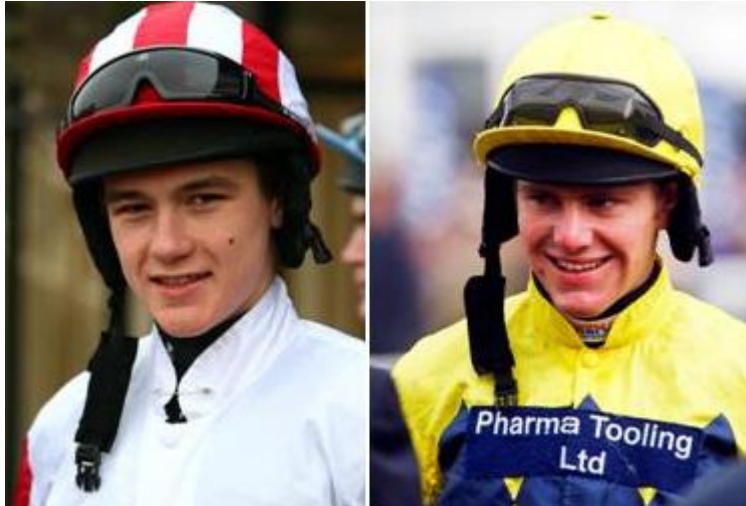


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### CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' RACE COMES TO A CLIMAX



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

THE battle for Britain's conditional jockeys' championship could go to the very last race of the jump racing season.

Just one winner – 39 to 38 – separates Rhys Flint and Nick Scholfield.

Each has four opportunities this evening – Flint at Chepstow and Scholfield at Newton Abbot. While the latter counts My Will in the bet365 Gold Cup among his two rides at Sandown Park tomorrow, the former has opted for Market Rasen where he rides in the last two races of the 2009/10 season.

Kevin Darley, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association, said: "Rhys and Nick are both fantastic jockeys. 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 very 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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