

## NEWS RELEASE

### **GAP IN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' RACE NOW JUST ONE**



*Rhys Flint & Nick Scholfield (Photos by Dan Abraham)*

JUST one winner separates the two leading participants in Britain's conditional jockeys' championship with four days to go to the end of the 2009/10 jump racing season.

Nick Scholfield's winner at Kempton Park on Monday cut the gap between him and Rhys Flint to one. Nick now has 38 winners against Rhys's 39.

Neither has a ride at Tuesday's only jumps meeting at Towcester.

It is not yet clear where the championship will be decided. Traditionally, conditional jockeys go to Market Rasen on the final day of the season, but Nick may be at Sandown Park when the curtain comes down.

Kevin Darley, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association, said: "Rhys and Nick are both fantastic riders. They each have great futures, and their battle for this year's conditional jockeys' championship has been quite superb."

Rhys Flint, 19, benefits from his association with the top National Hunt yard of Philip Hobbs – ten of his winners have been supplied by the Somerset-based trainer.

"I'm really grateful to Mr Hobbs, Jim Old and my father [John Flint] who are doing everything they can to help me win. Everyone has been very supportive," he said.

Nick Scholfield, 20, who gets plenty of rides from champion trainer Paul Nicholls, Andy Turnell and Andrew Haynes, said: "No matter what happens, it's been a great season. I'm really happy with the way things have gone."

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