

Will Rawlin, 30
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It will be a first Defender Burghley for British rider Will Rawlin (30) and his ride Ballycoog Breaker Boy.

Together they completed their first Badminton earlier this year, finishing 24th. Will also completed Luhmühlen in 2023 with his other five-star ride, The Partner.

Will was a member of the Fitzwilliam branch of the Pony Club, just down the road from Burghley, when he was growing up. He now produces event horses from his base near Hungerford.

Will comes from a supportive non-horse family – his father competed in cross-country skiing biathlon in the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Ballycoog Breaker Boy (Womanizer-Ballycoog Bonnie (Bonnie Prince)), owned by Will, Andrew and Miranda Rawlin, is an Irish-bred Irish Sports Horse-registered 12-year-old gelding, who was bred by Louise Godkin. Ballycoog Breaker Boy was acquired as a four-year-old from GHF Equestrian, having been initially produced by Vicky Tuffs. With Will he has attained top 10 places in all the national age championships and last year won the CC13*-S* at Cornbury House Horse Trials. They were eighth in the eight- and nine-year-old CCI4*-S at Blenheim in 2021, fourth in the CCI4*-S at Bramham in 2023, 24th at Badminton this spring and most recently finished fourth in the CCI4*-S at Burgham.