



GOODWOOD RACECOURSE TO HONOUR TOMMIE JAKES AT ALL-APPRENTICE FIXTURE DURING THREE FRIDAY NIGHTS PRESENTED BY FITZDARES

Goodwood Racecourse will honour the memory of late apprentice jockey Tommie Jakes during its annual all-apprentice racecard on Friday 5 June, part of the opening fixture of Three Friday Nights presented by Fitzdares.

A dedicated race will be run in memory of Tommie Jakes, who sadly passed away in October 2025 aged 19. Tommie's parents will attend as special guests and present the trophy following the race. Since his death, Tommie's mother, Tonie, has worked closely with the racing industry to raise awareness of mental health and the support available to young jockeys.

First introduced by Goodwood in 2022, the all-apprentice fixture was created to give emerging riders the opportunity to showcase their talent on one of racing's most iconic stages in front of a large crowd.

The six-race card operates on a points-based system to crown Goodwood Racecourse's Leading Apprentice Jockey of the evening, while a separate Performance of the Evening Award recognises an outstanding ride regardless of finishing position.

Last year, Tyrese Cameron received the Performance of the Evening Award, while Joe Leavy secured the Leading Apprentice title before going on to be crowned the 2025 British Champion Apprentice.

Joe Leavy said: "The all-apprentice fixture at Goodwood is such an important meeting for young jockeys because you get the chance to ride for a variety of trainers you might not normally ride for and showcase your talent on a top Group 1 track.

"Meetings like this can build momentum and open doors with new connections. It's a brilliant platform for apprentices to gain experience, confidence and show what they're capable of."

Apprentice jockeys are riders aged between 16 and 26 who can claim a weight allowance of 3lbs to 7lbs to compensate for inexperience. While they regularly compete alongside professional jockeys, apprentice-only races provide valuable opportunities to ride against jockeys at a similar stage of their careers.

Adam McNamara, Senior Racing Executive at the Professional Jockeys Association, said: “The PJA is fully supportive of the All-Apprentice fixture at Goodwood. It has become an established and integral part of the fixture list for apprentice jockeys and provides the perfect opportunity for them to showcase their talent.

“We are also incredibly pleased that Goodwood has included a dedicated race in memory of the late Tommie Jakes, who was a much-loved and respected member of the weighing room.”

Friday 5 June also marks the opening event of Goodwood’s Three Friday Nights series presented by Fitzdares, combining racing with live music and entertainment. Following racing, drum and bass artist Sub Focus will perform live in the Parade Ring.

Gates open at 4pm, with the first race at 5.25pm. Limited tickets and hospitality packages for Three Friday Nights are available via [Goodwood.com](https://www.goodwood.com)

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Notes To Editors:

Tickets, dining, and hospitality for the 2026 horseracing season at Goodwood Racecourse are now available to purchase. Visit [Goodwood.com](https://www.goodwood.com) to find out more.

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About Goodwood Racecourse

Introduced to the Goodwood Estate in 1802 by the 3rd Duke of Richmond, Goodwood Racecourse has a long and distinguished horseracing heritage. Set on the South Downs, Goodwood Racecourse is regarded as one of the world’s most beautiful racecourses and has been home to significant moments in horseracing history.

Hosting 19 race days from May through October, thousands of racegoers flock to Goodwood each year to enjoy a season of top-class horseracing and entertainment. With a varied calendar of fixtures, race day highlights include the May Festival, Three Friday Nights, Qatar

Goodwood Festival presented by Visit Qatar—more affectionately known as Glorious Goodwood—and Season Finale to name a few.

About Qatar Goodwood Festival presented by Visit Qatar

Qatar Goodwood Festival presented by Visit Qatar is one of the undisputed highlights of the British flat racing season. The world-famous five-day festival is a sporting and social occasion like no other, unrivalled style, superb racing, and hospitality experiences to savour mean it's not to be missed. The 2026 Qatar Goodwood Festival takes place from Tuesday 28 July to Saturday 1 August. The week is headed by three Group 1 races, including the Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup (2m), the Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes (1m), and the Qatar Nassau Stakes (1m2f).