



## 2017 STOBART LESTERS AWARDS TO BE HOSTED LIVE ON AT THE RACES

At The Races will host and broadcast the 2017 Stobart Lesters Awards live on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December.

The PJA and At The Races have come together to agree a new, one-off format for the popular Lesters Awards ceremony which recognises the achievements of jockeys over the past twelve months. Fixture list clashes this year left organisers without the option of staging the Awards as a traditional, venue based event.

HWPB Broadcaster of the Year Luke Harvey and regular Get In! show partner Jason Weaver will be joined in the ATR studio by special guests and Awards winners. Nine accolades are to be presented including awards for Flat and Jump Ride of the Year, Flat and Jump Jockey of the Year and Special Recognition awards.

Viewers can watch live from 4pm on At The Races, with the show getting under way immediately following quality live afternoon racing action featuring the likely return of Faugheen in the Grade 1 Ryanair Hurdle at Leopardstown.

At The Races Director Of Broadcast, Rob Dakin said: “We’re delighted to team up with the PJA on this project, giving the Lesters live broadcast exposure for the first time. We’re always keen to showcase the incredible skills and dedication of our leading jockeys. Coming straight after four days of superb Grade 1 action, this special programme will be a must-watch for all racing fans.”

Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the PJA, said: “With racing taking place on the 23rd December this year we were facing another blank year for the Stobart Lesters. We were therefore delighted when At The Races agreed to produce a Stobart Lesters special programme and I’m sure Luke and Jason will make it a lot of fun ahead of the Stobart Lesters ceremony returning next year on the 22nd December, at a venue to be confirmed in the London area.”

### NOMINEES 2017 (Alphabetical order)

<b><u>Apprentice Jockey of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hollie Doyle</li> <li>• David Egan</li> <li>• Kieran Shoemark</li> <li>• George Wood</li> </ul>
<b><u>Conditional Jockey of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamie Bargary</li> <li>• Callum Bewley</li> <li>• Harry Cobden</li> <li>• David Noonan</li> </ul>
<b><u>Flat Ride of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josephine Gordon on High End at Chelmsford, 25 July 2017</li> <li>• Ryan Moore on Gustav Klimt, Bet365 Superlative Stakes at Newmarket on 15 July 2017</li> <li>• Callum Rodriguez on Nakeeta, Betfred Ebor at York on 26 August 2017</li> <li>• Danny Tudhope on Bravery, Betway Lincoln, Doncaster on 1st April 2017</li> </ul>

<b><u>Jump Ride of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tommy Dowson, Captain Sharpe, at Hexham, 23 May 2017</li> <li>• Derek Fox, One for Arthur, Radox Health Grand National, 8 April 2017, Aintree</li> <li>• Will Kennedy, Dear Sire, Toteexacta At <a href="http://Betfred.com">Betfred.com</a> Maiden Hurdle, 1 March 2017, Musselburgh</li> <li>• Harry Teal, Howaboutnever, at Worcester on 18 July 2017</li> </ul>
<b><u>Lady Jockey of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola Currie</li> <li>• Hollie Doyle</li> <li>• Josephine Gordon</li> <li>• Rachel Richardson</li> </ul>
<b><u>Flat Jockey Special Recognition</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frankie Dettori</li> <li>• Jimmy Fortune</li> <li>• Cathy Gannon</li> <li>• PJ McDonald</li> </ul>
<b><u>Jump Jockey Special Recognition</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Harding</li> <li>• Paul Moloney</li> <li>• Irene Rogers (PRIS)</li> <li>• Andrew Thornton</li> </ul>
<b><u>Flat Jockey of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silvestre De Sousa</li> <li>• PJ McDonald</li> <li>• Ryan Moore</li> <li>• Danny Tudhope</li> </ul>
<b><u>Jump Jockey of the Year</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aidan Coleman</li> <li>• Noel Fehily</li> <li>• Brian Hughes</li> <li>• Richard Johnson</li> </ul>

**About the At The Races app:**

The ATR app is free to download to all Apple and Android users. Download from the App Store: [apple.co/114NxAV](http://apple.co/114NxAV) For more information, visit <http://www.attheraces.com/androidapp> or <http://www.attheraces.com/iosapp>.

**About At The Races:**

- At The Races is the UK and Ireland's most watched dedicated horse racing channel. It launched on June 11th 2004.
- It is a joint venture between Sky, Arena Racing Company and other racecourses.
- Broadcasting 24 hours a day, At The Races is currently available to over 13 million multi-channel homes across the UK and Ireland through Sky and Virgin Media.
- The channel is officially measured in the UK and Ireland and regularly reaches 2 million individuals monthly in UK and Ireland households (BARB & Nielsen).
- [attheraces.com](http://attheraces.com) attracts up to 2 million monthly unique users (Google Analytics) and operates its own odds comparison and integrated betting services.
- At The Races serves around 10 million video streams each month via its own streaming division, Sport Mediastream.
- At The Races is distributed into 5,800 commercial premises by Sky.
- Outside the UK and Ireland, At The Races distributes its content into over 30 countries by means of GBI Racing, its joint venture operation with Racing UK.

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