

Cosby Green, 23
USA

It will be a first Defender Burghley for the USA's Cosby Green (23) and her ride Copper Beach.

Cosby made her five-star debut with Copper Beach, who is 18 years old, at Pau in 2023 where they finished 16th. They followed this up with another five-star completion this spring at Badminton, where they finished 31st.

Cosby grew up in an eventing yard in Lexington, Kentucky and naturally drawn to the sport. She was named on the 2022 'emerging athlete' eventing 2025 list, was the advanced intercollegiate champion and overall second-ranked USEF advanced young adult.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky, Cosby made the decision to spend a year in the UK. The year included winning best first-timer at Boekelo and completing her first five-star, and the time has now been extended, a decision aided by receiving the Wilton Fair Grant and Essex Horse Trial Grant from the US Eventing Association Foundation, both of which are awarded to young riders training to represent the US in team competition.

Cosby is currently based with fellow eventers Tim and Jonelle Price in Dorset and she has clocked some great results during her career so far, including winning the CCI4*-S at Morven Park in the USA with Copper Beach in 2022, sixth in the CCI4*-L at Tryon in 2022, also with Copper Beach, and fourth in the CCI4*-L at Lignières with Highly Suspicious in 2023.

Copper Beach (Radolin-Cloverballen), owned by Bel Mar Farm, is an Irish-bred Irish Sport Horse-registered 18-year-old gelding, who was bred by Paddy Daly. He was produced to five-star level by the USA's Buck Davidson Jr before Cosby took on the ride in 2020. With Buck, Copper Beach clocked six top-two four-star finishes and since joining Cosby he has finished 16th in the five-star at Pau in 2023, 31st at Badminton this spring and eighth in the CCI4*-S at Thoresby Park in April 2024. "The horse is such a saint to be able to teach me – every day he amazes me that he was able to have the career he did with Buck, and then he just keeps showing up for me," says Cosby.