

# GBI RACING

## OCTOBER 2018

### MONDAY

**1**

BATH  
CATTERICK  
KEMPTON  
Newton Abbot  
Roscommon

### TUESDAY

**2**

AYR  
KEMPTON  
SOUTHWELL  
Sedgefield

### WEDNESDAY

**3**

NOTTINGHAM  
SALISBURY  
NEWCASTLE  
Bangor  
CORK

### THURSDAY

**4**

WARWICK  
LINGFIELD  
Huntingdon  
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)  
Clonmel

### FRIDAY

**5**

ASCOT  
Fontwell  
Hexham  
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)  
Gowran Park  
DUNDALK (EVE)

### SATURDAY

**6**

ASCOT  
NEWMARKET  
REDCAR  
Fontwell  
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)  
Gowran Park

### SUNDAY

**7**

Kelso  
Uttoxeter  
TIPPERARY

**8**

PONTEFRAC  
WINDSOR  
KEMPTON  
Stratford  
Tipperary

**9**

BRIGHTON  
CATTERICK  
LEICESTER  
NEWCASTLE  
Galway

**10**

NOTTINGHAM  
KEMPTON  
Ludlow  
Towcester  
CORK

**11**

AYR  
Exeter  
Worcester  
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)  
Thurles

**12**

NEWMARKET  
YORK  
Newton Abbot  
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)  
Downpatrick  
DUNDALK (EVE)

**13**

NEWMARKET  
YORK  
CHEPSTOW  
Hexham  
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)  
LIMERICK  
Fairyhouse

**14**

GOODWOOD  
CHEPSTOW  
NAVAN  
Limerick

**15**

YARMOUTH  
MUSSELBURGH  
WINDSOR  
KEMPTON  
GOWRAN PARK

**16**

LEICESTER  
KEMPTON  
Hereford  
Huntingdon  
Punchestown

**17**

NOTTINGHAM  
BATH  
NEWCASTLE  
Wetherby  
Punchestown

**18**

BRIGHTON  
Carlisle  
Uttoxeter  
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)  
Tramore

**19**

HAYDOCK  
REDCAR  
Fakenham  
Wincanton  
NEWCASTLE (EVE)  
DUNDALK (EVE)

**20**

ASCOT  
CATTERICK  
Market Rasen  
Ffos Las  
Stratford  
LEOPARDSTOWN

**21**

Kempton  
Sedgefield  
NAAS  
Cork

**22**

PONTEFRAC  
WINDSOR  
KEMPTON  
Plumpton

**23**

YARMOUTH  
NEWCASTLE  
KEMPTON  
Exeter

**24**

NEWMARKET  
NEWCASTLE  
Fontwell  
Worcester  
NAVAN

**25**

CARLISLE  
Ludlow  
Southwell  
CHELMSFORD CITY (EVE)  
Thurles

**26**

DONCASTER  
NEWBURY  
Cheltenham  
KEMPTON (EVE)  
DUNDALK (EVE)

**27**

DONCASTER  
NEWBURY  
KEMPTON  
Cheltenham  
Kelso  
LEOPARDSTOWN  
Galway

**28**

Aintree  
Wincanton  
Wexford  
Galway

**29**

LEICESTER  
REDCAR  
CHELMSFORD CITY  
Ayr  
Wexford  
Galway

**30**

CATTERICK  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Chepstow  
Bangor

**31**

NOTTINGHAM  
KEMPTON  
Fakenham  
Taunton  
DUNDALK (EVE)

## THE FEATURE RACES IN OCTOBER

### SATURDAY 6

#### NEWMARKET

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN SUN CHARIOT STAKES  
TATTERSALLS OCTOBER AUCTION STAKES

#### ASCOT

STELLA ARTOIS CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES  
JOHN GUEST RACING BENGOUGH STAKES  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD ROUSE STAKES

#### REDCAR

RACING UK TWO YEAR OLD TROPHY

### SUNDAY 7

#### TIPPERARY

COOLMORE STUD CONCORDE STAKES  
JOE MAC NOVICE HURDLE  
LIKE A BUTTERFLY NOVICE CHASE

### FRIDAY 12

#### NEWMARKET

BET365 FILLIES' MILE  
GODOLPHIN STUD CHALLENGE STAKES  
GODOLPHIN LIFETIME CARE OH SO SHARP STAKES  
NEWMARKET ACADEMY CORNWALLIS STAKES

### SATURDAY 13

#### NEWMARKET

DARLEY DEWHURST STAKES  
MASAR GODOLPHIN AUTUMN STAKES  
GODOLPHIN FLYING START ZETLAND STAKES  
DARLEY CLUB STAKES  
DUBAI CESAREWITCH HANDICAP

### SUNDAY 14

#### NAVAN

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF LEGACY STAKES  
WATERFORD TESTIMONIAL STAKES  
STAFFORDSTOWN STUD STAKES  
IRISH CESAREWITCH

### SATURDAY 20

#### ASCOT

QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES  
QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES  
QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES  
QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP

#### LEOPARDSTOWN

KILLAVULLAN STAKES  
TRIGO STAKES

### SATURDAY 27

#### NEWBURY

WORTHINGTON'S ST SIMON STAKES  
WORTHINGTON'S HARRIS HILL STAKES  
BYERLEY STUD STAKES

#### DONCASTER

VERTEM FUTURITY TROPHY

#### CHELTENHAM

MASTERSON HOLDINGS HURDLE  
RANDOX HEALTH HANDICAP CHASE  
ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE HUSSARS NOVICE CHASE

#### LEOPARDSTOWN

TOTE HANDICAP

### SUNDAY 28

#### AINTREE

MONET'S GARDEN OLD ROAN CHASE

**SATURDAY 7**

October's principal action begins with the latest in a series of major racedays at Newmarket, the action being headlined by the Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes over 1600m. First held in 1966, it has been a Group 1 since 2004 and its roll of honour features some illustrious fillies.

In five of the last nine years, the race has been won by a French-trained filly or mare and Andre Fabre might well have something up his sleeve for the race. However, Aidan O'Brien also has a notably strong hand of fillies this year, and having taken the last pair of renewals with Alice Springs and Roly Poly, he could well return with another challenger.

However, one filly likely to take some beating is the Karl Burke-trained Laurens (below), who has already taken three Group 1 prizes this year, most recently the Matron Stakes from Alpha Centauri.



On the same day, an interesting card at Ascot features a pair of Group-race events, the Stella Artois Cumberland Lodge Stakes (2400m) and the John Guest Bengough Stakes (1200m). Both contests have in the past been used as a prep for the British Champions Day card at the same track two weeks later. The meeting also includes the UK's joint-most valuable 1400m handicap of the year, the Challenge Cup.

It's also Redcar's day in the spotlight as the Teesside track stages its biggest meeting of their whole year featuring the £175,000 Totepool Two-Year-Old Trophy (1200m). Some good horses have taken this prize over the years - just three years ago Henry Candy's top-notch sprinter Limato delivered a dazzling display in beating Mattmu. There is also Listed action over 1400m in the shape of the Guisborough Stakes, while the 1600m handicappers get their chance in the final of the Straight Mile Series.

**FRIDAY 13 - SATURDAY 14**

The feature action is again at Newmarket as the track stages the Dubai Future Champions Festival, a fascinating mix of quality Flat racing contests with races for juveniles taking centre stage. The highlight on Friday is the bet365 Fillies' Mile, a Group 1 event over 1600m.

Also on the card is the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards Challenge Stakes over 1400m, always a popular contest over the specialists' trip. The other Group-race action on the day is for speedier two-year-olds, the Oh So Sharp Stakes over 1400m and the Newmarket Academy Godolphin Beacon Project Cornwallis Stakes over the minimum distance of 1000m.

The 1400m Darley Dewhurst Stakes, the most valuable Group One contest of its kind in Europe, is the potential headline-maker on the Saturday. Victory in the race not only usually guarantees a prominent pitch in the ante-post betting for the following year's Classics, but can also lead to a future stallion career. Put simply, it is a race in which future kings are often crowned. There is also Group Three action for two-year-olds elsewhere on the card in the shape of the Autumn Stakes, a race won by the likes of Nayef and Kingston Hill in recent times. Race sponsors Godolphin have a good recent record in the race.

Another contest on the card well worth tuning in for is the Listed Godolphin Flying Start Zetland Stakes, a 2000m contest for future staying prospects. Ribblesdale Stakes heroine Coronet took the spoils two years ago, but it was this year's St Leger winner Kew Gardens who struck for Ballydoyle in 2017.

Away from the pattern-race action, there is also the historic Betfred Cesarewitch to look forward to, a 3600m event which holds the distinction of being the only race to be run in two English counties – the marathon race starts in Cambridgeshire, yet finishes in Suffolk. Finding the winner has not been easy for punters in recent years though, with a number of the most recent winners coming home at long odds.

Leading Jumps trainers have a good record in the contest and recent Doncaster winner Just In Time - who lived up to his name when coming late to score (below) - will represent trainer Alan King, who took the prize with Grumeti three years ago. Just In Time has already scored six times in the last 12 months and will race in the red-and-white silks of Henry Ponsonby, who owned runner-up First Mohican with the same trainer in 2016.



#### SATURDAY 20

The eyes of the racing world focus on Ascot with the eighth staging of QIPCO British Champions Day. The meeting will once again break the record as the most valuable meeting staged in the history of horse racing in the country.

The meeting kicks off with the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup (3200m), a Group Two prize in which Irish horses have a hot record. However, in the absence of the recently-retired Order Of St George, it is the John Gosden-trained Stradivarius who looks a standout contender. He has stood head and shoulders above his rivals in the staying division this year.

Next up is the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes (1200m), in which both The Tin Man and Librisa Breeze are set to try and land the contest for a second time after previous successes. The former, trained by James Fanshawe, comes into the contest in flying form after striking in the Sprint Cup at Haydock on his latest appearance and he is fully proven over this track and trip.

The QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes (2400m) has a number of top-class performers among the entries, including the amazing filly Enable, who recently returned to racecourse action with victory at Kempton.

The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, sponsored by QIPCO, is one of the biggest 1600m races in the racing calendar and could feature some of the smartest milers in training. French contender Recoletos looks an obvious contender after winning the Prix du Moulin in his native country last time out. Carlos Laffon-Parias has nominated this contest as the likely next target.

The William Haggas-trained Addeybb would be one to note if conditions come up on the soft side of good. His trainer has been keeping the horse back all season long waiting for the weather to change and missed an intended start in the Irish Champion Stakes due to the unsuitable going.

The most valuable 2000m race in Europe, the QIPCO Champion Stakes was won so memorably by Frankel in 2012 and should once again be a top-class affair this year. A number of this season's leading middle-distance performers are in contention, including last year's winner Cracksman, in whom connections retain full faith despite a couple of laboured efforts on his most recent racecourse appearances.

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