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RIDER: NICOLA WILSON

HORSE:

115 OPPOSITION BUZZ, black gelding, 16.1 hh, 1997, s: Fleetwater Opposition, d: Jungle Bee, *Breed: TB, Country of Birth: United Kingdom Breeder: Rosemary Search Owner: Rosemary Search*, Wetherby, W. Yorks.

Nicola (nee Tweddle) started competing with the Hurworth Pony Club in numerous pony club activities and was a keen member of the Bedale Hunt, along with her husband Alastair, brother, sister and Mother Mary who was a Master for eight seasons.

Nicola (34) began eventing in her teens and in 1997 was selected as an individual, for the Young Rider European Squad in Prato on Mr Bumble, a horse that Nicola's mother bought as a four-year-old when Nicola was 13. Nicola combined riding and competing with University studies gaining a degree in Sport and Business Management and was able to contest her first four-star coming 10th at Burghley with Mr Bumble in 1998.

Nicola also enjoyed success to four-star level with Skiver with who she was selected as reserve for the 2005 Senior British team for the European Championships at Blenheim. In 2009 Yorkshire-based Nicola, who trains with Yorkshire-based former Badminton winner Christopher Bartle, gained her first British Senior team place winning team gold at the European Championships with Opposition Buzz.

Nicola has had the ride on Rosemary Search's homebred Opposition Buzz, AKA Dodi since 2004 bringing him through the levels to his first Badminton in 2007.

Opposition Buzz is by the Trakehner stallion Fleetwater Opposition sire of the eventing stallion Yarlands Summer Song who is the sire of Badminton entry Leprince Des Bois. Opposition Buzz was bred by his owner Rosemary Seach out of Jungle Bee by Java Tiger.

Bee Diplomatic, produced to two-star level by Jeanette Brakewell, is by the Thoroughbred State Diplomacy (sir of Kristina Cooks former Le Lions winner State Diplomat) and was also bred by owner Rosemary Search. He is a half brother to Opposition Buzz being out of the same mare, Jungle Bee by Java Tiger.

Recent results

- 2010 – WEG Lexington 15th Opposition Buzz (team gold)
- 2010 – Blair Castle CIC*** 1st Opposition Buzz
- 2010 – Barbury Castle CIC*** 1st Opposition Buzz
- 2010 – Blenheim CCI*** 22nd Bee Diplomatic

2010 – Aachen CICO*** 24th Bee Diplomatic
2009 – Fontainbleau Eu Ch CCI*** 9th Opposition Buzz
2009 – Burghley CCI**** 30th Master Banks
2009 – Blair Castle CCI*** 1st Opposition Buzz
2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 6th Opposition Buzz
2009 – Bramham CCI*** 2nd Master Banks
2009 – Lexington CCI**** 11th Opposition Buzz
2009 – Burnham Market CIC*** 5th Master Banks
2008 – Burghley CCI**** 5th Opposition Buzz
2008 – Gatcombe CIC*** 2nd Opposition Buzz
2007 – Burghley CCI**** 15th Opposition Buzz
1998 – Burghley CCI**** 10th Mr Bumble
1998 – Bramham CCI*** 12th Mr Bumble

Badminton

2010 – 8th Opposition Buzz
2008 – 7th Opposition Buzz
2007 – 16th Opposition Buzz
2005 – W'drawn Skiver
2003 – 27th Skiver
2002 – Elim'd XC Mr Bumble
2000 – 23rd Mr Bumble
1999 – 29th Mr Bumble