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## Robert Smith

### Fact file:

- D.O.B:** 12/06/1961
- Lives:** Shrewley, Warwickshire
- Ranking:** For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)  
For Rolex Rankings [click here](#)
- Family:** Partner: Shelly, Children: Rae, Chloe, Eliza, Archie
- Career Summary:** Hailing from Yorkshire, Robert quickly followed the Smith family tradition by claiming his first significant Grand Prix win at the Great Yorkshire Show at just 15-years old. That same year he was on the Gold medal winning team at the Junior European Championships. Two years later he won the prestigious King George V Gold Cup before winning it on two further occasions. The winner of many World Cup qualifiers he has also represented Great Britain at two European Championships in addition to the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky where he consistently delivered the best British score.
- Did you know:** Robert has a keen interest and follows Boxing

### Major Achievements:

- Total Medals:** 3 (2 at junior level)
- Total Nation Cups:** 92

#### Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Ind
<b>Olympic Games</b>	2004	-	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>European Championship</b>	2003	-	-
	1997	Bronze	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>WEG</b>	2010	-	-
<b>Junior European Championship</b>	1977	Gold	Bronze

#### Career Highlights

Year	Championship / Title	Venue
2009	British Masters	Chester
2006	British Open Championship	British Open
2005	British Open Championship	British Open
2000	Senior Foxhunter	HOYS
1998	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1988	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1979	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead

**Current Top International Horses:**

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Vangelis S	Sharon Baldwin	Nonstop	Belgium	1998	S	Bay
Balourado	Robert Smith	Bauloubet du Rouet	Netherlands	2000	G	Grey

**Top placings during 2012**

- CSI2\* Eschweiler (Ger): 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix (*Balourado*)
- CSI3\* Neuendorf (Sui): 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.45m (*Balourado*)

**Top placings during 2011**

- CSI3\* Assen (Ned): 1<sup>st</sup> 1.50m (*Balourado*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: 4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> King George V Cup (*Talan*)
- CSI3\* Ascona (Sui): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Talan*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen (Sui): =2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): =4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO5\* TL La Baule (Fra): 4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO4\* Lummen: 1<sup>st</sup> 1.40m Speed (*Balourado*)
- Addington Manor EC Pro/Am Champs: 1<sup>st</sup> Pro Large (*Vangelis S*)

**Top placings during 2010**

- CSI5\*W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> 1.50m Christmas Pudding Stakes, 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Bar (*Raging Bull Vangelis S*)
- CSIO Abu Dhabi: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Talan*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows: Nations Cup Team Member (*Talan*)
- CSI4\* Antwerp (Bel): 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 Bar (*Balourado*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sky Sports Speed Classic (*Raging Bull Vangelis*), 2<sup>nd</sup> King George V Gold Cup (*Talan*)
- World Equestrian Games, Kentucky: Team Member (*Talan*)

**Top placings during 2009**

- British Open: 1<sup>st</sup> Midland Masters (*Columbia II*), 3<sup>rd</sup> British Open Championship Final (*Vangelis S*)
- Royal Windsor: 2<sup>nd</sup> Land Rover Open (*Balourado*)
- British Masters: 1<sup>st</sup> British Masters Final (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen (Sui): 5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: Nations Cup Team Member (*Vangelis S*)
- CSI5\*W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Tree Stakes (*Raging Bull Vangelis S*)

**Top placings during 2008**

- Sunshine Tour: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Talan*)
- British Open: 1<sup>st</sup> Speed Leg (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Madrid: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5\* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Ronaldo VI*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Ronaldo VI*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: 4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Vangelis S*)

**Top placings during 2007**

- Royal Windsor: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade A competition (*Vangelis S*)

- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Ronaldo*), =1st 6 Bar (Vangelis S)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Ronaldo*)
- CSI5\* Lyon: 1<sup>st</sup> 6/7yr (Talan)

#### **Top placings during 2006**

- CSI-W Wellington: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSI4\* Sheffield: 1<sup>st</sup> British Open Championship (*Kalusha*)
- CSIO Wellington (USA): 6<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSIO5\* TL Aachen (Ger): 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): =2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*), 1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Jerry Maguire*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 6<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- Arena UK: 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius & Vangelis S*)

#### **Top placings during 2005**

- CSI-W Goteborg: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (*Kalusha*)
- CSI4\* Sheffield: 1<sup>st</sup> British Open Championship (*Kalusha*), 1<sup>st</sup> Masters (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- BSJA/Scope Festival: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Ronaldo*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier, 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Kalusha*)

#### **Top placings during 2004**

- CSIO5\* TL La Baule (Fra): 4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Lucerne: 6<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: Nations Cup Team Member (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows: 5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- Athens Olympics: 4<sup>th</sup> Individual (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Geneva: 3<sup>rd</sup> FEI World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*), 1st Prix du Lemman (*Kalusha*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Masters (*Kalusha*)

*BSJA Leading International Rider & Winner of the Animal Health Trust UK Equestrian Award*

#### **Top placings during 2003**

- CSI Zurich: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Vigo: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W s'Hertogenbosch: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5\* TL Aachen (Ger): 8<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5\* TL Hickstead: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO Barcelona: =5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSI Chester Horse Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Mr Springfield*)
- European Championships, Donaueschingen: Team Member (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Oslo: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*)

#### **Top placings during 2002**

- Royal Windsor: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- Castle Ashby County Fair: 1<sup>st</sup> International Trial (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: 4<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)

- CSIO Athens: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Marius Claudius*)
- Anglesey County: 1<sup>st</sup> International Trial (Kalusha)
- Hickstead Derby: 1<sup>st</sup> Derby Trial (*Mr Springfield*), 2<sup>nd</sup> The Derby (*Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Athens: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Marius Claudius*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (*Marius Claudius*) Leading Rider of the Show

*BSJA Leading International Rider*

**Top placings during 2001**

- Spanish Sunshine Tour: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Hennesey*)
- Patchetts Eq. Centre: 1<sup>st</sup> International Trial (Senator Athos du Vallot)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): Nations Cup Team Member (*Senator Kalusha*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): Nations Cup Team Member (*Athos du Vallot*)
- Horse of the Year Show: Leading Show Jumper of the Year

*BSJA Awards – Sir Harry Llewellyn Memorial Trophy*

**Top placings during 2000**

- CSIO Modena: 5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Athos du Vallot*)
- Great Yorkshire: 1<sup>st</sup> Cock O' the North Championship (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Caloubet du Rouhet*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Caloubet du Rouhet*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Foxhunter (*Marius Claudius*), 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Mr Springfield*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1<sup>st</sup> The Masters (Senator Kalusha)

*Awarded the Sir Harry Llewellyn Trophy*

**Top placings during 1999**

- Suffolk County: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> International Trial (*Senator Almea, Senator for the Best*)
- Wales & West: 1<sup>st</sup> International Trial (*Senator for the Best*)
- CSI-A Geesteren: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-B Leeuwarden: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Olympia: Leading Rider of Show

**Top placings during 1998**

- CSIO Hickstead. 1<sup>st</sup> King George V Gold Cup (*Senator Mighty Blue*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: 9<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Millstreet: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSI-W Amsterdam: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator For The Best*)

**Top placings during 1997**

- Senior European Championships, Mannheim (Ger): Team Bronze, Individual 12<sup>th</sup> (*Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Gijon: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 5<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup, 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO Royal Windsor: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 8<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5\* TL Aachen (Ger): 10<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Tees Hanauer*)
- CSIO5\* TL St Gallen (Sui): 3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5\* TL La Baule (Fra): 7<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (*Orthos*)
- CSIO5\* TL Rotterdam: =2<sup>nd</sup> Nations Cup (*Senator Orthos*)

**Top placings during 1996**

- Atlanta Olympic Games: Non-Travelling Reserve
- CSI Jerez: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (Tees Hanauer)
- CSI Oviedo: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (Tees Hanauer)
- New Forest & Hants: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade A (Tees Hanauer)
- CSI Valkenswaard: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (Tees Hanauer)
- Olympia International Show: 1<sup>st</sup> World Cup Qualifier (Tees Hanauer)
- CSIO5\* TL Dublin (Ire): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prix (Tees Hanauer)
- CSIO5\* TL Aachen (Ger): 6<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (Tees Hanauer)
- CSIO Luxembourg: =3<sup>rd</sup> Nations Cup (Orthos)
- CSIO5\* La Baule (Fra): 6<sup>th</sup> Nations Cup (Orthos)

#### **Top placings pre 1995**

- 1995 Horse of the Year Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Gold*), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- 1995 CSI Stockholm: 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Tees Hanauer*)
- 1994 Horse of the Year Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Gold*)
- 1994 Olympia Horse Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Puissance (*Gold*)
- 1993 Nantes (Fra): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (Tees Hanauer)
- 1991 CSI Loncin (Fra): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Emily*)
- 1989 CSIO Toronto (Can): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Brookstreet Silver Dust*)
- 1989 CSIO5\* TL Aachen (Ger): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Brook Street Boysie*)
- 1988 Royal International Horse Show: 1<sup>st</sup> King George V Gold Cup (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1988 CSI Franconville (Fra): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1988 CSIO5\* TL Rome (Ita): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1987 CSI Hannover (Ger): 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prix (*Brookstreet Boysie*)
- 1985 CSIO Dublin (Ire): 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Olympic Video*)
- 1984 CSIO Paris: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Shining Example*)
- 1980 CSIO Hickstead: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 Royal International Horse Show: 1<sup>st</sup> King George V Gold Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 CSIO Ekeren: 1<sup>st</sup> Nations Cup (*Video*)
- 1979 Horse of the Year: Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Video*)
- 1977 Junior European Championships, Geneva: Team Gold, Individual Bronze (*Royal Rufus*)