



**Francis Whittington**  
**GBR**

British rider Francis Whittington (45) who is based in East Sussex last competed at Burghley in 2019. He brings forward DHI Purple Rain.

Francis learnt to ride at his mother's riding school and began competing with the Eridge Pony Club. Aged 16 he was selected for the British Pony squad with Northdown Nova and represented GB at the 1993 Pony European Championships in Hasselt (Belgium) winning team silver and individual gold. He was later 2<sup>nd</sup> in the British Young Rider Championships in 1997,

Francis left school to pursue a career in horses. He also trained as an equine dentist and after practising for ten years, decided to concentrate on eventing fulltime and now runs his yard in East Sussex. He is a BE accredited trainer. He completed his first four-star at Burghley in 2001 and his first Badminton in 2006.

Francis was reserve for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. In 2014 he won his first CCI3\* at Blenheim (Easy Target) and that year became the British Champion. In 2015 he was an individual member of the British squad for the 2015 European Championships at Blair Castle (Easy Target).

Francis is married to Samantha and the couple has a 13-year-old son and an 8-year old daughter. Outside of eventing he enjoys reading, spending time with the family and sleeping. His younger sister Bryony has also competed at four-star level

**DHI Purple Rain** (aka Prince), owned by Ro Audley, Belinda and Amy Drummond and Beryl Chaplin, is a 12-year-old Dutch-bred KWPN gelding. He is by the international showjumper Arthos R out of a mare by Niveau. He was acquired from Ian Woodhead as a 5-year-old and has been produced by Francis. His co-owner Ro Audley is an FEI steward

**Results**

- 2022 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 10<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain 11<sup>th</sup> Holiena
- 2022 – Houghton Hall CCIO4\* NC S 13<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain 34<sup>th</sup> Holiena
- 2022 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 14<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain
- 2022 – Thoresby Park CCI4\*S 70<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain
- 2021 – Hartpury CCI4\*S 51<sup>st</sup> DHI Purple Rain
- 2021 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 106<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain

2021 – Houghton CCIO4\*S 25<sup>th</sup> Nimrod 34<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain  
2020 – Little Downham CCI4\*S 17<sup>th</sup> Farndon  
2020 – Burnham Market CCI4\*L 46<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain RT Nimrod II  
2020 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 12<sup>th</sup> DHI Fiktor Nita  
2020 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 31<sup>st</sup> Nimrod II 60rh Evento  
2019 – Boekelo CCIO4\* NC L 65<sup>th</sup> Excellent R  
2019 – Blenheim CCI4\* 8/9yoS 25<sup>th</sup> DHI Fiktor Nita  
2019 – Blenheim CCI4\*L 37<sup>th</sup> DHI Purple Rain  
**2019 – Burghley CCI5\*L EL Evento**  
2019 – Gatcombe CCI4\*S EL Evento  
2019 - Cappelouin CCIO4\* NC S 41<sup>st</sup> DHI Purple Rain  
2019 – Bramham CCI4\*L 32<sup>nd</sup> Evento  
2019 – Chatsworth CCI4\*S 7<sup>th</sup> Evento 11<sup>th</sup> Excellent R  
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 24<sup>th</sup> Evento 31<sup>st</sup> Excellent R  
2019 – Belton CCI4\*S 57<sup>th</sup> Excellent R 65<sup>th</sup> Evento  
2016 – Badminton CCI4\* 21<sup>st</sup> Hasty Imp  
**2015 – Burghley CCI4\* 30<sup>th</sup> Hasty Imp**  
2015 – Badminton CCI4\* 51<sup>st</sup> Hasty Imp RT Fernhill Highlight  
2015 – Lexington CCI4\* WD2ndHI Easy Target  
2014 – Pau CCI4\* 18<sup>th</sup> West Side  
**2014 – Burghley CCI4\* 25<sup>th</sup> Hasty Imp**  
2014 – Badminton CCI4\* RT Easy Target  
2013 – Pau CCI4\* WD2ndHI Sir Percival III  
2013 – Badminton CCI4\* 31<sup>st</sup> Easy Target 36<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
**2012 – Burghley CCI4\* 17<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III**  
2012 – Luhmuhlen CCI4\* RT Easy Target  
2011 – Burghley CCI4\* 13<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III 53<sup>rd</sup> Easy Target  
2011 – Luhmuhlen CCI4\* 11<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
2010 – Burghley CCI4\* 10<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
2010 – Luhmuhlen CCI4\* EL Sir Percival III  
2010 – Badminton CCI4\* EL Sir Percival III  
2009 – Burghley CCI4\* 20<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
2009 – Badminton CCI4\* 15<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
2007 – Pau CCI4\* 12<sup>th</sup> Sir Percival III  
**2006 – Burghley CCI4\* RT Osh Kosh**  
2006 – Badminton CCI4\*28<sup>th</sup> Osh Kosh RT Spin Doctor  
2005 – Badminton CCI4\* RT Spin Doctor  
**2004 – Burghley 34<sup>th</sup> Spin Doctor**