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RIDER: RUTH EDGE

HORSE:

98 TWO THYME, bay gelding, 16.2 hh, 1994, s: Broadsword, d: Another Rumour, *Breed*: TB, *Country of Birth*: United Kingdom
Owners: **Phil & Maureen Smith**, Calne, Wilts.

Ruth a professional rider who was sixth in last year's BE rider rankings, only ever wanted to be an event rider. She first came to prominence when making her first Badminton appearance in 1998 aged just 18 with the diminutive grey Ice Dancer. The following year she was National Young Rider Champion (Classic Wizard).

In 2007 she won her first four-star at Luhmuhlen with Two Thyme, a former winner of the Intermediate National Championship at Gatcombe (2002) with who she has also won two of three British Open Championship titles. Two Thyme is one of only three horses to have won the title twice. In 2008 the combination was selected as reserve for the British Olympic team but had to withdraw due to injury.

Ruth has assiduously trained in dressage with international rider and dressage judge Judy Harvey for 17 years which as well as producing leading results at events has led to her being an accomplished dressage rider in her own right and she now has three pure dressage horses. Ruth has won three national championship titles and in 2009 represented GB at her first international at Hartpury. Her top dressage horse Shadowfax is on the equine pathway for London 2012. Last year she juggled competing at Blenheim Horse trials with competing at the National Dressage Championships.

She also produces young horses and last year won the five year old championship with the stallion Mr Maccondy and was second and third in the four-year-old championship with Rowley Farm Houdini and Basco.

Since 2001 Ruth has been based in Cumbria with long standing owners and supporters Hugh & Ann Lawson. Ruth is married to Peter.

Two Thyme who is by the National Hunt sire Broadsword was formerly ridden by Anne Marie Taylor and acquired from Tim Warren ten-years ago. He is owned by Maureen and Phil Smith who is the Chair of the BE Business committee.

Recent results

2011 – Fontainebleau CCI*** 11th Two Thyme & 15th Applejack
2010 – Pau CCI**** 8th Two Thyme
2010 – Blenheim CCI*** 2nd Carnaval Prince
2010 – Blenheim CIC***8/9 4th Applejack
2010 – Blair Castle CCI*** 5th Oscar Knight
2010 – Martinvast CIC***W Carnaval Prince 3rd
2010 – Aachen CCI*** 11th Carnaval Prince
2010 – Barbury CIC** 1st Applejack
2009 – Boekelo CCI*** 3rd (PC Wilson), 20th (Nick of Thyme)
2009 – Strzegom CIC***W 5th PC Wilson
2009 – Blenheim CCI*** 5th (Nick of Thyme)
2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 1st (Two Thyme)
2009 – Luhmuhlen CIC*** 2nd PC Wilson
2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 4th Nick of Thyme)
2009 – Burnham Market CIC***W 2nd (Two Thyme)
2008 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 1st (Two Thyme)
2008 – Gatcombe CIC*** 1st (Mayhem)
2006 – Scottish Open Champion
2005 – Gatcombe CIC*** 1st (Two Thyme)
2003 – Blair Castle CIC*** 1st (Matthew)

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2010 – 19th Nick of Thyme
2010 – Elim'd rider fall (Two Thyme)
2009 – 8th (Mayhem III)
2008 – Elim'd (Muschamp Impala)
2007 – W'drawn (Two Thyme)
2006 – 11th (Two Thyme)
2004 – 30th (Master Couture)
1999 – 30th (Ice Dancer)