

# GBI RACING

## JUNE 2018

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1

EPSOM  
CATTERICK  
Market Rasen  
BATH (EVE)  
DONCASTER (EVE)  
GOODWOOD (EVE)  
Tramore (EVE)

2

EPSOM  
MUSSELBURGH  
DONCASTER  
Hexham, Worcester  
CHEPSTOW (EVE)  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
NAVAN, Tramore (EVE)

3

Fakenham  
Perth  
LISTOWEL  
Kilbeggan

4

LEICESTER  
Newton Abbot  
WINDSOR (EVE)  
AYR (EVE)  
GOWRAN PARK  
Listowel

5

Bangor  
Fontwell  
NEWCASTLE (EVE)  
SOUTHWELL (EVE)

6

HAMILTON  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
Uttoxeter  
KEMPTON (EVE)  
WETHERBY (EVE)  
NAVAN  
Wexford (EVE)

7

HAYDOCK  
RIPON  
YARMOUTH  
SANDOWN (EVE)  
CARLISLE (EVE)  
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

8

BRIGHTON  
CARLISLE  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
GOODWOOD (EVE)  
HAYDOCK (EVE)  
CURRAGH (EVE)  
Clonmel (EVE)

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HAYDOCK  
NEWMARKET  
BEVERLEY  
CATTERICK  
MUSSELBURGH  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
CURRAGH

10

GOODWOOD  
NOTTINGHAM

11

BRIGHTON  
Worcester,  
WINDSOR (EVE)  
PONTEFRACT (EVE)  
ROSCOMMON(EVE)

12

SALISBURY  
THIRSK  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
Southwell (EVE)  
Roscommon (EVE)

13

HAYDOCK  
YARMOUTH  
CHELMSFORD CITY  
HAMILTON (EVE)  
KEMPTON (EVE)  
Punchestown (EVE)

14

NEWBURY  
NOTTINGHAM  
YARMOUTH  
NEWMARKET (EVE)  
Haydock (EVE)  
Yarmouth (EVE)  
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

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YORK  
SANDOWN  
Newton Abbot  
Aintree (EVE)  
GOODWOOD(EVE)  
CHESTER (EVE)  
Fairyhouse (EVE)

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YORK  
SANDOWN  
BATH, CHESTER  
Hexham  
Fontwell (EVE)  
LEICESTER (EVE)  
LIMERICK  
Downpatrick

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DONCASTER  
SALISBURY  
CORK  
Downpatrick

18

AYR  
CARLISLE  
NOTTINGHAM (EVE)  
WINDSOR (EVE)  
NAAS (EVE)

19

ROYAL ASCOT  
THIRSK  
BRIGHTON (EVE)  
BEVERLEY (EVE)  
Sligo (EVE)

20

ROYAL ASCOT  
HAMILTON  
Uttoxeter  
CHELMSFORD CITY(EVE)  
RIPON (EVE)  
Wexford (EVE)

21

ROYAL ASCOT  
CHELMSFORD CITY  
RIPON  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
Ffos Las (EVE)  
LEOPARDSTOWN (EVE)

22

ROYAL ASCOT  
REDCAR  
Market Rasen  
AYR (EVE), WETHERBY (EVE)  
NEWMARKET (EVE)  
LIMERICK (EVE)  
Down Royal (EVE)

23

ROYAL ASCOT  
NEWMARKET  
AYR, REDCAR, Perth  
HAYDOCK (EVE)  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
DOWN ROYAL  
Gowran Park

24

PONTEFRACT  
Hexham  
Worcester  
GOWRAN PARK

25

CHEPSTOW  
Southwell  
WINDSOR (EVE)  
WOLVERHAMPTON (EVE)  
Kilbeggan (EVE)

26

BEVERLEY  
BRIGHTON  
NEWBURY (EVE)  
Newton Abbot (EVE)  
Ballinrobe (EVE)

27

CARLISLE  
SALISBURY  
Worcester  
KEMPTON (EVE)  
BATH (EVE)  
NAAS (EVE)

28

NEWMARKET  
NOTTINGHAM  
NEWMARKET  
LEICESTER (EVE)  
HAMILTON (EVE)  
TIPPERARY (EVE)

29

DONCASTER  
YARMOUTH, Cartmel  
NEWMARKET (EVE)  
CHESTER (EVE)  
NEWCASTLE (EVE)  
CURRAGH (EVE)

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NEWMARKET, NEWCASTLE  
YORK, CHESTER  
WINDSOR  
DONCASTER (EVE)  
LINGFIELD (EVE)  
CURRAGH

## THE FEATURE RACE ACTION IN JUNE

### FRIDAY 2

#### EPSOM

INVESTEC OAKS  
INVESTEC CORONATION CUP

### SATURDAY 3

#### EPSOM

INVESTEC DERBY  
PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES  
INVESTEC DIOMED STAKES

#### MUSSELBURGH

EDINBURGH CUP

### THURSDAY 7

#### LEOPARDSTOWN

KING GEORGE V CUP  
GLENCAIRN STAKES

### FRIDAY 8

#### CURRAGH

TRM BALLYOGAN STAKES

### SATURDAY 9

#### HAYDOCK

BETWAY JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES  
BETWAY ACHILLES STAKES  
BETWAY PINNACLE STAKES

#### BEVERLEY

HILARY NEEDLER FILLIES' TROPHY  
BRIAN YEARDLEY CONTINENTAL TROPHY

### THURSDAY 14

#### LEOPARDSTOWN

BALLYCORUS STAKES

### SATURDAY 16

#### SANDOWN

RAN DOX HEALTH SCURRY STAKES

#### MUSSELBURGH

SCOTTISH SPRINT CUP

### TUESDAY 19

#### ROYAL ASCOT

QUEEN ANNE STAKES  
COVENTRY STAKES  
KING'S STAND STAKES  
ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES

### WEDNESDAY 20

#### ROYAL ASCOT

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES  
QUEEN MARY STAKES  
QUEEN'S VASE  
DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES  
JERSEY STAKES

### THURSDAY 21

#### ROYAL ASCOT

GOLD CUP  
RIBBLESDALE STAKES  
NORFOLK STAKES

### FRIDAY 22

#### ROYAL ASCOT

COMMONWEALTH CUP  
CORONATION STAKES  
KING EDWARD VII STAKES  
ALBANY STAKES

### SATURDAY 23

#### ROYAL ASCOT

DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES  
HARDWICKE STAKES  
WOKINGHAM STAKES  
CHESHAM STAKES

### SATURDAY 30

#### NEWMARKET

BETWAY CRITERION STAKES  
BETWAY FRED ARCHER STAKES  
BETWAY EMPRESS STAKES

#### CURRAGH

DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH DERBY  
GAIN RAILWAY STAKES

### SATURDAY 2 – SUNDAY 3

All eyes will be on Epsom for one of the most famous and celebrated races in the sport's history. The Investec Derby is the centrepiece of a two-day fixture steeped in tradition and prestige.

Aidan O'Brien won the race in consecutive years between 2012 and 2014 and again last year with outsider Wings Of Eagles. He is likely to saddle his usual bumper team, with 2000 Guineas winner Saxon Warrior unsurprisingly considered his number one candidate given the manner in which he scored at Newmarket.

John Gosden won the race three years ago with Golden Horn and he bids to strike again with Roaring Lion, the impressive winner of the Derby's foremost trial, York's Dante Stakes (pictured below).



On the Friday, the Investec Oaks is the highlight, for which Godolphin's Wild Illusion is likely to head the betting. The Charlie Appleby-trained filly is the only previous Group One winner still in the race.

The third big race of the meeting is the Coronation Cup, set to feature the Gosden-trained Cracksman, who capped his 2017 campaign with a breathtaking success in the QIPCO Champion Stakes.

### SATURDAY 9

Haydock Park takes centre stage as it hosts a card featuring pattern-race contests, the Betway John Of Gaunt Stakes and the Pinnacle Stakes.

Beverley's meeting features two cracking contests for juveniles, the Brian Yeardley Continental Trophy and the Hilary Needler Stakes, both of which have thrown up candidates for major honours at Royal Ascot in the past.

### TUESDAY 19 – SATURDAY 23

History, heritage, high society and top-class horse racing. Royal Ascot starts with a bang with three Group One events on the first day, beginning with the Queen Anne Stakes for older horses over 1600m, before it is later the turn of the King's Stand Stakes over 1000m, and the St James's Palace Stakes (1600m) for three-year-olds.

International runners are again set to be represented in all three contests and the King's Stand clash between ace US sprinter Lady Aurelia and the amazing Battaash, trained in Lambourn by Charlie Hills, should be one of the battles of the year. The former bids to win at the meeting for the third year running, after taking the King's Stand last year in emphatic fashion (below).



Battaash, a multiple Group One winner in 2017, made a successful first appearance this season when taking the Temple Stakes at Haydock in May.

Wednesday's feature is the Prince Of Wales's Stakes (2000m) with £750,000 up for grabs. Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor won the prize four times in five years at the turn of the century and would surely love to have another contender this time around. Could his Benbatl contend? Among the supporting action is the 1000m Queen Mary Stakes for juvenile fillies.

Stamina is the required asset in Thursday's feature on Ladies Day, the Gold Cup over 4000m.

First run in 1807, the marathon event has witnessed some fantastic finishes over the years and the 2013 renewal saw Estimate win the race for The Queen amidst euphoric scenes in the winner's enclosure.

Last year's race produced one of the best finishes of the whole season as Big Orange just held off Order Of St George to score (pictured below).

With Big Orange sadly sidelined with injury, could the runner-up repeat his 2016 victory this time after a couple of impressive successes on his way to this contest already this season? Or will the improving Stradivarius land another big staying prize after last season's Goodwood Cup?



Since its introduction in 2014, the Group One Commonwealth Cup, Friday's highlight as a 1200m event for three-year-olds, has proved a smash hit and this year's renewal is hotly anticipated with US-trained raider Beckford flying in to take on Sandy Lane Stakes winner Sands Of Mali and the Aidan O'Brien-trained Sioux Nation.

Saturday's highlight is the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, one of the best sprint contests of the year.

Godolphin's Harry Angel warmed up for this when taking the Duke Of York Stakes at York's Dante meeting and looks sure to take the beating as he bids for a third Group One success. Aidan O'Brien's Australian recruit Merchant Navy will be an interesting opponent, having impressed on his first start for Ballydoyle at The Curragh.

#### SATURDAY 30

Seamie Heffernan claimed victory in the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby for the third time in the last 11 years when scoring aboard the Aidan O'Brien-trained Capri last year in a contest understandably assessed as having been the highest rated three-year-old race in the world, given the way the form of his victory over Cracksman and Wings Of Eagles ultimately worked out.

For a fourth year in a row, free entry to Irish racing's blue riband event will this year be offered to the winners and placed horses in a variety of races leading up to it, an initiative that organisers hope will encourage connections of quality performers to take their chance.

Also on the programme at The Curragh is the GAIN Railway Stakes, a contest for two-year-olds. Aidan O'Brien has scored with subsequent Classic heroes Rock Of Gibraltar (pictured below) and George Washington in the past.



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