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**RIDER: MARY KING**

**HORSE:**

**124 IMPERIAL CAVALIER**, bay gelding, 16.3 hh, 1997, s: Cavalier Royale, d: Gene Pool,  
*Breed: TBx, Country of Birth: Ireland Breeder: John Brennan*

*Owners: Eddie and Sue Davies, Ballasalla, Isle of Man Janette Chinn, Nantwich, Cheshire*

One of Britain's best known and popular event riders, last year Mary (49) was a member of the successful British team that won gold at the WEG in Lexington finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place with Imperial Cavalier. She finished the year in second place in the World FEI rankings.

She has twice won Badminton, is a four times Olympic team rider and winner of four British team gold medals and four-times British Champion during an eventing career of almost 25 years.

Based near Sidmouth Devon, Mary became inspired to ride after a visit to Badminton. She first funded her career with supplementary jobs then became head girl to Sheila Wilcox – four-time winner of Badminton in the fifties. Mary made her Badminton debut in 1985 and just seven years later recorded her first win with the great King William – who became the highest point earning horse in BE history. He lost the accolade last year to Spring Along. He was also the horse that gave Mary her first British team call-up in 1991 and the combination came home from Punchestown with a team gold medal and was ninth at the 1992 Olympic Games the following year.

In a 2001 Mary broke her neck in a fall but was back in the saddle the following year to be third at Burghley (King Solomon).

Mary is married to cattle dealer David King and the couple has two children; Emily (15) a keen eventer on the national junior A list and Freddie (12). Mary trains with international dressage trainer Ferdi Eilberg.

Mary now breeds her own horses and last year rode the homebred mare Kings Temptress, by thoroughbred sire Primitive Rising, to seventh place at Burghley. Her dam Kings Mistress is also the dam of Badminton entry Kings Gem. Kings Temptress is the dam of the seven-year-old Everys King (by Jumbo son Midnight Mahout) currently competed by daughter Emily.

Irish-bred Imperial Cavalier, by the Holstein sire Cavalier Royale is out of a mare by the Thoroughbred Imperius. He was acquired from Vicky Brake in 2007 and is owned by Eddie Davis owner of Bolton Wanderers Football club.

Apache Sauce by the Thoroughbred Endoli was bred in Devon.

## Recent results

2010 – WEG Lexington 6<sup>th</sup> (team gold) Imperial Cavalier  
2010 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce & 7<sup>th</sup> Kings Temptress  
2010 – Luhmuhlen CCI\*\*\*\* 7<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce & 26<sup>th</sup> Kings Mistress  
2010 – Tattersalls CIC\*\*\*W 2<sup>nd</sup> Apache Sauce  
2009 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 12<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce, 18<sup>th</sup> Kings Temptress  
2009 – Hartpury CIC\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Apache Sauce  
2009 – Gatcombe CIC\*\*\*W 7<sup>th</sup> Kings Temptress  
2009 – Luhmuhlen CCI\*\*\*\* 4<sup>th</sup> Kings Temptress  
2009 – Barbury Castle CIC\*\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce  
2009 – Aachen CICO\*\*\* 4<sup>th</sup> Imperial Cavalier  
2009 – Tattersalls CIC\*\*\*W 3<sup>rd</sup> Imperial Cavalier  
2008 – Pau CCI\*\*\*\* 8<sup>th</sup> Call Again Cavalier  
2008 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Imperial Cavalier, 4<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce  
2008 – Olympic Games 11<sup>th</sup> Call Again Cavalier (team Bronze)  
2008 – Bramham CCI\*\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> (Kings Fancy)  
2007 – Eu Ch (Pratoni) Team gold, ind silver (Call Again Cavalier)  
2007 – Chatsworth CIC\*\*\*W 1<sup>st</sup> Call Again Cavalier  
2007 – Gatcombe British Open 1<sup>st</sup> Call Again Cavalier  
2006 – World Ch Aachen team gold (Call Again Cavalier)  
2004 – Olympic Games (Athens) team silver  
2000 – Olympic Games (Sydney) 7<sup>th</sup> (Star Appeal)  
1997 – Eu Ch (Burghley) 8<sup>th</sup> & team gold (Star Appeal)  
1996 – Gatcombe British Open 1<sup>st</sup> King William  
1996 – Blenheim CCI\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> King Solomon III  
1996 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Burghley (Star Appeal)  
1995 – Eu Ch (Pratoni) team gold, inc bronze  
1994 – WEG (The Hague) 4<sup>th</sup> & team gold (King William)  
1992 – Olympic Games (Barcelona) 9<sup>th</sup> King William  
1991 – Eu Ch (Punchestown) team gold (King William)  
1991 – Gatcombe British open 1<sup>st</sup> King William  
1990 – Gatcombe British Open 1<sup>st</sup> King Boris

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2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> Imperial Cavalier, ret'd XC Kings Mistress  
2009 – 26<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce  
2008 – 11<sup>th</sup> Apache Sauce, 42<sup>nd</sup> Imperial Cavalier  
2007 – W'drawn (dr) Call Again Cavalier & Cashel Bay  
2006 – 18<sup>th</sup> Cashel Bay  
2005 – 28<sup>th</sup> Call Again Cavalier  
2003 – 4<sup>th</sup> King Solomon III  
2000 – 1<sup>st</sup> Star Appeal  
1997 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Appeal  
1996 – W'drawn King William  
1995 – 14<sup>th</sup> King William, 17<sup>th</sup> King Kong  
1994 – 11<sup>th</sup> King William  
1993 – 20<sup>th</sup> King William

1992 – 1<sup>st</sup> King William  
1991 – 37<sup>th</sup> King William  
1990 – 3<sup>rd</sup> King Boris, 8<sup>th</sup> King Cuthbert  
1989 – 2<sup>nd</sup> King Boris, 38<sup>th</sup> King Cuthbert  
1988 – Ret'd King Boris  
1985 – 7<sup>th</sup> Divers Rock