



Born on May 5th, 1904, Sir Gordon Richards was a horse racing genius whose success and dedication to the sport earned him a place among the all-time great jockeys.

Richards' love for horse racing developed at an early age, fueled by a passion for horses and an unyielding determination to succeed.

His professional career began in the 1920s, and by the 1930s, he had established himself as one of the leading jockeys in the British racing scene.

The pinnacle of Richards' career came in 1947 when he surpassed the longstanding record for career victories set by Sir Fred Archer.

Richards' relentless pursuit of excellence saw him ride over 4,870 winners, a record that remained unbroken for decades, solidifying his status as a racing legend.

Richards' partnership with horses like Tudor Minstrel and Sun Chariot led to numerous victories in prestigious races.

Sir Gordon Richards became the first jockey to ever become a knight in 1953, as he was honoured on the eve of Coronation Day.

His boots are proudly displayed on the wall at Carmarthen Athletic Rugby Club.