Harris Tweed	Sportingbet Yorkshire Cup	111
10= Askar Tau	Artemis Goodwood Cup	111

Fillies & Mares Performance Table

HORSE	RACE	PERFORMANCE RATING
1 Homecoming Queen	QIPCO 1000 Guineas	120
2= Fallen For You	Coronation Stakes	117
2= Shareta	Darley Yorkshire Oaks	117
4= The Fugue	Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes & Darley Yorkshire Oaks	116
4= Giofra	Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes	116
6 Elusive Kate	Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes	115
7= Siyouma	Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes	113
7= Was	Investec Oaks & Darley Yorkshire Oaks	113
9= Shirocco Star	Investec Oaks	112
9= Timepiece	Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes	112

Trainer of the Series

TRAINER	POINTS	WIN-2ND-3RD
1 Aidan O'Brien	180	6 - 3 - 6
2 John Gosden	130	3 - 5 - 4
3 Sir Henry Cecil	95	4 - 1 - 1
4 Saeed bin Suroor	65	1 - 3 - 3
5 James Fanshawe	45	1 - 2 - 1
6= John Dunlop	40	2 - 0 - 0
6= Alain de Royer Dupré	40	2 - 0 - 0

Points are awarded on a 20-10-5 basis to the trainers of the first three horses in each QIPCO British Champions Series race. In the event of a tie, the number of winners (and, if necessary, second places) will be taken into account. The Trainer of the Series will be presented with a specially commissioned trophy on QIPCO British Champions Day.

O'Brien Looks Home and Hosed



While John Gosden has a fantastic chance of securing the UK Trainers' Championship for the first time, the QIPCO British Champions Series elite championship, which applies only to the top 35 races in the UK, looks destined to go to Ireland's champion trainer, Aidan O'Brien.

O'Brien, who has trained six winners in the Series so far this year, has a 50-point lead over Gosden plus is set to saddle the hot favourite for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO, Excelebration. Last year's award winner, Sir Henry Cecil, is in third place.

O'Brien's six Series winners to date in 2012 are:

Camelot (QIPCO 2000 Guineas)

Homecoming Queen (QIPCO 1000 Guineas)

Was (Investec Oaks)

St Nicholas Abbey (Diamond Jubilee Coronation Cup sponsored by Investec)

Camelot (Investec Derby)

So You Think (Prince of Wales's Stakes)

Gosden's three are:

Fallen For You (Coronation Stakes)

Nathaniel (Coral-Eclipse Stakes)

The Fugue (Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes)

Jockey of the Series

JOCKEY	POINTS	WIN-2ND-3RD
1 Joseph O'Brien	125	4 - 3 - 3
2 William Buick	110	4 - 2 - 2
3 Tom Queally	95	4 - 1 - 1
4 Frankie Dettori	85	1 - 5 - 3
5 Ryan Moore	60	1 - 2 - 4
6 Jimmy Fortune	45	0 - 4 - 1
7 Kieren Fallon	40	2 - 0 - 0

Points are awarded on a 20-10-5 basis to the jockeys of the first three horses in each QIPCO British Champions Series race. In the event of a tie, the number of winners (and, if necessary, second places) will be taken into account. The Jockey of the Series will be presented with a specially commissioned trophy on QIPCO British Champions Day.

O'Brien and Buick look set to fight it out, while Queally has an outside chance



Joseph O'Brien carries a 15-point lead over William Buick into QIPCO British Champions Day in the elite jockeys' championship. Both have ridden four Series winners this year to date, but O'Brien has an extra second and third place to his name.

Tom Queally has also ridden four winners – all on Frankel – and will be banking on a fifth in the QIPCO Champion Stakes. He would need at least a second place as well, perhaps on Wild Coco in the Fillies & Mares, to have a chance of retaining the title which he won last year.

O'Brien's four Series winners to date in 2012 are:

Camelot (QIPCO 2000 Guineas)

St Nicholas Abbey (Diamond Jubilee Coronation Cup sponsored by Investec)

Camelot (Investec Derby)

So You Think (Prince of Wales's Stakes)

Buick's four are:

Fallen For You (Coronation Stakes)

Nathaniel (Coral-Eclipse Stakes)

Ortensia (Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes)

Times Up (Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup)

2011 Series attracted the World's Highest-Rated Horses

No less than 12 of the world's top 16 Flat horses, eight of which were home trained, raced in the inaugural QIPCO British Champions Series during 2011 according to the end-of-year World Thoroughbred Rankings.

The world's best horse, Frankel (rated 136 at the time), led the way with seven other British-trained horses below him amongst those rated 124 or above – Canford Cliffs (127), Rewilding (127), Dream Ahead (126), Excelebration (126), Nathaniel (126), Twice Over (125) and Workforce (125).

The four overseas stars in the world's top 16 to race in the Series were Cirrus des Aigles (128) and Goldikova (124) from France and So You Think (126) and St Nicholas Abbey (124) from Ireland.

Amongst the top-rated horses, only Australian sprinting sensation Black Caviar (132) and the brilliant German-trained Arc winner Danedream (128) did not race in Britain last season, but both won QIPCO British Champions Series races this year. The other two international horses at the lower end of the top 16 were Singapore star Rocket Man (125) and the American-trained Breeders' Cup Classic winner, Drosselmeyer (124), a dirt racing specialist.

All 12 of those that did race here in 2011 finished first or second in British Group 1 races, providing a vintage year for the top level of Flat racing in this country.

Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series, said at the announcement of the World Thoroughbred Rankings in January:

“It was a sensational year for Flat racing in this country. The introduction of the QIPCO British Champions Series to showcase our top races and the creation of QIPCO British Champions Day as the new climax to our season were truly blessed by the star quality of the main participants.

“With Frankel set to return this year together with a plethora of the other top horses from last year and with the world's second best horse, Black Caviar, on course to make her European debut at Royal Ascot in June, we could be set for something even more spectacular in 2012.”



Frankel set the inaugural QIPCO British Champions Series alight

2011 Series Race Winners

The Sprint division:

1. Betfred.com Temple Stakes (5f, 3yo+), Haydock Park, 21 May – **SOLE POWER**
2. King's Stand Stakes (5f, 3yo+), Royal Ascot, 14 June – **PROHIBIT**
3. Golden Jubilee Stakes (6f, 3yo+), Royal Ascot, 18 June – **SOCIETY ROCK**
4. Darley July Cup (6f, 3yo+), Newmarket, 9 July – **DREAM AHEAD**
5. Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (5f, 2yo+), York, 19 August – **MARGOT DID**
6. Betfred Sprint Cup (6f, 3yo+), Haydock Park, 3 September – **DREAM AHEAD**
7. QIPCO British Champions Sprint (6f, 3yo+), Ascot, 15 October – **DEACON BLUES**

The Mile division:

1. QIPCO 2000 Guineas (1m, 3yo), Newmarket, 30 April – **FRANKEL**
2. JLT Lockinge Stakes (1m, 4yo+), Newbury, 14 May – **CANFORD CLIFFS**
3. Queen Anne Stakes (1m, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 14 June – **CANFORD CLIFFS**
4. St James's Palace Stakes (1m, 3yo), Royal Ascot, 14 June – **FRANKEL**
5. QIPCO Sussex Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Goodwood, 27 July – **FRANKEL**
6. Nayef Joel Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Newmarket, 23 September – **RANSOM NOTE**
7. Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO (1m, 3yo+), Ascot, 15 October – **FRANKEL**

The Middle Distance division:

1. Investec Coronation Cup (1½ miles, 4yo+), Epsom, 3 June – **ST NICHOLAS ABBEY**
2. Investec Derby (1½ miles, 3yo), Epsom, 4 June – **POUR MOI**
3. Prince of Wales's Stakes (1¼ miles, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 15 June – **REWILDING**
4. Coral-Eclipse Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Sandown Park, 2 July – **SO YOU THINK**
5. King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (sponsored by Betfair) (1½ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 23 July – **NATHANIEL**
6. Juddmonte International (1¼ miles, 3yo+), York, 17 August – **TWICE OVER**
7. QIPCO Champion Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 15 October – **CIRRUS DES AIGLES**

The Long Distance division:

1. Emirates Airline Yorkshire Cup (1¾m, 4yo+) York, 13 May – **DUNCAN**
2. Gold Cup (2½m, 4yo+), Royal Ascot, 16 June – **FAME AND GLORY**
3. Artemis Goodwood Cup (2m, 3yo+), Goodwood, 28 July – **OPINION POLL**
4. Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup (2m, 3yo+), York, 20 August – **OPINION POLL**
5. Stobart Doncaster Cup (2¼m 3yo+), Doncaster, 9 September – **SADDLER'S ROCK**
6. Ladbrokes St Leger (1¾m , 3yo), Doncaster, 10 September – **MASKED MARVEL**
7. QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (2m, 3yo+), 15 October – **FAME AND GLORY**

The Fillies & Mares division:

1. QIPCO 1000 Guineas (1m, 3yo), Newmarket, 1 May – **BLUE BUNTING**
2. Investec Oaks (1½ miles, 3yo), Epsom, 3 June – **DANCING RAIN**
3. Coronation Stakes (1m, 3yo), Royal Ascot, 17 June – **IMMORTAL VERSE**
4. Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes (1m, 3yo+), Newmarket, 8 July – **TIMEPIECE**
5. Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes (1¼ miles, 3yo+), Goodwood, 30 July – **MIDDAY**
6. Darley Yorkshire Oaks (1½ miles, 3yo+), York, 18 August – **BLUE BUNTING**
7. QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (1½ miles, 3yo+), Ascot, 15 October – **DANCING RAIN**

Sectional Timing rolled out across 2012 Series

Following its successful deployment at the climax of last year's inaugural QIPCO British Champions Series, QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot, sectional timing from TurfTrax has been rolled out across two-thirds of the Series races in 2012 in a joint deal between British Champions Series and the four racecourses – Newmarket, Ascot, Goodwood and York.

As well as providing the time that every horse takes to cover each individual furlong, allowing post-race analysis to reveal, for instance, at what stage of the race the winner made its decisive move, TV graphics provide the leader's current speed and show the fluctuating order of the leaders as the race unfolds.

In total 21 racedays were included in the deal, including the whole of five iconic racing festivals - the QIPCO Guineas Festival at Newmarket, Royal Ascot, the Piper Heidsieck July Festival at Newmarket, Glorious Goodwood and the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival at York – as well as QIPCO British Champions Day itself.

Every race has been covered on the participating racedays, comprising 17 QIPCO British Champions Series fixtures and four days which do not feature a Series race - Dubai Future Champions Day at Newmarket, when many of the stars of next year's Series are likely to be in action, day one of the Piper Heidsieck July Festival at Newmarket and days one and four of Glorious Goodwood.

The following racedays have been/are being covered, with the 23 QIPCO British Champions Series races included in the TurfTrax deal detailed under each fixture:

QIPCO Guineas Festival, Newmarket Rowley Mile, 5-6 May

QIPCO 2000 Guineas, QIPCO 1000 Guineas

Royal Ascot, 19-23 June

Queen Anne Stakes, King's Stand Stakes, St James's Palace Stakes, Prince of Wales's Stakes, Gold Cup, Coronation Stakes, Diamond Jubilee Stakes

Piper Heidsieck July Festival, Newmarket, 12-14 July

Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes, Darley July Cup

Glorious Goodwood, 31 July-4 August

QIPCO Sussex Stakes, Artemis Goodwood Cup, Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes

Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival, York, 22-25 August

Juddmonte International Stakes, Darley Yorkshire Oaks, Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes, Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup

Dubai Future Champions Day, Newmarket Rowley Mile, 13 October

QIPCO British Champions Day, Ascot, 20 October

QIPCO Champion Stakes, Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO, QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes, QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup

Rod Street, Chief Executive of QIPCO British Champions Series, said at the time of the announcement in March 2012: "All sports need to embrace technology and although installing sectional timing at British racecourses is challenging and costly given the unique layout of many of our tracks, it is something which we believe can play an increasingly important role in the appreciation and analysis of our sport."

Fantasy Game Launched

QIPCO British Champions Series, the Daily Telegraph and Racing Post launched a brand new, free-to-enter fantasy game in April, with players having the opportunity to score points across all 35 races in the 2012 Series, starting with the QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday 5 May.

It has provided over 20,000 people who entered, many of whom are general sports fans, with an interest in the elite level of Flat racing throughout the season. In particular it has engaged many fantasy football players into the QIPCO British Champions Series.

After selecting a stable of five trainers and five jockeys at the outset, players then select two horses per race during the Series to augment their points-scoring potential. They also got to choose their own stable name and create their own stable colours.


The overall prize is a VIP day for four at a 2013 QIPCO British Champions Series raceday and a framed set of their stable silks, signed by Frankie Dettori, who fronted an advertising campaign with trainer Brian Meehan to promote the game.

There were also prizes for different segments of the Series and for the highest points scorer in each of the five Series categories – Sprint, Mile, Middle Distance, Long Distance and Fillies & Mares.

Particularly popular have been the private and public leagues which form a key part of the competition. Groups of friends and work colleagues can play against each other for bragging rights in their own leagues, perhaps competing for the prestigious 'office champion' title, at the same time as taking part in the overall competition. They are also able to see how they are faring against Frankie Dettori, who has his own public league, and other racing professionals.

QIPCO British Champions Series Chief Executive, Rod Street, said back in April: "We see this new game as a great way to heighten interest in the very best of British Flat racing, which is precisely why the QIPCO British Champions Series itself was launched last year.

"We are lucky enough to have the best horses in the world competing in this country and now there's an exciting, free-to-enter competition which we hope will generate increased excitement for racing fans as well as enticing general sports enthusiasts to get involved."



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Performance of the Month & Horse of the Series

New for 2012 has been a public vote for the Performance of the Month in a QIPCO British Champions Series race, leading to an end of season vote for Horse of the Series.

Voting has been taking place on the Series website: www.britishchampionsseries.com

An expert panel was chosen to provide their shortlist of performances from which the public will be offered the opportunity to vote:

Michael Owen, the Stoke City and former England striker who owns and breeds racehorses including the 2011 Ladbrokes St Leger runner-up, Brown Panther.

Alex Hammond, Sky Sports News presenter and racing correspondent.

Cornelius Lysaght, BBC Radio's acclaimed racing correspondent.

Nick Luck, Channel 4 Racing and Racing UK presenter who has been voted Broadcaster of the Year four times in the last five years by the Horserace Writers' and Photographers' Association.

Lee Mottershead, Racing Post journalist and Horserace Writers' and Photographers' Association Journalist of the Year in 2011

The monthly winners so far have been:

- QIPCO 2000 Guineas (5 May) to Investec Derby (2 June) - 8 races:
CAMELOT'S INVESTEC DERBY VICTORY
- Royal Ascot (19-23 June) - 7 races:
FRANKEL'S QUEEN ANNE VICTORY
- Coral-Eclipse Stakes (7 July) to Markel Insurance Nassau Stakes (4 August) - 7 races:
DANEDREAM'S BETFAIR KING GEORGE VICTORY
- Juddmonte International (22 August) to Nayef Joel Stakes (28 September) - 8 races:
FRANKEL'S JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL VICTORY
- QIPCO British Champions Day (20 October) - 5 races

Following QIPCO British Champions Day, the panel will not only create a shortlist of candidates for the outstanding performance on QIPCO British Champions Day, but they will also draw up a list of contenders for Horse of the Series for the public to vote on.

Everyone who votes will automatically enter a free prize draw to win tickets to QIPCO British Champions Series racedays in 2013.

"We see this as a great way to engage the racing public in the Series," said British Champions Series Chief Executive, Rod Street.

Frankie Dettori and Hayley Turner, QIPCO British Champions Series Ambassadors

Leading jockey and racing celebrity Frankie Dettori has again been an ambassador for the QIPCO British Champions Series. He rode five winners in the inaugural Series last year, bettered only by Tom Queally with six, and while he has so far ridden only one winner this year (Colour Vision in the Gold Cup), his five seconds and three third places have helped him to a total of 85 points to put him fourth in the Jockey of the Series table.



Frankie in his QIPCO silks

This year Frankie has been joined by Britain's leading female rider, Hayley Turner, who has also had an ambassadorial role. Hayley rode two Series winners last year, the first two Group 1 victories of her burgeoning career.



Hayley Turner

Website

A multimedia website supports the QIPCO British Champions Series, featuring the latest information, news, pictures and footage from the Series. The site is a one-stop-shop for everyone interested in the races, jockeys, trainers, courses plus more.

Visit: www.britishchampionsseries.com

The screenshot shows the homepage of the QIPCO British Champions Series website. At the top, it reads "THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE FOR THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES". The navigation menu includes "About the Series", "News", "Races", "Stats & Results", "The Stars", "Gallery", "Guides", and "Video".

The main banner features a jockey on a horse with the text "Introducing the British Champions Series" and a "WATCH VIDEO INTRODUCING THE SERIES" button. Below this, a section titled "The Five Series Categories" lists "Sprint", "Middle Distance", "Long Distance", and "Fillies & Mares". The "Sprint" category is highlighted, listing races like "The Betfred Temple Stakes" and "The King's Stand Stakes".

On the right, there are buttons for "BUY TICKETS" and "REGISTER TO RECEIVE UPDATES AND OFFERS". Below these is a "WIN £1000" promotion for the inaugural launch, with an "ENTER HERE" button.

The "Latest News" section features a headline: "Jockeys and trainers set for Qipco British Champions Series title race" and another: "Frankie Dettori unveiled as the face of the QIPCO British Champions Series". Below this is a "Latest Tweets" section.

At the bottom, there are "Useful links", "Connect" (Twitter, Facebook, RSS), and "Other areas of interest" (Gold Cup, Goodwood races, Doncaster races, Newbury races, Newmarket races, York racing, etc.). Logos for various racecourses like Ascot, Doncaster, Epsom Downs, and York are displayed at the very bottom.

Title Partner – QIPCO Holding



The Series is sponsored by QIPCO Holding, one of the leading private investment companies in Qatar. Established in 1999, QIPCO Holding has a diverse range of interests, including real estate, construction, oil and gas, finance and health services. Its portfolio of interests includes Qatar Bloodstock, which owns the stallion Makfi, the winner of the 2010 2000 Guineas.

Qatar Investment & Projects Development Holding Company (QIPCO Holding) is owned by six brothers who are members of the Royal Family of Qatar. The Chief Executive is Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani, who together with his brothers are nephews of the Emir of the State of Qatar.

Over time, the group has diversified to form individual subsidiaries, each operating independently and specialising in their fields of expertise. For more information visit: www.qipco.com.qa

QIPCO Holding initially signed a two-year agreement with British Champions Series (2011-2012) and has followed that by extending the deal for a further five years (2013-2017).

As the Title Partner, QIPCO enjoys exclusive naming rights for the Series and full partnership rights for the £3 million British Champions Day climax at Ascot. The new deal enables a £4 million Day to be possible within the term of the contract.

As part of the deal, QIPCO is also the official partner of the Guineas Festival at Newmarket's Rowley Mile, which launches the British Champions Series with the 2000 and 1000 Guineas, and the prestigious Sussex Stakes, a key QIPCO British Champions Series race staged as part of the Glorious Goodwood festival.



The QIPCO 2000 Guineas, which Camelot won this year, launches the QIPCO British Champions Series

Key Press Releases

QIPCO AND BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES ANNOUNCE NEW LONG-TERM DEAL £4m QIPCO British Champions Day on the horizon

24 July 2012 - QIPCO Holding has today signed a new contract to extend its sponsorship of the British Champions Series and British Champions Day for a further five years in an improved deal which enables a £4m QIPCO British Champions Day within the term of the enhanced new contract.

The Day is currently worth £3m, already by far the most valuable raceday in this country.

The improved deal secures ongoing title sponsorship of the QIPCO British Champions Series, including full partnership rights for its starting point at the QIPCO Guineas Festival at Newmarket, the QIPCO Sussex Stakes at Goodwood mid-way through the Series, and the grand finale on QIPCO British Champions Day.

The new agreement will enable British Champions Series to make regular six-figure prize money increases on QIPCO British Champions Day. Significantly, the deal provides additional prize money incentives which elevate the sponsorship levels still further should any of the three non-Group 1 races on QIPCO British Champions Day be upgraded.

The upgrading of these races remains a major short-term goal for the Series and its sponsor, with substantial prize money increases for these races set to follow as soon as this is achieved.

A combination of planned prize money increases and upgrades to all three races could make a £4m QIPCO British Champions Day a reality as early as 2016.

Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Thani, Chief Executive of QIPCO Holding, said:

“We believe that Britain hosts the world’s best horseracing. We respect and appreciate the heritage of the sport and we would like it to maintain its status as the most important and deep rooted in the world.

“This new deal highlights our commitment to the sport in this country and our desire to make QIPCO British Champions Day the best day’s Flat racing in the international calendar.

“We are still in the early stages of a journey which we hope will contribute to the overall wellbeing of top level Flat racing in this country for many years to come, with the subsequent benefits filtering down to the industry as a whole.

“This objective complements our own expanding bloodstock and racing operation, in which we have made a very substantial, ongoing investment and which will continue to be based in the UK.

“The deal reflects the very positive experience that we have enjoyed with British Racing to date, and the pleasure we derive from our association with Britain’s most famous and iconic race meetings such as the Guineas, Derby, Royal Ascot, Goodwood and York.

“We believe that the British Champions Series helps to signpost Britain’s most important and prestigious races to a wider audience and are delighted that it has already contributed to a new broadcast deal for the sport starting in 2013.”

Chris McFadden, Chairman of British Champions Series Limited, said:

“This is fantastic news for British Horseracing. We are absolutely delighted with this new, long-term deal with QIPCO, which puts British Champions Series Limited on a firm financial footing and which will enable us to meet our commercial objectives.

“Our shareholders have made a huge financial investment in delivering the Series and the Day, but none of this would have been possible without QIPCO Holding.

“The Series is a partnership between QIPCO and British Racing and on behalf of everyone involved in the industry in this country, and in particular Newmarket and Goodwood who are thrilled to benefit from the long-term sponsorship of the Guineas Festival and Sussex Stakes, I would like to thank Sheikh Hamad and his brothers for their fantastic ongoing support.”

Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series, said:

“It took considerable effort and sacrifice to get the concept of British Champions Series and British Champions Day off the ground and QIPCO’s long term commitment reflects the benefits of such innovation.

“Securing a major sponsor is part of virtuous circle of higher prize-money, high quality horses, customer participation and broadcast coverage, all of which safeguards the status of British Flat racing, and a five-year deal gives us the time and resource to grow the Series and Day further.

“The inaugural QIPCO British Champions Day last October attracted six of the world’s ten highest-rated, active horses, something that no other raceday in the world could match last year, and it is vital that we increase prize money as much as possible going forwards to establish the day as a really serious player on the international stage.”

QIPCO ANNOUNCES STRONG BACKING FOR YOUNG RIDING TALENT

Apprentice race on QIPCO British Champions Day doubles in value plus races at Goodwood and Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival

2 August 2012 - QIPCO Holding, which last week extended its sponsorship of the QIPCO British Champions Series for a further five years, is also to make a significant increase in its support for the future stars of British Flat racing, apprentice jockeys.

Three races worth a total of £90,000, each called the QIPCO Future Stars Apprentices' Handicap, will take place on three of the most high profile Saturdays in the Flat racing calendar, providing a platform for the profile of the next generation of jockeys to be developed for the benefit of both the riders and the racing public.

Topping the bill will be the final race on Britain's richest raceday, QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday 20 October. The seven furlong handicap doubles in value to £50,000, making it by far the most valuable race of its kind ever run in Britain and quite possibly the world, with QIPCO also offering a working holiday to the USA for the winning rider.

In addition, QIPCO will sponsor the £15,000 apprentices' race over nine furlongs at Glorious Goodwood this Saturday as well as supporting a brand new £25,000 apprentices' handicap over five furlongs at York on the final day of the Welcome To Yorkshire Ebor Festival, Saturday 25 August.

The York contest will be the most valuable apprentices' race ever run at the track and the first at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival, the course's annual highlight.

David Redvers, speaking on behalf of Sheikh Fahad and the Directors of QIPCO Holding, said: *"Sheikh Fahad is a great believer in giving youth an opportunity and we are delighted to extend QIPCO's support of the apprentice race on British Champions Day to valuable events at Goodwood and York.*

"These races on high profile days will provide opportunities for the sport to introduce to the racing public the stars of tomorrow.

"Working together with British Champions Series we are committed to not only staging races where young riders can shine but to also promoting the accompanying human interest stories to the next generation of racegoers."

British Champions Series Chief Executive, Rod Street, said: *"It is fantastic that the country's most promising young riders will have the chance to showcase their talents on a big stage thanks to QIPCO's support.*

"Apprentice jockeys are the future stars of the sport – you only have to look at the likes of Frankie Dettori, Ryan Moore, Paul Hanagan, William Buick, Tom Queally, Jimmy Fortune and Hayley Turner, who were all crowned Champion Apprentice in their youth.

"We want to make the most of this opportunity to raise the profile of some of Britain's best young riders and we'll be looking at a range of ways to put them in the public spotlight including newspaper and TV interviews and racecard profiles."

FRANKEL FEVER SELLS OUT PREMIER ADMISSION ON QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

3 September 2012 - Premier Admission to Britain's richest Flat raceday, QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday 20 October, has sold out.

The remaining tickets went this morning following a surge in sales after the £1.3m QIPCO Champion Stakes, Europe's most valuable mile and a quarter contest, was confirmed as Frankel's next target in what is likely to be his final racecourse appearance.

Grandstand Admission tickets are still available at £26 each. They can be purchased online at www.ascot.co.uk or by calling the ticket hotline on 0870 727 1234.

"The Frankel factor has clearly had a big impact on sales over the weekend and we are planning a very special farewell to the world's greatest racehorse as he bids for the 14th victory in his unbeaten career," said Rod Street, Chief Executive of the British Champions Series Limited.

"Last year we had six of the world's top ten active racehorses taking part on the day and we have six of the current top ten entered again this year, so we're looking to lay on another feast of world class racing over the five championship races.

"With only a limited number of tickets remaining, a total advance sell-out looks certain so our message to potential racegoers is 'don't delay if you want to be part of this fantastic day'.

"We will be holding discussions with Ascot in the coming week over the possibility of raising the Grandstand capacity beyond a total crowd of 30,000, but doing so in the autumn is a difficult task and our overriding aim is to give those racegoers who are lucky enough to have tickets the best possible experience on the day."

**QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY CAPACITY INCREASED
TO 32,000 FOLLOWING INITIAL SELL-OUT**
*1,500 tickets to a new Champions Bar facility, which includes access
to the Premier Admission lawn, to go on sale tomorrow*

23 September 2012 - Following a sell-out of the original QIPCO British Champions Day capacity of 30,500 this weekend, four weeks in advance of Britain's richest raceday, British Champions Series is pleased to announce that 1,500 additional spaces have been created at Ascot on Saturday 20 October.

They are in a bespoke new temporary facility, the Champions Bar, to the west of the main grandstand.

In all this increases capacity to 32,000 and that will be the cut off for admission on the day when five championship races will be run for prize money of £3m and the world's best racehorse, Frankel, is expected to have the last race of his spectacular, unbeaten career.

Admission to this new facility, which consists of a Grandstand ticket and a Champions Bar badge, is priced at £36, or £10 to existing Grandstand ticket holders, and will allow access to the Premier Admission lawn as well as the private marquee.

For every upgrade sold to existing Grandstand ticket holders, a general Grandstand ticket will become available, so 1,500 additional racegoers can be accommodated on site.

Tickets will go on sale at 9am tomorrow (Monday 24 September) on this Ascot ticket hotline only: 0844 346 3000. A maximum of four tickets will be sold per caller.

Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series, said:

"Notwithstanding the obvious additional interest generated by the Frankel factor, it is still a remarkable landmark for us to have sold out our original 30,500 capacity in year two of QIPCO British Champions Day so early.

"We have worked closely with Ascot to decide on the final capacity of 32,000. The customer experience is paramount and the priority for us is that racegoers - many first time or not regular visitors - have an enjoyable and comfortable day and want to come back.

"On top of the high-class racing action, we are going to have some superb attractions on the day and would like to encourage racegoers to arrive early and enjoy the occasion."

NOTE: The Champions Bar sold out on 28 September and the final Grandstand tickets freed up by existing ticket holders upgrading to the Champions Bar sold out on 1 October. Under 18s can still get in free on the day if accompanied by an adult ticket holder.

FRANKEL HEADS CHAMPION 17

Dancing Rain all set to defend her crown

3 October 2012 - The countdown to the second QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday, October 20 is now in full swing and the sense of anticipation ahead of British racing's richest day of the year steps up a gear today with the publication of the latest acceptors for the championship finales in each of the five categories of the QIPCO British Champions Series.

MIDDLE DISTANCE

All eyes will be on **Frankel** as the Khalid Abdulla-owned superstar makes what is likely to be the final start of his imperious career in the £1.3 million QIPCO Champion Stakes, Europe's most valuable mile and a quarter race. Unbeaten in 13 starts, Frankel handled the step up to 10 furlongs with consummate ease in the Juddmonte International at York on August 22.

Frankel was successful on QIPCO British Champions Day in 2011 in the mile Queen Elizabeth II Stakes sponsored by QIPCO and has to date won eight QIPCO British Champions Series races over the last two years.

Opposition to Frankel in the QIPCO Champion Stakes, which has 17 going forward, looks very strong and is likely to provide him with the toughest assignment of his career. It includes last year's victor **Cirrus des Aigles** from France, the second highest-rated horse in the world this year after Frankel, as well as this season's Coral-Eclipse Stakes winner **Nathaniel**.

In the World Thoroughbred Rankings, Nathaniel is the joint third highest-rated horse in the world this year and he came closest to beating Frankel when the pair were separated by half a length on their respective debuts two years ago in a maiden at Newmarket .

The winners of this year's English, Irish, French and German Derbys have also all stood their ground at the forfeit stage.

Camelot (English and Irish Derby winner as well as the QIPCO 2000 Guineas) is one of four entries for Ireland's champion trainer Aidan O'Brien, who also has dual Investec Coronation Cup victor **St Nicholas Abbey** in the race.

French Derby winner **Saonois** represents trainer Jean-Pierre Gauvin, while German Derby winner, **Pastorius**, who runs in Berlin today, represents trainer Mario Hofer.

In addition to Cirrus des Aigles and Saonois, French interest is also provided by Etihad Airways Falmouth Stakes heroine **Giofra**.

MILE

The £1 million Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Europe's richest mile race, has 13 going forward including **Excelebration** who has finished runner-up to Frankel on four occasions, including in this race 12 months ago, but gained a deserved Group One victory at Deauville in August.

The Queen could be represented in the race named in her honour by the 2011 Derby third **Carlton House** while **Cityscape**, brilliant winner of the Dubai Duty Free in March and second to Excelebration at Deauville, is set to take on that rival once again.

The one remaining filly is the ultra-consistent **Elusive Kate** from the John Gosden stable who was third to Excelebration and Cityscape at Deauville.

FILLIES AND MARES

Dancing Rain was an impressive winner on QIPCO British Champions Day in 2011 when making all the running to land the inaugural £250,000 QIPCO British Champions Fillies And Mares Stakes over a mile and a half. The four-year-old Danehill Dancer filly, who also won last season's Investec Oaks for trainer William Haggas, has been absent with injury so far in the current campaign but is firmly on course to defend her crown at Ascot on October 20.

Liam Norris, who purchased Dancing Rain and oversees the racing interests of owners Martin and Lee Taylor, revealed: "The QIPCO British Champions Fillies And Mares Stakes is where we want to go with Dancing Rain and she is on target for the race.

"She had two small chips removed from both front fetlock joints earlier in the season. She came back to me after that and we nursed her back through. She did really well.

"She looks fantastic now and is a big, strong filly - much bigger than she was last year.

"We were going to go to York with her which was her aim but she just had a couple of niggly muscle issues that shoved her back a little. We just had to go steady with her.

"We took her to Kempton last week and gave her a spin. She worked with Beaten Up and blew for 25 minutes afterwards so she needed it. But she is in good form now and we are keeping everything crossed that we will have her at Ascot on October 20.

"She might be a bit rusty but she likes the track and won the race last year."

Also among the 24 acceptors for the £250,000 QIPCO British Champions Fillies And Mares Stakes are this season's Investec Oaks heroine **Was** as well as impressive Irish Oaks scorer **Great Heavens**, who is a full-sister to Nathaniel, **Princess Highway**, who scored over the course and distance in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the in-form **Wild Coco**.

LONG DISTANCE

A cracking contest is in store for the opening race on QIPCO British Champions Day, the £200,000 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup over two miles.

The 25 acceptors for this contest include last season's victor **Fame And Glory**, plus the winners of four contests in the Stayer Category this season - **Colour Vision** (Gold Cup at Royal Ascot), **Saddler's Rock** (Artemis Goodwood Cup) and **Times Up** (Weatherbys Insurance Lonsdale Cup and Stobart Doncaster Cup). If Times Up were to succeed, it would bring down the curtain perfectly on the career of John Dunlop, who retires at the end of the season.

SPRINT

The second race on QIPCO British Champions Day is the £250,000 QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes over six furlongs.

The 32 acceptors include course specialist **Society Rock**, who gained a Series victory last time out in the Betfred Sprint Cup at Haydock Park and represents the stable of James Fanshawe, who landed the honours in this race last year with Deacon Blues.

Mayson, who won another of the Series races, the Darley July Cup, also remains engaged, together with a host of other high-class sprinters including last year's runner-up, **Wizz Kid**, Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes runner-up, **Spirit Quartz**, and the close third from the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, **Restiadargent**. **Dandy Boy**, who won the Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot in a faster time than the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, also remains engaged.

All five championship races on QIPCO British Champions Day are run with Group One conditions (there are no penalties to be carried in the two Group Two and one Group Three race).

Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series, said:

"The QIPCO Champion Stakes could be the race of the year - so far Frankel hasn't scared anything off and the other four championship races also look very strong. We are all set for a truly memorable raceday."

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PLEASE NOTE:

Metal RCA Press Badges are valid for entrance to Ascot on QIPCO British Champions Day, Saturday 20th October. They will also allow access to the level two press room and lawn level media centre.

Accreditation for photographers is now closed.

Only members of the national and international racing / sports media are permitted to enter the Parade Ring area.



Frankel, king of all he surveys