



**Megan O'Donoghue
USA**

It will be a second Burghley start for American rider Megan O'Donoghue (33) – she lined up in 2014 with Pirate but suffered a horse fall on the cross country.

Meghan was born with horses in her blood. Both parents, Mark and Jill, competed at the upper levels of the sport. Meghan made her first mark in the eventing world by winning the first Area Championships for the Beginner Novice level in Area IV on her pony, Over the Rainbow. She continued her riding career by producing off-the-track thoroughbreds (OTTBs) to sell while competing OTTBs of her own. Megan spent time at both Jan Byny's Surefire Farm and as a rider for Will Coleman Equestrian. She found her first five-star horse, Pirate, at Fairmount racetrack when she was just 15 years old – the pair was named as travelling alternates to the World Equestrian Games held in France in 2014.

Palm Crescent is a 16-year-old thoroughbred by Quiet American out of Edey's Village, by Silver Deputy. He finished 11th at Lexington this spring and travelled to Europe in June to compete at Aachen, where he finished 29th.

Results

2022 – Aachen CCIO4*S 29th Palm Crescent
2022 – Lexington CCI5*L 11th Palm Crescent
2022 - Aiken CCI4*S 14th Palm Crescent
2021 – Elkton CCI5*L 17th Palm Crescent
2021 – Unionville CCI4*S 18th Palm Crescent
2021 – The Plains CCI4*S 14th Palm Crescent
2021 – Lexington CCI5*L 23rd Palm Crescent
2021 – Tryon CCI4*S 9th Palm Crescent
2020 – Tryon CCI4*L 29th Palm Crescent
2019 – Elkton CCI4*L 6th Palm Crescent
2019 – Unionville CCI4*S 4th Palm Crescent
2019 – The Plains CCI4*S 5th Palm Crescent
2019 - Allentown CCI4*L 3rd Palm Crescent
2019 – Tryon CCI4*S 19th Palm Crescent
2015 – Lexington CCI4* 21st Pirate
2014 – Burghley CCI4* EL Pirate
2014 – Lexington CCI4* 17th Pirate
2013 – Lexington CCI4* 12th Pirate