



IJF PROGRESS AWARD FINALISTS 2020

1. SALEEM GOLAM

Age: 37

From: Red Lodge, Suffolk

Second Career: Barbering



Race Riding Career: Rode as a professional jockey for 17 years with over 400 winners worldwide and was joint Champion Apprentice with 44 winners in 2005. Big race winners include the Qatar Guineas, the Epsom Dash and the Portland Handicap.

Career Development: Saleem has been riding abroad in recent years and started seriously looking at pursuing a career in barbering over the last two years, having always had an interest in that area. With the support of JETS he initially explored a couple of different career paths, carrying out some work experience before deciding to retrain as a Barber. JETS helped select the suitable courses starting with a short course before moving on to a Level 3 intensive course at the London School of Barbering which he combined with riding out in the mornings. He graduated in August and is now using his contacts in Newmarket, to start a business carrying out home barbering which he plans to build up in time.

Saleem said: “I feel proud that I have found an area in which I would like to develop my second career, moving on from being a jockey. The training courses were very good but it was intense having to ride out and then driving to London each day. The only reason you would do that was if you enjoyed it, so that was a really good sign.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV preparation, Job Search support, Interview Technique training and

Work Placement support. NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Barbering and Basic Men's Cutting Techniques Course

2. JORDAN VAUGHAN

Age: 26

From: The Wirral, Merseyside

Second Career: Farriery



Race Riding Career: First rode as an Apprentice in 2012 for George Margarson before moving to Karl Burke's for three years when he rode out dual Group 1 winner Quiet Reflection. He retired from riding in 2017 after 542 rides and 54 winners.

Career Development: Jordan always had an interest in farriery and particularly in the anatomy and conformation of horses. JETS initially supported Jordan with completing LGV driver training so he could earn money whilst waiting to start his training as a farrier and then helped identify the courses he needed to complete in order to become a qualified farrier. Alongside his initial Forgework course he started independently studying the anatomy and physiology of the horse to give him a head start for when he started his Level 3 Apprenticeship at Warwickshire College. He is now working in Newmarket at some of the top yards as an Apprentice to Ed and Will O'Shaunessy. His long term ambition is to set up his own business, and become an Approved Training Farrier, allowing him in turn to employ and teach apprentices.

Jordan said: "Before starting, I researched all the courses and qualifications and what my costs would be. I used my savings to pay off debts and reduce my monthly outgoings meaning that I could cope financially without worry. The grant from JETS for me to complete the LGV driving course, enabled me to work as a driver and save towards the Level 2 Forgework course, accommodation and living expenses. I am extremely passionate about my new career and will always work hard to achieve the highest standards."

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice. Apprenticeship in Farriery, Level 2 Certificate in Forgework, Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport, LGV Driver Training.

3. SAM WELTON

Age: 30

From: Cattal, Yorkshire

Second Career: Structural Engineering



Race Riding Career: Sam rode as a Conditional from 2007 to 2013 for various trainers in both England and France, riding for Charlie Mann at the Cheltenham Festival. He changed to an Amateur licence when he returned to Yorkshire and switched to transporting horses and pre-training work for trainers.

Career Development: Sam first approached JETS in 2014 to get his LGV licence so he could help transport horses to racecourses. However, after a particularly bad fall whilst work riding and the birth of his daughter in 2015, Sam realised he needed to focus on the long term and decided to pursue a career in the engineering industry, an industry in which his grandparents had worked. He's always been fascinated by structural engineering, so in 2017 he did an Access to Higher Education Science course at York College. This course enabled him to secure a place at Bradford University to study Civil and Structural Engineering which JETS has partially funded. He has completed two years of his degree course, attaining 1st Class Honours for both years' work. He will complete the course in 2021 and hopes to secure full time employment as a Structural Engineer next year.

Sam said: "I have always had a strong work ethic which I've needed to gain the results I have. My career in racing was driven largely by my heart but I have given a lot of consideration to my career in engineering which I believe will not only deliver for me but also for the communities in which I live and work."

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance. LGV Driver Training, Masters in Civil Engineering.