



ELIZABETH BATES

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| Birthplace: | Toronto, Ontario |
| Birthdate: | March 18, 1989 |
| Hometown: | Toronto, Ontario |
| Occupation: | Professional Athlete |
| Stable: | Breakaway Equestrian |
| Coach: | Self |

Although Elizabeth “Liz” Bates was a city girl and didn’t grow up in a horsey family, she had always felt the pull of the barn and was drawn to horses. She began riding at the age of six and was soon competing on the Ontario Trillium circuit. In her mid-teens, she transitioned to the ‘A’ circuit where she competed in the hunter, jumper, and equitation divisions. A few short years later, Bates got her first taste of team competition at the 2010 North American Young Riders’ Championship in Lexington, KY, where she rode Marvelous 6.

After earning her honours Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto with a double major in psychology and political science, Bates moved south of the border to work with U.S. Olympic team gold and silver medalist, Leslie Howard, for a year. She then went out on her own and made headlines by winning the \$35,000 Brookstreet Grand Prix at the 2015 Ottawa International show jumping tournament riding Wildfire, a horse her older sister had found as a one-year-old at an auction.

The following year, at the age of 27, Bates moved to Europe for the summer and based with Dietmar Gugler in Germany. Impressed by the well-rounded European system of producing horses, from breeding all the way to top level sport, Bates elected to stay. She selected Belgium as her new training base due to its central location and her ability to speak French, and this ideal set-up has allowed Bates to work locally while simultaneously participating in the sport at a global level.

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Bates has approximately one dozen horses in training at her Breakaway Equestrian business including her own competition horses and a select number of sales prospects from clients and partners. She also enjoys managing a small breeding program, using quality mares she's had in the sport to produce a few foals each year. While riding and competing at the highest level is her primary focus, developing and selling sport horses is integral to supporting that goal.

Having had her first taste of team competition at the Young Riders' Championship, Bates was inspired to ride as a member of the Canadian Show Jumping Team. She met that goal in 2019 when she represented Canada in the €100,000 Nations' Cup held at CSIO4*-W Rabat, Morocco, riding Chronos 31, a horse she subsequently sold to the U.S.

Her top horses currently include Heartbeat W, King of Kannan, and Coach 11, a Hanoverian gelding that she purchased as a six-year-old after seeing him on-line competing at a national show. All three horses were produced to the grand prix level by Bates herself. When she's not in the saddle, Bates is scouting young jumper and hunter prospects that she can train and develop for the sales market. She prefers to buy horses with little experience so that she can do the training herself and thereby know the horses better when it comes to finding a suitable buyer.

As a passionate learner, Bates can often be found reading mystery novels or autobiographies and listening to educational podcasts. A former competitive gymnast, Bates now maintains her fitness through varying forms of physical activities and is almost never seen without her beloved dogs.

HORSES

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| Coach 11 | 2012 bay Hanoverian gelding by Check In 2 x Ludwig von Bayern Owner: Breakaway Equestrian BVBA |
| Heartbeat W | 2012 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding by Baloubet du Rouet x Heartbreaker Owner: Breakaway Equestrian BVBA |
| Eros de l'Eldorado | 2014 bay Selle Francais gelding by Canturo x Vas Y Donc Longane Owner: Breakaway Equestrian BVBA & Partners |
| King of Kannan | 2015 bay Hanoverian gelding by Kannan x Continue Owner: Breakaway Equestrian BVBA |

COMPETITION BACKGROUND

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2023

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| 11th | €200,000 Longines World Cup Grand Prix, CSI5*-W La Coruna, ESP | Heartbeat W |
| 10th | €26,200 1.45m Saturday, CSI5*-W Madrid, ESP | Coach 11 |
| 6th | €26,200 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Kronenberg, NED | Heartbeat W |
| 5th | €52,900 1.50m Grand Prix, CSI3* San Giovanni in Marignano, ITA | Heartbeat W |
| 5th | €56,300 1.50m Big Tour Grand Prix, CSI3* Gorla Minore, ITA | Heartbeat W |
| 9th | €26,400 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Wuustwezel, BEL | Heartbeat W |
| 10th (tie) | €10,375 1.40m Saturday, CSI2* Lummen, BEL | Heartbeat W |

2022

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| 8th | €25,500 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Kronenberg, NED | Heartbeat W |
| 8th | €25,900 1.45m Sunday, CSI2* Bonheiden, BEL | Heartbeat W |

2021

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| 10th | €25,500 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Vejer de la Frontera, ESP | Coach 11 |
| 5th | €25,800 Grand Prix, CSI2* Bonheiden, BEL | Coach 11 |
| 9th | €26,000 Grand Prix, CSI2* Montefalco, ITA | Chronos 31 |

2020

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| 13th | €30,000 Nations' Cup, CSIO3* Autumn Tour VI, ESP | Chronos 31 |
| 10th | €51,900 1.50m Grand Prix, CSI3* Valencia, ESP | Chronos 31 |
| 5th | €25,400 1.45m Friday, CSI2* Bonheiden, BEL | Extra Special |
| 10th | €25,400 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Eschweiler, GER | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 8th | €25,400 1.45m Grand Prix Qualifier, CSI2* Bonheiden, BEL | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 9th | €25,120 1.45m Saturday, CSI3* Sunshine Tour IV, ESP | Chronos 31 |

2019

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| 9th | €25,000 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Lier, BEL | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 5th | €10,180 1.45m Grand Prix Qualifier, CSI3* Opglabbeek, BEL | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 7th | €25,000 1.45m Grand Prix Qualifier, CSI2* Lier, BEL | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 5th | €100,000 Nations' Cup, CSIO4*-W Rabat, MAR | Chronos 31 |
| 3rd | €21,750 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Ising Am Chiemsee, GER | Chronos 31 |

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| 9th (tie) | €10,050 1.45m Winning Round, CSI2* Ising Am Chiemsee, GER | Chronos 31 |
| 6th | \$15,000 1.40m 7-Year-Old, CSI5* Spruce Meadows Pan American, AB | Coach 11 |
| 10th | \$10,000 1.40m 7-Year-Old, CSI5* Spruce Meadows Pan American, AB | Coach 11 |
| 8th | €55,300 1.50m Grand Prix, CSI3* Busto Arsizio, ITA | Chronos 31 |
| 2018 | | |
| 10th | €30,000 1.45m Grand Prix, CSI2* Oliva, Valencia, ESP | Chronos 31 |
| 9th | €24,700 1.45m Grand Prix Qualifier, CSI2* Gorla Minore, ITA | Chronos 31 |
| 4th | €92,100 1.60m Gran Premio Caixabank, CSI4* La Coruna, ESP | Chronos 31 |
| 6th | €25,000 1.45m Trofeo Prosegur, CSI4* La Coruna, ESP | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 8th | €25,000 1.45m Grand Prix Qualifier, CSI4* La Coruna, ESP | Vanille de |
| Coquerie | | |
| 9th | €25,000 1.45m Trofeo Dachser, CSI4* La Coruna, ESP | Chronos 31 |
| 2017 | | |
| 10th | €25,000 1.50m Sunday Grand Prix, CSI2* Lier, BEL | Extra Special |
| 2015 | | |
| 10th | \$34,000 NationWide Grand Prix, CSI2* Angelstone Headwaters Cup, ON | Wildfire |
| 1st | \$35,000 Brookstreet Grand Prix, Ottawa International, ON | Wildfire |
| 6th | \$46,000 Grand Prix, CSI2* Angelstone Erin Welcome, ON | Wildfire |
| 10th | \$10,000 Open Welcome, CSI2* Angelstone Erin Welcome, ON | Wildfire |
| 2010 | | |
| 32nd | Individual, North American Young Riders' Championship, Lexington, KY | Marvelous 6 |
| 7th | Team, North American Young Riders' Championship, Lexington, KY | Marvelous 6 |