

Your ultimate guide to Windsor



For the first time, the European show jumping and dressage championships (25-30 August) will be held together at the same time and venue — and, for the Brits, on home soil. *H&H* brings you the lowdown on the GB squads, the big names to watch and how to make the most of this fantastic occasion

Europeans in numbers

180 The number of horses expected to arrive for the championships

8,699 The crowd capacity at the Castle Arena at Windsor

60,000 visitors expected to visit the championships over the five days of competition

4 The number of times Britain has won the show jumping team title at the Europeans

1,800 bottles of champagne will be consumed during the six-day event

720 The number of bales of hay horses will eat at the championships

2 The number of combinations to have won individual gold on zero faults — Ratina Z (Ludger Beerbaum) in 1997 and Deister (Paul Schockemohle) in 1981

29 days. The combined time it will take for all competitors to travel from their homeland to Windsor



Windsor Castle will be the dramatic backdrop for the joint European show jumping and dressage championships

GB show jumping squad The final four are still to be chosen



Geoff Billington
Age: 54
Horse: Rosinus — 11-year-old bay gelding by Lancelot
Owner: Patricia Fraser
Recent success: 1st

Eindhoven Derby, 1st Villamoura grand prix. They also helped Team GB to equal second in the Meydan FEI Nations Cup in Dublin



Peter Charles
Age: 49
Horse: Pom D'Ami — 10-year-old bay gelding by Bon Ami
Owner: Olga White

Recent success: 1st Florida grand prix and, barring Hickstead in the mud, has a great record in Meydan FEI Nations Cups



Robert Smith
Age: 48
Horse: Vangelis S — 11-year-old bay stallion by Nonstop
Owners: Sharon Baldwin and Raging Bull

Recent success: 3rd British Open championships, 1st British Masters. Part of the winning Nations Cup team in Dublin 2008



Ben Maher
Age: 26
Horse: Robin Hood W — 11-year-old bay Animo gelding
Owners: rider and Quainton Stud

Recent success: 7th in the Las Vegas World Cup. Members of four Meydan FEI Nations Cup teams in 2009



Tim Stockdale

Age: 45
Horse: Fresh Direct Corlato — 12-year-old grey mare by Corofino I
Owner: John Boshier
Remarkable comeback: earlier this year, Tim's Olympic partner Corlato had time off for embryo transfer. She then picked up a virus, so getting her fit for Windsor looked an uphill task. But a superb second in the King's Cup at RIHS signalled she is back to her best