



### RIDER BIOGRAPHY

<b>Name:</b>	Austin O'Connor	?
<b>Country:</b>	Ireland	
<b>Age:</b>	35	

### Notable Recent Results

- 2009 – Hartpury CIC\*\*\* 62nd Pocket Rocket
- 2009 – Luhmuhlen CCI\*\*\*\* 9th Pocket Rocket
- 2008 – Pau CCI\*\*\*\* 12th Pocket Rocket
- 2008 – Olympic Games Hong Kong 21st Hobby du Mee
- 2007 – Pratoni Eu Ch 27th Hobby du Mee
- 2006 – Kreuth CCI\*\*\* 6th Hobby du Mee
- 2003 – Punchestown Eu Ch Elim'd Horseware Fabio
- 2002 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 29th Horseware Fabio
- 2000 – Olympic Games Sydney 17th (individual) Horseware Fabio

### Badminton Record

- 2008 – W'drawn second inspection Hobby du Mee
- 2007 – 21st Hobby Du Mee
- 1999 – 4th Simply Rhett

### Personal

Austin was born in Cork and has been involved in horses all his life. His parents ran a riding school and breaking yard and at the age of just 13 Austin started his international career becoming the youngest ever rider to compete in a two-star in Punchestown. Placed at Punchestown in '90 and '92 he was twice an Irish Junior team member, was long-listed for young riders and at the age of 19 decided to come over to England for two months experience with the Wiegiersma family at their yard in Cornwall. After two years he left with German born Kathrin, (nee Wallner) now his wife, to set up on their own in Worcestershire.

The couple is now based in Somerset where they have a yard of around 20 event horses. They are keen followers of National Hunt racing and occasionally have racehorses for schooling or pre-training.

Austin competed in the 2000 & 2008 Olympic Games.

Pocket Rocket is by Future Role who till his death earlier this year stood at Diana Scott's Exmoor based Brendon stud. Pocket Rocket was acquired from the Wiegiersma yard in 2003 and is the owner's first Badminton horse.

Pedigree	Notable Results
<b>Pocket Rocket</b> (Sire) Future Role	
(Dam) Bucket	

bay/brown gelding  
16.0 hh 1997

<b>Breed Type:</b>	TB
<b>Owner(s):</b>	Kate Jarvey, & Rider
<b>Breeder:</b>	u/k