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PRESS RELEASE

JAMIE MOORE ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT FROM RACE RIDING DUE TO INJURY

Jamie Moore, a stalwart of the National Hunt weighing room for over 20 years, has today announced his retirement from the saddle as a result of the injuries he suffered in a fall at Lingfield Park in November 2023.

Jamie Moore said:

“It is with huge regret that, following my last fall in November 2023, I will not be returning to race riding. After being checked by top neurologists and spinal specialists, and taken advice from Doctor Jerry Hill and the doctors who've seen me the most in my career - Dr Rizwan Ghani and Dr Lucy Free - I have been medically advised not to race ride again.

“I would like to thank everyone who has stuck by me and supported me throughout my 22-year career. Obviously I have been very lucky to have such a good trainer in my father Gary, who's always supported me, along with his brilliant, faithful owners. My mother Jayne and my wife Lucie have also always been there for me. Back to the start and my first boss, Mr Pipe, who helped me become champion conditional. To every other trainer and every owner I've ridden for; my agent Dave Roberts; my sponsors; all the brilliant stable staff and the PJA and the IJF, who have always been so supportive.

“Finally, to the best place you could wish to work - the weighing room. To all the physios, tea boys and ladies, nurses and weighing room staff who have made each day of going to work much more enjoyable. And to all the brilliant jockeys and valets past and present who I've made lifelong friends with. I will hugely miss the weighing room. There have been some ups and plenty of downs but everyone is always there for you. You've all been top class.

“It's impossible to put into words how thankful I am to each and every one of you.”

First licensed in 2001, Jamie rode 968 career winners from over 8000 rides. In 2014 he won the Scottish Grand National on Al Co for trainer Peter Bowen, having won the Champion Chase on Sire De Grugy, trained by father Gary, the month before. He and Sire De Grugy swept the four Grade 1 Two Mile chases that season en route to being crowned British Jumps Horse of the Year.

Commenting on Jamie's retirement, Dale Gibson, PJA Executive Director, said:

“Jamie unfortunately suffered more than his fair share of long-term injuries and missed the equivalent of four years race riding during his career as a result, but his remarkable fortitude and appetite for race riding shone like a beacon throughout his career.

“Jamie was and will remain universally popular within the weighing room and wider racing industry. His down to earth, no-nonsense approach alongside his genuine love of the horse be wholeheartedly applauded.

“He also served his colleagues and the PJA exceptionally well as southern based NH Safety officer since December 2019, as well as being dependable source for general advice to the PJA and younger Jockeys both on and off the Racecourse. Jamie has been a pleasure to represent and will be sorely missed in the weighing room. We wish him, his wife Lucie and their family all the very best and we look forward to seeing him on a racecourse soon in his second career.”

Notes for Editors

Jamie Moore Career Information:

First Licensed – 31st January 2001

Career Rides - 8184

First Ride – Northern Times, 30th April 2001, Southwell

First Winner – Stormy Skye, 5th November 2001, Nottingham

First Jumps Winner – Blue Streak, 24th November 2002, Plumpton

Grade 1 wins - Seven