



Sammi Birch 45
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Australian rider Sammi Birch (45) is based near Cirencester. She grew up around horses and started eventing on her father's homebreds – mostly thoroughbreds that didn't make the grade on the track. Her Badminton debut at 21 years old was a fairytale after finishing 7th on her father's homebred.

In 2000 Sammi represented Australia at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez attaining 15th place (Frederick Hunter). In 2003 she was placed 3rd at the Australian 4 Star Adelaide and the following year placed 2nd (Black Odyssey). In the same year she was Olympic reserve (Enchanted). In 2005 she made the big move to the UK to pursue her career. In 2016 she was the travelling reserve for the Olympics in Rio (Hunter Valley).

Sammi married Englishman Edward in 2014 (Ed is her most ardent supporter) and the couple have a much adored son, six-year-old Charlie. When not riding Sammi enjoys sunny beaches and going home to Australia, and.....sleeping! She trains with Alex Franklin and her long time, loyal groom is Helen Tagg who has been with Sammi for over 20 years.

Finduss FPB (AKA Loopy Louis) owned by Parkfield Breeding, is a 12-year-old Dutch-bred KWPN registered gelding. He is by the Hanoverian stallion Saffier out of Belle Miranda by Sarantos. He was originally piloted by Holly Woodhead, who produced him through the levels, representing GB at the World Young Horse Championships in Le Lion D'Angers, before progressing him up to 4 Star. He then enjoyed a stint with Laura Collett before Sammi took the ride. Since taking over the ride in 2019, Sammi has built a special bond with the striking chestnut gelding, alongside her super groom Hels. Their most notable results include a top ten finish in the 4*L at Barroca d'Alva in 2020, and an 11th place finish in the Bicton 5* in 2021 and their Badminton 2022 25th result.

Results

- 2022 – Badminton CCI5*L 25th Finduss PFB
- 2021 – Bicton CCI5*L 11th Finduss PFB
- 2021 – Bicton CCI4*S 16th Hunter Valley II 10th Finduss PFB 33rd The Kincooley Ceili
- 2020 – Barroca d'Alva CCI4*L 1st Hunter Valley II 6th Finduss PFB
- 2020 - Barroca d'Alva CCI4*S 3rd Hunter Valley II 5th Finduss PFB
- 2020 – Alnwick CCI4*S 32nd Finduss PFB 67th The Kincooley Read My Mind
- 2019 – Boekelo CCIO4*-NC-L 55th Finduss PFB
- 2019 – Blenheim CCI4*L 4th Tullyoran Cruise JRA
- 2019 – Millstreet CCI4*S 4th Tullyoran Cruise JRA
- 2019 – Alnwick CCI4*S 10th Tullyoran Cruise JRA 47th Finduss PFB
- 2019 – Jardy CCI4*S 31st Tullyoran Cruise JRA

2018 – Aachen CICO3*-NC 6th Hunter Valley
2017 – Pau CCI4* 4th Hunter Valley
2017 – Bramham CCI3* 3rd Hunter Valley
2016 – Aachen CICO3*-NC 10th Hunter Valley
2016 – Bramham CCI3* 4th Hunter Valley
2014 – Tattersalls CCI3* 16th Winnetou M
2012 – Boekelo CCIO3*-NC 33rd Kintara
2008 – Boekelo CCI3* 56th Bold Move
2007 – Boekelo CCI3* 52nd Enchanted
2007 – Burghley CCI4* Ret Enchanted
2007 – Badminton CCI4* WD Enchanted
2006 – Boekelo CCI3* 31st Black Odyssey
2005 – Badminton CCI4* 23rd Enchanted
2004 – Adelaide CCI4* 2nd Black Odyssey 10th Dragon Hunter
2004 – Sydney CCI3* 2nd Black Odyssey
2004 – Werribee CCI3* 4th Dragon Hunter
2004 – Badminton CCI4* 16th Enchanted
2003 – Auckland CCI3* 3rd Black Odyssey
2003 – Adelaide CCI4* 3rd Enchanted
2002 – Jerez de la Frontera WEG-C 15th Frederick Hunter
2002 – Sydney CCI3* 1st Frederick Hunter