Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th June 2017
INTernational RACES
Cover: 2015 Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Tepin makes history for the USA, becoming the first horse trained outside Europe to win the Queen Anne Stakes.
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Above: Lady Aurelia blitzes the best two-year-old fillies in Europe in the 2016 Queen Mary Stakes, a seventh Royal Ascot winner for Wesley Ward.
WELCOME TO ASCOT

2016 was a landmark year at Royal Ascot as, for the first time, a horse trained outside Europe – 2015 Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Tepin – won the Queen Anne Stakes.

Owners, the Masterson family, and father and son training combination, Mark and Norm Casse, have an assured place in the history of the Royal Meeting, having achieved something truly ground breaking.

Last year’s meeting also saw the remarkable Wesley Ward juggernaut roll on thanks to Lady Aurelia providing the colourful American trainer with his seventh win at Royal Ascot, with the visually most impressive performance of the week in the Queen Mary Stakes. The victory was a poignant moment for the 300+ year old Royal Meeting as it was a first in the colours of Stonestreet Stables, whose silks are such a familiar presence in the USA and have been donned by such luminaries of the turf as Curlin and Rachel Alexandra.

Royal Ascot has seen winners from all over Europe, from the US and from Hong Kong. Five sprinters from Australia have also been successful, latterly the great Black Caviar in the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Stakes.

Brazen Beau came very close to registering a sixth Australian win in 2015, but was narrowly denied by Wesley Ward’s Undrafted.

However, whilst celebrating the overseas winners we have recently welcomed, tribute must also be paid to the big names who have played such a huge part at Royal Ascot without finding the Winners’ Enclosure.

Connections of the likes of A Shin Hikari (Japan), Able Friend (Hong Kong), Treve (France) and Animal Kingdom (USA), undisputed champions in their countries, deserve our gratitude for taking up the challenge in recent years, and contributing to the international tapestry of Britain’s showpiece race meeting.

Particular tribute must be paid to Graham Motion, trainer of Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom for returning twice since with the resolute Miss Temple City, who has been fourth on both her visits – in the Coronation Stakes as a three-year-old and, last year, in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes. Equally, legendary American owners, multi-Eclipse award winners Ken and Sarah Ramsey, have been regulars on these shores and hopefully their first Royal Ascot winner isn’t far away.

At Ascot we like to think that we provide an unrivalled experience for owners, trainers and everyone who is part of the travelling team. Our dedicated Owners’ & Trainers’ Manager, Kirsty Sargeant, and her team are here to make your visit enjoyable and truly memorable.

We have a network of agents around the world who are available to provide advice on everything from shipping to stabling and information on all of this, and relevant contacts, can be found in these pages.

A record 14 winners of our 30 races at Royal Ascot 2016 were trained outside the United Kingdom – 10 from Ireland, two from America and two from France. Hong Kong came very close to a third Royal Ascot winner too when Gold-Fun was narrowly denied by Twilight Son in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes.

A warm welcome awaits at Royal Ascot and throughout the season for our very important international guests.

Nick Smith
Director of Racing & Communications
“I’ve been coming to Royal Ascot for several years now, with Wesley and others, and have even been lucky enough to enjoy a few wins but to be a small part of the team to strike in a Royal Ascot Group One with Undrafted has to be the highlight of my time in racing. There’s only one place you will find my crew in the middle of June each year as it’s a thrill just to be a part of it all.”

Gatewood Bell, Bloodstock Agent, USA.
Ascot’s round track is just under one-and-three-quarter miles in length. The round course descends from the mile-and-a-half (2400m) start into Swinley Bottom, the lowest part of the track. It then turns right-handed and joins the “Old Mile” course, which starts at a separate chute 1600m from the finish.

The course then rises to the right-handed home turn to join the straight mile course. The run-in of about three furlongs (600m) rises slightly to the Winning Post.

A detailed topography map is available upon request.
TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

Enquiries are welcome concerning potential contributions towards the cost of transport for 115+ rated horses travelling to the UK from outside Europe to compete specifically in Group One races at Ascot. Travel incentives will not apply for horses that have been trained outside Europe but are being transferred to be campaigned in Europe in the name of a European trainer. The racecourse reserves the right to decide what does and what does not qualify for an allowance.

Ascot offers connections of each travelling horse (subject to meeting the criteria above) an agreed “all in” travel allowance towards the cost of the venture. This sum will depend on the races being targeted, the horse’s rating and its profile. It is the responsibility of the horse’s connections, thereafter, to settle directly all charges incurred, including the horse shipping, personal flights, stabling, access to training facilities and general expenditure.

However, assistance in organising and booking all of the above is available through the International Racing Bureau, under their contract with Ascot. Ascot will provide top class raceday hospitality and badges for a reasonable number of connections accompanying any horse when the horse is racing.
First conducted in 2005, the Challenge takes in 10 turf sprint races across Australia, Dubai, Japan, the UK and Hong Kong.

A US$1 million bonus is available to any horse that wins a Challenge race in three different jurisdictions, which can include the country where the horse is trained.

The bonus will be split 75% to the owners and 25% to the trainer, with the US$1 million pool split equally if more than one horse achieves the feat in 2017.

CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

BLACK CAVIAR LIGHTNING (GROUP ONE)
Saturday 18th February, Flemington, Australia, 5F or 1000M

AL QUOZ SPRINT (GROUP ONE)
Saturday 25th March, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, 6F or 1200M

TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN (GROUP ONE)
Sunday 26th March, Chukyo, Japan, 6F or 1200M

CHAIRMAN’S SPRINT PRIZE (GROUP ONE)
Sunday 7th May, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, 6F or 1200M

KING’S STAND STAKES (GROUP ONE)
Tuesday 20th June, Royal Ascot, UK, 5F or 1000M

DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES (GROUP ONE)
Saturday 24th June, Royal Ascot, UK, 6F or 1200M

DARLEY JULY CUP (GROUP ONE)
Saturday 15th July, Newmarket, UK, 6F or 1200M

SPRINTERS STAKES (GROUP ONE)
Sunday 1st October, Nakayama, Japan, 6F or 1200M

DARLEY CLASSIC (GROUP ONE)
Saturday 11th November, Flemington, Australia, 6F or 1200M

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT (GROUP ONE)
Sunday 10th December, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, 6F or 1200M
NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Royal Ascot Group One races close on 25th April (24th April for American nominations) and the King George closes 13th June (12th June for American nominations).

All nominations (race entries) should be made through your local Jockey Club or Racing Authority with the exception of horses trained in the USA (see page 9).

Once a horse is nominated there are three further confirmation stages, the dates for which are detailed on the race pages of this brochure. Once an initial entry is made, the International Racing Bureau, contracted by Ascot, will ensure that the rest of the process is managed smoothly. They, and Ascot’s other agents and international partners, are also available to assist in the initial nomination procedure, and all contact details can be found on pages 50-51.
NOMINATIONS FOR HORSES TRAINED IN THE USA

American entries need to be made directly to Weatherbys by email.

The email address is racingops@weatherbys.co.uk

The email should be copied to nick.smith@ascot.co.uk and adrian@irihracing.com

The communication should include: the owner’s name and full address, phone number and email address; the horse’s name, age, colour, sex and breeding; the trainer’s name; a description of the owner’s racing colours; a past performance record; the race for which it is being entered and the racecourse.

Left: Animal Kingdom (John Velazquez) exercising at Ascot in 2014.
Overseas trainers are advised to familiarise themselves with Manual (G) because it includes important information about Prohibited Substances, and the Whereabouts requirements.

Information regarding substances that are prohibited at all times and those that are prohibited on raceday (i.e. must not be present in the horse’s system on raceday and must therefore be withdrawn prior to racing) is detailed in the Rules. A list of published Detection Times for commonly used therapeutic veterinary treatments can be found here:


Please note that a Detection Time is not equivalent to a Withdrawal Time.
Particular attention is drawn to the following. For further clarification please contact equine@britishhorseracing.com:

**TESTING**

As with horses resident in Britain, overseas horses may be subject to out-of-competition testing and raceday testing at any time. The BHA may also order its own testing of the horse before departure from the country of origin.

- **Post-arrival drug testing / whereabouts requirements**
  In order for the BHA to conduct post-arrival testing, horses shipping to race as temporary imports (from outside Britain, France, Germany, Ireland, Hong Kong, Sweden and Norway) must submit whereabouts a minimum of 14 business days before the first race in which the horse is entered or intended to be entered. The information must remain up to date and accurate, or it might result in a filing failure or missed test. Where the horse is not going to be in Great Britain for a minimum of ten business days prior to arrival, the trainer should contact the BHA at least 30 days prior to the intended first race to discuss the possibility of pre-departure testing. Note: a horse will not be permitted to race in Great Britain until the sample has been reported as negative.

- **Elective Testing**
  Elective Testing may be requested prior to racing in Great Britain. It is undertaken at the trainer’s expense, and at the discretion of the BHA. Full details, including Terms and Conditions, can be found on the BHA website, or alternatively contact the Equine Health & Welfare team.

- **Anabolic steroids (and other prohibited at all times substances)**

- **Intra-articular corticosteroids stand-down period**
• **Anti-ulcer medication**
The BHA would also like to reiterate that ranitidine (which may be called by its trade name Zantac), used to treat gastric ulcers in some countries, is not licensed for equine use in Great Britain. With no definitive withdrawal period, a minimum of 18 days clear of the medication before racing is advised and veterinary advice should be sought before use. Other anti-ulcer medications, including omeprazole, are prohibited on raceday and therefore are subject to withdrawal prior to racing.

• **Bisphosphonates**

• **Levothyroxine**

• **Medication declaration / Medication records**
The BHA requires all trainers of runners from non-exempt countries to sign a medication declaration prior to the horse being eligible to run in Great Britain (Schedule (B) 3). In addition it is a requirement of the Rules that trainers maintain a record of medicines administered to horses whilst in Great Britain.

• **Race day restrictions**
Schedule (B)3 - Requirements for horse to run, state that a horse must not have received any substance on the day of racing, other than normal feed and water. This Rule incorporates all supplements (including herbal supplements) or veterinary medicines administered by intravenous injection, oral syringe or directly into feed, or administered by any other method.

Two notices are available on the BHA’s website with additional information to assist trainers:


• **Equine Influenza**

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**EQUIPMENT**

All equipment must be named at time of declaration to run. Permissible equipment:

**Hood** means a garment similar to blinkers, incorporating ear covers but without eye cowls.

**Blinkers** means a garment fitted over a horse’s head with holes for the eyes and ears, one or both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear but permitting full forward vision.

**Visor** means a garment similar to blinkers in which one or both cowls have holes cut in them permitting limited side or rear vision.
HERE TO HELP

IRB
The International Racing Bureau will assist with any questions that may arise but visitors are also welcome to contact:

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Email: tmuir@britishhorseracing.com

or alternatively contact the Equine Health and Welfare Department at equine@britishhorseracing.com

EyeShiEld means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls both eyes are covered with a mesh or other transparent material.

EyeCover means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls one eye only is completely covered by an opaque cover.

Cheek Pieces means two strips of sheepskin or any other similar material or device which is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle.

Tongue Strap means any device used to tie down a horse’s tongue, these must not encircle the bit and further detail about the conditions that apply to them can be found at http://rules.britishhorseracing.com/Orders-and-rules%26staticID=126401%26depth=3?zoom_highlight=tongue+ties

Lip chains must be covered and nasal strips are not allowed. Any horse wearing non-declared equipment on the way to the start will be withdrawn at the start by the starter.

No shoes can have protrusions on the ground surface other than calkins or studs on the hind, limited to 3/8” in height.

The use of American type toe-grab plates or those with a sharp flange is forbidden.

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Left: In 2016, Ascot unveiled its new, enlarged unsaddling enclosure.
**SHIPPING AND QUARANTINE**

Trainers are free to choose their own shipping agencies and to decide their own stabling arrangements but most visitors prefer to be based at Newmarket, which is two hours from Heathrow Airport and two hours from Ascot.

There is no post-arrival quarantine period for horses coming to race in Britain. There will be some pre-export quarantine for horses returning to Australia, Hong Kong and New Zealand, and your local shipping agencies / turf club can advise on this.

It is also important that your horse’s EI vaccinations correspond with any requirements by countries through which you are transiting and for your onward destination after your visit to the UK.
Colts and fillies imported into the UK have a VAT liability of 20% of their landed value (the value of the horse and cost of shipping). Geldings carry a further 11.5% Import Duty.

The VAT can be secured by a deposit or bank guarantee, which is refunded when the horse leaves the country.

Ascot will assist with the administration of the bank guarantee. If the horse remains in the UK after the end of October, or is sold, the VAT will need to be paid outright by the connections.
STABLING AND TRAINING FACILITIES

As no training facilities are available at Ascot Racecourse, visiting horses must be trained away from the track. The International Racing Bureau (IRB) is available to give advice on stabling options and will assist with bookings.

The IRB are based in Newmarket and the town, with equine facilities that are second to none worldwide, has unsurprisingly been by far the most popular choice of temporary home for visiting trainers in the past.

In recent years the IRB have facilitated stabling at many well known yards including Abington Place. They are available to assist you in finding a temporary home for your horse, that best suits your needs.

Overseas winners temporarily based in Newmarket have included Agnes World (Japan); Little Bridge (HK); and Choisir, Takeover Target, Miss Andretti, Scenic Blast and Black Caviar (Australia).

Access to the many and varied gallops in Newmarket is straightforward and visitors will receive a warm welcome from Jockey Club Estates, which is managed by William Gittus together with Training Grounds Manager, Nick Patton.

The gallops cover an area of approximately 2,500 acres (1,000ha) and provide 50 miles (80km) of turf gallops and canters as well as 15 artificial tracks totalling some 13 miles (21km).

Tepin was stabled in Lambourn, at Kingsdown Stables, during her stay and these gallops are also managed by Nick Patton.
“Finishing second in the King George with Hard Buck (2004) and returning since for Royal Ascot, I can only describe the training facilities in Newmarket as Horse Heaven!”

Kenny McPeek, trainer, Hard Buck, USA.
Danny Shum, trainer of Little Bridge, Hong Kong, 2012.

“I began planning to come six months in advance. It was very important for me as a trainer to win an international race in Britain.”
THE QUEEN ANNE STAKES (GROUP ONE)

Date: Tuesday 20th June 2017
Distance: 8 furlongs (1,600 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £600,000
Winning Horse: £340,260
Age Range: 4yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 30
Weights:
Colts and Geldings: 9st / 57kg
Fillies and Mares: 8st 11lb / 55.75kg
Southern Hemisphere Allowance: 4yo 1lb / 0.5kg
Nomination (Entry): £2,550 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £3,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,950 by noon on June 14th
Declaration: by 10am on June 18th
Supplementary Nomination: £50,000 by noon on June 14th
Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: Frankel, Good to Soft, 1m 37.85s
2013: Declaration of War, Good, 1m 38.48s
2014: Toronado, Good, 1m 37.73s
2015: Solow, Good, 1m 37.97s
2016 (pictured): Tepin, Soft, 1m 43.98s
THE KING’S STAND STAKES (GROUP ONE)
LEG 5 OF THE GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE

Date: Tuesday 20th June 2017
Distance: 5 furlongs (1,000 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £400,000
Winning Horse: £226,840
Age Range: 3yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 28
Weights:
3yo Colts and Geldings: 8st 12lb / 56.25kg
3yo Fillies: 8st 9lb / 55kg
4yo+ Colts and Geldings: 9st 4lb / 59kg
4yo+ Fillies and Mares: 9st 1lb / 57.5kg
Nomination (Entry): £1,720 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £2,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,280 by noon on June 14th
Declaration: by 10am on June 18th
Supplementary Nomination: £35,000 by noon on June 14th
Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: Little Bridge, Good to Soft, 59.69s
2013: Sole Power, Good, 58.88s
2014: Sole Power, Good, 58.85s
2015: Goldream, Good to Firm, 59.11s
2016 (pictured): Profitable, Soft, 1m 2.69s
THE ST JAMES’S PALACE STAKES (GROUP ONE)

Date: Tuesday 20th June 2017
Distance: 8 furlongs (1,600 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £400,000
Winning Horse: £226,840
Age Range: 3yo colts
Field Safety Limit: 20
Weights: 9st / 57kg
Nomination (Entry): £1,720 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £2,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,280 by noon on June 14th
Declaration: by 10am on June 18th
Supplementary Nomination: £35,000 by noon on June 14th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:

2012: Most Improved, Good to Soft, 1m 40.14s
2013: Dawn Approach, Good, 1m 39.48s
2014: Kingman, Good, 1m 39.06s
2015: Gleneagles, Good to Firm, 1m 38.86s
2016 (pictured): Galileo Gold, Soft, 1m 44.01s
THE PRINCE OF WALES’S STAKES (GROUP ONE)

Date: Wednesday 21st June 2017
Distance: 10 furlongs (2,000 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £750,000
Winning Horse: £425,325
Age Range: 4yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 16
Colts and Geldings: 9st / 57kg
Fillies and Mares: 8st 11lb / 55.75kg
Southern Hemisphere Allowance: 4yo 3lb / 1.5kg

Nomination (Entry):
£3,200 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage:
£3,750 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation:
£2,420 by noon on June 15th
Declaration:
by 10am on June 19th
Supplementary Nomination:
£60,000 by noon on June 15th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: So You Think, Good, 2m 3.86s
2013: Al Kazeem, Good to firm, 2m 3.06s
2014: The Fugue, Good to Firm, 2m 1.90s
2015: Free Eagle, Good to Firm, 2m 5.07s
2016 (pictured): My Dream Boat, Soft, 2m 11.38s
THE GOLD CUP (GROUP ONE)

Date: Thursday 22nd June 2017
Distance: 2 miles 4 furlongs (4,000 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £400,000
Winning Horse: £226,840
Age Range: 4yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 20

Weights:
4yo Colts and Geldings: 9st / 57kg
4yo Fillies: 8st 11lb / 55.75kg
5yo+ Colts and Geldings: 9st 2lb / 58kg
5yo+ Mares: 8st 13lb / 56.5kg
Southern Hemisphere Allowance: 4yo 10lb / 4.5kg
Nomination (Entry): £1,720 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £2,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,280 by noon on June 16th
Declaration: by 10am on June 20th
Supplementary Nomination: £35,000 by noon on June 16th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: Colour Vision, Good to Soft, 4m 42.05s
2013: Estimate, Good to Firm, 4m 20.51s
2014: Leading Light, Good to Firm, 4m 21.09s
2015: Trip To Paris, Good to Firm, 4m 22.61s
2016 (pictured): Order Of St George, Soft, 4m 26.21s
THE CORONATION STAKES (GROUP ONE)

Date: Friday 23rd June 2017
Distance: 8 furlongs (1,600 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £400,000
Winning Horse: £226,840
Age Range: 3yo fillies
Field Safety Limit: 20
Weights: 9st / 57kg
Nomination (Entry): £1,720 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £2,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,280 by noon on June 17th
Declaration: by 10am on June 21st
Supplementary Nomination: £35,000 by noon on June 17th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:

2012: Fallen For You, Soft, 1m 42.95s
2013: Sky Lantern, Good to Firm, 1m 39.75s
2014: Rizeena, Good to Firm, 1m 40.73s
2015: Ervedya, Good to Firm, 1m 38.46s
2016 (pictured): Qemah, Good to Soft, 1m 40.56s
THE COMMONWEALTH CUP (GROUP ONE)

Date: Friday 23rd June 2017
Distance: 6 furlongs (1,200 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £400,000
Winning Horse: £226,840
Age Range: 3yo
Field Safety Limit: 28
Weights:
Colts and Geldings: 9st 3lb / 58kg
Fillies: 9st / 57kg
Southern Hemisphere Allowance: 10lb / 4.5 kg (see below)

Nomination (Entry):
Scratching Stage:
Confirmation:
Declaration:
Supplementary Nomination:
Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2015:
2016 (pictured):

Southern Hemisphere Allowance
The Commonwealth Cup is a new sprint at Royal Ascot (introduced in 2015) for three-year-old colts, geldings and fillies.

It is open to southern hemisphere two-year-olds, who are designated three-year-olds in the UK.

Such entrants – potentially horses that have run in the Blue Diamond or Golden Slipper – are eligible for a 10lb (4.5kg) weight allowance when running against the northern hemisphere three-year-olds.

Nomination (Entry):
Scratching Stage:
Confirmation:
Declaration:
Supplementary Nomination:
Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2015:
2016 (pictured):
THE DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES (GROUP ONE)
LEG 6 OF THE GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE

Date: Saturday 24th June 2017
Distance: 6 furlongs (1,200 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £600,000
Winning Horse: £340,260
Age Range: 4yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 28
Weights:
Colts and Geldings: 9st 3lb / 58kg
Fillies: 9st / 57kg

Nomination (Entry): £2,550 by noon on April 25th
Scratching Stage: £3,000 unless taken out by May 30th
Confirmation: £1,950 by noon on June 18th
Declaration: by 10am on June 22nd
Supplementary Nomination: £50,000 by noon on June 18th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: Black Caviar, Good, 1m 14.10s
2013: Lethal Force, Good to firm, 1m 13.36s
2014: Slade Power, Good to Firm, 1m 12.40s
2015: Undrafted, Good to Firm, 1m 12.69s
2016 (pictured): Twilight Son, Good to Soft, 1m 13.84s
THE KING GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES
SPONSORED BY QIPCO (GROUP ONE)

Date: Saturday 29th July 2017
Distance: 12 furlongs (2,400 metres)
Surface: Turf
Total Prize Fund: £1,150,000
Winning Horse: £652,165
Age Range: 3yo and upwards
Field Safety Limit: 19
Weights:
3yo Colts and Geldings: 8st 9lb / 55kg
3yo Fillies: 8st 6lb / 53.5kg
4yo+ Colts and Geldings: 9st 7lb / 60.25kg
4yo+ Fillies and Mares: 9st 4lb / 59kg
Southern Hemisphere Allowance: 4yo 4lb / 1.75kg

Nomination (Entry): £3,500 by noon on June 13th
Scratching Stage: £4,500 unless taken out by July 11th
Confirmation: £2,000 by noon on July 24th
by 10am on July 27th
Declaration: £75,000 by noon on July 24th

Latest Winners, Ground and Times:
2012: Danedream, Good, 2m 31.62s
2013: Novellist, Good to firm, 2m 24.60s
2014: Taghrooda, Good, 2m 28.13s
2015: Postponed, Soft, 2m 21.25s
2016 (pictured): Highland Reel, Good to Firm, 2m 28.97s
The Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot is recommended as a prep race for the King George, over the same course and distance. No penalties are carried in this Group 2.
### ROYAL ASCOT PATTERN AND LISTED RACES 2017

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Races for QIPCO British Champions Day close on 1st August and a separate brochure will be produced later in the year.
TPF - Total Prize Fund  *Initial Entry Fee - further fees payable  **Formerly the Tercentenary Stakes.
Values in this brochure correct at 1 December 2016.
“It was a world class race and to come so close with a horse who had travelled all the way from Japan was one of the greatest thrills that any owner could wish for. In Japan the King George is recognised as one of the most prestigious and important races in the global calendar.”

Teruya Yoshida (Shadai Farm), owner of Heart’s Cry, third in the 2006 King George.
“Winning the Melbourne Cup was fantastic - absolutely mind blowing and for a European an incredible experience. But I think that my best win has to be Novellist’s King George in 2013.”

Andreas Wöhler, trainer.
Scenic Blast
“What a wonderful experience for my family and I to be a part of Royal Ascot in the year of the Diamond Jubilee, and to have our wonderful mare Black Caviar etched in the history of Royal Ascot. Truly a memorable week of racing.”

Gary Wilkie, part owner of Black Caviar.
“I’ve lived all my life to do this. To win at Royal Ascot has been a lifetime goal and to come here and take on the best and beat them - simply there are no superlatives that can describe it.”

Australian trainer Lee Freedman following Miss Andretti’s King’s Stand win (2007).
Kenneth Ramsey, Eclipse Award-Winning owner of Cannonball, second in the 2009 Golden Jubilee Stakes.

“I was treated like royalty whilst I was over there and I keep coming back.”
“Racing a horse at Royal Ascot was an unforgettable experience. The hospitality shown to my horse, my staff and myself was something we will not forget. The experience of racing a horse at Royal Ascot gave me the taste for more and I will strive to be back to compete again.”

Chris Waller, trainer, Brazen Beau, 2015 (second)
“Ascot took our team to another level. I still don’t honestly know if it has sunk in, it was a whirlwind. Sometimes, you can’t enjoy these things at the time because it is so intense but I can’t lie - when I’m down I get out the video of the Queen Anne.”

Mark Casse, trainer, Tepin, 2016
Miss Temple City
(twice fourth at Royal Ascot).

Lady Aurelia
"If other Americans could see how big Royal Ascot is, they would know it’s an honour to compete there."

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