

GBI RACING

AUGUST 2018

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1

GOODWOOD
REDCAR
Perth
SANDOWN (EVE)
LEICESTER (EVE)
GALWAY (MIXED) (EVE)

2

GOODWOOD
NOTTINGHAM
FFOS LAS (EVE)
EPSOM (EVE)
GALWAY (MIXED)

3

GOODWOOD
THIRSK
Bangor
NEWMARKET (EVE)
MUSSELBURGH (EVE)
BATH (EVE)
GALWAY (MIXED) (EVE)

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GOODWOOD
NEWMARKET
DONCASTER, THIRSK
CHELMSFORD CITY
HAMILTON (EVE)
LINGFIELD (EVE)
GALWAY

5

CHESTER
Market Rasen
GALWAY

6

RIPON
Newton Abbot
WINDSOR (EVE)
CARLISLE (EVE)
CURRAGH
Cork

7

NEWBURY
CATTERICK
NOTTINGHAM (EVE)
AYR (EVE)
Roscommon (EVE)

8

BATH
BRIGHTON
PONTEFRACT
KEMPTON (EVE)
YARMOUTH (EVE)
SLIGO (EVE)

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BRIGHTON
HAYDOCK
YARMOUTH
SANDOWN (EVE)
NEWCASTLE (EVE)
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)
Sligo (EVE)

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BRIGHTON
MUSSELBURGH
WOLVERHAMPTON
HAYDOCK (EVE)
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
NEWMARKET (EVE)
TIPPERARY (EVE)

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NEWMARKET
ASCOT, REDCAR
CHELMSFORD CITY
HAYDOCK
AYR (EVE)
LINGFIELD (EVE)
CORK, Kilbeggan (EVE)

12

LEICESTER
WINDSOR
CURRAGH
Downpatrick

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AYR
RIPON
WINDSOR (EVE)
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Ballinrobe (EVE)

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THIRSK
FFOS LAS
CHELMSFORD CITY
NOTTINGHAM (EVE)

15

SALISBURY
BEVERLEY
Newton Abbot
KEMPTON (EVE)
Worcester (EVE)
GOWRAN PARK (EVE)

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SALISBURY
BEVERLEY
WOLVERHAMPTON
CHEPSTOW (EVE)
YARMOUTH (EVE)
Tramore
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

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NEWBURY
NOTTINGHAM
WOLVERHAMPTON
NEWMARKET (EVE)
CATTERICK (EVE)
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
DUNDALK (EVE)
Tramore (EVE)

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NEWMARKET
NEWBURY, RIPON
DONCASTER
Perth
BATH (EVE)
Market Rasen (EVE)
TRAMORE (EVE)

19

PONTEFRACT
Southwell
Tramore

20

LEICESTER
THIRSK
WINDSOR (EVE)
Bangor (EVE)
Roscommon (EVE)

21

BRIGHTON
HAMILTON
KEMPTON
YARMOUTH (EVE)
Newton Abbot (EVE)
Sligo (EVE)

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YORK
BATH, CARLISLE
KEMPTON (EVE)
Worcester (EVE)
KILLARNEY (EVE)

23

YORK
CHEPSTOW
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Fontwell (EVE)
KILLARNEY (mixed) (EVE)

24

YORK
NEWMARKET, FFOS LAS
GOODWOOD (EVE)
SALISBURY (EVE)
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
Killarney (EVE)
Kilbeggan (EVE)

25

YORK
NEWMARKET, FFOS LAS
CHELMSFORD CITY
Cartmel
WINDSOR (EVE)
REDCAR (EVE)
CURRAGH, KILLARNEY

26

GOODWOOD
BEVERLEY
YARMOUTH
CURRAGH

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EPSOM
RIPON, CHEPSTOW
SOUTHWELL
Cartmel
Downpatrick

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EPSOM
RIPON
BATH (EVE)
Ballinrobe (EVE)

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LINGFIELD
CATTERICK
MUSSELBURGH
KEMPTON (EVE)
Worcester (EVE)
BELLEWSTOWN (EVE)

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CARLISLE
MUSSELBURGH
CHELMSFORD CITY
Fontwell (EVE)
Sedgefield (EVE)
TIPPERARY (EVE)
Bellewstown (EVE)

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SANDOWN
THIRSK, Bangor
NEWCASTLE (EVE)
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
HAMILTON (EVE)
CURRAGH (EVE)
Down Royal (EVE)

THE FEATURE RACE ACTION IN AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 1

GOODWOOD

QATAR SUSSEX STAKES
MARKEL INSURANCE MOLECOMB STAKES

GALWAY

THETOTE.COM GALWAY PLATE

THURSDAY 2

GOODWOOD

QATAR NASSAU STAKES
QATAR RICHMOND STAKES
QATAR LILLIE LANGTRY STAKES

GALWAY

GUINNESS GALWAY HURDLE

FRIDAY 3

GOODWOOD

KING GEORGE QATAR STAKES
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE GLORIOUS STAKES
BONHAMS THOROUGHBRED STAKES
UNIBET GOLDEN MILE

SATURDAY 4

GOODWOOD

UNIBET STEWARDS' CUP
QATAR GORDON STAKES

THURSDAY 9

LEOPARDSTOWN

GRENKE FINANCE BALLYROAN STAKES

SATURDAY 11

HAYDOCK

SMARKETS ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES

SUNDAY 12

CURRAGH

KEENELAND PHOENIX STAKES
QATAR RACING PHOENIX SPRINT STAKES

THURSDAY 16

LEOPARDSTOWN

INVESCO PENSION CONSULTANTS DESMOND STAKES

SATURDAY 18

NEWBURY

HUNGERFORD STAKES
GEOFFREY FREE STAKES
DENFORD STAKES

WEDNESDAY 22

YORK

JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES
SKY BET GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES

THURSDAY 23

YORK

SKY BET LOWTHER STAKES
DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS

FRIDAY 24

YORK

AL BASTI EQUIWORLD GIMCRACK STAKES
COOLMORE NUNTHORPE STAKES

SATURDAY 25

YORK

SKY BET EBOR

GOODWOOD

LADBROKES CELEBRATION MILE

CURRAGH

COMER GROUP INTERNATIONAL IRISH ST LEGER

SUNDAY 26

CURRAGH

GALILEO EBF IRISH FUTURITY STAKES
DEBUTANTE STAKES
ROYAL WHIP STAKES

WEDNESDAY 1

Over £1million in prize money has understandably attracted a smart line-up for the Qatar Sussex Stakes, the contest featuring an appealing clash between two Royal Ascot-winning three-year-olds and a some proven Group-race performers from the older generation, including the Andrew Balding-trained dual Group 2 winner Beat The Bank.



It was in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot that Without Parole (above) maintained his unbeaten record with a smart victory under Frankie Dettori, but it is Andrea Atzeni who takes over here with Dettori sidelined through suspension.

Expert Eye's success at the same meeting came in the 1400m Jersey Stakes, the Sir Michael Stoute-trained colt turning away a smart field by four and a half lengths. Connections last week paid a hefty £70,000 supplementary fee to add him to this field.

THURSDAY 2

Just four and a half weeks after bagging her first Group One victory, the William Haggas-trained Urban Fox is set to bid for a second in the Qatar Nassau Stakes.

Having only joined the Haggas team this season, the four-year-old has made rapid progression for his new stable and built upon a good fourth at Royal Ascot to beat Oaks winner Forever Together in the Pretty Polly Stakes on her latest appearance.

Aidan O'Brien has saddled four previous winners of the 2000m contest, including the last two renewals with Minding and Winter. He could saddle Magical or Rhododendron (pictured below, right) in his bid to make it a hat-trick of wins in the race. The latter was a gutsy winner of the Lockinge at Newbury in May but has been off the course since Royal Ascot.



WEDNESDAY 1 - SUNDAY 5

The Galway Festival, in its 149th year, remains one of the most popular and successful week-long events in any racing calendar, offering a mixture of top-quality action both over jumps and on the Flat.

The two showpiece events at Ballybrit are the thetote.com Galway Plate and the Guinness Galway Hurdle, staged on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon respectively.

First staged in 1869, prize money for the Galway Plate has been boosted this year, resulting in a particularly strong field for the 4800m steeplechase, despite it being staged at a time of the year when many of the top jumpers are still out at grass.

Among those to make obvious appeal is Tully East, a winner at the Cheltenham Festival in 2017, but whose season never really took off last winter as a result of unsuitably soft ground. He should appreciate the quicker summer surface here.

The Galway Hurdle is the most valuable contest run over timber all year long in Ireland, but a fiendishly difficult contest for punters to solve. Champion trainer Willie Mullins has a number of options for the contest, including the quirky Max Dynamite, who less than a year ago finished third in Australia's most famous race, the Melbourne Cup.

SUNDAY 12

Some of the most talented two-year-old colts in training anywhere in Europe are set to converge upon The Curragh for the latest renewal of the Group 1 Keeneland Phoenix Stakes over 1200m.

As with most of the top juvenile races in Ireland, it has been totally dominated by Aidan O'Brien with the Ballydoyle handler having won a remarkable 16 renewals since 1998, including the last four.

O'Brien's team is out to make it five on the bounce and could be headed this year by a couple of sons of exciting stallion Scat Daddy. Sergei Prokofiev has been off the course since Royal Ascot, but has been kept back with this race in mind. Van Beethoven won well in the Railway Stakes, but has since come up short at Newmarket behind the Martyn Meade-trained Advertise.



Meade is understandably excited by Advertise, who could line up here in a bid to be the first British-trained winner of the race since 1997 and is likely to be ridden again by Frankie Dettori.

WEDNESDAY 22 - SATURDAY 25

The Welcome To Yorkshire Ebor Festival meeting at York is one of the highlights of the whole Flat racing calendar with four days of top-class action.

The Juddmonte International Stakes (2000m) is the highlight on the first day and has long been established as one of the leading events of its kind in the world. Ulysses provided Sir Michael Stoute with a sixth win in the race 12 months ago, while superstars such as Frankel and Sea The Stars have also strutted their stuff on the Knavesmire in recent times.

Among those pencilled in for this year's race are Roaring Lion, the hugely-talented but highly-strung winner of the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on his latest start, and the Saeed bin Suuroor-trained Benbatl, a back-to-form winner in Germany at the end of July.

The fillies and mares have their chance to shine on day two, with the Darley Yorkshire Oaks (2400m) the feature event and a possible target for Enable.

The John Gosden-trained filly was in a league of her own last year, but has been held up by a couple of training setbacks so far this season. Can she return to action in the level of form she showed when her success in this race last year (pictured) was one of five consecutive Group 1 victories?



The sprinters hold centre stage on Friday with the Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes (1000m) the main event. A test of pure speed, this year's renewal is set to see a renewal of rivalries between the brilliant Battaash - whose temperament got the better of him in last year's race, but whose sheer speed should be seen to ideal effect if his jockey can keep him from boiling over before the start - and Blue Point, who got the better of Battaash when they met at Royal Ascot in June.

WATCH ALL OF THE ACTION LIVE ON GBI RACING IN AUGUST!