



GARETH HUGHES

D.O.B: 01 April 1971

Resides: Bishops Itchington, Warwickshire

Current top rides: Classic Briolinca: 16.2hh bay mare by Trento B, foaled 2006 (Owner: Rebecca Hughes and Julia Hornig)
KK Woodstock: 17.2hh dark brown gelding by Wolkentanz II, foaled 2006 (Owner: Claudine Kroll)
Sintano van hof Olympia: 16.3hh bay gelding by Sandro Hit, foaled 2010 (Owner: Judy Firmston-Williams and Gareth)
KK Dominant: 16.3hh dark bay stallion by Diamond Hit, foaled 2009 (Owner: Claudine Kroll)

Major Achievements at a Glance:

- Short-listed for the London 2012 Olympics. First Senior team call up at the Euros 2013 where he won team bronze. Selected for 2017 Euros only for his horse to fail the first horse inspection.
- Part of the fourth placed team at the 2019 FEI European Championships where he scored three personal bests with a final day placing of tenth in the Freestyle with Classic Briolinca.
- Scored a hat-trick of titles at Hickstead CDI3* in 2010, winning the PSG, Inter I and Inter I Freestyle with Duvie.
- Winner of four National titles.
- Dual winner at Compeigne CDI, France winning Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special with Classic Sandman.

About Gareth:

Gareth was born in Yorkshire yet grew up in Australia where he lived until his early twenties. It was in Australia that he first became interested in horses, but initially it was western riding and showing rather than dressage where his interest lay.

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Since he moved back to the UK in 1998 aged 23, Gareth began to become more involved with dressage and began competing. Gareth is based in Warwickshire with his wife and fellow dressage rider, Rebecca Hughes. Their daughter Ruby is following in their equestrian footsteps but is a keen vaulter and had her first call up to the British team in July 2019 for the European Championships in Ermelo.

Gareth got his first British Senior Team call up in 2013 for the European Championships where he was part of the bronze medal team with DV Stenkjers Nadonna. The duo were then selected for WEG in 2014 where they won Team Silver.

In early 2015, Donna was retired by her owner Jane Brewin while still fit and well and had a foal in 2016 by De Niro.

Classic Briolinca was spotted by Rebecca aged three on a horse buying trip to the Netherlands and has been produced by Gareth to the top level.

He is also a technical advisor to the Swiss dressage team and is a trainer to the Australian eventing team having been appointed in 2012.

Major Competition Record:

World Championships		
Aug 2014	World Equestrian Games, Normandy, FRA\ Horse: DV Stenkjers Nadonna	Team Silver, GP 38 th 69.71%
European Championships		
Aug 2019	European Championships, Rotterdam, NED Horse: Classic Briolinca	Team 4 th , GP 76.35% 10 th , GPS 78.08% 7 th , GPFS 80.13% 10 th
Aug 2017	European Championships, Gothenberg, SWE Horse: Don Carissimo	Failed horse inspection
Aug 2013	European Championships, Herning DEN Horse: DV Stenkjers Nadonna	Team Bronze, . 65 th GP 60.86%
National Championships		
Sept 2018	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: Classic Briolinca)	GP Champion
Sept 2012	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: DV Stenkjers Nadonna)	4 th GP Championships, 4 th FS Championships
Sept 2010	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: Duvie)	Inter I Freestyle Champion
Sep 2007	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: Classic Sandman)	Inter I Champion, PSG Champion
Sept 2004	British Dressage National Championships (Horse: Classic Sandman)	Novice Champion

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