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**RIDER: NICOLA WILSON**

**HORSE:**

**14 BEE DIPLOMATIC**, bay gelding, 16.1 hh, 2000, s: State Diplomacy, d: Jungle Bee, *Breed:* TB, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom *Breeder:* Rosemary Search  
*Owner:* **Rosemary Search**, Wetherby, W. Yorks.

Nicola (nee Tweddle) started competing with the Hurworth Pony Club in numerous pony club activities and was a keen member of the Bedale Hunt, along with her husband Alastair, brother, sister and Mother Mary who was a Master for eight seasons.

Nicola (34) began eventing in her teens and in 1997 was selected as an individual, for the Young Rider European Squad in Prato on Mr Bumble, a horse that Nicola's mother bought as a four-year-old when Nicola was 13. Nicola combined riding and competing with University studies gaining a degree in Sport and Business Management and was able to contest her first four-star coming 10<sup>th</sup> at Burghley with Mr Bumble in 1998.

Nicola also enjoyed success to four-star level with Skiver with who she was selected as reserve for the 2005 Senior British team for the European Championships at Blenheim. In 2009 Yorkshire-based Nicola, who trains with Yorkshire-based former Badminton winner Christopher Bartle, gained her first British Senior team place winning team gold at the European Championships with Opposition Buzz.

Nicola has had the ride on Rosemary Search's homebred Opposition Buzz, AKA Dodi since 2004 bringing him through the levels to his first Badminton in 2007.

Opposition Buzz is by the Trakehner stallion Fleetwater Opposition sire of the eventing stallion Yarlands Summer Song who is the sire of Badminton entry Leprince Des Bois. Opposition Buzz was bred by his owner Rosemary Seach out of Jungle Bee by Java Tiger.

Bee Diplomatic, produced to two-star level by Jeanette Brakewell, is by the Thoroughbred State Diplomacy (sir of Kristina Cooks former Le Lions winner State Diplomat) and was also bred by owner Rosemary Search. He is a half brother to Opposition Buzz being out of the same mare, Jungle Bee by Java Tiger.

**Recent results**

- 2010 – WEG Lexington 15<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz (team gold)
- 2010 – Blair Castle CIC\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Opposition Buzz
- 2010 – Barbury Castle CIC\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Opposition Buzz
- 2010 – Blenheim CCI\*\*\* 22<sup>nd</sup> Bee Diplomatic

2010 – Aachen CICO\*\*\* 24<sup>th</sup> Bee Diplomatic  
2009 – Fontainbleau Eu Ch CCI\*\*\* 9<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2009 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 30<sup>th</sup> Master Banks  
2009 – Blair Castle CCI\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2009 – Gatcombe CIC\*\*\*W 6<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2009 – Bramham CCI\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Master Banks  
2009 – Lexington CCI\*\*\*\* 11<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2009 – Burnham Market CIC\*\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Master Banks  
2008 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2008 – Gatcombe CIC\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2007 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 15<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
1998 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 10<sup>th</sup> Mr Bumble  
1998 – Bramham CCI\*\*\* 12<sup>th</sup> Mr Bumble

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2010 – 8<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2008 – 7<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2007 – 16<sup>th</sup> Opposition Buzz  
2005 – W'drawn Skiver  
2003 – 27<sup>th</sup> Skiver  
2002 – Elim'd XC Mr Bumble  
2000 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Bumble  
1999 – 29<sup>th</sup> Mr Bumble