

Harry Meade & Birthday Night

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At just 24, eventer Harry Meade has enjoyed great success at four-star level, winning the Best Under 25 rider award at both Burghley and Badminton. A former Junior British Team member, Harry looks set to become a huge star with top horses Midnight Dazzler and Birthday Night. Here, he talks us through the gear he and Birthday Night (or Barney) were wearing at 2008's Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials.

RIDER

Hat This is an HS1 riding hat from Gatehouse – an easy choice to make as it has the highest safety standard on the market (the American SNELL E2001, as well as PAS015 and BSEN 1384).

Cross-country colours I'm wearing my personalised white cross-country colours, made by Miranda Theobald Ltd, a company that makes racing and eventing colours.

Breeches These Tristan breeches from Mountain Horse are really comfy – I always ride in them.

Stop watch This helps me arrive at the finish ahead of the field, but I'm not sure of the make!

HORSE

Bridle, breastplate and martingale Birthday Night is wearing a breastplate and martingale by Antares. The bridle is the same make, with a padded headpiece and flash noseband. I like to keep tack and biting simple, and am using a simple loose ring snaffle.

Saddle This is a top-of-the-range, lightweight, close contact jumping saddle, also by Antares, and built specifically to fit both of us, so it's really comfortable to ride in.

Numnah My numnah is made of a technical fabric called Coolex, created for optimum comfort and temperature management.

Front and hind boots These Prolite front and hind boots contain Kevlar inserts to protect the tendons. Birthday Night's overreach boots – no particular brand – have Velcro straps so that if he overreaches the boot will protect his foot, but come off, rather than cause him to pull himself down and fall.

Inside This isn't visible, but inside Birthday Night is Winning Edge from EquiFeast. It's a supplement that helps improve his mobility, behaviour, breathing, stamina and recovery, with all the ingredients needed for him to perform at his peak.

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