

CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: JOCKEY to ELECTRICIAN

Name: Mark Bradburne **Age:** 44
From: Berkshire (originally Scotland)

Riding Career Summary:

Mark rode 350 winners in a fifteen year career as a Jump Jockey. His riding highlights included two Cheltenham Festival winners and a coupe of other Graded races at Ascot and Haydock as well as finishing third in the Grand National. He broke his back twice in falls and eventually with less opportunities and a young family, he decided to retire in 2011 and pursue a career as an electrician.

New Career: Electrician

Support from Player Association:

Mark used JETS (Jockeys Education & Training Scheme) to carry out a few courses throughout his riding career. He used injury time to consult with JETS about what career would suit him best. He had qualified previously as a Physiotherapist but decided that a career as an electrician would be more suitable and so did a foundation course in his time off. He built up his experience whilst still riding so that when he decided to stop riding he was able to walk straight into his second career.

Career Transition Highlights:

- Being able to use his wide range of contacts from racing to build a clientbase.
- Finding a new career that he enjoyed with a similar camaraderie on site as you find in the weighing room.

Career Transition Challenges:

- Going from an environment where everything is taken care of for you to having to be really organised, sending out invoices and running a business for yourself.



“ Having been a sportsman and not being behind a desk, I really enjoy doing something practical. I would recommend a career in trades for sportspeople as they end up with a positive result and are doing something which others can enjoy and get a sense of achievement from. ”