

GBI RACING

NOVEMBER 2018

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1

Stratford
Sedgefield
LINGFIELD
NEWCASTLE (EVE)
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Clonmel

2

Wetherby
Uttoxeter
NEWMARKET
KEMPTON (EVE)
Down Royal
DUNDALK (EVE)

3

Wetherby
Ascot
Ayr
NEWMARKET
NEWCASTLE
Down Royal

4

Carlisle
Huntingdon
Cork
NAAS

5

Plumpton
Hereford
KEMPTON

6

Exeter
WOLVERHAMPTON
REDCAR
KEMPTON
Fairyhouse

7

Musselburgh
Chepstow
NOTTINGHAM
NEWCASTLE
DUNDALK (EVE)

8

Newbury
Market Rasen
Sedgefield
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
Thurles

9

Warwick
Hexham
Fontwell
NEWCASTLE (EVE)
DUNDALK (EVE)

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Aintree
Wincanton
Kelso
DONCASTER
CHELMSFORD CITY
Naas

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Sandown
Ffos Las
Navan

12

Kempton
Carlisle
SOUTHWELL
Thurles

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Huntingdon
Hereford
Lingfield
CHELMSFORD CITY

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Bangor
Exeter
Ayr
KEMPTON
Fairyhouse

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Taunton
Ludlow
SOUTHWELL
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
Clonmel

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Cheltenham
Newcastle
LINGFIELD
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
DUNDALK (EVE)

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Cheltenham
Uttoxeter
Wetherby
LINGFIELD
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Punchestown

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Cheltenham
Fontwell
Punchestown
Cork

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Plumpton
Leicester
KEMPTON PARK

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Fakenham
Southwell
LINGFIELD

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Warwick
Chepstow
Hexham
KEMPTON
DUNDALK (EVE)

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Market Rasen
Wincanton
NEWCASTLE
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Thurles

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Ascot
Catterick
Ffos Las
KEMPTON (EVE)
DUNDALK (EVE)

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Haydock
Ascot
Huntingdon
LINGFIELD
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)
Gowran Park

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Exeter
Uttoxeter
Navan

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Ludlow
Musselburgh
Kempton

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Sedgefield
Lingfield
SOUTHWELL

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Wetherby
Hereford
WOLVERHAMPTON
NEWCASTLE
Punchestown

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Warwick
Ayr
Taunton
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)
Thurles

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Newbury
Doncaster
SOUTHWELL
NEWCASTLE (EVE)
Limerick
DUNDALK (EVE)

THE FEATURE RACES IN NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 1

LINGFIELD

LADBROKES FLEUR DE LYS STAKES
LADBROKES RIVER EDEN STAKES

SATURDAY 3

ASCOT

SODEXO GOLD CUP

WETHERBY

OLBG MARES' HURDLE
BET365 CHARLIE HALL CHASE
BET365 WEST YORKSHIRE HURDLE

DOWN ROYAL

JNWINE.COM CHAMPION CHASE
MYCARNEEDSA.COM CHASE

SUNDAY 4

CORK

PADDY POWER CORK NATIONAL

TUESDAY 6

EXETER

HALDON GOLD CUP

SATURDAY 10

WINCANTON

UNIBET ELITE HURDLE
RACING UK RISING STARS NOVICE CHASE

SUNDAY 11

NAVAN

LISMULLEN HURDLE
THETOTE.COM FORTRIA CHASE

THURSDAY 15

CLONMEL

CLONMEL OIL CHASE
TA MORRIS MEMORIAL MARES' CHASE

SATURDAY 17

CHELTENHAM

JCB TRIUMPH HURDLE TRIAL
BETVICTOR GOLD CUP

LINGFIELD

GOLDEN ROSE STAKES (AW FAST-TRACK QUALIFIER)
BETWAY CHURCHILL STAKES (AW FAST-TRACK QUALIFIER)

SUNDAY 18

CHELTENHAM

RACING POST ARKLE TROPHY TRIAL NOVICES' CHASE
UNIBET GREATWOOD HURDLE
SKYBET SUPREME TRIAL NOVICES' HURDLE

PUNCHESTOWN

UNIBET MORGIANA HURDLE
FLORIDA PEARL NOVICE CHASE

SATURDAY 24

ASCOT

CORAL HURDLE
CHRISTY 1965 CHASE

HAYDOCK

BETFAIR CHASE

SUNDAY 25

NAVAN

LADBROKES TROYTOWN HANDICAP CHASE

FRIDAY 30

NEWBURY

LADBROKES LONG DISTANCE HURDLE
LADBROKES NOVICES' CHASE

THURSDAY 1

Two Listed races - the Ladbrokes Fleur De Lys Stakes and Ladbrokes River Eden Stakes - kick off the All-Weather season in November with Lingfield hosting a valuable Thursday afternoon card. William Haggas saddled the winner of both races in 2017 and the trainer is sure to have another strong squad assembled for this year's AW campaign.

FRIDAY 2

After plenty of talk as to which route Samcro will go down this forthcoming season, it seems that the promising chestnut will stay hurdling for now. Still viewed as a future chaser, connections are keen to first eye a possible tilt at the Champion Hurdle, a race they are yet to win. With a campaign over the smaller obstacles ahead, Gordon Elliott's six-year-old (pictured below) is to start his season in the Grade 2 WKD Hurdle at Down Royal over 3200m.

**SATURDAY 3**

One of the jumps season's traditional curtain-raising contests is the highlight at Wetherby, with a good field expected in the Bet365 Charlie Hall Chase. Bristol De Mai came out on top in a dramatic renewal 12 months ago, a race which saw former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Coneygree pulled up in the early stages and the now-retired Cue Card crash out just as he was mounting his challenge in the race. Bristol De Mai's trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies, has, though, warned that a repeat bid will only be on if the going eases. The flashy grey went on last to land Haydock's Grade 1 Betfair Chase on his next outing after winning here and connections are keen to target the same £200,000 contest provided things go well again at Wetherby.

Cue Card's former stablemate, Thistlecrack, is also an intended runner at this stage, although Colin Tizzard's charge will also need some ease underfoot to take up his engagement. The 10-year-old has not been seen since finishing fourth in last year's King George at Kempton, but connections insist the gelding is back to his best despite a catalogue of injury setbacks for the former World Hurdle winner over the last two seasons. Despite winning the 2016 King George on just his fourth start over fences, it is fair to say Thistlecrack has yet to fulfill his undoubted potential over the larger obstacles.

Wetherby's feature meeting is supported by the Grade 2 Bet365 West Yorkshire Hurdle (4800m) and the OLBG Mares' Hurdle (3200m).

Newmarket's final race meeting of 2018 also takes place with a seven-race card headlined by a trio of Listed races, including the Montrose Stakes over 1600m for two-year-old fillies.

Over at Ascot, the highlight is the £100,000 Sodexo Gold Cup, a 4800m handicap chase that is often contested by potential Grand National candidates.

Meanwhile, at Down Royal in Northern Ireland, the JNwine.com Champion Chase is the race to look forward to. A race won three times by Kauto Star, a number of top performers are being lined up for this year's contest, including the Henry De Bromhead-trained Balko Des Flos, winner of the Ryanair Chase Cheltenham earlier this year.

SUNDAY 4

Cork Racecourse stages the Paddy Power Cork Grand National, the feature event on a card that also features the Grade 3 Paddy Power EBF Novice Chase over 4000m, an early opportunity for the sort of clashes between Willie Mullins and his trainers' championship main rival Gordon Elliott that lit up much of the jumps season in the country last year.

SATURDAY 10

The UK Flat turf season comes to an end at Doncaster, with the November Handicap (2400m) the feature race on the card and the last big turf race of the year. Won last year by Ian Williams' Saunter, who led home 22 rivals, it is often a notoriously difficult handicap to unpick with favourites holding a poor recent record in the race. However, John Gosden is a name to note, having saddled five previous winners of the race.

A valuable card on Town Moor is consolidated by two Listed contests, with one of those, the 1200m Wentworth Stakes, won by the Sir Michael Stoute-trained Dream Of Dreams 12 months ago and the sprinter could well be primed for back-to-back successes having been campaigned at a higher level so far this season.

A strong card over at Wincanton sees the 57th running of the Badger Ales Trophy, a valuable handicap chase over 5000m, the Grade 2 Stan James Elite Hurdle (3100m) and the Grade 2 Rising Stars Novices' Chase (4000m) the feature events.

FRIDAY 16 – SUNDAY 18

The jumps racing scene steps up a gear in Britain with the commencement of the three-day Open Meeting at Cheltenham, a weekend where many fans feel the season really gets underway. Friday's Countryside Day card eases punters into the action with an afternoon packed with highly-competitive handicaps and equally-informative novice races.

The big action then follows on Saturday with the main event, the BetVictor Gold Cup, a handicap chase run over 4100m, the feature race on a card considered the best day of jumps racing this side of Christmas. The BetVictor Gold Cup always draws in a large, high-quality field and was won last year by Splash Of Ginge, who held on bravely in a thrilling renewal for local trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies.

Improving and unexposed second-season chasers are often the best place to look in terms of finding the winner, so it makes sense that Master Whitaker and Rather Be currently sit near the top of the market having finished first and second in the Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase over this same course-and-distance at the Cheltenham Festival back in March.

SATURDAY 17

All-Weather fans will be looking forward to Lingfield's afternoon card, home of the Listed Churchill Stakes (2000m) and open to horses aged three and older. A strong field is usually always assembled and pointers towards AW Finals Day next April are likely to be in the offing following last year's 1-2 in the Churchill Stakes, Master The World and Victory Bond, later reversing positions in March's Betway Easter Classic.

SATURDAY 24

A fantastic afternoon of racing is in store with the historic Grade 1 Betfair Chase (5100m) taking place at Haydock. Won four times by the legendary Kauto Star, it often acts as a prime starting point for the season's main Cheltenham Gold Cup contenders and it is already shaping up to be a cracker with Native River and Might Bite – first and second in the 2018 Cheltenham Gold Cup – set to do battle once again.

Joining them could be last year's emphatic winner Bristol De Mai, who produced an unforgettable display of jumping from the front to win by an unchallenged 57 lengths 12 months ago.

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