




RIDER BIOGRAPHY

		
Name:	Francis Whittington	
Country:	Great Britain	
Age:	32	

Notable Recent Results

2010 – Burnham Market CIC*** 9th Sir Percival
2009 – Gatcombe CIC*** 36TH Sir Percival
2009 – Aachen CCI*** 15th Sir Percival
2009 – Burnham Market CIC*** 7th Sir Percival
2008 – Burnham Market CIC***W 1st Sir Percival
2007 – Pau CCI**** 12th Sir Percival
2007 – Martinvast CIC***W 7th Spin Doctor
2006 – Blenheim CCI***7th Sir Percival
2006 – Burghley CCI**** Ret'd Osh Kosh
2006 – Barbury Castle 11th Osh Kosh
2006 – Hartpury CIC*** 5th Sir Percival
2004 – Blenheim CCI*** 13th Osh Kosh
2004 – Burghley CCI**** 34th Spin Doctor

Badminton Record

2009 – 15th Sir Percival
2006 – 28th Osh Kosh, Ret'd Spin Doctor
2005 – Ret'd Spin Doctor

Personal

As his mother owned a riding school Francis soon learnt to ride and began competing with the Eridge Pony Club. Aged 16 he was selected for the British Pony squad with Northdown Nova and represented GB at the 1993 Pony European Championships in Hasselt (Belgium) winning team silver and individual gold. Francis left school before completing A levels to pursue a career in horses and competed in Young Rider teams, gaining second place at the British Young Rider Championships in 1997, during which time he was also training as an equine dentist. After ten years in the job he decided to concentrate on eventing fulltime and now runs his yard in East Sussex.

He completed his first four-star at Burghley (2001) with a clear cross country round on Doonbeg Lady. In 2005 he won the Scottish Championships at Thirlestane with Spin Doctor and the following year completed his first Badminton with Osh Kosh – his sister Bryony has also competed at four-star level.

Sir Percival was acquired from Alan Townend, Oliver's father. Francis is married to Samantha and the couple has a one year-old son, Max.

Pedigree		Notable Results
Sir Percival III	(Sire) unknown	
	(Dam) unknown	
bay gelding 16.2 hh 1997		
Breed Type:	unknown	
Owner(s):	Margrete Paget	
Breeder:	nk	