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Horseplayer and racing guide • July/August 2019



July and August Stakes Calendar

Friday, July 5

Victory Ride Stakes (Gr. 3) - Bel
Iowa Oaks (Gr. 3) - PrM
Cornhusker Handicap (Gr. 3) - PrM

Saturday, July 6

Belmont Derby Invitational (Gr. 1) - Bel
Belmont Oaks Invitational (Gr. 1) - Bel
John A. Nerud Stakes (Gr. 2) - Bel
Suburban (Gr. 2) - Bel
Dwyer Stakes (Gr. 3) - Bel
Delaware Oaks (Gr. 3) - Del
Kent Stakes (Gr. 3) - Del
Robert G. Dick Memorial (Gr. 3) - Del
Great Lady M. Stakes (Gr. 2) - LRC
Parx Dash (Gr. 3) - Prx

Thursday, July 11

Quick Call Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar
Schuylerville Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar

Friday, July 12

Forbidden Apple Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar

Saturday, July 13

Diana Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Sanford Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar
American Derby (Gr. 3) - AP
Arlington Handicap (Gr. 3) - AP
Modesty Handicap (Gr. 3) - AP
Delaware Handicap (Gr. 2) - Del
Kent Stakes (Gr. 3) - Del
Indiana Derby (Gr. 3) - Ind
Indiana Oaks (Gr. 3) - Ind
Los Alamitos Derby (Gr. 3) - LRC
Ontario Matron Stakes (Can-Gr. 3) - WO
\$650k Meadowlands Pace Final - Mlands
\$475k W.R. Haughton Pace - Mlands
\$400k Hambletonian Maturity - Mlands
\$350k Stanley Dancer Trot - Mlands
\$250k Del Miller Trot - Mlands
\$200k Golden Girls Pace - Mlands
\$190k Mistletoe Shalee Pace - Mlands

Friday, July 19

Lake George Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar

Saturday, July 20

Haskell Invitational (Gr. 1) - Mth
Molly Pitcher Stakes (Gr. 3) - Mth
Monmouth Cup Stakes (Gr. 3) - Mth
Oceanport Stakes (Gr. 3) - Mth
Matchmaker Stakes (Gr. 3) - Mth
Coaching Club American Oaks (Gr. 1) - Sar
San Clemente Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr
San Diego Handicap (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Ontario Colleen Stakes (Can-Gr. 3) - WO
\$260k Joe Gerrity Pace - Saratoga

Sunday, July 21

Eddie Read Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Shuvee Handicap (Gr. 3) - Sar
Royal North Stakes (Can-Gr. 2) - WO
\$1,000,000 Rainbow Futurity (QH-Gr. 1) - Rui

Tuesday, July 23

\$400,000 Prince of Wales Stakes - Fort Erie

Wednesday, July 24

Cougar II Handicap (Gr. 3) - Dmr
Honorable Miss Handicap (Gr. 2) - Sar

Saturday, July 27

\$400k Adios Pace Finals - Meadows
Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (Gr. 1) - Sar
Jim Dandy Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Bowling Green Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Bing Crosby Stakes (Gr. 1) - Dmr

Sunday, July 28

\$250k Spirit of Mass Trot - Plainridge
\$100k Clara Barton Pace - Plainridge
Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (Gr. 1) - Dmr
Amsterdam Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Nijinsky Stakes (Can-Gr. 2) - WO

Friday, August 2

National Racing Hall of Fame (Gr. 2) - Sar

Saturday, August 3

Whitney (Gr. 1) - Sar
Test Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Troy Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar
West Virginia Derby (Gr. 3) - MNR
West Virginia Governor's Stakes (Gr. 3) - MNR
Sorrento Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Yellow Ribbon Handicap (Gr. 2) - Dmr
\$1,000,000 Hambletonian Trot Final - Mlands
\$500k Hambletonian Oaks Trot Final - Mlands
\$425k Peter Haughton Trot Final - Mlands
\$350k Jim Doherty Trot Final - Mlands
\$300k Cane Pace - Mlands
\$300k John Cashman Trot - Mlands
\$260k Sam McKee Pace - Mlands
\$200k Lady Liberty Pace - Mlands
\$155k John R. Steele Trot - Mlands
\$100k Shady Daisy Pace - Mlands

Sunday, August 4

Adirondack Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Waya Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar
La Jolla Handicap (Gr. 3) - Dmr

Friday, August 9

\$300k Dan Patch Pace - Hoosier

Saturday, August 10

Arlington Million (Gr. 1) - AP
Beverly D. (Gr. 1) - AP
Secretariat Stakes (Gr. 1) - AP
Pucker Up Stakes (Gr. 3) - AP
Fourstardave Handicap (Gr. 1) - Sar
Saratoga Special Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Best Pal Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr

Sunday, August 11

Rancho Bernardo Handicap (Gr. 3) - Dmr
Longacres Mile (Gr. 3) - EmD
Seagram Cup Stakes (Can-Gr. 3) - WO

Saturday, August 17

\$50,000 Robert G. Leavitt (WV) - CT
Pacific Classic (Gr. 1) - Dmr
Del Mar Oaks (Gr. 1) - Dmr
Del Mar Handicap (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Green Flash Handicap (Gr. 3) - Dmr
Torrey Pines Stakes (Gr. 3) - Dmr
Alabama Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Lake Placid Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Monmouth Oaks (Gr. 3) - Mth

Sunday, August 18

Del Mar Mile (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Canadian Derby (Can-Gr. 3) - CTM

Saturday, August 24

\$50,000 Sylvia Bishop Memorial (WV) - CT
Travers Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Forego Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
H. Allen Jerkens Memorial (Gr. 1) - Sar
Ballerina Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Personal Ensign (Gr. 1) - Sar
Sword Dancer Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Ballston Spa Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Pat O'Brien Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Play the King Stakes (Can-Gr. 2) - WO

Sunday, August 25

Seaway Stakes (Can-Gr. 2) - WO

Wednesday, August 28

With Anticipation Stakes (Gr. 3) - Sar

Saturday, August 31

Del Mar Debutante (Gr. 1) - Dmr
John c. Mabee Stakes (Gr. 2) - Dmr
Woodward Stakes (Gr. 1) - Sar
Glens Falls (Gr. 2) - Sar
Prioresse Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Saranac Stakes (Gr. 2) - Sar
Virginia Derby (Gr. 3) - CNL

The Meadows & Plainridge Host Harness Stakes in July Watch & Wager July 27 and 28

Mark your calendars to be at the track on July 27th and 28th when The Meadows and Plainridge Park Casino each host high profile harness stakes.

The Meadows will host the \$400,000 Adios Pace finals on Saturday July 27. The annual event for 3-year-old pacers will highlight a fantastic day of racing that gets underway with a special 11:25 AM ET first post.

The following day, Sunday, July 28, Plainridge hosts the \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot. After a one year hiatus, the open event for North America's top trotters returns to the Plainridge stakes calendar and shares the card with the inaugural running of the \$100,000 Clara Barton Pace. The Sunday afternoon card gets underway at 2:00 PM ET.

Retama Park Begins Live Meet July 4th

Retama Park will begin their Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred mixed meet on Thursday, July 4th.

The 28-day mixed meet features Quarter Horse racing on select Fridays and Saturdays beginning with the special July 4th card. Thoroughbreds will race every Tuesday and Wednesday night at 8:30 PM ET beginning July 30th and continuing through September 11th.

Simulcast Heats Up with Meets from Del Mar & Saratoga

Two of the more popular simulcast signals during the summer months begin in July with meets opening at Saratoga and Del Mar.

Saratoga Race Course begins their 2019 race meet on Thursday, July 11. The track will host 40 days of racing through Monday, September 2 with live racing Wednesday through Sunday.

Saratoga will host 38 graded stakes during the meet including 16 grade one events. The Travers Stakes, for 3-year-olds, highlights the stellar stakes schedule and will be contested on Saturday, August 24.

Del Mar kicks off its 36-day meet on Wednesday, July 17 and runs through Monday, September 2, with live racing Wednesday through Sunday.

Del Mar will host 22 graded stakes this year including the \$1,000,000 Grade 1 TVG Pacific Classic on Saturday, August 17.

Race Meets Starting in July and August

RETAMA PARK (Mixed Meet) • July 4

Saratoga • July 11

Sacramento • July 12

Del Mar • July 17

Batavia Downs (Harness) • July 24

Red Mile (Harness) • July 25

Santa Rosa • August 1

Colonial Downs (Thoroughbred) • August 8

Fair Grounds (Quarter Horse) • August 16

Ferndale • August 16

Prairie Meadows (Quarter Horse) • August 17

Remington Park (Thoroughbred) • August 23

Timonium Fair • August 23

Century Downs (Thoroughbred) • August 31

Kentucky Downs • August 31