Lizzie Baugh, 27 GBR

It will be a first Defender Burghley for British rider Lizzie Baugh (27) and her ride B Exclusive.

Lizzie won Chatsworth CCI4*-S in 2023 and more recently finished sixth in the CCI4*-L at Bramham with B Exclusive, who is a home-bred. They also finished sixth on their CCI4*-L debut at Blenheim in 2022.

Lizzie, who is based in Nottinghamshire, has a masters degree in equestrian performance and a first class honours degree in equine sports science, both from Nottingham Trent University. She represented Great Britain at the Young Rider European Eventing Championships in both 2017 and 2018 with Quarry Man.

Lizzie was 12 when "Buzz" was born and the family had joked that one day he would be her Badminton horse. She has produced the gelding from scratch to make their five-star debut here at Burghley.

B Exclusive (Bazaar's Exclusive-Bright Spark (Balancing Baz)), owned by Lizzie Baugh, is a Britishbred SHB (GB)-registered 14-year-old gelding bred by the Baughs. Standing at 17.1hh, Lizzie has described "Buzz" as a "fool" saying: "He thinks he knows best. He's a typical home-bred and a bit spoilt, so everything is Buzz's idea and Buzz does as he likes."

Karen Baugh, Lizzie's mother, evented Buzz's dam Bright Spark to novice level with some success.