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RIDER: ROSIE THOMAS

HORSE:

85 BARRY'S BEST, chestnut gelding, 16.3, 1994, s: Tehran Missile, d: Tango, *Breed: 7/8 TB, Country of Birth: United Kingdom Breeder: Mr. Barry Jasper*
Owner: Rider

Rosie (30) is based at the family's Grafton Farm Riding Centre, a riding school and livery yard situated on a 300-acre working farm near Tenbury Wells. Rosie has made a name for herself with Barry's Best, a Thoroughbred who came to the centre as a four-year-old as he was difficult to back. The pair is renowned for their fast cross-country rounds albeit they suffered a rare fall at Burghley in 2010.

In 2008 Rosie was awarded the BE Jemima Johnson trophy awarded to the rider who is considered to epitomise the spirit of the sport. She also received the Martin Whiteley Trophy awarded to the top British rider (never to have worn the Union Jack) gaining the most points on one horse. In 2007 at Gatcombe the combination, in 11th place, won the trophy for the highest-placed owner/rider in the British Open.

Her most memorable ride was as trailblazer at the 2008 Land Rover Burghley horse trials where the pair gave a foot perfect demonstration of cross country riding coming home clear within the time.

Rosie and her mother, Sue, instruct at the centre and Rosie is chief instructor for the Ludlow branch of the Pony Club and a Pony Club examiner. Her sister Claire is a qualified equine dental technician while her father makes hay and straw and is good at mucking out. As well as teaching Rosie has around 12 horses to event including a few home-breds.

Barry's Best is by the Thoroughbred Tehran Missile who was an endurance horse and a son of the National Hunt stallion Cruise Missile.

Recent results

2009 – Burghley CCI**** 9th Barry's Best
2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 25th Barry's Best
2009 – Barbury Castle CIC*** 21st Barry's Best
2008 – Burghley CCI**** 13th Barry's Best
2008 – Aachen CCIO*** 25th Barry's Best
2007 – Burghley CCI**** 19th Barry's Best

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2010 – 22nd Barry's Best

2009 – 31st Barry's Best

2008 – 21st Barry's Best