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Robert Smith

Fact file:

D.O.B: 12/06/1961
Lives: Shrewley, Warwickshire
Ranking: For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)
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Family: Partner: Shelly, Children: Rae, Chloe, Eliza, Archie
Career Summary: Hailing from Yorkshire, Robert quickly followed the Smith family tradition by claiming his first significant Grand Prix win at the Great Yorkshire Show at just 15-years old. That same year he was on the Gold medal winning team at the Junior European Championships. Two years later he won the prestigious King George V Gold Cup before winning it on two further occasions. The winner of many World Cup qualifiers he has also represented Great Britain at two European Championships in addition to the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky where he consistently delivered the best British score.

Did you know: Robert has a keen interest and follows Boxing

Major Achievements:

Total Medals: 3 (2 at junior level)

Total Nation Cups: 92

Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Ind
Olympic Games	2004	-	4 th
European Championship	2003	-	-
	1997	Bronze	12 th
WEG	2010	-	-
Junior European Championship	1977	Gold	Bronze

Career Highlights

Year	Championship / Title	Venue
2009	British Masters	Chester
2006	British Open Championship	British Open
2005	British Open Championship	British Open
2000	Senior Foxhunter	HOYS
1998	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1988	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1979	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead

Current Top International Horses:

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Vangelis S	Sharon Baldwin	Nonstop	Belgium	1998	S	Bay
Balourado	Robert Smith	Bauloubet du Rouet	Netherlands	2000	G	Grey

Top placings during 2011

- CSI3* Assen (Ned): 1st 1.50m (*Balourado*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 4th Nations Cup, 2nd King George V Cup (*Talan*)
- CSI3* Ascona (Sui): 1st Grand Prix (*Talan*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): =2nd Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =4th Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO4* Lummen: 1st 1.40m Speed (*Balourado*)
- Addington Manor EC Pro/Am Champs: 1st Pro Large (*Vangelis S*)

Top placings during 2010

- CSI5*W Olympia: 1st 1.50m Christmas Pudding Stakes, 1st 6 Bar (*Raging Bull Vangelis S*)
- CSIO Abu Dhabi: 1st Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows: Nations Cup Team Member (*Talan*)
- CSI4* Antwerp (Bel): 2nd 6 Bar (*Balourado*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 2nd Sky Sports Speed Classic (*Raging Bull Vangelis*), 2nd King George V Gold Cup (*Talan*)
- World Equestrian Games, Kentucky: Team Member (*Talan*)

Top placings during 2009

- British Open: 1st Midland Masters (*Columbia II*), 3rd British Open Championship Final (*Vangelis S*)
- Royal Windsor: 2nd Land Rover Open (*Baldourado*)
- British Masters: 1st British Masters Final (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 5th Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: Nations Cup Team Member (*Vangelis S*)
- CSI5*W Olympia: 1st Christmas Tree Stakes (*Raging Bull Vangelis S*)

Top placings during 2008

- Sunshine Tour: 1st Grand Prix (*Talan*)
- British Open: 1st Speed Leg (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Madrid: 3rd Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Ronaldo VI*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Ronaldo VI*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 4th Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)

Top placings during 2007

- Royal Windsor: 1st Grade A competition (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Ronaldo*), =1st 6 Bar (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 7th Nations Cup (*Ronaldo*)
- CSI5* Lyon: 1st 6/7yr (*Talan*)

Top placings during 2006

- CSI-W Wellington: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSI4* Sheffield: 1st British Open Championship (*Kalusha*)
- CSIO Wellington (USA): 6th Nations Cup (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 3rd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =2nd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*), 1st Puissance (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 6th Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- Arena UK: 1st & 4th Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius & Vangelis S*)

Top placings during 2005

- CSI-W Goteborg: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Kalusha*)
- CSI4* Sheffield: 1st British Open Championship (*Kalusha*), 1st Masters (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 2nd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- BSJA/Scope Festival: 1st Grand Prix (*Ronaldo*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st World Cup Qualifier, 1st Grand Prix (*Kalusha*)

Top placings during 2004

- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 2nd Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Lucerne: 6th Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)

- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: Nations Cup Team Member (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 3rd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows: 5th Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 3rd Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- Athens Olympics: 4th Individual (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Geneva: 3rd FEI World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*), 1st Prix du Lemman (*Kalusha*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st Christmas Masters (*Kalusha*)

BSJA Leading International Rider & Winner of the Animal Health Trust UK Equestrian Award

Top placings during 2003

- CSI Zurich: 1st Grand Prix (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Vigo: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W s'Hertogenbosch: 1st Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 8th Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin: 2nd Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 2nd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 5th Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSI Chester Horse Show: 1st Grand Prix (*Mr Springfield*)
- European Championships, Donaueschingen: Team Member (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Oslo: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*)

Top placings during 2002

- Royal Windsor: 1st Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- Castle Ashby County Fair: 1st International Trial (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 1st Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 4th Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Athens: 3rd Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- Anglesey County: 1st International Trial (*Kalusha*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby Trial (*Mr Springfield*), 2nd The Derby (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Athens: 1st Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*) Leading Rider of the Show

BSJA Leading International Rider

Top placings during 2001

- Spanish Sunshine Tour: 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Hennessey*)
- Patchetts Eq. Centre: 1st International Trial (*Senator Athos du Vallot*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): Nations Cup Team Member (*Senator Kalusha*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): Nations Cup Team Member (*Athos du Vallot*)
- Horse of the Year Show: Leading Show Jumper of the Year

BSJA Awards – Sir Harry Llewellyn Memorial Trophy

Top placings during 2000

- CSIO Modena: 5th Nations Cup (*Senator Athos du Vallot*)
- Great Yorkshire: 1st Cock O' the North Championship (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Senator Caloubet du Rouhet*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 2nd Nations Cup (*Senator Caloubet du Rouhet*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Senior Foxhunter (*Marius Claudius*), 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st The Masters (*Senator Kalusha*)

Awarded the Sir Harry Llewellyn Trophy

Top placings during 1999

- Suffolk County: 1st & 2nd International Trial (*Senator Almea*, *Senator for the Best*)
- Wales & West: 1st International Trial (*Senator for the Best*)
- CSI-A Geesteren: 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-B Leeuwarden: 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Olympia: Leading Rider of Show

Top placings during 1998

- CSIO Hickstead. 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Senator Mighty Blue*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 9th Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Millstreet: 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Amsterdam: 1st Grand Prix (*Senator For The Best*)

Top placings during 1997

- Senior European Championships, Mannheim (Ger): Team Bronze, Individual 12th (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Gijon: 1st Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 5th Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 7th Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Royal Windsor: 1st Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 8th Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 10th Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 3rd Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 7th Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: =2nd Nations Cup (*Senator Orthos*)

Top placings during 1996

- Atlanta Olympic Games: Non-Travelling Reserve
- CSI Jerez: 1st Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI Oviedo: 1st Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- New Forest & Hants: 1st Grand Prix, 1st Grade A (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI Valkenswaard: 1st Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- Olympia International Show: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup, 2nd Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 6th Nations Cup (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Luxembourg: =3rd Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5* La Baule (Fra): 6th Nations Cup (*Orthos*)

Top placings pre 1995

- 1995 Horse of the Year Show: 1st Puissance (*Gold*), 3rd Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- 1995 CSI Stockholm: 1st Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- 1994 Horse of the Year Show: 1st Puissance (*Gold*)
- 1994 Olympia Horse Show: 1st Puissance (*Gold*)
- 1993 Nantes (Fra): 1st Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- 1991 CSI Loncin (Fra): 1st Grand Prix (*Emily*)
- 1989 CSIO Toronto (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Brookstreet Silver Dust*)
- 1989 CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 1st Nations Cup (*Brook Street Boysie*)
- 1988 Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1988 CSI Franconville (Fra): 1st Grand Prix (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1988 CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1987 CSI Hannover (Ger): 1st Grand Prix (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1985 CSIO Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Olympic Video*)
- 1984 CSIO Paris: 1st Nations Cup (*Shining Example*)
- 1980 CSIO Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 CSIO Ekeren: 1st Nations Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 Horse of the Year: Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Video*)
- 1977 Junior European Championships, Geneva: Team Gold, Individual Bronze (*Royal Rufus*)