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PRESS RELEASE 2024 LESTERS NOMINEES ARE ANNOUNCED

Embargoed until 11.30am on Friday 22nd November 2024

Nominees for the Lesters 2024 Awards, in association with World Pool, were announced today on Sky Sports Racing. The winners will be awarded with their prestigious accolades at the awards ceremony on the evening of Sunday 22nd December at Newbury Racecourse which will celebrate the incredibly talented pool of Jockeys across both codes of the sport.

Three previous Lesters winners – Hollie Doyle, Billy Loughnane and Champion Jockey Oisin Muprhy – feature amongst the nominees for *World Pool*/Flat Jockey of the Year with the list being completed by Rossa Ryan, fresh from his Breeders’ Cup success. They are joined by a host of first-time nominees including Champion Apprentice Sean Dylan Bowen, Kaiya Fraser and Lilly Pinchin, whilst Graham Lee becomes the first jockey to be nominated in the same year for both the *PJA* Flat Jockey and *RWK Goodman* Jump Jockey Special Recognition awards.

Voting for six of the Lesters awards is by ballot among members of the Professional Jockeys Association, with the Flat Ride of the Year chosen by Racing TV viewers (<https://www.racingtv.com/lesters2024>) and the Jump Ride of the Year selected by Sky Sport Racing viewers (<https://www.attheraces.com/voting/lestersvote>). Voting for the rides of the year awards will be closing on 24th November.

The event is open to all to attend, and tickets are still available to be purchased for members of the public, jockeys and members of the racing industry by completing the booking form at <https://www.thepja.co.uk/lesters/> or by contacting the PJA on 01635 778108 with bookings closing on 9th December.

LIST OF NOMINEES 2024 (listed in alphabetical order)

JockeyCam Apprentice Jockey of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean D. Bowen • Kaiya Fraser • Tom Kiely-Marshall • Joe Leavy
Great British Racing Conditional Jockey of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Gingell • Lilly Pinchin • Caoilin Quinn • Patrick Wadge

<p>Racing TV Flat Ride of the Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Buick – the Dragon King – Newmarket – ‘Tattersalls October Auction Stakes’ – 05/10/2024 • Ryan Moore – Opera Singer – Goodwood – ‘Qatar Nassau Stakes’ – 01/08/2024 • David Nolan – Garfield Shadow – Chester – ‘CAA Stellar Handicap’ - 08/05/2024 • Jamie Spencer – Teraabb – Newbury – ‘Dubai Duty Free Full of Surprises Handicap’ – 19/04/2024
<p>Sky Sports Racing Jump Ride of the Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Anderson – Transmission – Plumpton – ‘BetGoodwin Sussex Stayers Handicap Hurdle’ – 07/01/2024 • James Best, My Silver Lining, Classic Chase, Warwick – 13/01/24 • Harry Cobden – Born Famous – Market Rasen – ‘Unibet Summer Plate Handicap Chase’ – 22/07/2023 • Nico De Boinville – Iberico Lord – Newbury – ‘Betfair Hurdle’ – 10/02/2024
<p>RWK Goodman Jump Jockey Special Recognition Award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Bowen • Harry Cobden • Graham Lee • Jamie Moore
<p>PJA Flat Jockey Special Recognition Award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Lee • Ryan Moore • Franny Norton • Hayley Turner
<p>Champions: Full Gallop Jump Jockey of the Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Bowen • Harry Cobden • Gavin Sheehan • Sam Twiston-Davies
<p>World Pool Flat Jockey of the Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollie Doyle • Billy Loughnane • Oisin Murphy • Rossa Ryan

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