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William Funnell

Fact file:

- D.O.B:** 10/02/1966
- Lives:** Dorking, Surrey
- Ranking:** For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)
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- Family:** Wife: Pippa (international event rider)
- Career Summary:** Will's name is rapidly becoming tantamount as one of the best for breeding and producing horses through to top International level. This has come as a result of the successful partnership he has developed with Donal Barnwell in the form of The Billy Stud which has produced some of the best homebred talents in the country. The winner of many international titles, the one that has probably meant the most to him was the winning of the Hickstead Derby in 2006 with Mondriaan as this saw him achieve a childhood ambition which he then went on to achieve on two more occasions. Will has represented Great Britain on one European Championship team, numerous Nations Cups and has consistently sat within the top tier of the Team GBR Rankings List.
- Did you know:** He may not fall of horses often but he once fell off the back of a boat in a shipping lane on the Solent!

Major Achievements:

Total Nation Cups: 41

Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Ind
European Championship	2005	6 th	-

Career highlights

Year	Championships / Titles	Venue
2009	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
2008	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
2007	Renault Jump	-
2006	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
2001	Senior Foxhunter	HOYS

Current Top International Horses:

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Billy Congo	Billy Stud	Vechta	UK	2001	S	Brown
Billy Angelo	Julie Slade	Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve	UK	2003	G	Chestnut
Billy Grand	Julie Slade	Animo	UK	2002	G	Bay
Beowulf	Julie Slade	Cruising	Belgium	2001	G	Chestnut

Top placings during 2012

- CSIO4* Lummen (Bel): 8th Nations Cup
 - Week 3: 1st 1.50m (*Dorada*)
- CS13* Lummen (Bel)
 - Week 2: 1st 1.45m, 1st 1.45m (*Billy Congo*)
- CS13* Hardelet (Fra): 1st 1.35m (*Dorada*), 1st 1.40m, 2nd 1.45m (*Billy Congo*), 2nd Grand Prix (*Billy Angelo*)
- CS13* Sunshine Tour (Esp)
 - Week 5: 1st 1.50m (*Billy Congo*)
- CS13* Vejer de la Frontera (Esp)
 - Week 2: 3rd 1.50m (*Billy Angelo*)
 - Week 4: 1st 1.50m (*Billy Congo*), 2nd 1.35m (*Ulinn*)

Top placings during 2011

- CS13* Birmingham, HOYS: 1.40m fie fence challenge (*Billy Grand*)
- Arezzo (Ita): 1st 1.40m (*Beowulf*)
- Eden Bridge & Oxted Show: 1st & 2nd Area Trial (*Billy Angelo* & *Kepi D'Elle*)
- British Young Horse Championships: 2nd 8yr final (*Billy Angelo*)
- Kent County Show: 1st Area Trial (*Kepi D'Elle*) 1st Accumulator (*Beowulf*)
- Great Yorkshire Show: 1st International Stairway (*Billy Angelo*)
- Vimeiro (Por): 1st 1.40m against the clock (*Beowulf*)
- CSIO3* Portugal: 3rd Nations Cup (*Billy Angelo*)
- CSIO5* La Baule (Fra): 1st 1.50m Derby (*Kannelle de la Baie*)
- CS12* Fontainebleau (Fra): 2nd Grand Prix (*Billy Congo*)

Top placings during 2010

- CS13* Vimeiro (POR): 2nd Grand Prix (*Billy Congo*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 2nd Nations Cup (*Billy Congo*)
- CSIO5* Falsterbo (Swe): 7th Nations Cup (*Billy Congo*), 1st Derby (*Kannelle de la Baie*)
- Royal Norfolk: 1st Area Trial (*Billy Congo*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Bunn Leisure Derby Tankard (*Billy Congo*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead (GBR): 1st Nations Cup (*Billy Congo*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 5th Nations Cup (*Billy Congo*)

Top placings during 2009

- South of England: 1st 1.40m Open (*Billy Congo*)
- Bramham Horse Trials: 1st 6 Bar (*Beowulf*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby (*Mondriaan*)
- Great Yorkshire Show: 1st Cock of the North (*Mondriaan*)
- Addington End of Season Classic: 1st PCA33 Grand Slam (*Kepi D'Elle*)
- Arena UK: 1st Grand Prix (*Larina III*), 1st 6 Bar (*Beowulf*)

Top placings during 2008

- CSIO Madrid (Esp): 3rd Nations Cup (*Mondriaan*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): Nations Cup Team Member (*Mondriaan*)
- Kent County: 1st Grand Prix (*Cortaflex Billy Birr*), 1st Area Trial (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- Edenbridge & Oxted: 1st & 2nd Area Trial (*Billy Birr & Kepi d'Elle*)

Top placings during 2007

- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): Nations Cup Team Member (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- South of England: 1st Renault Jump (*Amber du Montois*)
- Royal Show: 1st & 3rd International Trial (*Amber du Montois, Kepi D'Elle*)
- Royal County of Berkshire: 1st & League winner Renault Jump (*Amber du Montois*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Dick Turpin Stakes (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st Speed Stakes (*Amber du Montois*)

Top placings during 2006

- South of England: 1st Grand Prix (*Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: =5th Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead (GBR): 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 7th Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby Trial, 1st Derby (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)

Top placings during 2005

- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 2nd Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 4th Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- Royal Windsor: 1st Grand Prix (*Amber du Montois*)
- Senior European Championships, San Patrignano (Ita): Team 6th (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)

Top placings during 2004

- CSI-W Leipzig: 1st A4 (*Cortaflex Machiavelli*)
- Royal Windsor: 3rd Grand Prix (*Buddy Bunn*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Alberta Canada Salver (*Buddy Bunn*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st International Chase (*Cortaflex Machiavelli*)
- CSI-W Mechelen: 1st & 3rd A4 (*Cortaflex Machiavelli*), 2nd Grand Prix (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)

Top placings during 2003

- CSI-A Dubai: 1st Masters, 2nd Grand Prix (*Cortaflex Lucy May*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIO5* TL Falsterbo: Nations Cup Team Member (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: Nations Cup Team Member (*Cortaflex Mondriaan*)
- CSIW Olympia: 1st Welcome Speed (*Cortaflex Machiavelli*)

Top placings during 2002

- CSIO Lisbon: 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO Lummen: 1st Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 4th Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)
- CSIO5* Gijon: 2nd Nations Cup (*Cortaflex Amber du Montois*)

- CSI-A Barcelona: 1st Grand Prix (*Amber du Montois*)
- CSI-A The Horse Show: 1st The Classic 1.50m (*Cortaflex Machiavelli*)

Top placings during 2001

- CSIO Modena: Nations Cup Team Member (*Vechta*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): Nations Cup Team Member (*Vechta*)
- CSIO Gijon: 4th Nations Cup (*Amber du Montois*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Senior Foxhunter (*Mondriaan*)

Top placings pre 2000

- 2000 CSIO Lisbon: 3rd Nations Cup (*Vechta*)
- 2000 CSIO5* TL Rome: 7th Nations Cup (*Vechta*)
- 1998 Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grade C Championship (*Aniapollo*)
- 1998 CSIA Horse of the year Show. 1st Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Barry Bug*)
- 1996 CSIW Aarhus. 2nd World Cup Qualifier (*Comex*)
- 1996 CSIO San Marino: 1st Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1996 CSIO5* TL St Gallen: 2nd Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1996 CSIO5* TL Mechelen: 7th Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1995 CSI Eindhoven: 1st Grand Prix (*Comex*)
- 1995 CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1995 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1995 CSIO San Marino: 3rd Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1995 CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1994 CSI Hachenburg, (Ger): 1st Grand Prix (*Comex*)
- 1994 CSIO Geesteren: 9th Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1993 CSIO Drammen: 2nd Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1993 CSIO Lanaken: 4th Nations Cup (*Comex*)
- 1992 CSIO Bratislava: 2nd Nations Cup (*Binary Bit*)