

**Tom McEwen, 33**  
**GBR**

It will be a seventh Defender Burghley British rider Tom McEwen (33). He is currently ranked number one in the world on the FEI rider rankings and was part of the British team which won gold at both the Paris and Tokyo Olympics. He also took individual silver in Tokyo aboard Toledo De Kerker. This year he brings the mare CHF Cooliser to Burghley.

Tom is based at Gatcombe in Gloucestershire. He is a former Under-25 national champion and has represented GB at Pony, Junior and Young Rider level. Tom comes from an equestrian family. His mother Ali was a showjumper and father Bobby is a senior partner at The Valley Equine Hospital in Lambourn and has worked at Badminton Horse Trials for more than 30 years. His uncle, John McEwen, was vice-president of the FEI for eight years and is chairman of the FEI Veterinary Committee.

In 2007 Tom was a member of the British team which won team gold at the Pony European Championships. In 2010 he was a member of the British Young Rider team that won team gold at the European Championships in Pardubice (14th – Major Sweep) and at the end of the 2010 season he was awarded the Edy Goldman Trophy, for the Under-21 rider with the most British Eventing points, as well as the Horse Trials Support Group Young Rider Training Bursary. Tom's sister, Ella, has also evented and rode for the British Pony Team in 2007 and 2008.

In 2011 he won another Young Rider European team gold at Blair Castle and was fourth individually on Private Rudolph. In the September of that year he made an impressive five-star debut at Burghley with Dry Old Party, winning the best 'first-timer' award and at the end of the season retained the Edy Goldman trophy. In 2012 with Diesel Tom won the two-star at Houghton and in 2013 the pair won the U-25 Championships at Bramham. They were subsequently selected for the British squad for the European Championships (Tom's first senior championship) in Malmo, but Diesel was eliminated at the first horse inspection.

Tom was part of the British gold medal-winning team at the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon, USA, with Toledo De Kerker, whom he also rode at the 2022 World Championships in Pratoni, Italy and with whom he won team gold and individual silver at the Tokyo Olympics. Tom took over the ride on JL Dublin from the injured Nicola Wilson in 2022 and the pair have finished second at Defender Kentucky (2023 and 2024), second at Pau in 2023 and fourth individually at the Paris Olympics this summer.

CHF Cooliser (Womanizer-Super Spring (Ramiro B)) is a 14-year-old chestnut Irish Sports Horse mare bred by Raymond Carroll and owned by Vicky Bates and David Myers. Tom has produced her through the grades, and "Eliza" finished second in her first CCI5\* at Pau, France in 2021. She completed Badminton in 2022 and finished 12<sup>th</sup> at Burghley before spending 2023 on the sidelines. She returned to competition in 2024 and was second in the CCI5\* at Luhmühlen in June.