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RIDER: PIGGY FRENCH

HORSE:

120 JAKATA, bay gelding, 16.3 hh, 1998, s: Abdullah, d: Flora, *Country of Birth*: United Kingdom

Owners: **Walter French**, Stamford, Lincs., **Michael Underwood**, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

Piggy (Georgina) French (30) is a busy professional rider based in Lubenham, Leicestershire. After a successful season in 2009 that included winning individual silver at the European championships (Some Day Soon) she was fourth in the BE rider rankings and leading lady rider, a place and distinction that she maintained at the end of the 2010 season.

Piggy comes from a horsey family – her Mother, Kate and sister Nina have both also competed in the sport. She ran her first yard while based at home in Norfolk producing young horses for the sport. With Rebecca Finch's Flintlock II, Piggy achieved her break-through winning Young Rider team gold (2001) and competing at her first Badminton in 2003 and in 2004 won the national Under 25 championship (Which Way II). She is currently a member of the UK's World Class Squad and trains with dressage trainer Ian Woodhead. In her spare time Piggy enjoys eating and sleeping as she says 'there is no time for anything else'.

Some Day Soon, by Irish Sport Horse sire Kiltealy Spring (who also sired British team pony Noble Springbok) was formerly ridden by Lucy Kemplay and Nick Turner, and was acquired from Barbara Cassini in 2008.

Jakata who was bred in Nottingham is by the Thoroughbred Abdullah who stood at the Louella Stud. Jakata was originally found by producer Tim Brown and sold to Julia Crowson who produced him through the levels. He was bought from Piggy at the beginning of 2010.

Recent results

2010 – WEG 16th Jakata

2010 – Hartpury CIC*** 1st Jakata

2010 – Bramham CCI*** 3rd Jakata

2010 – Chatsworth CIC***W 23rd Some Day Soon

2010 – Burnham Market CIC*** 2nd Some Day Soon

2009 – Fontainebleau – CCI*** Eu Ch 2nd (Some Day Soon)

2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 6th (Some Day Soon)

2009 – Bramham CCI*** 3rd (Some Day Soon)

2009 – Blenheim CIC*** 8/9 1st (Flying Machine)

2009 – Blair Castle CCI** 3rd (Picasso)

2009 – Knaptoft CIC** 1st (Envoy)
2009 – Barbury Castle CIC*** 6th What a Performance, 8th (Chase The Moon)
2008 – Bramham CCI*** 7th (What a Performance)
2008 – Blair Castle CCI** 6th (Direct Approach)
2008 – Thirstane CIC** 1st Chase The Moon)
2007 – Le Lions D'Angers CCI** 1st (Cast Away)
2007 – Burghley CCI**** 12th (Paris)

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2010 – Elim'd XC Some Day Soon
2007 – Elim'd (What a Performance) final inspection
2003 – 31st (Flintlock II)