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Michael Whitaker

Fact file:

- D.O.B:** 17/03/1960
- Lives:** Whatton, Nottinghamshire
- Ranking:** For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)
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- Family:** Partner – Melissa, Children - Jack, Molly and Katie Jane
- Career Summary:** Raised in Yorkshire on his parents farm, Michael was taught to ride by his mother Enid who was a keen horsewoman. In 1980, at the age of twenty, Michael became the youngest ever winner of the Hickstead Derby. Since then Michael has gone on to compete at four Olympic Games, four World Championships and thirteen European Championships. Bringing home medals from Gold through to Bronze, winning both the King George V Gold Cup and the Hickstead Derby four times apiece Michael is recognised globally as not only an incredibly successful but also a naturally talented and empathic rider.

Major Achievements:

- Total Medals:** 16 (2 at Junior level)
- Total Nation Cups:** 180

Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Individual
Olympic Games	2000	8 th	-
	1996	=11 th	-
	1992	7 th	15 th
	1984	Silver	-
World Championship	2006	-	-
	2002	-	-
	1990	Bronze	-
	1986	Silver	-
European Championship	2010	-	-
	2007	Bronze	-
	2005	-	-
	2003	-	-
	2001	-	-
	1999	4 th	-
	1997	Bronze	20 th
	1995	Silver	Silver
	1993	Silver	Bronze
	1991	Silver	-
1989	Gold	Silver	

Career highlights

Year	Championship / Title	Venue
2002	Senior Newcomers	HOYS
2002	Leading Showjumper	HOYS
1999	National Champion	Scope
1998	7yr Championship	HOYS
1995	Leading Showjumper	HOYS
1994	Leading Showjumper	HOYS
1994	National Grade B	HOYS
1994	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1993	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1992	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1992	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1991	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1989	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1982	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1980	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead

	1987	Gold	-			
	1985	Gold	-			
Junior European Championship	1978	Gold	-			
	1976	Bronze	-			

Current Top International Horses:

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Amai II	Beatrice Mertens	-	Belgium	2000	G	Dark Bay
Viking V	Michael Whitaker	-	Netherlands	2002	G	Chestnut
Wild Rose II	Nick Ward	Oklund	Netherlands	2003	M	Bay

Top placings during 2012

- CSI5*W Bordeaux (Fra): 1st 1.45m (*Simon II*)

Top placings during 2011

- CSI3* Birmingham, HOYS: 1st 1.55m (Wild Rose II), 1st 1.60m (*Viking V*)
- CSI5* Abu Dhabi: 1st 1.50m (*Mr Darcy V*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam (Ned): 2nd Nations Cup (*Amai II*)
- East of England: 1st Grand Prix (*Wild Rose II*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Amai II*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead (GBR): 4th Nations Cup (*Amai II*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): =2nd Nations Cup (*Amai II*)
- CSI4* Amsterdam (Ned): 1st Grand Prix (*Amai II*)

Top placings during 2010

- CSI5*W Olympia: 1st FEI World Cup Qualifier (*GIG Amai II*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): =3rd Nations Cup (*GIG Amai II*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen: 3rd Nations Cup (*GIG Amai II*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*GIG Amai II*)
- CSI3* Chester, British Masters: 1st 1.55m (*GIG Amai II*)

Top placings during 2009

- CSI5*W Olympia: 2nd Christmas Masters (*GIG Tackeray*) 1st Christmas Pudding Stakes (*GIG Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Wonami van den Aard*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =3rd Nations Cup (*Wonami van den Aard*)
- CSI5*W Verona: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Insul Tech Amai*)
- CSI4*W Toronto: 1st International Challenge (*Insul Tech Wonami van den Aard*)

Top placings during 2008

- Beijing Olympic Games: Travelling Reserve (*Portofino 63*)
- CSI5*W Vigo: 1st Masters (*Wonami Van Den Aard*)
- CSI5*W Vigo (ESP): 1st Masters (*Wonami van den Aard*)
- CSI4* Bremen (GER): 1st Euro C Final (*Wonami van den Aard*)
- World Cup Final, Gothenburg: 9th World Cup Final (*Suncal Portofino*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Suncal Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 2nd Nations Cup (*Wonami van den Aard*)
- CSIO5* TL Barcelona: 6th Nations Cup (*Suncal Portofino 63*)

Top placings during 2007

- CS15*W Las Vegas: 1st Grand Prix (*Suncal Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member, 2nd Grand Prix (*Insul Tech Mozart des Hayettes*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 1st Nations Cup (*Suncal Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Suncal Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 2nd Nations Cup (*Suncal Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): Team Member (*Mozart des Hayettes*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): Team Member (*Mozart des Hayettes*)
- Great Yorkshire Show: 1st Cock O' North (*Quidame des Hayettes*)
- Senior European Championship, Mannheim: Team Bronze (*Suncal Portofino 63*)

Top placings during 2006

- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 3rd Nations Cup (*Insul Tech Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =2nd Nations Cup (*Insul Tech Portofino 63*)
- CSIO Lucerne: 8th Nations Cup (*Mozart Des Hayettes*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: =5th Nations Cup (*Insul Tech Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Mozart Des Hayettes*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin: 6th Nations Cup (*Insul Tech Portofino 63*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): 2nd Nations Cup (*Insul Tech Mozart des Hayettes*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 7th Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Insul Tech Leonardo 590*)
- World Equestrian Games, Aachen (Ger): Team Member (*Insul Tech Portofino 63*)

Top placings during 2005

- CSIO Wellington (USA): 2nd Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 4th Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL St. Gallen: 5th Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Final Barcelona: Team Member (*Mozart des Hayettes*)
- CS15*W Las Vegas: 2nd World Cup Final, 4th World Invitational Grand Prix (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* Spruce Meadows (Can): 1st Molson Cup (*Up To Date 8*)
- Senior European Championship Team, San Patrignano: 6th Team (*Portofino 63*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Speed Stakes (*Renzerin vd Rampaarden*)

Top placing during 2004

- World Cup Final, Milan: 15th Final (*Handel II & Portofino*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Fleur 195*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 2nd Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO Lucerne: 6th Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 4th Nations Cup (*Portofino 63*)
- CSIO Gijon: Team Member (*Portofino 63*)
- Lambley Horse Show: 1st International Trial (*Fleur 195*)
- Scope Festival: 1st Gents Championship (*Flaretime*), 1st Grand Prix (*Laconda 25*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Portofino 63*)

Top placings during 2003

- CSI Sheffield British Open: =1st Puissance (*Decapo*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 3rd Nations Cup (*Handel II*)
- CSIO5* TL Falsterbo: Nations Cup Team Member (*Handel II*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Fleur 195*), 1st Puissance (*Dacapo*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 2nd Nations Cup (*Abrisca*), 6th Grand Prix (*Fleur 195*)
- CSIO Barcelona: =5th Nations Cup (*Abrisca*)
- Oldcotes Charity Show: 1st International Trial (*Dobels Frechdacks*)
- Senior European Championships, Donaueschingen: Team Member (*Fleur 195*)
- CSI Munster: 1st Grand Prix (*Dobels Frechdacks*)
- CSI-W Toronto: 1st Word Cup Qualifier (*Portofino 63*)

Top placings during 2002

- CS15*W Vigo: 1st Grand Prix (*Handel II*)
- CS15*W Leipzig: =18th World Cup Final (*Handel II*)
- CSIO Linz: Nations Cup Team Member (*Landfurst FCS*)
- Richmond Horse Show: 1st International Trial (*Haddon House Carlson*)
- Scope Festival: 1st 1.35 Grand Prix (*Prinses Z*), 1st 1.40m Open (*Landfurst 6 FC*)
- World Equestrian Games: Non travelling reserve (*Handel II*)
- CSI-A Mesikon: 1st Grand Prix (*Handel II*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Senior Newcomers (*Alcina*), 1st Leading Show Jumper (*Handel II*)

Top placings during 2001

- World Cup Final, Gothenburg: 3rd Final (*Handel II*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen: 8th Nations Cup (*Tornado FC*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 6th Nations Cup (*Prince of Wales*), 1st Hunting (V V First Samuel)
- CSIO Drammen: 7th Nations Cup (*Landfurst FCS*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: Nations Cup Team Member (*V V Prince of Wales*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): Nations Cup Team Member (*First Samuel*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 2nd Nations Cup (*Give Me Remus*)
- Senior European Championships Arnhem: Team member (*Prince of Wales*)
- CSI-A Stuttgart: =1st Masters, 1st Grand Prix (*Handel II*) - also won 2 Mercedes Cars

Top placings during 2000

- Olympic Games Sydney, Australia: Team 8th (*Prince of Wales FC*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Prince of Wales FC*)
- CSIO Modena: 5th Nations Cup (*Prince of Wales FC*), 1st Hunting (*V. V. Two Step*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 1st Nations Cup (*Prince of Wales FC*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Handell II*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 2nd Nations Cup (*Handel II*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st Xmas Candle Stakes, 1st Xmas Carol Stakes, 1st Mistletoe Stakes (*V.V. Hilton*)
- CSI-W Mechelen: 1st Masters (*Tornado FCS*)

Top placings during 1999

- CS15*W Gothenburg World Cup Final: 5th Final
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 3rd Nations Cup (*V.V. Ashley*)
- CSIO Cannes: 1st Grand Prix (*V.V. Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 2nd Nations Cup (*V.V. Calvaro Z*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*V.V. Ashley*)
- Senior European Championships, Hickstead: 4th Team (*V.V. Calvaro FC*)
- Festival of Showjumping: 1st 1.40m National Championship (*Prince of Wales*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows: Nations Cup Team Member (*V.V. Ashley*)

Top placings during 1998

- CS15*W Final Helsinki: 21st World Cup Final (*Virtual Village Two Step & Virtual Village `Ashley*)
- Great Yorkshire: 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Silk*), 1st Cock o' the North (*Virtual Village Silk*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby Tankard, 1st Derby Trial (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO Luzern: 5th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Two Step*)
- CSIO Modena: 3rd Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 5th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 2nd Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Silk*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: Nations Cup Team Member (*Virtual Village Silk*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): 6th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Two Step*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st 7yr Championship (Junior II)

Top placings during 1997

- Senior European Championships, Mannheim (Ger): Team Bronze, Individual 20th (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIW Brussels: 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Two Step II*)
- CSIO Royal Windsor: 1st Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Absalom*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): Nations Cup Team Member (*Virtual Village Absalom*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen: 3rd Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 10th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Gijon: 1st Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: =2nd Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Absalom*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): 7th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Ashley*)
- CSIO Mechelen: 4th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Two Step*)

Top placings during 1996

- Olympic Games, Atlanta: =11th Team (*Two Step*)
- Horse of the Year Show: =1st Puissance (*Elton*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Midnight Madness*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 6th Nations Cup (*Midnight Madness*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Two Step II*)
- CSIO Luxembourg: =3rd Nations Cup (*Two Step II*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 5th Nations Cup (*Two Step II*)
- CSIO Linz: 9th Nations Cup (*Magic Carpet*)

Top placings during 1995

- Senior European Championships, St Gallen (Sui): Team & Individual Silver (*Everest Two Step*), 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- CSIO5*W Dortmund: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Two Step*)
- CSI-A Hachenburger: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Two Step*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Two Step*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- Presented with Silver Medal for 100 World Cup Competitions.

Top placings during 1994

- Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- Suffolk County: 1st International Team Trial (*Everest Elton*)
- CSI Liege: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Elton*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Jumper of the Year (*Everest Midnight Madness*), 1st National Grade B Championship (*Everest Magic Carpet*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Two Step*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Midnight Madness*)

Top placings during 1993

- Senior European Championships, Gijon (Esp): Team Silver, Individual Bronze (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- CSI Caen (Fra): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest My Mesieur*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby (*Everest Mon Santa*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Midnight Madness*), 1st Speed Grand Prix (*Everest Uriels Foal*)
- CSI Bethune (Bel): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Two Step*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Mon Santa*)

Top placings during 1992

- Olympic Games, Barcelona: Team 7th, Individual 15th (*Mon Santa*)
- CSI-W Dortmund (Ger): 1st Grand Prix (*Henderson Mon Santa*)

- Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Henderson Midnight Madness*)
- CSI Maastricht (Ned): 1st Grand Prix (*Henderson Midnight Madness*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- CSI Zuidlaren (Ned): 1st Grand Prix (*Henderson Midnight Madness*)
- CSI Kiel (Ger): 1st Grand Prix (*Henderson My Mesieur*)
- CSI5*W Olympia: =1st Bareback Puissance (*Everest Alonso*), 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Midnight Madness*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Midnight Madness*)

Top placings during 1991

- Senior European Championships, La Baule (Fra): Team Silver (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- Hickstead Derby: 1st Derby (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Zamira Z B*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Gipfelsteurmer*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Tees Hanauer*)

Top placings pre 1990

- 1990 World Equestrian Games, Stockholm: Team Bronze (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- 1990 CSIO5* Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- 1990 CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Mon Santa*)
- 1990 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*My Mesieur*)
- 1990 CSIO New York (USA): 1st Nations Cup (*Henderson Tees Hanauer*)
- 1989 Senior European Championships, Rotterdam: Team Gold, Individual Silver (*Mon Santa*)
- 1989 Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Next Didi*)
- 1989 CSIO Luxembourg: 1st Nations Cup (*Next Mon Santa*)
- 1989 CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Next Mon Santa*)
- 1989 CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 1st Nations Cup (*Next Flarepath*)
- 1988 Olympic, Seoul: Travelling Reserve (*Amanda*)
- 1988 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Next Amanda*)
- 1987 European Championships, St Gallen (Sui): Team Gold (*Next Amanda*)
- 1987 Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grand Prix (*Next Warren Point*)
- 1986 World Championships, Aachen (Ger): Team Silver (*Warren Point*)
- 1986 CSIO Jerez: 1st Nations Cup
- 1986 CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 1st Nations Cup (*Next Amanda*)
- 1986 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Next Warren Point*)
- 1986 CSIO Toronto (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Next Heliopolis*)
- 1985 Senior European Championships, Dinard: Team Gold (*Warren Point*)
- 1985 CSIO Madrid: 1st Nations Cup (*Overton Amanda*)
- 1985 CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Warren Point*)
- 1984 Olympic Games, Los Angeles: Team Silver (*Overton Amanda*)
- 1983 CSIO Barcelona: 1st Nations Cup (*Overton Amanda*)
- 1983 CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 1st Nations Cup (*Overton Amanda*)
- 1982 Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Disney Way*)
- 1980 Hickstead Derby: 1st Hickstead Derby (*Owen Gregory*)