

SATURDAY 1

12.30pm-6.00pm **LIVE**
NEWMARKET GUINEAS,
Goodwood and Thirsk

May's racing kicks off in tremendous style as Newmarket hosts the opening Classic of 2010, the 202nd running of the 2000 Guineas. With prize-money of £400,000, this 1600m Group 1 event is scheduled as the seasonal reappearance of last year's European champion two-year-old, St Nicholas Abbey.

SUNDAY 2

1.00pm-6.00pm **LIVE**
NEWMARKET GUINEAS,
Hamilton and Salisbury

Fillies take centre stage on the second day of an outstanding meeting at Newmarket, where the main events are the £400,000 Group 1 1000 Guineas, for three-year-olds only, and the £65,000 Group 3 Dahlia Stakes, open to equine females of four years and upwards. Oaks hopes will come under the spotlight in the £50,000 Listed Pretty Polly Stakes.

MONDAY 3

1.30pm-5.30pm **LIVE**
Beverley, Kempton, Warwick
 Kempton's seven-race meeting - run on the track's all-weather surface - includes the £12,000 Jubilee Handicap.

TUESDAY 4

5.30pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Catterick (E)

WEDNESDAY 5

1.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Chester, Cheltenham (E) and Huntingdon (E)
 One of Britain's most popular heritage handicaps - the £120,000 3600m Chester Cup.

THURSDAY 6

1.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Chester, Goodwood, Wetherby (E) and Wincanton (E)
 An always-informative Derby trial - the £70,000 Group 3 Chester Vase - is the main event on the second afternoon of Chester's May fixture.

FRIDAY 7

1.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Chester, Hamilton (E), Aintree

Another Derby trial - the £70,000 2050m Group 3 Dee Stakes - features on Chester's Friday card, which also includes the Group 3 Ormonde Stakes.

SATURDAY 8

12.30pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Haydock, Thirsk (E) and Warwick (E)

MONDAY 10

2.00pm-5.30pm **LIVE**
Redcar

TUESDAY 11

1.30pm-5.30pm **LIVE**
Beverley and Warwick

WEDNESDAY 12

1.00pm-5.30pm **LIVE**
YORK TRIALS MEETING

York's May meeting is one of Britain's spring highlights and it opens on this afternoon with a seven-race card that includes the £100,000 Duke Of York Stakes, an all-aged Group 2 1200m sprint, and the £65,000 Group 3 Musidora Stakes, an Oaks trial run over 2100m.

THURSDAY 13

1.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
YORK TRIALS MEETING,
Salisbury, Newmarket (E) and Ludlow (E)

Britain's premier Derby trial - the £150,000 Group 2 Dante Stakes - is the central attraction on York's afternoon card. Run over 2100m, it has been won by three subsequent Epsom heroes within the past six seasons: North Light (2004), Motivator (2005) and Authorized (2007).

FRIDAY 14

1.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
YORK TRIALS MEETING,
NEWBURY LOCKINGE,
Newmarket, Hamilton (E) and Aintree (E)

York concludes with a seven-race card including the £140,000 3200m Group Yorkshire Cup and another Classic trial, the £40,000 sport-ingbet.com Fillies' Stakes. More possible Oaks contenders will line up for Newbury's £40,000 Swettenham Stud Fillies' Trial Stakes.



SATURDAY 15

12.30pm-6.00pm **LIVE**
NEWBURY LOCKINGE,
Newmarket, Thirsk, Bangor

Some of racing's best-loved stars have won Newbury's Group 1 Lockinge Stakes - from Brigadier Gerard in 1972 to Russian Rhythm in 2004. Newmarket's card includes five valuable handicaps, ranging in distance from 1200m to 2800m, plus a £10,000 1200m novice stakes for two-year-olds.

MONDAY 17

2.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Market Rasen

TUESDAY 18

1.30pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Musselburgh and Carlisle

WEDNESDAY 19

1.30pm-6.00pm **LIVE**
Goodwood

Two Listed events feature on Goodwood's card - the Cocked Hat Stakes and the Height Of Fashion Stakes.

THURSDAY 20

1.30pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Haydock, Salisbury (E) and Sandown (E)

FRIDAY 21

2.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Catterick, Haydock (E) and Musselburgh (E)

SATURDAY 22

1.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Chester, Goodwood, Haydock, York, Newbury (E)
 Goodwood's card includes the £40,000 On The House Stakes, a 1600m Listed race; and York hosts the £40,000 LLP Gold Cup, also Listed.

MONDAY 24

2.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Thirsk (E)

TUESDAY 25

6.00pm-9.00pm **LIVE**
Chepstow and Huntingdon (E)
 Seven competitive handicaps. Chepstow's most valuable - a 2000m event - is worth £5,500. Ripon's most valuable has prize money of £12,000.

WEDNESDAY 26

1.30pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Ayr and Beverley (E)
 Ayr hosts a seven-race card that includes six handicaps, the most valuable being a £12,000 event run over 1000m.

THURSDAY 27

2.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Ayr, Sandown (E) and Wetherby (E)
 Sandown's schedule includes the Group 2 Henry II Stakes, the Brigadier Gerard Stakes, the Heron Stakes and National Stakes.

FRIDAY 28

2.00pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Newmarket and Haydock (E)
 Two most valuable races of the day, are over 1400m and 2400m, worth £14,000 each and run at Newmarket.

SATURDAY 29

1.30pm-9.30pm **LIVE**
Beverley, Catterick, Haydock, Newmarket and Cartmel (E)
 Haydock hosts the 1400m £65,000 Group 3 Timeform Jury Stakes; 2400m £45,000 Listed Pinnacle Stakes; 1200m £40,000 Listed Sandy Lane Stakes; and 1000m £40,000 Listed Achilles Stakes.

SUNDAY 30

2.00pm-8.00pm **LIVE**
Newmarket

MONDAY 31

1.30pm-6.00pm **LIVE**
Carlisle, Goodwood, Redcar and Cartmel

RACING TIPS: To the start of the Flat

Mark Howard, Racing UK Presenter and renowned racing pundit, shares a few thoughts on the first classic of the Flat.



2000 GUINEAS - May 1

The month gets off to a flying start with the Stan James 1000 and 2000 Guineas. Champion Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien bids to win his sixth 2000 Guineas in 13 years with last season's outstanding juvenile **St Nicholas Abbey**. Unbeaten in three starts last year, the Montjeu colt produced a breathtaking display to win the Group 1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster during the autumn. The runner-up on that occasion was John Dunlop's Elusive Pimpernel. He has three and three quarters of a length to find on O'Brien's potential superstar but he advertised his current well being with an impressive victory at Newmarket's Craven meeting during April. It promises to be a race to saviour.

1000 GUINEAS - May 2

The fillies' version, the 1000 Guineas, may not be quite so clear cut. French trainer Criquelette Head-Maarek has won the race three times but her last success came 18 years ago. Special Duty looked a prime candidate for the race when winning the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stud at the same track in October but she blotted her copybook in a recognised trial at Maisons-Laffitte last month. Even so, the filly warrants the utmost respect. Former Champion jockey Kieren Fallon has elected to ride the Luca Cumani-trained Seta in preference to Mick Channon's high-class Nell Gwyn Stakes winner Music Show. The dark horse of the race could be Sir Michael Stoute's Tabassum who looked a filly with a bright future when winning at the track in October.

AND THE REST!!

The rest of May is dominated by superb Festivals at Chester, York and Goodwood. Every race can be seen live and exclusively on Racing UK. The Chester Cup over two and a quarter miles is a terrific spectacle around the tight turns of the Roodeye. Keep an eye out for Andrew Balding's Bernie The Bolt who stays well and is improving fast. The Dante Stakes at York is widely regarded as the number one Derby Trial and the Duke of York Stakes could signal the reappearance of the Gimcrack winner Showcasing and Aidan O'Brien's recent acquisition from Australia, Starspangledbanner.

Enjoy the summer.