



CARL HESTER MBE

D.O.B: 29 June 1967

Resides: Newent, Gloucestershire

Current top rides: Nip Tuck: 'Barney' 16.3hh bay gelding by Don Ruto, foaled 2004. (Owners: Jane de la Mare & Carl Hester).

Wanadoo: 16.2hh chestnut gelding by Wolkenstein II, foaled 2001.
(Owner: Coral Ingham)

Major Achievements at a Glance:

- Competed in four Olympic Games (Athens, Sydney, Barcelona and London). Selected for the team for Beijing, however injury to his horse Dolendo prevented him competing.
- Winner of Great Britain's first ever Olympic dressage medal as part of the Gold medal winning team at London Olympics 2012.
- Claimed his first individual medal at the 2011 European Dressage Championships in Rotterdam – two silvers.
- Holder of nine senior championship medals; six team and two individual
- Winner of 63 National Championship Titles including the National title on seven occasions.
- The most successful British dressage rider in history.

About Carl:

Carl learnt to ride at a young age on his home island of Sark, where horses are the only means of getting about. He drove a carriage on the island until at 16 he moved to mainland Britain where he worked at the Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy in Dorset, where adults with disabilities could learn to ride. Carl began to take an interest in eventing and took the British Horse Society Assistant Instructor exam.

Carl then went to work for Janni and Christopher Taylor in Gloucestershire, where he was given the ride on dressage schoolmaster Slightly Trendy and was subsequently selected for the Young Rider Dressage team. Carl's attention was then focused on dressage and he was invited to join the renowned dressage trainer Dr Wilfred Bechtolsheimer, where he worked for three-and-a-half years, gaining valuable training and competing opportunities.

Carl then went on to set up a yard with Kate Carter, eventually setting up his own yard in 2004. A member of the World Class Performance Programme, Carl has been incredibly successful in his competitive career and is also one of the top dressage trainers in the country, with a lengthy, high profile list of clients. He is a columnist for Horse & Hound magazine and also has written several dressage books. He received an MBE for services to equestrianism from the Queen in June 2013.

For further information, please visit: www.carlhester.co.uk

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Major Competition record

Current form with Nip Tuck		
July 2016	Hartpury CDI3*	2 nd GP 78.20%, 1 st GPS 79.21%
May 2016	Compiègne CDI3*	1 st GP 74.16%, 1 st GPS 75.68%
December 2015	Olympia CDI-W	2 nd GP 76.66%, 1 st GPFS 83.75%
July 2015	Hartpury CDI3*	2 nd GP 78.04%, 1 st GPFS 80.05%
May 2015	Windsor CDI3*	1 st GP 75.38%, GPFS 79.45%
March 2015	Barcelona CDI4*	1 st GP 75.84%, 1 st GPFS 78.125%
March 2015	Doha CDI5*	1 st GP 72.6%, 2 nd GPFS 76.725%
Olympics		
2012	London, UK Horse: Uthopia	Team Gold , GPS 3 rd , GPF 5 th
2004	Athens, GRE Horse: Escapado	Team: 7 th , GPS: 9 th , GPF: 13 th
2000	Sydney, AUS Horse: Argentille Gullit	Team: 8 th
1992	Barcelona, ESP Horse: Giorgione	Team: 7 th , GPS: 16 th
World Championships		
2014	Normandy, FRA Horse: Nip Tuck	Team: Silver , GP 14 th 74.18%, GPS 12 th 75.53%, GPFS 12 th 76.58%
2010	Kentucky, USA Horse: Liebling II	Team: Silver , GPS: 17 th
1990	Stockholm, SWE Horse: Rubelit Von Unkenruf	Team: 5 th , GPS: 18 th
European Championships		
2015	Aachen, GER Horse: Nip Tuck	Team: Silver , GP 9 th 75.4%, GPS 5 th 77%, GPFS 8 th 79.57%
2013	Herning, DEN Horse: Uthopia	Team: Bronze , GPS: 6 th , GPF: 6 th
2011	Rotterdam, NED Horse: Utophia	Team: Gold , GPS: Silver , GPF: Silver
2009	Windsor, GBR Horse: Liebling II	Team: Silver , GPS: 10 th , GPF: 10 th

OFFICIAL RIDER PROFILE – Carl Hester

2005	Hagen, GER Horse: Escapado	Team: 5 th , GPS: 5 th , GPF: 11 th
1999	Arnhem, NED Horse: Legal Democrat	Team 5 th , GPS: 15 th
1997	Verden, Germany Horse: Legal Democrat	Team: 8th
1991	Donaueschingen, GER Horse: Rubelit Von Unkenruf	Team: 10 th
Key: GPS – Grand Prix Special; GPF – Grand Prix Freestyle		
Major National Championships		
2014	Grand Prix Champion with Dances with Wolves	
2013	National Champion with Fine Time 13 (winner of GP and GPF)	
2012	National Champion with Uthopia (winner of GP & GPF)	
	Inter I Champion with Dances With Wolves	
	Prix St Georges Champion with Dances With Wolves	
2011	Intermediate II Champion on Merlins Nemorensis	
2009	National, Grand Prix and Grand Prix FS Champion on Leibling II	
	Intermediate I Champion on Uthopia	
	Prix St Georges Champion on Uthiopia	
2008	Intermediate I and Intermediate I FS Champion on T Movistar	
	Prix St Georges Champion on T Movistar	
2007	Advanced Medium National Champion on T Movistar	
2006	Prix St Georges Champion on Blakes Da Vinci	
2005	Intermediate I Champion on Pro-Set	
2004	National, Grand Prix and Grand Prix FS Champion on Escapado	
	Medium Champion on Pro-Set	
2002	Intermediate I Champion on Escapado	
	Prix St Georges Champion on Escapado	
2001	Advanced Medium Champion on Escapado	
	Medium Champion on Dolendo	
1999	Advanced Champion on Legal Democrat	
	Advanced Medium Champion on Donner Rhapsody	
	Medium Champion on Donner Rhapsody	
	Elementary Champion on Fantastic Elastic	

Personal bests with Nip Tuck:

- Grand Prix: 78.20%, Hartpury CDI3* 2016**
- Grand Prix Special: 77.41%, Jerez CDI3* 2016**
- Grand Prix Freestyle: 83.75%, Olympia CDI-W 2015**

