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The Eclipse Stakes can be a Group 1 flat horse race in Fantastic Britain open to thoroughbreds aged three years or older. It can be run at Sandown Park over a distance of 1 mile, 2 furlongs and 7 yards, and it truly is scheduled to take location each year in early July.

The event is named after Eclipse, a celebrated 18th-century racehorse. It was started in 1886, and its inaugural prize fund was £10,000. This was contributed by Leopold de Rothschild at the request of General Owen Williams, a co-founder of Sandown Park. At that time it was initially Britains richest ever race (the exact same years Derby Stakes was worth £4,600). From its launch, the Eclipse Stakes attracted high-quality fields.

The initial 3 finishers in 1903:

Ard Patrick

Sceptre

Rock Sand

..... had won seven Classics among them.

The race has been sponsored by the bookmaker Coral since 1976, and it truly is now familiarly identified since the Coral Eclipse. It has continued to feature Classic winners, as well as the most recent of these to attain victory was Sea the Stars (the 2,000 Guineas and Derby winner) in 2009.

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