

**Padraig McCarthy**  
**IRL**

It will be a second Burghley for Irish Olympic rider Padraig McCarthy (46), who is based near Beaworthy in Devon. With his Burghley entry HHS Noble Call he completed Badminton last year. In 2021 Padraig was a member of the Irish team to contest the European Championships with Mark Todd's former ride Leonidas. In 2018 he rode Mr Chunky to individual silver at the WEG in Tryon, and led the Irish to team silver. He also contested the 2022 World Championships.

Padraig hails from Tipperary in the south of Ireland. Now based in Devon with his wife, former British international rider Lucy (nee Wieggersma), together they run MGH Sport Horses – an equine breeding, training and trading business. He has been involved in horses from a young age. He learnt his trade under the guidance of Rolf Goran Bengtsson, Max Hauri and Hans Horn, and then spent almost 10 years showjumping and training horses around Europe and in the USA. In 2008 Padraig gained a first class honours degree in Economics and Finance with German, and was offered a scholarship to undertake a research project which turned into a PhD study of business insolvency laws in Ireland. He turned down the opportunity of an academic career to focus on horses, turning his attention to eventing when moving to Warren Farm in 2013.

He rode in his first BE event in 2013 and by the end of 2015 had ridden for Ireland on Nations Cup teams. He was a member of the 2015 Irish European Championship team at Blair Castle and in 2016 posted his first wins at three-star (now four-star) level, resulting in selection for the Rio Olympic Games.

Padraig and Lucy set up MGH Sport Horses in 2014. They have two sons Moss and Gus and a daughter Mimi. Padraig enjoys cooking, mending and fixing stuff round the farm, DIY and breeding horses. He trains with Tracie Robinson and Grant Wilson.

**HHS Noble Call**, owned by Pearl Chaffe and the rider, is a 12-year-old Irish-bred registered Irish Sport Horse. Bred by Anne Hughes he is by Marion Hughes' 2004 Irish Olympic jumping stallion (Heritage) Fortunas out of Noblina by Cavalier Royale. He was acquired as a six-year-old from Marion Hughes having done some showjumping and is described by Padraig as 'large and white'. Pearl Chaffe was a former competitor in the '70s and '80s.

**Results**

2023 – Burgham CCI4\*S 24<sup>th</sup> Lady Ophelia, 24<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call, 41<sup>st</sup> Pomp N Circumstance

2023 – Bicton CCI4\*S 30<sup>th</sup> Pomp N Circumstance

2022 – Little Downham CCI4\*S 18<sup>th</sup> Lady Ophelia

2022 – Praton CH-M-C 32<sup>nd</sup> Fallulah

**2022 – Burghley CCI5\* 19<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call**

2022 – Blair Castle CCI4\*S 9<sup>th</sup> Fallulah

2022 – Burgham CCI4\*S 8<sup>th</sup> Fallulah

2022 – Badminton CCI5\* 33<sup>rd</sup> HHS Noble Call 41<sup>st</sup> Fallulah

2022 – Montelibretti CCI4\*L 3<sup>rd</sup> Fallulah

2021 – Pau CCI5\* 17<sup>th</sup> Fallulah

2021 – Boekelo CCIO4\* NC L 9<sup>th</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil  
2021 – Avenches CH-EU-CCI4\*L 33<sup>rd</sup> Leonidas II  
2021 – Bicton CCI5\*L 8<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2021 – Millstreet CCI4\*S 6<sup>th</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil  
2021 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 20<sup>th</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil 31<sup>st</sup> Fallulah 65<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2021 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 31<sup>st</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil EL Fallulah  
2021 – Bicton CCI4\*S 28<sup>th</sup> Fallulah 52<sup>nd</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil 57<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2021 – Aston-le-Walls CCI4\*S 31<sup>st</sup> Leonidas II  
2021 – Ballindenisk CCI4\*L 7<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2021 – Ballindenisk CCI4\*S 3<sup>rd</sup> Leonidas II 10<sup>th</sup> MGH Tokyo Phil  
2020 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 44<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call EL Leonidas II  
2020 – Barroca d'Alva CCI4\*L 1<sup>st</sup> Leonidas II  
2019 – Boekelo CCIO4\* NC L 32<sup>nd</sup> Fallulah EL Leonidas II  
2019 – Ballindenisk CCI4\*S 15<sup>th</sup> Fallulah 27<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2019 – Cappoquin CCIO4\* NC S 34<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2019 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 37<sup>th</sup> HHS Noble Call  
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4\*S 22<sup>nd</sup> Rosemabe Lancuest  
2018 – Tryon WEG-C 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Chunky  
2018 – Badminton CCI4\* 8<sup>th</sup> Mr Chunky  
2016 – Rio de Janero Olympic Games EL Simon Porloe