

35 Races Across Five Days Puts The Glorious In To Goodwood

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Racing fans are getting ready for another equine treat with Glorious Goodwood offering five days of sensational flat racing action on the south coast and the extravaganza will yet again provide top class Group action as well as a plethora of ultra-competitive handicap conundrums for punters to try and work out.

Outside of racing circles it may still be Royal Ascot that flies the flag for the sport of kings, but with steamy conditions hopefully gracing the Sussex Downs over the week it's yet another racing spectacle that will not only have the glitz and glamour, but will also have some superb racing taking place between July 30th and August 3rd with 35 races in the offering, with action show live on Channel 4 each day.

For the last couple of years, Glorious Goodwood has had Frankel as the 'poster boy' for the event and that has seen it duly propel into the limelight, but this year's jamboree could utilise the epic duel between Dawn Approach and Toronado as the classy pair are set to meet for the third time this campaign in the QIPCO Sussex Stakes on the second day of the meeting.

Jim Bolger's Dawn Approach was sensational when trouncing Richard Hannon's stable star in the 2000 Guineas at the beginning of the season, but Toronado showed his class when coming within a short-head of the Irish Raider in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and the duo are set for another mouth-watering clash on Wednesday afternoon and the bookmakers are finding it tough to split the pair with Bolger's runner just spearheading the betting with Betfred at 6/5 with his rival a 13/8 chance.

Throughout the week there will be top class Group action and the Nassau Stakes is another of the blue riband event over the five days and John Gosden's The Fugue will be bidding for back-to-back wins in the Group One feature on Saturday, but the aforementioned Hannon is set to hand the 1000 Guineas heroine Sky Lantern the task as she steps up to 1m 2f for the first time in her career.

The stayers will take centre stage on Thursday in the Goodwood Cup as the stamina-laden runners look to emulate the mighty Yeats in etching their name in the illustrious roll of honour, but it's towards the end of the week that the punters will have their work cut out as there will be some devilishly difficult handicap races to work out in what are some of the toughest races on the British calendar.

Friday's Betfred Mile will see a bumper field head to the eight-furlong start and the likes of Stirring Ballad and Wentworth will be eager to make amends for disappointing shows at Royal Ascot last month, but the punting highlight is the Stewards' Cup on the final day which will see some of the best sprint handicappers in training do battle.

Last year's winner Hoof It is sure to be a name on punter's shortlist as he looks to secure consecutive wins in the six-furlong contest, whilst Jim Goldie's 2011 victor Hawkeyetheno will be another to watch out for, but the in-form speedster currently heading the ante-post betting at 10/1 with Betfred is Kevin Ryan's Wokingham Handicap winner York Glory, who is sure to feature in the latter stages and come with a barnstorming run like he did at the Royal meeting in June.

For more information about this year's meeting visit <http://www.glorious-goodwood.net>

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