



William Fox-Pitt
GBR

British Olympian William Fox-Pitt (53) is one of the sport's most successful riders. He is a six-time winner at Burghley, his first victory coming back in 2002 riding Highland Lad.

In October 2015 William sustained a serious head injury whilst competing in France and spent a week in an induced coma. He was back competing in April 2016 albeit with a reduced stable of horses, and later that year, with Chilli Morning, competed at the Rio Olympic Games – his fifth Olympic appearance.

William, who is based in Dorset, has previously topped the World rankings three times (2002, 2009 & 2010) and been British number one seven times. He was a member of the British team at the 2014 WEG winning team silver and individual bronze with Chilli Morning, with who he won European individual bronze (2013). In 2012 he was a member of the British silver medal team at the London Olympics.

William has won seven team gold, two individual silvers and one individual bronze at European Championships. He has won two Olympic team silvers (2004 & 2012) and team bronze (2008). His World Championship success includes, team bronze (2002), team silver (2006 & 2014) individual bronze (2014) and in 2010 at Lexington, team gold and individual silver.

He is also the three-time winner of the former HSBC Classics series – the accumulator series that tied Europe's premier four-star events together. He is the only rider to have won Burghley on six occasions (1994, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008 & 2011), and the only rider to have won five of the World's five-star events (Badminton, Burghley, Luhmuhlen, Lexington & Pau).

William represented Britain at Junior and Young Rider European Championships winning his first medals (ind Junior silver in 1987 & YR team gold in 1988 & '99). He first completed Badminton aged 20 in 1989 but had to wait until 2004 to achieve his ambition of winning. After school he gained a languages degree from London University before setting up his own yard.

His parents, Oliver and Marietta, rode at Badminton and Marietta was in the British Team in the 1960's. William is married to Alice (nee Plunkett) a former four-star event rider, a former presenter of Channel 4 racing and current presenter on ITV racing. The couple has four

children; two sons Oliver (16) and Thomas (14) and two daughters Chloe (9) and Emily (7). They are based in Dorset where William has created a modern training yard. William enjoys skiing and fishing. He has written two books and is also vice-president for the Dorset RDA.

Oratorio II, owned by the Oratorio Syndicate, is a British-bred SHB(GB) registered 13-year-old gelding. He was bred by Milly Jenks, one of the syndicate owners and her father, and is by William's former four-star ride Oslo Biats with who he won Pau and completed Badminton. He is out of the thoroughbred mare Cinnamon Brulee by Topanoora. He was formerly competed to two-star by Laura Collett. William took the ride in 2017.

Results

2022 – Alnwick CCI4*S 27th Moonlight Charmer
2022 – Aachen CCIO4*S 7th Little Fire
2022 – Bramham CCI4*L 28th Yes I Can
2022 – Badminton CCI5*L 13th Little Fire 14th Oratorio
2021 – Pau CCI 5*L 22nd Little Fire 27th Oratorio
2021 – Boekelo CCIO4* NC-L 2nd Grafennacht
2021 – Hartpury CCI4*S 9th Little Fire 15th Oratoria 67th Grafennacht
2021 – Bicton CCI4*L 10th Grafennacht
2021 – Houghton CCIO4* NC-S 1st Little Fire
2021 – Aston-le-Walls CCI4*S 21st Grafennacht 42nd Little Fire
2020 - Burnham Market CCI4*L 45th Grafennacht
2020 – Alnwick CCI4*S 13th Little Fire 18th Oratorio 34th Grafennacht 39th Atlantic Vital Spark
2019 – Le Lion d'Angers CH-M-YH-CCI3*L 4th Graffennacht
2019 – Blenheim CCI4*L 14th Atlantic Vital Spark
2019 – Blair Castle CCI4*S 9th Atlantic Vital Spark
2019 – Tattersalls CCI4*L 9th Yes I Can
2019 – Badminton CCI5*L 9th Little Fire 13th Oratorio
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4*S 34th Yes I Can
2018 – Blenheim CCI3* 2nd Oratorio
2018 – Bramham CCI3* 11th Oratorio
2018 – Tattersalls CCI3* 2nd Little Fire
2017 – Blenheim CCI3* 24th Little Fire
2016 – Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games-C 12th Chill Morning
2015 – Blenheim CCI3* 12th Cool Mountain
2015 – Burghley CCI4* 10th Fernhill Pimms
2015 – Bramham CCI3* 5th Fernhill Pimms
2015 – Tattersalls CCI3* 2nd Luxury F H
2015 – Badminton CCI4* 1st Chill Morning
2015 – Lexington CCI4* 4th Bay My Hero
2014 – Blenheim CCI3* 2nd Freddie Mac
2014 – Burghley CCI4* 4th Bay My Hero
2014 – Caen WEG-C 3rd Chill Morning
2015 – Bramham CCI3* 3rd Freddie Mac
2014 – Lexington CCI4* 1st Bay My Hero 9th Seacookie TSF
2013 – Pau CCI4* 1st Seacookie TSF 3rd Cool Mountain 15th Neuf des Coeurs
2013 – Burghley CCI4* 3rd Parklane Hawk
2013 – Malmo CH-EU-C3* 3rd Chill Morning
2013 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 3rd Neuf des Coeurs 4th Lionheart
2013 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Chill Morning 24th Running Order
2013 – Badminton CCI4* 5th Parklane Hawk 53rd Oslo
2013 – Lexington CCI4* 2nd Seacookie TSF
2012 – Pau CCI4* 4th Bay My Hero 5th Chill Morning
2012 – Blenheim CCI3* 1st Seacookie TSF

2012 – Burghley CCI4* 3rd Parklane Hawk

2012 – Lionheart Olympic Games-C 27th Lionheart

2012 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Chilli Morning

2012 – Tattersalls CCI3* 1st Bay My Hero

2012 – Lexington CCI4* 1st Parklane Hawk

2011 – Pau CCI4* 1st Oslo 3rd Lionheart 25th Macchiato

2011 – Ballindenisk CCI3* 17th Avoca Alibi

2011 – Blenheim CCI3* 10th Gaucho 49th Bay My Hero

2011 – Burghley CCI4* 1st Parklane Hawk 18th Neuf des Coeurs

2011 – Luhmuhlen CH-EU-C3* 7th Cool Mountain

2011 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 9th Macchiato

2011 – Tattersalls CCI3* 1st Oslo

2011 – Lexington CCI4* 4th Neuf des Coeurs

2011 – Badminton CCI4* 13th Cool Mountain 15th Navigator

2010 – Pau CCI4* 2nd Navigator

2010 – Lexington WEG-C 2nd Cool Mountain

2010 – Blenheim CCI3* 1st Parklane Hawk 18th Oslo

2010 – Burghley CCI4* 2nd Seacookie TSF 6th Macchiato

2010 – Blair Castle CCI3* 1st Neuf des Coeurs

2010 – Bramham CCI3* 5th Neuf des Coeurs

2010 – Badminton CCI4* 34th Macchiato

2010 – Lexington CCI4* 1st Cool Mountain

2009 – Pau CCI4* 17th Macchiato

2009 – Fontainebleau CH-EU-C3* 4th Idalgo du Donjon

2009 – Burghley CCI4* 8th Seacookie TSF

2009 – Blair Castle CCI3* 1st Cool Mountain

2009 – Bramham CCI3* 7th Cool Mountain

2009 – Badminton CCI4* 2nd Idalgo du Donjon 5th Macchiato

2009 – Lexington CCI4* 6th Seacookie TSF 23rd Navigator

2008 – Pau CCI4* 11th Idalgo du Donjon

2008 – Boekelo CCI3* 6th Navigator 10th Seacookie TSF

2008 – Burghley CCI4* 1st Tamarillo 2nd Ballincoola

2008 – Hong Kong Olympic Games-C 12th Parkmore Ed

2008 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 1st Macchiato

2008 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Navigator 9th Seacookie TSF

2008 – Badminton CCI4* 3rd Ballincoola 18th Tamarillo

2007 – Burghley CCI4* 1st Parkmore Ed 5th Ballincoola

2007 – Blair Castle CCI3* 1st Macchiato

2007 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Macchiato

2006 – Burghley CCI4* 6th Ballincoola 19th Idalgo du Donjon

2006 – Blenheim CCI3* 3rd Parkmore Ed 21st Macchiato 33rd Birthday Night

2006 – Aachen WEG-C 15th Tamarillo

2006 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 11th Birthday Night

2006 – Badminton CCI4* 9th Ballincoola

2005 – Boekelo CCI3* 1st Mr Dumbledore

2005 – Blenheim CH-EU-C3* 2nd Tamarillo

2005 – Burghley CCI4* 1st Ballincoola

2005 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Mr Dumbledore 2nd Idalgo du Donjon 22nd Birthday Night

2005 – Badminton CCI4* 2nd Tamarillo

2004 – Burghley CCI4* 11th Ballincoola

2004 – Athens Olympic Games-C RT postXC Tamarillo

2004 – Bramham CCI3* 2nd Parkmore Ed

2004 – Saumur CCI3* 1st Tom Cruise II

2004 – Badminton CCI4* 1st Tamarillo

2004 – Lexington CCI4* 4th Ballincoola 11th Coastal Ties

2003 – Boekelo CCI3* 1st Tom Cruise II 7th Cavalcade
2003 – Punchestown CH-EU-C3 8th Moon Man
2003 – Blenheim CCI3* 31st Wallow
2003 – Burghley CCI4* 28th Ballincoola

2003 – Luhmuhlen CCI3* 1st Tom Cruise II
2003 – Bramham CCI3* 1st Wallow 2nd Ballincoola
2003 – Saumur CCI3* 7th Coastal Ties
2003 – CCI4* 22nd Highland Lad
2003 – Lexington CCI4* 3rd Moon Man
2002 – Boekelo CCI3* 4th Stunning
2002 – Pau CCI3* 11th Coastal Ties 23rd Wallow
2002 – Jerez de la Frontera WEG-C 14th Tamarillo
2002 – Burghley CCI4* 1st Highland Lad 7th Moon Man
2002 – Bramham CCI3* 6th Highland Lad 8th Just A Sovereign
2002 – Badminton CCI4* 2nd Tamarillo
2002 – Lexington CCI4* 4th Stunning
2001 – Pau CH-EU-C3* 6th Stunning
1997 – Burghley CH-EU-C3* 2nd Cosmopolitan II
1996 – Atlanta Olympic Games-C 5th Cosmopolitan II
1990 – Rotherfield Park CH-EU-YC2* 4th Steadfast
1989 – Achselschwant CH-EU-YC2* 4th Steadfast
1987 – Pratoni del Vivaro CH-EU-JC1* Steadfast