

# Frankel The Pick Of The Equine Athletes On Display At Glorious Goodwood This Week

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The Olympics may be the number one attraction in the media right now but Glorious Goodwood gets underway on Tuesday 31st July, kick starting five days of top class horse racing from the Sussex track, showcasing some of the best equine athletes around.

The highlight of Glorious Goodwood 2012 is the "Usain Bolt of the equine world", Frankel, who, on Wednesday, will be looking to become the first horse in the history of the Sussex Stakes to win the race twice and in doing so stretch his unbeaten record to 12 races. He is quoted by some bookmakers at odds as short as 1/20 to win the race, which would be the shortest price of any horse ever to run at the Glorious Goodwood meeting.

The Sussex Stakes of course is not the only Group 1 raced at the meeting, the Nassau Stakes, is also a Group One event and takes place on Saturday. The 1m2f race is exclusively for Fillies has been race dominated for the last three years by Frankel's former stablemate at the Sir Henry Cecil yard, Midday. However, she has since retired and her likely successor could be the mare who finished second to her 12 months ago, dual Oaks winner, Snow Fairy.

The opening day feature is always the Group 2 Lennox Stakes over 7 furlongs, which this year has attracted a really strong field. The day will also see the renewals of the Group 3 Molecomb Stakes over 5 furlongs and the Group 3 Gordon Stakes over 1m4f.

The pick of Wednesday's undercard to Frankel and the Sussex Stakes is the Group 2 Vintage Stakes for two year olds. It is usual to see a potential classic prospect for next season emerge from this race as they have so often in the past.

Thursday is Ladies Day, one of the most enjoyable of the week. It is always attracts a huge crowd and this year they will witness the 200th running of the Group 2 Goodwood Cup.

The meeting concludes on Saturday with the Nassau Stakes being the feature race in terms of quality. However, in terms of thrills and spills, it is the Stewards Cup that does all the providing. Likened by most as a "Cavalry Charge" over 6 furlongs by a field of 28 runners, this race is one of the most popular of the week but never a race to put your mortgage on!

Glorious Goodwood gets underway on Tuesday at 2.00 with bet365.com Stakes and concludes on Saturday at 5.40 with SSAFA Apprentice Handicap, for more information, visit [www.glorious-goodwood.net](http://www.glorious-goodwood.net) (<http://www.glorious-goodwood.net/>)