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RIDER: MARY KING

HORSE:

20 APACHE SAUCE, chestnut gelding, 16.2 hh, 1996, s: Endoli, d: Saucy Secret, *Breed:* TB, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom *Breeder:* Miss J. M. Jeffery
Owner: **Gillian Jonas**, Exeter, Devon

One of Britain's best known and popular event riders, last year Mary (49) was a member of the successful British team that won gold at the WEG in Lexington finishing in 6th place with Imperial Cavalier. She finished the year in second place in the World FEI rankings.

She has twice won Badminton, is a four times Olympic team rider and winner of four British team gold medals and four-times British Champion during an eventing career of almost 25 years.

Based near Sidmouth Devon, Mary became inspired to ride after a visit to Badminton. She first funded her career with supplementary jobs then became head girl to Sheila Wilcox – four-time winner of Badminton in the fifties. Mary made her Badminton debut in 1985 and just seven years later recorded her first win with the great King William – who became the highest point earning horse in BE history. He lost the accolade last year to Spring Along. He was also the horse that gave Mary her first British team call-up in 1991 and the combination came home from Punchestown with a team gold medal and was ninth at the 1992 Olympic Games the following year.

In a 2001 Mary broke her neck in a fall but was back in the saddle the following year to be third at Burghley (King Solomon).

Mary is married to cattle dealer David King and the couple has two children; Emily (15) a keen eventer on the national junior A list and Freddie (12). Mary trains with international dressage trainer Ferdi Eilberg.

Mary now breeds her own horses and last year rode the homebred mare Kings Temptress, by thoroughbred sire Primitive Rising, to seventh place at Burghley. Her dam Kings Mistress is also the dam of Badminton entry Kings Gem. Kings Temptress is the dam of the seven-year-old Everys King (by Jumbo son Midnight Mahout) currently competed by daughter Emily.

Irish-bred Imperial Cavalier, by the Holstein sire Cavalier Royale is out of a mare by the Thoroughbred Imperius. He was acquired from Vicky Brake in 2007 and is owned by Eddie Davis owner of Bolton Wanderers Football club.

Apache Sauce by the Thoroughbred Endoli was bred in Devon.

Recent results

2010 – WEG Lexington 6th (team gold) Imperial Cavalier
2010 – Burghley CCI**** 5th Apache Sauce & 7th Kings Temptress
2010 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 7th Apache Sauce & 26th Kings Mistress
2010 – Tattersalls CIC***W 2nd Apache Sauce
2009 – Burghley CCI**** 12th Apache Sauce, 18th Kings Temptress
2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 2nd Apache Sauce
2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 7th Kings Temptress
2009 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 4th Kings Temptress
2009 – Barbury Castle CIC*** 5th Apache Sauce
2009 – Aachen CICO*** 4th Imperial Cavalier
2009 – Tattersalls CIC***W 3rd Imperial Cavalier
2008 – Pau CCI**** 8th Call Again Cavalier
2008 – Burghley CCI**** 3rd Imperial Cavalier, 4th Apache Sauce
2008 – Olympic Games 11th Call Again Cavalier (team Bronze)
2008 – Bramham CCI*** 2nd (Kings Fancy)
2007 – Eu Ch (Pratoni) Team gold, ind silver (Call Again Cavalier)
2007 – Chatsworth CIC***W 1st Call Again Cavalier
2007 – Gatcombe British Open 1st Call Again Cavalier
2006 – World Ch Aachen team gold (Call Again Cavalier)
2004 – Olympic Games (Athens) team silver
2000 – Olympic Games (Sydney) 7th (Star Appeal)
1997 – Eu Ch (Burghley) 8th & team gold (Star Appeal)
1996 – Gatcombe British Open 1st King William
1996 – Blenheim CCI*** 1st King Solomon III
1996 – Burghley CCI**** 1st Burghley (Star Appeal)
1995 – Eu Ch (Pratoni) team gold, inc bronze
1994 – WEG (The Hague) 4th & team gold (King William)
1992 – Olympic Games (Barcelona) 9th King William
1991 – Eu Ch (Punchestown) team gold (King William)
1991 – Gatcombe British open 1st King William
1990 – Gatcombe British Open 1st King Boris

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2010 – 4th Imperial Cavalier, ret'd XC Kings Mistress
2009 – 26th Apache Sauce
2008 – 11th Apache Sauce, 42nd Imperial Cavalier
2007 – W'drawn (dr) Call Again Cavalier & Cashel Bay
2006 – 18th Cashel Bay
2005 – 28th Call Again Cavalier
2003 – 4th King Solomon III
2000 – 1st Star Appeal
1997 – 2nd Star Appeal
1996 – W'drawn King William
1995 – 14th King William, 17th King Kong
1994 – 11th King William
1993 – 20th King William

1992 – 1st King William
1991 – 37th King William
1990 – 3rd King Boris, 8th King Cuthbert
1989 – 2nd King Boris, 38th King Cuthbert
1988 – Ret'd King Boris
1985 – 7th Divers Rock