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Prime Defender will head to Newmarket next month following his solid performance at Royal Ascot.

Barry Hills' six-year-old entire finished ninth behind Starspangledbanner in the Golden Jubilee Stakes on Saturday. Winner of a white-hot renewal of the Duke of York Stakes on his penultimate start, the son of Bertolini will next be sighted in the Darley July Cup.

"We were delighted with Prime Defender's effort in the Golden Jubilee," Barry Hills told www.barryhills.com.

"It felt like every top six-furlong horse in the world was in the paddock before the race, and if he had been drawn a couple of stalls lower he could have tacked across to the near side and maybe finished a bit closer.

"Nevertheless, it was a great effort and we are going onto the July Cup next with him."

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