

# *Everleigh Based Jockey On Course to Win the Jockey's Championship for 2012*

Jockey Richard Hughes, stable jockey for the Hannon Stables at Everleigh took not one but seven steps closer to winning the Champion flat jockey accolade for 2012, he led the nearest jockey by 50 wins an almost unassailable lead and was expected to win the Champion Jockey title in November.



Richard rode Pivotal Moment to victory in the first race at Windsor on Monday, 16th October, the EBF Joes Ward Hill Memorial Maiden Stakes at odds of 13-8 Joint Favourite. The horse was trained by his father in law Richard Hammon and co owned by Sir Alex Ferguson.

His second win of the day came when he rode the 5-2 favourite East Texas Red to victory in the davisbakerycaribbean.com Nursery coming in at a 5-2 favourite.

Richard's third ride of the day saw him claim victory in the Ladbrokes Game On! Maiden Stakes on Environment at 7-1 in the colours of Khalid Abdullah and trained by Amanda Perrett

He made it four out of four when riding Magic Street to a 4-1 favourite win in the Ladbrokes Mobile Handicap (Div. 1) trained by Jeremy Gask.

A further victory on Links Drive Lady at 5-2 in the Ladbrokes Mobile Handicap (Div. 2) gave him his fifth win of the race card the horse having been trained by Dean Ivory.

Richard was riding the favourite Ever Fortune in the sixth race of the meeting trained by Rae Guest. This time he only managed a third place in the Ladbrokes Odds On Handicap.

Back to winning form in the next race the Bet In Play with Ladbrokes Handicap where he rode the 7-4 favourite Duke of Clarence, trained again by Richard Hannon to claim his sixth win of the day.

Richard then went on to equal the 7 win "Magnificent Seven" feat of Franki Dettori in the final race of the Windsor card. He rode Mama Quilla the 15-8 favourite trained by Willaim Haggas to glory in the skybet.com Handicap when jockey Ryan Moore stood down and Richard took the ride as a reserve jockey.

The feat was remarkable in that Richard had thought about retiring from racing in 2011 when banned for illegal use of the whip after the racing rules had been changed. Thankfully he had a change of mind and had a very fruitful racing season.

He went on to ride 3 winners the next day, Tuesday 16th at Leicester to virtually clinch the Championship and bring the trophy home to his family based in Everleigh.