

# RACING POST

46	Catterick	2.10-5.15	Flat	7 races	£63k	RUK
24	Yarmouth	2.20-5.25	Flat	7 races	£49k	ATR
30	Lingfield	2.00-5.05	Flat	7 races	£43k	ATR
36	Kempton	5.20-8.55	Flat	8 races	£66k	RUK
54	Bath	6.10-9.10	Flat	7 races	£47k	ATR
18	Happy Valley (HK)	12.15-3.50	Flat	8 races		AR/RU

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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**Tomorrow**  
**Carlisle** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick 7.6) (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Doncaster** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (GoingStick 7.4) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Epsom** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (GoingStick 7.5) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Newbury** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick 6.9) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Newmarket** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick 6.8) (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Leopardstown** GOOD TO FIRM (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Friday**  
**Ascot** GOOD TO FIRM (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Chepstow** FIRM (Good to firm in places) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Chester** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick

7.6) (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Ffos Las** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**Newmarket** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick 6.8) (Watering) Mostly sunny  
**York** GOOD TO FIRM (GoingStick 7.6) (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Cork** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (Watering) Cloudy  
**Downpatrick** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (Watering) Cloudy  
**Tuesday**  
**Bath** FIRM (GoingStick 10.9) Light rain  
**Beverley** GOOD TO FIRM (Watering) Partly cloudy  
**Thirsk** GOOD TO FIRM Mostly sunny  
**Worcester** GOOD TO FIRM (Good in places) (GoingStick 7.2) (Watering) Partly cloudy

## TV RACE-BY-RACE GUIDE

12.15	Happy Valley AR/RU P18	3.20	Yarmouth ATR	P25
12.45	Happy Valley AR/RU P18	3.30	Lingfield ATR	P31
1.15	Happy Valley AR/RU P18	3.40	Catterick RUK	P48
1.45	Happy Valley AR/RU P18	3.50	Yarmouth ATR	P25
2.00	Lingfield ATR	3.50	Happy Valley AR/RU P19	P31
2.10	Catterick RUK	4.00	Lingfield ATR	P31
2.15	Happy Valley AR/RU P19	4.10	Catterick RUK	P49
2.20	Yarmouth ATR	4.20	Yarmouth ATR	P27
2.30	Lingfield ATR	4.35	Lingfield ATR	P33
2.40	Catterick RUK	4.45	Catterick RUK	P49
2.45	Happy Valley AR/RU P19	4.55	Yarmouth ATR	P27
2.50	Yarmouth ATR	5.05	Lingfield ATR	P33
3.00	Lingfield ATR	5.15	Catterick RUK	P51
3.10	Catterick RUK	5.20	Kempton RUK	P36
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### What's on

6.00 Australian Racing 9.00 News & Update 9.15 Review 10.00 News 10.15 Review 11.00 News 11.30 Review 12.00 Raceday Live: Yarmouth, Lingfield, Bath, Happy Valley & Scotsville 9.00 Stateside 2.00 Australian Racing  
 Racing UK Sky 426, Virgin 536 01.00 Replay 11.30 Live international racing from Happy Valley 1.30 Today's live racing action from Catterick 5.30 Live evening racing action from Kempton 9.30 Replay  
 Racing Post Greyhound TV 6.00-10.00pm Sky 431, Freesat 250 Sunderland & Peterborough

## NEWS

# ITV unhappy as Ascot makes dramatic switch to Sky Racing

From front page whether the broadcaster might think again about renewing its mainstream television deal with British racing if the course is linked to a potential rival in Sky Sports.

An ITV insider said: "It is being looked upon as a bizarre decision."

Ascot has developed a reputation for ploughing its own furrow, having also decided not to join the racecourse pool betting project Britbet and instead launch its own service, Bet With Ascot, which goes live on Friday.

Ascot chief executive Guy Henderson, who thanked Racing UK for the work they had done together, said: "Ultimately, Ascot, as a statutory racing trust, operates to deliver the best racing we can, the best facilities we can and the best on-course and off-course customer service we can."

"Our strategy is to develop the right mix of collaborations with organisations in the UK and internationally to deliver this."



Guy Henderson: "We deliver the best racing we can"

Ascot will still be involved with Racing UK's parent company Racecourse Media Group through a Middle Eastern picture rights deal, the betting shop picture rights contract that runs through to 2023 and also through the contract with ITV, which Henderson said "delivers such an outstanding terrestrial broadcast".

RMG chief executive Richard FitzGerald said it looked forward to continuing to work with Ascot on those ventures.

He also pointed out that from

next year Racing UK will broadcast coverage from 61 of the 85 racecourses in Britain and Ireland and 88 per cent of all Group and Graded races.

He added: "We are proud to have played a part in significantly increasing Ascot's media rights revenues over the last four years and we wish Ascot well on its other media rights businesses."

Sky Sports managing director Barney Francis said racing was "hugely important" to it.

He added: "In Sky Sports Racing, we are creating a new dedicated home for racing fans, and an eleventh Sky Sports channel. We're thrilled to be able to add Ascot to what is already a stellar line-up."

In April, Chester and Bangor announced they were moving to the new channel, whose portfolio also includes the William Hill St Leger and Coral Welsh Grand National as well as the Breeders' Cup, US Triple Crown, Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Melbourne Cup carnival.

At The Races chief executive Matthew Imi added: "Sky Sports Racing is an important development for our sport which can benefit the whole industry. For the first time, racing will be positioned and heavily cross-promoted shoulder to shoulder with the other key domestic and global sporting events Sky Sports showcases across its ten other channels."

When At The Races last broadcast Ascot both it and Racing UK showed British Champions Day.

British Champions Series chief executive Rod Street said: "The Qipco British Champions Day rights were not included in Ascot's tender and that is because those rights are held separately by British Champions Series Ltd which involves various rights holders including the Jockey Club, Goodwood, Newbury, York, Arena Racing Company and indeed Ascot."

"Now that Ascot has made its decision, the British Champions Series Ltd board will discuss its options for Champions Day and will make a decision on our broadcast arrangements based upon what is best for the business, its customers and the sponsor."

## COMMENT

### Decision could have an impact on free-to-air rights

THE news that Ascot is to join the new Sky Sports Racing channel is not a surprise, but it could have implications for the future.

As soon as Ascot started the bidding process for the course's direct-to-home television rights Racing UK became resigned to the channel losing Britain's most prestigious racecourse.

Sky Sports Racing may have added Chester and Bangor to its roster but it was reportedly unsuccessful in tempting some of the other major independent courses on board and it needed to bring Ascot into the fold for its credibility.

The decision will not impact RMG financially – the betting shop media rights deal with SIS in which Ascot is involved until 2023 is the really

lucrative arrangement.

It will also help Racing UK's scheduling from next year. This Saturday afternoon the channel is due to show Newmarket, York, Ascot and Chester.

If Ascot and Chester had not jumped ship then next year the channel would have to have accommodated them as well as an Irish card.

However, it is in the realm of free-to-air rights that Ascot's decision may have the greatest impact.

Those hoping to keep the best of British racing on a mainstream channel will be concerned that the loss of Ascot to a potential rival in Sky may make ITV think about renewing its deal.

Bill Barber, industry editor

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