

EVENTING

Mandy Mason

Campaign for the 2012 London Olympic Games



Mandy is currently the SA Eventing Champion, she has been selected by SANEF to be part of their Olympic Team bid for 2012. Mandy is a strong contender to represent South Africa at the world Equestrian Games 2014. She will be at many high profile SA shows in 2011 including the 2011 SA Championships.

If SANEF is successful with the Olympic bid Mandy would be scheduled to travel to Europe in January 2012 until the Olympic Games and will compete in major International Eventing competitions.

I was thrilled to discover a novice horse called Cuppuchino, who showed enormous potential and the all-round qualities of a great eventing horse in the making. He made everything seem easy, and as I trained him, he shot up the grades. He is the horse that has helped me progress from competitive provincial competitions, to winning the 2010 National Championships and achieving my first goal of being the top-ranked rider in South Africa.

Now 2012 and the Olympic Games are around the corner, and my greatest dream beckons Cuppuchino and I. From here on, everything is focused towards next September. This year we will ride in as many events as possible around the country in order to qualify for the South African team. If we achieve that goal, Cuppuchino will go into quarantine in December and fly to France in February where we will continue our training and competitions until the Olympic Games.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (UP TO 14 YEARS OLD)

- Started riding at the age of 8
- Loved the adrenalin rush of the sport and took up Showjumping and 3 Day Eventing
- Age 13 represented WP in Showjumping at the pony riders CA
- Age 14 represented WP in 3 Day Eventing at pony riders in Open level

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (AGE 14-18)

- 1992: 1st Sappi Horse Trials in Cape Town, Junior Open Level
- 1992: Awarded WP Junior Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 1993: Awarded WP Junior Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 1993: Won 3 Day Eventing Championship of South Africa in George
- 1994: Awarded WP Junior Colours for Showjumping
- 1994: Won Individual Showjumping Championship of South Africa in Johannesburg
- 1995: Awarded WP Junior Show Jumper of the Year

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (AGE 18 AND ABOVE)

- 1997: 3rd Sappi Horse Trials – Open Level – Inanda Country Base, Johannesburg
- 1997: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 1998: 8th Sappi Horse Trials – Open Level – Inanda Country Base, Johannesburg
- 1998: 1st Sappi Horse Trials – Intermediate Level – Port Elizabeth
- 1998: 5th Sappi Horse Trials – Open Level – Shongweni, Natal
- 1998: 5th Sappi Horse Trials – Open Level – Cape Town
- 1998: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 1998: Awarded WP Adult Colours for Showjumping
- 1998: Won a grade Victor Ludorum in Port Elizabeth Championships
- 1999: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 1999: 4th Sappi Horse Trials – Open Class – Cape Town
- 1999: Awarded Monitor Trophy for highest placed WP rider
- 1999: Awarded Warmblood Trophy for Eventer of the Year
- 2001: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 2001: 3rd Sappi Horse Trials – Open Class – Shongweni, Natal
- 2001: 3rd Sappi Horse Trials – Open Class – Cape Town
- 2001: Awarded Monitor Trophy for highest placed WP rider
- 2001: Awarded WP Adult Colours for Showjumping
- 2001: WP won Adult Showjumping Inter Provincials
- 2003: Awarded WP Adult Colours for Showjumping
- 2004: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 2007: Awarded WP Adult Colours for Show Jumping
- 2008: 1st SDRC – Intermediate Level – Cape Town
- 2008: 1st George Championships – Intermediate Level – Eastern Cape
- 2008: 2nd Northern Farm Championships – 1* Long Format Level – Johannesburg
- 2009: 2nd Northern Farm – 1* Level – Johannesburg
- 2009: 3rd Shongweni Championships – 2* Level – Natal
- 2009: 1st SDRC – 1* Level – Cape Town
- 2009: 3rd Treverton – 2* Long Format Level – Natal
- 2009: Awarded WP Adult Colours for 3 Day Eventing
- 2009: 4th Karkloof – 1* Level – Natal
- 2009: 1st Nelsons Creek – 1* Level – Cape Town
- 2010: 1st NRA – 1* Level – Cape Town
- 2010: 1st SDRC – 1* Level – Cape Town
- 2010: 1st Treverton – 2* Level – Natal
- 2010: 1st Northern Farm – 2* Level – Johannesburg
- 2010: 1st Shongweni Championships – 2* Level – Natal
- 2010: 1st Inanda Country Base South African Championships – 2* Long Format – Johannesburg
- 2010: Won Individual Eventing Championships of South Africa
- 2010: Won Highest placed Warmblood horse
- 2010: Won Highest placed horse after the Dressage, that completes the Event
- 2010: Won best horse competing in SA Championship class for the first time
- 2010: Top South African Ranked Rider for 2010

MOVING FORWARD TO OLYMPICS 2012 AND WEG 2014

My goals for this year are to do as many 2 and 3 Star events in order to qualify as high as possible on the rankings.

I am hoping to complete my second string horse this year which is 1 Star ready for 2 Star but this will depend on funds/ I am in the process of trying to organise sponsorship to help me with the up country trips.

To focus on getting to as many Elementary Medium and Medium Dressage shows as well as 1.30m Showjumping competitions as I feel the Dressage and Showjumping are most important at this level.