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RIDER: NICK GAUNTLETT

HORSE:

105 ELEKTRON, grey gelding, 16.3 hh, 2000, s: Esteban, d: Wega II, *Breed:* Holsteiner, *Country of Birth:* Germany *Breeder:* Rohlf Wulf
Owners: **Chris Stone**, Horsham, W. Sussex, **Northgate Information Solutions**, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Being based in nearby Chipping Sodbury for many years makes Badminton a local show for former Beaufort Pony Club member Nick Gauntlett. Nick (32) began riding at local riding schools then borrowed ponies in exchange for mucking out. He bought his first horse, Harvey, a 14.3hh palomino, when he was 14 doing three paper rounds before school to help pay for him. Since leaving school Nick has been a professional rider and has now has a yard of 30 boxes with its' own gallops. At the end of 2010 Nick was ranked 12th in the BE rankings. He is on the BE Sports Committee and their representative at ERA (the Event Riders Association). Nick trains with Badminton dressage commentator Pammy Hutton in nearby Cirencester, Ian Woodhead and Yogi Breisner.

Rocket Science by the Irish Thoroughbred Porter Rhodes was acquired from breeder and dealer Donal Barnwell as a three-year-old.

Elektron a Holsteiner by the Thoroughbred Esteban out of a mare by Calypso I was bought from Germany as a five-year-old. Owners Chris and Lisa Stone also own Nicks ride the SHB(GB) approved breeding and competition stallion Chilli Morning with who he is on the BE equine pathway for 2012.

Recent results

2010 – Pau CCI**** 17th Elektron
2010 – Blenheim CCI*** 44th Elektron
2010 – Houghton CIC*** 1st Chilli Morning
2010 – Burghey CCI**** 35th Rocket Science
2010 – Barroca CCI*** 7th (Chapel Amble) 19th (Chilli Morning)
2009 – Boekelo CCI*** 25th (Chapel Amble) & 49th (Rocket Science)
2009 – Blenheim CCI*** 8/9 9th (Rocket Science)
2009 – Blenheim CCI*** 10th (Chilli Morning)
2009 – Gatcombe CIC*** 10th (Chilli Morning)
2009 – Bramham CCI*** 21st (Chilli Morning) & 29th (Chapel Amble)
2009 – Burnham Market CIC*** 5th (Chapel Amble)
2009 – Barrocca CIC*** 5th (Elektron)

2008 – Bialy Bor CCI*** 3rd (Woodside Alcatraz) 9th (Calibre)
2008 – Strzegom CCI *** 6th (Rocket Science) 7th (Woodside Alcatraz)
2008 – Weston Park CCI** 1st (Chilli Morning)

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2010 – 21st Chapel Amble & 33rd Rocket Science
2006 – 45th Calibre