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RIDER: MICHAEL OWEN

HORSE:

53 THE HIGHLAND PRINCE, bay gelding, 16.2 hh, 2000, s: Highland King, d: Ballycullen Girl, *Breed: ISH, Country of Birth: Ireland*
Owners: Mayer Plant Hire, Whitchurch, Shropshire

Michael (32) is a riding instructor from Malpas in Cheshire. Michael came to prominence aged 21 when he made his four-star debut at Burghley with Perks of the Job who he acquired when he was 17 and brought through the levels from a five-year-old. With Perks of the Job he made his Badminton debut aged 23 in 2002. He then acquired the six-year-old King Bob with who he also got to Badminton but failed to complete. King Bob is now ridden by Young Rider Ludwig Svennerstal.

In February last year Michael made his racing debut a winning one, when winning an Amateur riders handicap at Wolverhampton with Albero Di Giuda

Michael trains with grand prix dressage rider Spencer Wilton.

The Highland Prince is by the Irish Thoroughbred Highland Flight out Ballycullen Girl who is by the Thoroughbred Rimilis (sire of Regulus). He was acquired as a six-year-old from Lancashire Irish importer and dealer Doug Aldred.

Recent results

2010 – Blenheim CCI*** 22nd The Highland Prince
2010 – Bramham CCI*** 11th The Highland Prince
2010 – Chatsworth CIC*** 13th
2009 Blenheim CCI*** 15th King Bob
2009 Blair Castle CCI*** 11th The Highland Prince
2009 Bramham CCI*** 22 The Highland Prince

Badminton

2008 – W'drwn before show jumping, King Bob
2003 – Ret'd XC Perks of the Job
2002 – 21st Perks of the Job