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RIDER: GEORGIE SPENCE

HORSE:

8 BIRTHDAY NIGHT, bay gelding, 16.3 hh, 1995, s: Moot Point, d: Lady Nightshade, *Breed:* TB, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom *Breeder:* Jane Walter

Owners: **Jane Walter**, Sturminster Newton, Dorset **Sue Vintcent**, Sherborne, Dorset

Local rider Georgie (22) has been a full-time rider since leaving school. With support from her parents she runs a 16 box-yard near Chippenham. Georgie began riding at a young age and competed in show jumping until asked to be a member of the school eventing team. Within a year Georgie and her show jumping pony were reserves for the 2004 British European Pony event team and Georgie decided to stick with eventing. Just four years later she first competed at Badminton aged 19 with the locally bred Running Brook and in 2009 was the only rider to complete the cross country with two horses inside the time.

In 2006 she won the Under 18 National Championships, and for two years running (2007 & 2008) was the recipient of the BE Edy Goldman trophy presented to the leading rider Under 21.

After a successful 2009 season Georgie was selected for the Young Rider European Championships with Skylight, bred locally by FEI judge Christian Landolt (now owned and ridden by Johnny Betteridge), winning team gold.

Georgie is a member of the UK Sport - World Class Start Programme and in addition trains with Spencer Wilton, Pammy Hutton and Angela Tucker.

Georgie's partner is show jumper Tom Davison, son of international dressage rider Richard Davison.

Birthday Night will be contesting his fourth Badminton. He is a Thoroughbred by Moot Point out of Lady Nightshade by the HIS sire Newski. He was formerly ridden by William Fox-Pitt and Harry Meade and completed Badminton in 2007 and 2008 with Harry.

Running Brook is by the Thoroughbred Meadowbrook out of Casilla by the Thoroughbred Liboi

Recent results

2010 – Pau CCI**** Clear XC but w'drawn before SJ Running Brook

2009 – Waregem YR Eu Ch** 15th (Skylight) team gold

2009 – Burghley CCI**** 35th (Running Brook), Elim'd (Birthday Night)

2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 18th (Birthday Night)
2009 – Bramham CCIU25*** 5th (Skylight)
2009 – Burnham Market CIC*** 4th (Skylight), 4th (Birthday Night), 17th (Running Brook)
2008 – Burghley CCI**** 17th (Running Brook)
2007 – Bramham CCIU25*** 2nd (Running Brook)
2007 – Chatsworth CIC*** 13th (Running Brook)

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2009 – 36th (Running Brook) & 40th (Birthday Night)
2008 – 30th (Running Brook)