



PRESS RELEASE

Protexin Equine Premium Sponsor Next Generation of Endurance Riders.



Lauren Mills

Protexin Equine Premium is proud to be sponsoring the Endurance Young Rider Team competing in the FEI World Endurance Championships in Tarbes on the 27th of July 2013. 5 riders will compete for the British team and a reserve horse and rider will travel out with the team. The horses will be given Protexin Equine Premium Recover Aid daily starting 10 days before they travel and will stay on the product for around a week after they are home to ensure that they have the best chance of a quick recovery after the Championships. They will also be given a Protexin Equine Premium Quick Fix paste over the period of them travelling to and from Tarbes so that their gut stability is maintained throughout the long journey.

Kate Atkinson from Lancashire aged 16.

Her horse is Oakthwaite Samara, a 14.3hh, 20 year old bay mare that she has owned for 6 years. Oakthwaite Samara has been a very successful Endurance horse with Kate and also with her mother, Rachel.

Kate competed in the 2012 young rider team in Mont le Soie winning a team bronze. Kate is currently studying at school for her GCSE's, she is aiming toward a veterinary career. She got into endurance after giving it a try because her Mum does it, and now she's hooked, between them they have 9 endurance horses that they keep at home.

Brett Corcoran from Staffordshire aged 16.

His horse is Bashir Shamy, an 11 year old, 15.2hh chestnut gelding. Brett rode Bashir Shamy to achieve the highest placed horse in the world rankings in 2011 and the pair was consistently well placed during 2012.

Brett started riding when he was 18 months old and carried it on from then on. He has 2 horses at FEI level one which is qualified for the GB team and the other just needs one more qualification. He was selected to go to Mont Le Soie (Belgium) 2012 for the European Championship but after some issues with the horse, decided to pull out but go along with the team anyway for experience and to give help if needed. This season he competed at Kings Forest doing the 120km to get his qualification for the team and completed this in the worst conditions he has ever competed in. His goal is to win medals for team GB. He also plays rugby for his local team which he uses for fitness for riding. He also goes to the gym and has started boxing for fitness. Brett's top tips for success would be to keep trying and get over you're knock backs. Plus drain the royal bank of mum and dad!!!

Lauren Mills from Dorset, aged 19.

Her horse is Oakleaze Farm Czarko. A 16 year old, 15.2hh, grey gelding.

This is the first time 19 year old Lauren Mills has represented Great Britain. Lauren was 2012 EGB Young Rider National Champion. Lauren has been into Endurance ever since she can remember, whilst in the pony club she took part in a variety of disciplines including Endurance. Lauren's top tips for endurance are to know and understand the horse you are riding so you can develop a strong relationship. Also to make sure both athletes are fit enough for the designated distance and to ensure both eat and drink and go at a pace that is comfortable for them without pushing to exhaustion!

Dace Sainsbury from Dorset, aged 20.

Her horse is Ballota, a 13 year old, 14.2hh grey mare.

Dace was Young Rider National Champion from 2007 – 2010 and won the 120km FEI2* at Kings Forest in 2012. She was a member of the bronze medal winning young rider team at the 2012 FEI European YR Endurance Championships, finishing 12th individually, riding Ballotta. Her top tips for success are passion and hard work. Know that you have done your best in every single way to prepare for a ride but remember to enjoy it! Also enjoy the good results but accept the bad and learn from them! Don't ever get disheartened.

Andrew Theodorou from Wales, aged 18

His horse is Jamal, a 14 year old, 14.2hh, chestnut gelding.

Andrew is taking his A levels this year, but still finds time to ride helping to keep both himself and Jamal fit for the Endurance rides. He got into endurance riding at the age of 8 as his mum, elder brother and sister all had a keen interest. Outside of endurance Andrew is passionate about photography and is keen to pursue it as a career. His top tips for success in endurance are to keep yourself and your horse fit, you can't expect the horse to carry a tired, unfit rider over long distances and to keep an open mind and be prepared to learn from others.

Penny Amond from Worcestershire, aged 18 is team reserve rider.

Her horse is Rosie's Brown Sugar, a 9 year old, 15.2, bay snowflake

Penny rode Rosie's Brown Sugar to be placed 2nd in 120km FEI** at Kings Forest in 2012. Together they have gained many awards for the Heart of England and Cotswolds Team. Penny has been riding for 10 years

and has been competing in endurance for the last 4 years. She is currently a student at Hartpury College. Not only does she compete in endurance but also in Show jumping and dressage. After completing her degree she would like to go to Dubai and experience endurance over there. Penny's top tips for success in endurance are to be prepared, round up some experienced crew and to stay calm.

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This high standard was rewarded in 2011 by the Queen, when Protexin was awarded the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade.

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