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RIDER: MATTHEW WRIGHT

HORSE:

77 WELL SPOTTED, grey gelding, 16.1 hh, 1997, *Country of Birth:* United Kingdom

Owner: **Charlotte Cole**, Fakenham, Norfolk

Matthew (28) first sat on a pony aged 18 months. He grew up at his parents' busy dealing yard in Nottinghamshire learning to ride and survive all and anything. His father Roger is also a former competitor. Aged 12 Matthew won the Pony Club Championships and represented GB at the 2002 Young Rider European Championships finishing sixth and winning team silver on the homebred and home produced skewbald Park Pilot. That year he also made his four-star debut at Burghley when he was just 18-years-old and the following year completed his first Badminton.

In 2005 he made his British Senior squad debut (individual) at the 2005 European Championships finishing 13th with Park Pilot with who he was second at Blenheim the previous year. By the end of 2005 Matthew was campaigning 60 horses on the circuit a number that has been cut back to concentrate on quality and Matthew now rides for Nottinghamshire based Caunton Manor Stud owned by John Peace and competes Sam and Linda Barr's breeding stallion Welton Double Cracker.

Matthew, who describes himself as a 'horse dealer' has competed regularly and successfully in Ireland and Irish wins include the World Cup qualifier and the CCI** at Ballindenisk in 2006 (Park Pilot and Grove Joucas).

Recent results

- 2009 – Burghley CCI**** 23rd Another Cavalier
- 2009 – Blair Castle CCI*** 3rd Well Spotted, 3rd Cermont, 14th Caunton Welldone
- 2009 – Blair Castle CCI** 1st Hugginstown
- 2008 – Necarne CCI** 1st Caunton Welldone, 2nd HUgginstown
- 2008 – Bramham 3rd L'Aristo Du Lado
- 2007 – Necarne CCI** 1st If you Want It, 2nd L'Aristo Du Lado
- 2007 – Punchestown CCI*** 4th Another Cavalier
- 2006 – Blair Castle CCI*** 2nd Well Spotted
- 2006 – Ballindenisk CIC***W 1st (Park Pilot)
- 2006 – Ballindenisk CCI** 1st Grove Joucas
- 2006 – Punchestown CCI** 1st Singalong

2004 – Blenheim CCI*** 2nd Park Pilot
2003 – Bramham CCI*** 4th

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2010 – 40th Well Spotted
2009 – Elim'd XC If You Want It II
2008 – Ret'd XC If You Want It II
2007 – W'drawn Cermont
2006 – 23rd Park Pilot
2004 – 9th Mallards Treat, 21st In the Purple
2003 – 28th All the Best II