

## **Programme 1**

**Week 6      Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>      1800-2200      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Opening Ceremony**

**Introduced by Sue Barker**

**Live coverage from the Stadio Olimpico, Turin, of the Opening Ceremony of the twentieth Winter Olympiad, which gets underway shortly before 7.00pm**

**Over the next 17 days, 2,500 winter athletes will converge in Italy to compete for the ultimate prize in sport – an Olympic gold medal. From downhill skiing to curling, from ice hockey to figure skating, 84 gold medals will be contested.**

**Among the Great Britain team at the ceremony tonight are the women's curling squad who won a memorable gold at Salt Lake City four years ago.**

**Commentators: Barry Davies & Hazel Irvine**

**Plus Clare Balding, Steve Cram and Colin Jackson look forward to some of those events, stories and personalities that are expected to dominate sixteen days of competition at the Games.**

**Executive Producer: Jonathan Bramley**

**Editor: Alastair McIntyre**

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## **Programme 2**

**Week 7      Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>      1730-1855      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Freestyle Skiing**

**Introduced by Clare Balding in Sestriere**

#### **1750 Women's Moguls**

**Live coverage of the final from Sauze d'Oulx.**

**Combining speed and artistry, the Moguls final promises to be one of the most spectacular events of the Games. Defending champion Kari Traa of Norway is going for gold again in her fourth and final Olympics. Reigning world champion Hannah Kearney of the USA, who turns 20 during the Games, will provide fierce competition.**

**Also the opening action in the Men's Luge competition with Britons Mark Hatton and Adam Rosen competing.**

**Plus news of the first three gold medals won on the first day of competition – Men's Individual 20km Biathlon, Nordic Combined and Men's 5000m Speed Skating.**

**Commentators:**

**Freestyle Skiing:      Matt Chilton**

**Luge:                      Paul Dickenson and Colin Bryce**

**Speed Skating:        Hugh Porter & Wilf O'Reilly**

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**Programme 3**

**Week 7      Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>      2015-2130      BBC 2**

**Winter Olympics – Figure Skating**

**Introduced by Sue Barker and Clare Balding from Turin and Sestriere**

**Pairs Short Programme**

Live coverage from Palavela.

Russians have dominated the Pairs competition for forty years, winning the last eleven Olympic gold medals. Tatyana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin are expected to extend the Russian winning streak here, having recovered impressively from a terrible skating accident in October 2004.

Also latest news from the first day of competition including the second run of the Men's Luge from the track at Cesana Pariol and the first action from the Women's Ice Hockey competition.

**Commentators:**

**Figure Skating:**      Barry Davies  
**Luge:**                      Paul Dickenson & Colin Bryce  
**Ice Hockey:**              Brent Pope

**Executive Producer:** Jonathan Bramley

**Executive Editors:** Philip Bernie & Dave Gordon

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**Programme 4**

**Week 7      Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>      1045-1215      BBC 2**

**Winter Olympics – Men's Downhill**

**Introduced by Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine from Sestriere**

**With Emma Carrick-Anderson**

**Men's Downhill**

**Live coverage of the blue riband event of Alpine Skiing.**

**The fastest and most dangerous of the Alpine Skiing events, the men's downhill is one of the undoubted highlights of the Games. Austria's Fritz Strobl is the defending champion and his form in this season's World Cup suggests he has every chance of clinching gold again. Compatriot Michael Walchhofer and Daron Rahlves of the United States have strong claims of their own, in what is a very open race.**

**Britain has never taken home a skiing medal at the Winter Olympics, but Scotland's Finlay Mickel offers some hope after an encouraging World Cup season.**

**Commentators:      Matt Chilton and Graham Bell**

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## **Programme 5**

**Week 7      Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>      1245-1435      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Snowboarding**

**Introduced by Clare Balding from Sestriere**

#### **1245 Men's Half-Pipe**

**Live coverage of the final from Bardonecchia**

**Spectacular tricks and breathtaking manoeuvres are the order of the day as the world's top snowboarders go for gold in the men's halfpipe. 2002 Olympic champion Ross Powers of the United States is back to defend his title. He can expect stiff competition from the 'Flying Tomato', 19-year-old sensation Shaun White, who has taken the sport by storm.**

**Commentator:      Ed Leigh**

**Plus news of the first cross-country medals of the Games and at**

#### **2.05 Road to Melbourne**

**The first edition of a four part series looking ahead to the Commonwealth Games being held in March.**

**With an estimated 4,500 athletes competing in Melbourne next month, the Commonwealth Games hopefuls from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will have to be at their best to repeat the medal successes of the 2002 Games in Manchester.**

**Road to Melbourne goes behind the scenes to see how preparations are coming on.**

**Producer:      Richard Carr**

**Editors:      Jim Bentley and Michael Cole**

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## **Programme 6**

**Week 7      Sunday February 12th      1700-1900      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Ski Jumping/Luge**

#### **Introduced by Hazel Irvine from Sestriere**

Live coverage of the climax of two of the more dramatic events at the Games

#### **5.05 & 6.05    Ski Jumping – Normal Hill**

Swiss ski jumper Simon Ammann upset the medal-favourites in Salt Lake City to win two golds, and the Harry Potter look-a-like is back to defend his titles.

Jakub Janda of the Czech Republic has dominated this season's World Cup but 19-year-old Rok Benkovic of Slovakia showed how unpredictable this event can be by winning the 2005 World Championship.

#### **545 & 635    Men's Luge**

The final of the fastest sport on ice, with competitors reaching speeds of up to 90mph.

George Hackl, the three-time Olympic champion and the greatest luger of all time, has had an injury-hit season. The smart money is on Armin Zoeggeler of Italy, who beat Hackl to the gold at the 2002 Games, and won on the Cesana Pariol Olympic track in November.

**Commentators:**

**Ski Jumping:**            **Graham Bell**

**Luge:**                      **Paul Dickenson & Colin Bryce**

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## **Programme 7**

**Week 7      Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>      1900-2105      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Short Track**

**Introduced by Sue Barker and Hazel Irvine from Turin and Sestriere**

#### **Short-Track**

The final of the men's 1500m, which could be a classic. Defending Olympic champion Apolo Anton Ohno is a big star in the United States after his win at Salt Lake City, but there's a real challenge to his crown in the form of Ahn Hyun-soo of South Korea, who won last year's World Championship and is going for an unprecedented four medals at these Games.

Also a look back to some of the best action from the mountains earlier in the day in the Men's Downhill and Men's Half-Pipe Snowboarding. Plus action from the Women's 3000m Speed Skating and the Women's Ice Hockey competition where Salt Lake City gold medallists Canada met Russia and silver medallists USA faced Germany.

#### **Commentators:**

**Short-Track:            Hugh Porter & Wilf O'Reilly**

**Speed Skating:        Stuart Storey**

**Ice Hockey:            Barry Davies & Brent Pope**

#### **Reporter:**

**Colin Jackson**

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## **Programme 8**

**Week 7      Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>      1230-1400      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics - Snowboarding**

**Introduced by Clare Balding from Sestriere**

#### **Women's Half-Pipe**

Defending Olympic champion Kelly Clark of the United States has some stiff competition but she welcomes it, saying she likes having young challengers around to "push me to one-up them." The competition is certainly good news for spectators, as the snowboarders pull off spectacular moves in their quest for gold. Britain's Lesley McKenna will be among those hoping to contest this afternoon's final.

**Commentator:      Ed Leigh**  
**Reporter:            Colin Jackson**

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## **Programme 9**

**Week 7      Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>      1400-1600      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Curling**

**Introduced by Clare Balding and Steve Cram from Sestriere and Pinerolo**

#### **Curling**

Great Britain's women begin the defence of their Olympic title with a group game against Denmark. The Danes knocked Rhona Martin's Scotland team out of the European Championships two months ago and ended up with the Bronze medal, so it's a tough opening test for Martin's defending champions.

There's highlights as well from the men's curlers, with Great Britain starting their campaign against Italy.

Also action from the first medals to be won today in the Women's 15km Biathlon and all the latest news and stories on day 3 of the Games.

#### **Commentators:**

**Curling:      Dougie Donnelly and Kirsty Hay**

**Biathlon:     Harry Gratton**

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## **Programme 10**

**Week 7      Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>      2030-2230      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Figure Skating**

**Introduced by Sue Barker and Hazel Irvine in Turin & Sestriere**

#### **Pairs Free Programme**

Live coverage of the conclusion of the Pairs competition. After Saturday's short program, the skaters compete in the free skate. Technical and artistic strengths are the key to a good score and it's the Russians who have dominated the event over the last 40 years. The 2002 success of Russia's Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze was not without controversy though, with Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier eventually awarded a share of the gold following an appeal over the judges' voting.

Also Curling: Britain's men take on New Zealand; Men's 500m Speed Skating, Women's Luge and Women's Ice Hockey plus the news, stories and personalities making the headlines on the third day of the Games.

#### **Commentators:**

<b>Ice Skating:</b>	<b>Barry Davies and Robin Cousins</b>
<b>Speed Skating:</b>	<b>Hugh Porter and Wilf O'Reilly</b>
<b>Luge:</b>	<b>Paul Dickenson and Colin Byyce</b>
<b>Ice Hockey:</b>	<b>Brent Pope</b>

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## **Programme 11**

**Week 7      Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>      1400-1550      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics-Curling**

**Introduced by Hazel Irvine and Steve Cram in Sestriere and Pinerolo**

**With Emma Carrick-Anderson**

#### **2.45    Curling**

**Rhona Martin's Great Britain team continue the defence of their Olympic title with a group game against Switzerland. The Swiss were runners-up at the European championships at the end of last year although Rhona Martin and her Scotland team got the better of them when they met early in that tournament. Expect a tense, tight affair.**

#### **2.05    Men's Combined Downhill**

**Coverage of the first part of the men's combined competition – the downhill. Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway is the defending Olympic champion and at the age of 34 will be looking to bow out in style. He is the ultimate skiing all-rounder, having won World Cup races in all five disciplines. The second and final part of the combined event, the slalom, takes place this evening.**

**Also early medal action from the Men's 10km Sprint Biathlon and the Men's & Women's Sprint Cross-Country**

**Commentators:**

**Skiing:            Matt Chilton & Graham Bell**

**Curling:          Dougie Donnelly & Kirsty Hay**

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## **Programme 12**

**Week 7      Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>      1550-1900**

### **Winter Olympics – Skiing**

#### **Introduced by Hazel Irvine in Sestriere**

With Emma Carrick-Anderson

#### **4.00 & 6.30    Men’s Combined Slaloms**

After this afternoon’s downhill, the combined skiers tackle the slalom course. Two runs will determine where the medals go and nothing can be taken for granted. Just ask Pirmin Zurbriggen who, at the 1988 Games, recorded the fastest time in the downhill and led by more than two seconds after the first run of the slalom. He crashed towards the end of the second slalom run and missed out on a medal altogether.

#### **4.35 & 5.20    Women’s Luge**

Live coverage from Cesana of the final run. Four-time World champion Silke Otto defends her Olympic title, having led home a German clean sweep at Salt Lake City in 2002. The Germans could repeat that performance, with 22-year-old star Tatjana Huefner a real contender for gold.

#### **5.00    Ice Hockey**

The defending women’s champions Canada play their final pool match against a strong Sweden side, who were bronze medallists in 2002. There is much at stake, with the winner of this match likely to advance to the gold medal game on Friday.

#### **6.00    Speed-Skating**

The final of the women’s 500m. Chinese pair Wang Manli and Wang Beixing won gold and silver at last year’s World Championship, but Canada’s Jenny Wolf has been the pacesetter at this season’s World Cup and could upset the Chinese challenge.

#### **Commentators:**

<b>Skiing:</b>	<b>Matt Chilton &amp; Graham Bell</b>
<b>Luge:</b>	<b>Paul Dickenson &amp; Colin Bryce</b>
<b>Ice Hockey:</b>	<b>Brent Pope</b>
<b>Speed Skating:</b>	<b>Hugh Porter &amp; Wilf O’Reilly</b>

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## **Programme 13**

**Week 7      Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>      2100-2230      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Figure Skating**

**Introduced by Sue Barker and Hazel Irvine in Turin & Sestriere**

#### **Men's Short Programme**

Figure skating has produced some of the most memorable moments in Winter Olympic history, including John Curry and Robin Cousins winning gold for Great Britain in the 1976 and 1980. Sadly there is no British interest here, but the one to watch is 23-year-old Russian star Yevgeny Plushenko. He makes difficult quadruple jump combinations look like second nature, and an Olympic gold medal would confirm his status as one of the all-time greats.

**Commentators:      Barry Davies & Robin Cousins**

**Plus a look back at all the news, stories and personalities that have dominated the fourth day of the twentieth Olympiad.**

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## **Programme 14**

**Week 7      Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>    1045-1215    BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Women’s Downhill**

**Introduced by Clare Balding and Hazel Irvine in Sestriere**

**With Graham Bell.**

### **Women’s Downhill**

**Live coverage of the women’s downhill, which appears to be one of the most open competitions in years. Lindsey Kildow, who made her Olympic debut as a 17-year-old in Salt Lake City, has led the way in the World Cup this season and has high hopes of winning the USA’s first ever gold in this event. Experienced Austrian pair Michaela Dorfmeister and Alexandra Meissnitzer have strong claims of their own, while the Italian locals will be hoping Elena Fanchini can reproduce the form that saw her win this season’s opening World Cup race.**

**Commentators:      Matt Chilton & Emma Carrick-Anderson**

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## **Programme 15**

**Week 7      Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>    1400-1600    BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Curling**

**Introduced by Clare Balding and Steve Cram in Sestriere & Pinerolo**

#### **2.30    Curling**

Great Britain's men get a big test today with a group game against Canada, who have won silver at the last two Olympics. Plus live action of Great Britain women's team, as they continue the defence of their title against Sweden.

Commentators:      Dougie Donnelly and Kirsty Hay

#### **2.05    Women's Downhill**

Highlights of this morning's blue riband event with further reaction & analysis.

Also news of this morning's Biathlon Team event.

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## **Programme 16**

**Week 7      Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>    1600-1730    Week 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Freestyle Skiing**

**Introduced by Clare Balding in Sestriere**

#### **4.30    Men's Moguls**

Spectacular moves at high speeds are guaranteed as the world's top freestyle skiers go for gold. Jeremy Bloom, a star in the USA, is the favourite after winning this season's World Cup and going on to win the highly competitive US trials in December.

#### **4.00 & 5.15    Men's Doubles Luge**

The fastest sport on ice guarantees dramatic races, and the men's doubles final is always a great spectacle. German pair Patric Leitner and Alexander Resch are back to defend their Olympic title, having warmed up impressively by winning the test event on the Olympic track in November. Italians Christian Oberstolz and Patrick Gruber will attract the home support, and they have genuine gold medal claims having won the overall World Cup title this season.

**Commentators:**

**Moguls:      Matt Chilton**

**Luge:          Paul Dickenson & Colin Bryce**

**Also news from the start of the Men's Ice Hockey competition as 2002 champions Canada meet host country Italy.**

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## **Programme 17**

**Week 7      Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>    1930-2100    BBC 2**

**Introduced by Sue Barker & Hazel Irvine in Turin & Sestriere**

### **Short-Track**

Live coverage of the women's 500m final, with China's Yang Yang hoping to defend her title. The 29-year-old won China's first ever Winter Olympic gold medal at the 2002 Games but faces stiff competition from compatriot Wang Meng, who is the World Cup 500m champion.

**Commentators: Hugh Porter & Wilf O'Reilly**

**Also action and reaction to the main events of the day including the Women's Downhill and Men's Moguls and the latest news from the Curling rink at Pinerolo as Britain's men face Norway tonight.**

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## **Programme 18**

**Week 7      Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>      1230-1400      BBC 2**

### **Winter Olympics – Snowboarding**

**Introduced by Clare Balding in Sestriere**

#### **Men's Snowboard Cross**

Live coverage of the first ever Olympic snowboard cross final, from Bardonecchia. Expect an exciting mix of speed and chaos - the final will feature four snowboarders racing against each other while performing jumps and turns. This season's World Cup pacesetter, Xavier Delerue of France, should be among the line-up.

**Commentator:      Ed Leigh**

**Reporter:            Colin Jackson**

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