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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 Leslie introduced him to ponies. He was a member of the local pony club and he had a go at everything but it was obvious his love was Showjumping. Training from Steven Smith saw Ben win 2 pony European gold medals. Serving his apprenticeship at Ted and Liz Edgar's yard Ben then moved to Switzerland where he trained with international show jumper Beat Mandli. Once returning to England and setting he set up his own yard he went on to win both the Hickstead Derby and the Speed Derby in 2005. Then 2008 came his big break where he was selected for the Beijing Olympics. Since then Ben has gone on to represent Great Britain at 2 European Championships the most recent being Madrid in 2011 where he brought home Team Silver. Ben has also gone on to win many top National and International classes.

Major Achievements:

Total Medals: 1
Total Nation Cups: 25

Championships / Games

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

- CSI5*W Olympia: 1st World Cup Qualifier, Leading rider of the show (*Tripple X III*)
- CSI5* Paris: 1st 1.55m (*Tripple X III*)
- Senior European Championships, Madrid: Team Bronze (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO5* Rotterdam (Ned): 2nd Nations Cup (*Tripple X III*)
- CSI5* Valkenswaard (Ned): 1st 1.50m Derby (*B F Utopia*), 1st 1.45m (*Voske II*)
- St Gallen (Sui) CSIO5*: 1st 1.45m Table C (*Oscar IX*)
- CSIO4* Linz (Aut): 9th Nations Cup, 1st 1.60m Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO5* Lummen: 7th Nations Cup, 2nd 1.60m Grand Prix (*Tripple X III*)
- CSIO4* Wellington (USA): 3rd Nations Cup (*Tripple X III*)

Top placings during 2010

- CSI5* W Olympia (GBR): 1st 1.50m Christmas Speed Stakes, 1st Puissance (Noctambule Courcelle)
- CSIO Abu Dhabi: 1st Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO Lummen: 7th Nations Cup (*Wonderboy II*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 2nd Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen: 3rd Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI3* Zuidlaren (Ned): 1st 1m45 Against the Clock (Lets Fly 6)
- CSI5* s'Hertogenbosch: 1st 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): 2nd Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): Nations Cup Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI5*W Las Vegas: 7th World Cup Final (*Robin Hood W*)
- Cannes CSI5* Global Champs Tour: 3rd Grand Prix (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =3rd 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): =2nd Nations Cup (*Robin Hood W*)
- Senior European Championship, Windsor (GBR): Team Member (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI5*-W Olympia: 1st Christmas Masters (*Wonderboy*)

Top placings during 2008

- Olympic Games, Beijing: Team 5th (*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: 1st British Masters (*Robin Hood W*)
- CSI5* Calgary: 1st Small Grand Prix (*Robin Hood W*)

Top placings pre 2007

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

- 1998 Pony European Championships, Le Touquet (Fra): Team Gold (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1998 Royal Show: 1st Winter JA (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1997 Pony European Championships, Hartpury College (GBR): Team Gold (*Dusty Boy*)
- 1997 Royal International Horse Show: 1st British Junior Championship (*Dusty Boy*), 1st 138cms Championship (*Tom Cobbley*)