

New year, new goals

Wallowing in a post-Christmas haze is a tempting option, but 1 January is the perfect opportunity to kick start a plan of action for 2018. *Agnes Stamp* asks top riders what they have their minds set on for the new year



OLIVER TOWNEND, EVENTER

MY goal is the same as always — to try to get the best performance from each horse in the yard at every level and to remain British number one, plus I would love to go to the World Championships.

Ridire Dorcha ran at Boekelo and finished 11th. I felt his performance in Holland far outweighed his experience and I'd love to see him at a spring four-star. I'd also love to take Ballaghmor Class to Badminton.



HARRIET NUTTALL, SHOWJUMPER

MY main aim is to be on a division one Nations Cup team at five-star level with my nine-year-old Galway Bay Jed. This year, he jumped his first Nations Cup for Great Britain at the Royal Dublin CSIO5* and jumped his first five-star grand prix with only four faults.

He is exciting and I want to continue to produce him successfully at this level, gaining experience at bigger shows.



HARRY WHITTINGTON, TRAINER

I DON'T target numbers of winners, because it may end up forcing the training too much. Instead, I'm a great believer in taking each race as it comes and training the horses according to their programme.

Of course, we'd like to have a good strike rate this season — 20% or better — and continue to keep the horses happy and healthy. Each season, we aim to put in a new facility at the yard. I'd love a new walker or a water treadmill.



LAURA COLLETT, EVENTER

I WOULD love to take Mr Bass to Badminton. I've had him since he was an unbroken four-year-old and he's quite special.

Then, my main aim would be to get selected for the World Equestrian Games (WEG). Team GB is back to being ultra competitive, so it would require a pretty special result at Badminton.

If my first dream comes true, then getting selected for WEG might come off as well.