

Le Mondial du Lion Equine Hall of Fame

Avebury

Avebury completed the Mondial du Lion 2007 in 4th place as a seven year old. He won at Burghley, Lincolnshire, three times in a row in years 2012, 2013 & 2014.

The Burghley five star is considered by many riders to be *THE* one to win. Avebury did this all under the saddle of New Zealander Andrew Nicholson.

Avebury also had top-ten completions at Badminton and Burghley in 2011 and won the Barbury Castle CCI3* (4* equivalent today) on four consecutive occasions from 2012.

Avebury was bred by the Nicholson's and was known at home as 'Buddy'. At novice level he was ridden on numerous occasions by Andrew's wife Wiggy.

Toulousaine Annabel Gentili who worked with Andrew Nicholson knew Avebury well :

« Une sacré personnage ! "Buddy" the lovable rogue! He was always ready to try your patience at every opportunity particularly with a surprise run-out until he learned that to go fast and jump anything put in front of him was much more fun. Above all he was so proud to be cheered by his spectators. He always loved the limelight !

Three Burghley's, what to say? Incredible! »

Andrew also rode Avebury's sire, Jumbo, and won at Le Lion d'Angers with him in 1991. Jumbo was an Irish Draught cross Thoroughbred, his other offspring include winners at Badminton, Burghley, Bramham, Blenheim, Saumur and Lexington.

At the age of 16 Avebury sadly contracted a malignant tumour and was put down.

Name	Avebury
7yo MdL	4 th in 2007
5* winner	Won Burghley three times, in 2012, 2013 and 2014
DoB	2000
Sex	Gelding
Studbook	SHB(GB)
Origins	By Jumbo out of Bairn Free* (TB) by Bairn (*Bairn Free was competed under the name of 'Momento')
Breeder	Andrew Nicholson
Owner	Rosemary and Mark Barlow
Rider	Andrew Nicholson (NZL)