

Harry Meade **GBR**

British rider Harry Meade (40) last competed here in 2018 (Away Cruising), finishing sixth – he has completed on seven occasions, with six top 20 placings. This year he has four entries.

Harry was born and grew up in the Beaufort Hunt country close to Badminton, where he runs his own yard. His father, the late Richard Meade, won three Olympic gold medals in eventing, won Burghley in 1964 and Badminton twice (1970 & '82). In 2000, as a member of the Beaufort branch of the Pony Club, Harry was the national Pony Club eventing champion and the following year a member of the British Junior team. After leaving school he combined horses with university and gained a degree in history of art from Bristol University. Before running his own yard Harry was apprenticed to several riders including William Fox-Pitt, from who he took the ride on Midnight Dazzler, with who he made his five-star debut at Burghley in 2005, winning awards for the 'best first timer' and 'best Under-25'. Midnight Dazzler and Harry completed Burghley three times and Badminton on four occasions. In 2009 Harry became the youngest person ever to receive an Armada dish - awarded for five Badminton completions.

In 2013 while competing at Wellington Horse Trials Harry suffered a rotational fall which resulted in two fractured and dislocated elbows, requiring much surgery and incapacitation. He started riding again in mid-February and in 2014 gained a fairy-tale third place at Badminton on Wild Lone, with who he subsequently gained his first senior flag as a member of the British team for the 2014 WEG in Caen. Sadly Wild Lone died after the cross-country – albeit Harry braved the podium to collect team silver. He was voted rider of the year by the Event Horse Owners Association, (EHOA), Event Riders Association (ERA) The British Equestrian Writers Association (BEWA) and *Horse & Hound*. Since the loss of his top horse he has been building up a string of younger horses and with *Away Cruising* made a successful return to top level competition in 2017.

Harry is also involved of other aspects of the sport; he is Chairman of the FEI International Riders committee, a member of the Burghley Horse Trials Directors Advisory Group and in recent times been part of the BBC commentary team. He often writes a column in *Horse & Hound Magazine*.

In 2010 Harry married Rosie Bradford – having proposed during a Badminton course walk – and they have a daughter Lily and a son Charlie. He trains with Ian Woodhead and Grant Wilson.

Away Cruising, owned by Charlotte Opperman and Jane Dear, is a 16-year-old Irish Sport Horse grey gelding. He is by *Cruise On* (a son of *Cruising*) out of *Parklands Princess* by the thoroughbred *Able Albert*. He has been competed by Harry since the horse was a five-year-old.

Tenareze, owned by David Bernstein, Sophie Caruth and Nigella Hall, is a 16-year-old French-bred Anglo Arab. He is by the leading sire *Jaguar Mail* out of *Utopie Du Maury* by *Qatar Du Plape* (also the sire of *Cathar De Gamel*, 2nd Pau 2103). With former owner Thomas Carlile and as a stallion *Tenareze* was the winner of both the six- and seven-year-old classes at the World Championships for young horses in *Le Lion d'Angers* (2013 & 2014). He was gelded and has frozen semen available. *Tenereze* completed Pau in 2022.

Cavalier Crystal, owned Charlotte Opperman, is a 13-year-old Irish Irish-bred Irish Sport Horse. Bred by Thomas Horgan, he is by *Jack Of Diamonds* out of *Cavalier Iris* by *Cavalier Royale*. Burghley will be a first CCI5* for *Cavalier Crystal*.

Red Kite, owned by Nigella Hall and Alex Robinson, is an 11-year-old Westfalian bred by Bernhard Niehoff. He is by *Z7 Cordanos V* out of *Discovery* by *Diamantina*. Burghley will also be a first CCI5* for *Red Kite*.

Results

2023 – Alnwick CCI4*S 47th Away Cruising 52nd Et Hop du Matz
2023 – Aston-le-Walls CCI4*S 43rd Away Cruising 44th Et Hop du Matz
2023 – Luhmuhlen CCI5* 5th Tenareze
2023 – Bramham CCI4*L 5th Cavalier Crystal 11th Red Kite CCI4*S 21st Et Hop du Matz
2023 – Badminton CCI5* 16th Away Cruising
2023 – Thoresby CCI4*S 2nd Red Kite 5th Cavalier Crystal 26th Away Cruising
2022 – Pau CCI5* 24th Tenareze
2022 – Elkton CCI5* 7th Superstition
2022 – Millstreet CCI4*S 7th Tenareze 30th Superstition
2022 – Hartpury CCI4*S 53rd Superstition 73rd Russeljacket
2022 – Bramham CCI4*L 24th Red Kite CCI4*S 6th Carwarthen Harrier
2022 – Badminton CCI5* 29th Away Cruising
2022 – Thoresby CCI4*S 45th Little Fire 55th Away Cruising 62nd Cavalier Crystal 64th Red Kite
2021 – Elkton CCI5*L 7th Superstition
2021 – Blenheim CCI4*L 12th Cavalier Crystal
2021 – Hartpury CCI4*S 38th Cavalier Crystal 60th Red Kite
2021 – Millstreet CCI4*L 2nd Tenareze 4th Cavalier Crystal 7th Red Kite
2021 – Aston-le-Walls CCI4*S 22nd Cavalier Crystal 34th Red Kite 55th Tenareze
2021 – Lexington CCI5* 5th Superstition
2020 – L Downham CCI4*S 5th Cavalier Crystal 10th Red Kite 14th Superstition
2020 – Burgham CCI4*S 38th Superstition 43rd Cavalier Crystal
2019 – Strzegom CCI4*L 1st Superstition
2019 – Hartpury CCI4*S 13th Tenareze
2019 – Bramham CCI4*L 36th Tenareze CCI4*S 7th Away Cruising
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4*S 16th Tenareze
2019 – Belton CCI4*S 18th Tenareze 71st Away Cruising
2018 – Waregeem CICO3* 14th Tenareze
2018 – Burghley CCI4* 6th Away Cruising
2018 – Burgham CIC3* 22nd Away Cruising, 56th Tenareze
2018 – Badminton CCI4* 16th Away Cruising
2017 – Burghley CCI4* 15th Away Cruising
2017 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 14th Away Cruising
2016 – Blenheim CCI3* 26th Away Cruising
2016 – Bramham CCI3* 19th Away Cruising
2014 – Badminton CCI4* 3rd Wild Lone
2013 – Badminton 37th Wild Lone
2012 – Burghley CCI4* 34th Wild Lone
2012 – Luhmuhlen CCI4* 11th Wild Lone
2011 – Badminton 23rd Wild Lone
2009 – Badminton 10th Midnight Dazzler
2008 – Burghley CCI4* 20th Birthday Night
2008 – Gatcombe British Open 10th Birthday Night
2008 – Badminton 13th Midnight Dazzler, 31st Birthday Night
2007 – Burghley CCI4* 8th Midnight Dazzler
2007 – Badminton 20th Midnight Dazzler 24th Birthday Night Best U25
2006 – Burghley CCI4* 20th Midnight Dazzler 'Best U25'
2006 – Badminton 21st Midnight Dazzler Best first timer, Best U25, Best local rider
2005 – Burghley CCI4* 13th Midnight Dazzler Best first time, Best U25