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## Emma Hindle

- Date of birth:** 19 May 1975.
- Lives:** Erbach, Germany.
- Major achievements:** As an under-21, Emma was on the team for the Junior European Championships in 1989 and 1990 and the Young Rider European Championships in 1992, 1993 and 1996.
- As a senior, Emma was a member of the British bronze medal-winning team at the 2003 European Championships at Hickstead with Wie Weltmeyer. She has been a member of the British team every year since and achieved the best British placing, seventh overall in the individual competition, at the 2008 Olympic Games.
- Current competition horses:**
- Lancel, a 16.2hh German-bred brown stallion by Wenzel I out of Stella, born 1993 and owned by Emma Hindle.
  - Diamond Hit, a 16.1hh German-bred brown stallion by Don Schufro out of Loretta, born 1997 and owned by the Brookhouse Stud.
  - Fürstenreich, a 17hh bay stallion by Floristan I out of Maibel, born 1998 and owned by the Brookhouse Stud.
  - Chequille Z, a 17.1hh bay stallion by Caretano Z out of Hauterive, born 1999 and owned by the Brookhouse stud.
- First competitive experience:** "A lead rein class on a pony called Woody at a show near Liverpool when I was five. My uncle David was leading and we finished second."
- Trainer:** Richard White.
- Superstitions:** "I am extremely superstitious about wearing my two bracelets and I wear 'lucky socks' from nanny, basically because they are the most comfortable with my competition outfit. I broke my superstition with the bracelets in 2003 in Berlin. I took them off because I get a rash otherwise, put them down and someone stole one, but I won anyway. I replaced the stolen one and now only need to wear one, but always wear both anyway."
- Most admired riders:** "Holland's Anky van Grunsven and the German riders Ulla Salzgeber, Hubertus Schmidt and Kathrin Meyer zu Strohen, who has won lots of young horse classes at Germany's Bundeschampionats. She is a clever lady."
- Qualities looked for in a dressage horse:** "There is no perfect dressage horse. I like them to be active behind from nature and to have good self-carriage, three good paces and to be willing to work. There are always exceptions. I'm riding a young horse at the moment who wants to learn so much that it makes up for a lot of deficiencies in other areas."
- Favourite dressage venues:** "Nothing compares to Goodwood, which sadly is no more. Wiesbaden in Germany is a great show and I love competing in Sweden – the Swedish get really excited about dressage, even more so than the Germans."
- What other career would you have chosen:** "I don't think I can ride for the rest of my life and, in the long-term, my plan is to run my family business, which is property developing."
- Favourite meal:** "Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes."
- Favourite drink:** G&T.

Emma started riding at the age of five at her aunt's stables. She showed working hunter ponies and evented before eventually concentrating on dressage.

"At 13/14, I became a complete wet-pants when it came to jumping. I still love jumping, but as soon as the fences get up to any height, I'm an idiot," she says.

Emma went to train with top international dressage judge, trainer and rider Stephen Clarke aged 12 and then made the bold move to train abroad with another top dressage rider and trainer Kyra Kyrlund, who was based at the Flyinge Stud in Sweden at the time, when she was 18.

When Kyra moved to Britain in 1993, Emma went to Germany to train with one of Holland's top riders and trainers, Ellen Bontje. Emma is still based in Germany. In 2004, she moved to Andreas Müller's Rollehuf near Frankfurt, where she runs Brookhouse Stud.

