

Michael Whitaker

Date of Birth: 17/03/1960

Lives: Whatton, Nottinghamshire

Ranking: For Longines Rankings [click here](#)

Family: Wife Melissa; Children; Jack; Molly and Katie Jane

Based in Nottinghamshire with his wife Melissa and three children there are very few titles that Michael hasn't won. Originally from Yorkshire where he was raised on his parent's farm, he was taught by his mother Enid alongside his brothers John, Iain and Steven.

In 1980, at the age of twenty he became the youngest rider to win the Hickstead Derby and there has been little stopping him ever since. Competing at four Olympic Games he won Team Silver in 1984 in Atlanta. In addition he has won four World Championship medals, fourteen European Championship medals in addition to winning prestigious titles such as the King George V Gold Cup, World Cups, Grand Prix's and of course the Hickstead Derby which he has won a total of four times.

His most recent medal win was in 2013 when he won Team Gold at the European Championships with Viking V, a horse he has taken time to produce slowly having focused him on the World Cup circuit during the winter before.

Globally recognised as an empathic rider who can give confidence to the most nervous or difficult of horses, Michael is a name that frequently comes up as the 'one rider' which others hold in the highest esteem. A family man through and through he takes great pride in his children's sporting successes and is frequently seen supporting them at pony shows throughout the country.

Major Achievements: Total Medals: =17; Total Nations Cups=186

Championships / Games Statistics

	Year	Medals / Placings	
		Team	Individual
Olympic Games	2000	8 th	-
	1996	=11 th	-
	1992	7 th	15 th
	1984	Silver	-
World Championship	2014	-	-
	1990	Bronze	-
	1986	Silver	-
European Championship	2013	Gold	-
	2007	Bronze	-
	1999	4 th	-
	1997	Bronze	20 th
	1995	Silver	Silver

Current Top International Horses

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Amai II	Beatrice Mertens	Non Stop	Belgium	2000	G	Dark Bay
Elie Van De Kolmen	Michael Whitaker		Belgium	2004	M	Grey
Eros H	Graham Gillespie		Belgium	2004	G	Bay
Viking V	Michael Whitaker	Jacomar	Netherlands	2002	G	Chestnut

