

Zara Tindall, 43
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British rider Zara Tindall (43) is a former world and European champion. She was a member of the two British teams that won silver at the 2014 World Equestrian Games and the 2012 London Olympic Games, where she was 8th individually on High Kingdom. She first competed at Burghley in 2003 on her great partner Toytown, where she finished a narrow second to Pippa Funnell and Primmoré's Pride. She has competed this year's entry, Class Affair, at Burghley in 2019, 2022 and 2023, but the pair are still waiting for their first completion.

Aged just 22, Zara, a former under-25 national champion, made her mark at senior level in 2003 when coming second at Burghley on her CCI5* debut. Following that performance Zara, the daughter of The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips, was long-listed for the Olympic Games in Athens. In 2005 the combination was second at Luhmühlen and selected for the European Championships at Blenheim, where Zara made her senior team debut. She won team and individual gold, emulating the success of her mother (European Champion at Burghley 1971). The following year Zara and Toytown won the World Championship title at Aachen and added team silver to their medal haul. In 2006 she was awarded an MBE and was BBC Sport Personality of the Year.

In 2011 she married international rugby player Mike Tindall in Edinburgh – Mike acquired 75 caps playing for England. The couple have three children: Mia, Lucas and Lena.

Class Affair (OBOS Quality-Ruby's Rosshaven Flight (Laughtons Flight) is a 15-year-old chestnut Irish Sport Horse, bred by Maurice O'Brien and owned by Gleadhill House Stud Ltd. Produced in Ireland by Maria Byrne, Zara took over the ride in 2017 and the pair finished 10th at Blenheim in the eight- and nine-year-old CCI4*-S in 2018. They were ninth in the CCI4*-L at Bramham and seventh at Boekelo in 2019. Since then they have completed the CCI5*s at Maryland and Defender Kentucky and have scored several good placings at CCI4* level. They were 16th at MARS Badminton this spring.