

Ladbrokes Go North Finals weekend celebrates best of northern jump racing

Three northern racecourses – Musselburgh, Kelso and Carlisle – will co-host the Ladbrokes Go North Finals, supported by the Racing Post and with total prize money of £544,000 over the three-day festival.

Now in its fifth year, the Go North weekend starts on Friday (21-23 March) and will be sponsored by Ladbrokes for the first time in 2025.

The nine series finals, named after famous northern trained racehorses, are each worth £30,000 and have become a seasonal highlight for trainers and owners of mid-tier horses who have qualified for the finals by running at northern racecourses over the previous 12 months.

[Musselburgh Racecourse](#) opens the weekend festival on Friday 21 March with four hurdles finals totalling £120,000. Kelso keeps the action going on Saturday 22 March with a programme worth more than £265,000 which will be broadcast live by ITV Racing, while Carlisle hosts the final day on Sunday 23 March with a six-race programme featuring three £30,000 steeplechases.

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Musselburgh kick off the Ladbrokes Go North Finals on Friday
21 March – pic by Ron MacNeill

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“A lot of our owners have really got behind it, and we have been planning a route with a few of their horses. It’s great with fantastic prize money and we are very lucky to have it.

Fellow trainer Nick Alexander from [Kinneston Stables](#), said the Ladbrokes Go North Series Finals was an “excellent initiative”, adding: “We’ve got nine or ten horses hopefully penciled in for the Finals across the three days and we will be doing our very best to try and win one.”

Musselburgh Racecourse director, Bill Farnsworth, said: “We are delighted to be supported by Ladbrokes and the Racing Post in staging what is a fantastic three day festival which has a tremendous appeal to trainers and owners in Scotland and across the north of England.

“With just under £150,000 in prize money on offer at our 21 March race day, including the four £30,000 finals, it is an excellent way to celebrate and bring to a close our National Hunt season at Musselburgh.”

[Kelso Racecourse](#) Managing Director, Jonathan Garratt, said: “Adding the Go North Series Finals to the £100,000 Herring Queen Mares Novice Hurdle created a really compelling programme and we are looking forward to welcoming the ITV Racing team back to broadcast live from Kelso.

“It’s a great opportunity for jump racing enthusiasts who have never been to our courses before to enjoy some really competitive racing at all three tracks. We hope the weekend will attract some new visitors.”

[Carlisle Racecourse](#) General Manager, Helen Willis, said: “At Carlisle we are staging all three chase finals on Sunday 23 March alongside Leg 3 of the Stayers Veterans Chase which is also worth £30,000. We are very proud to be a part of the Go North Series Finals supported by Ladbrokes and the Racing Post

– the festival guarantees to showcase the very best of northern jump racing across the three days and we are very much looking forward to it.”

“We are delighted [Ladbroke's](#) is sponsoring the Go North Series Finals and supporting three great racecourses. Ladbroke's is synonymous with horse racing and this exciting new partnership helps reaffirm that position,” said Simon Clare, PR Director for Ladbroke's.

[Racing Post](#) editor, Tom Kerr said: “We are delighted to support the Ladbroke's Go North Series Finals as it celebrates everything that is wonderful about jump racing. A strong local flavour, competitive racing, memories of greats from the past and a fantastic day out to boot.”

Full List of Races

Musselburgh, Friday 21 March

Ladbroke's Maiden Hurdle, Class 4, 2m 1f, £8,000

The Racing Post Handicap Hurdle, Class 5, 2m 4f, £8,000

Ladbroke's Go North Grey Bomber Final Juvenile Hurdle Final, Class 2, 2m 1f, £30,000

The Racing Post Go North Lady Buttons Mares Hurdle Final, Class 2, 2m 4f, £30,000

Ladbroke's Go North Brindisi Breeze Stayers Hurdle Final, Class 2, 2m 1f, £30,000

The Racing Post Go North Sea Pigeon Handicap Hurdle Final, Class 2, 2m 1f, £30,000

Ladbroke's Mares NHF Race, Class 4, 2m 1f, £8,000

Kelso, Saturday 22 March

Ladbroke's Beeswing Mares Hurdle, Class 1 (Listed), 3m 100yds,

£40,000

Ladbrokes Go North Cab On Target Final Handicap Hurdle, Class 2, 2m 4f, £30,000

Ladbrokes Handicap Steeplechase, Class 2, 3m 2f, £35,000

Ladbrokes Herring Queen Mares Series Final, Class 2 Handicap Hurdle, 2m 2f, £100,000

Ladbrokes Handicap Chase, Class 4, 2m 1f, £16,500

Ladbrokes Novice Hurdle, Class 4, 2m, £16,500

The Racing Post Go North Jodami NHF Race Final, Class 2, 2m, £30,000

Carlisle, Sunday 23 March

Novice Hurdle, Class 4, 2m 1f, £7,000

Ladbrokes Go North One Man Series Final Steeplechase, Class 2, 1m 7f, £30,000

The Racing Post Go North Red Rum Series Final Steeplechase, Class 2, 3m 110yds, £30,000

Ladbrokes Go North Monet's Garden Series Final Steeplechase, Class 2, 2m 3f, £30,000

The Racing Post Veterans Handicap Chase, Class 2, 3m 110yds, £30,000

Handicap Hurdle, Class 5, 2m 1f, £7,000

