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## Ben Maher

### Fact file:

**D.O.B:** 30/01/1983

**Lives:** Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire

**Ranking:** For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)  
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**Career Summary:** Ben started riding after his mother introduced him to ponies and he joined the local pony club. Winning two Pony European Gold medals for Great Britain before moving onto horses it wasn't long before Ben was having considerable success on the International stage at a senior level. In 2005 he won the Hickstead Derby and the Speed Derby with Alfredo after which he continued competing successfully across Europe. His big break came however when he was selected for the Beijing Olympics with Rolette. Since then Ben has also gone on to represent Great Britain at two European Championships, the most recent being in 2011 at Madrid where he played a major role in securing a Team Bronze.

**Did you know:** When Ben first started with the Pony Club he'd have a go at everything and would fall off every time!

### Major Achievements:

**Total Medals:** 1

**Total Nation Cups:** 26

### Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Ind
<b>Olympic Games</b>	2008	5 <sup>th</sup>	-
<b>Senior European Championship</b>	2011	Bronze	
	2009		
<b>Young Rider European Championship</b>	2004	Gold	-
	2003	-	-
<b>Junior European Championship</b>	2001	-	-
<b>Pony European Championship</b>	1998	Gold	-
	1997	Gold	-

### Career highlights

Year	Championship / Title	Venue
2011	Leading Rider	Olympia
2009	British Showjumping International Combination of the Year	Awards Ball
2009	British Showjumping Riders Rider of the Year	Awards Ball
2008	Leading Rider	Olympia
2006	Best up & coming Rider of the Year	Awards Ball
2005	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead

**Current Top International Horses:**

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Tripple XIII	Quinton Stud / Ben Maher	Namelus R	Netherlands	2002	S	Black
Oscar IX	Lynsey Cook	-	Netherlands	1996	G	Bay
Voske II	Rowena Gredley	Hors La Loi II	Netherlands	2002	M	Chestnut

**Top placings during 2012**

- CSI3\* De Steeg (Ned): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.50m (*Silver Exchangell*), 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.50m (*Quite Easy 4*), =1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Noctambule Courcelle*)
- CSI5\* Global Champs Tour Wiesbaden (Ger): 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.45m (*Aristo Z*)
- CSIO5\* TL La Baule (Fra): 5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSI5\* Oliva (Esp) Global Champs Tour: 1<sup>st</sup> 1.60m Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO4\* Wellington (USA): =4th Nations Cup (*Tripple X III*)
- FTI Wellington Festival (USA):
  - Week 7: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
  - Week 8: 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.45m (*Cloud Nine*)
  - Week 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.50m (*Tripple X III*)
- CSI5\*W Zurich (Sui): =1st 1.35m (*Milena 8*)
- CSI5\* Basel (Sui): 1st 1.55m (*Tripple X III*)

**Top placings during 2011**

- CSI5\*W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier, Leading rider of the show (*Tripple X III*)
- Senior European Championships, Madrid: Team Bronze (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO5\* Rotterdam (Ned): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Tripple X III*)
- CSI5\* Valkenswaard (Ned): 1<sup>st</sup> 1.50m Derby (*B F Utopia*), 1<sup>st</sup> 1.45m (*Voske II*)
- CSIO4\* Linz (Aut): 9<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> 1.60m Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO5\* Lummen: 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup, 2nd 1.60m Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO4\* Wellington (USA): 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Tripple X III*)

**Top placings during 2010**

- CSI5\* W Olympia (GBR): 1<sup>st</sup> 1.50m Christmas Speed Stakes, 1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Noctambule Courcelle*)
- CSIO Abu Dhabi: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO Lummen: 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Wonderboy II*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI3\* Zuidlaren (Ned): 1<sup>st</sup> 1m45 Against the Clock (*Lets Fly 6*)
- CSI5\* s'Hertogenbosch: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Wonderboy II*)
- 2009 British Showjumping Awards Ball: Riders Rider of the Year & International Combination of the Year

**Top placings during 2009**

- CSIO Wellington (USA): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): Nations Cup Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI5\*W Las Vegas: 7<sup>th</sup> World Cup Final (*Robin Hood W*)
- Cannes CSI5\* Global Champs Tour: 3rd Grand Prix (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): =3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen (Sui): Nations Cup Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: Nations Cup Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): =2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- Senior European Championship, Windsor (GBR): Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)

- CSI5\*-W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Masters (Wonderboy)

#### **Top placings during 2008**

- Olympic Games, Beijing: Team 5<sup>th</sup> (*Rolette*)
- CSI3\* Nantes FRA, 1st A4 (*Rolette*)
- CSIO 5\* La Baule: 7th Grand Prix (*Rolette*)
- CSIO5\* Rotterdam: 4th Grand Prix (*Rolette*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen (Sui): Nations Cup Team Member (*Rolette*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: Nations Cup Team Member (*Rolette*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): Nations Cup Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- British Masters Invitational: 1<sup>st</sup> British Masters (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI5\* Calgary: 1<sup>st</sup> Small Grand Prix (*Robin Hood W*)

#### **Top placings pre 2007**

- 2007 Horse of the Year Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Martin Memorial Cup (*Gem of India*)
- 2007 CSI-W Mechelen: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Rolette*)
- 2006 Awarded the Best Up & Coming Rider at the British Showjumping Ball
- 2006 CSIO Lucerne: 8<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Niko IV*)
- 2006 Hickstead Derby: 1<sup>st</sup> Speed Derby (*Mercurius*)
- 2005 Hickstead Derby: 1<sup>st</sup> Derby (*Alfredo II*), 1<sup>st</sup> Speed Derby (*Mercurius*)
- 2005 CSI3\*Zuidlaren: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Niko IV*)
- 2005 CSIO Lisbon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Alfredo II*)
- 2004 Young Rider European Championships: Team Gold (*Alfredo*)
- 2004 RIHS: 1<sup>st</sup> British Speed Classic (*Equineige des Aus*)
- 2003 Young Rider European Championships, Le Touquet (Fra): 4<sup>th</sup> Individual (*Clouds Away*)
- 2003 CSIOY Reims: 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Alfredo*)
- 2003 Winner of the Accenture Bursary – awarded at Olympia
- 2001 Junior European Championships in Gijon: Team Member (*Ocior*)
- 2001 CSIJY Hagen: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Ocior*)
- 2000 Scope: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.20m Members Cup (*Jacquart*)
- 1998 Pony European Championships, Le Touquet (Fra): Team Gold (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1998 Royal Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Winter JA (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1997 Pony European Championships, Hartpury College (GBR): Team Gold (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1997 Royal International Horse Show: 1<sup>st</sup> British Junior Championship (*Dusty Boy*), 1<sup>st</sup> 138cms Championship (*Tom Cobbley*)