



Oliver Townend (Cooley Master Class), Tina Cook (Billy The Red, but riding Sam Watson's Tullabeg Flamenco for prize-giving), Pippa Funnell (Majas Hope) and Piggy French (Quarrycrest Echo) celebrate their silver



Silver service for Britain's eventers

It was second at the European Championships, and now forward to Tokyo

TEAM GBR put in a strong performance to take silver to Germany at the European Championships in Luhmühlen (29 August-1 September).

Tina Cook (Billy The Red), Pippa Funnell (Majas Hope), Piggy French (Quarrycrest Echo) and Oliver Townend (Cooley Master Class) finished

0.3 of a penalty in front of third-placed Sweden. Kitty King, who was riding as an individual on Vendredi Biats, finished best of Brits in seventh, while just one unfortunate showjump down took Oliver out of the medals.

"I'm so proud of my team," said chef d'équipe Dickie Waygood. "There were such

strong performances across the disciplines. I'd also like to congratulate the German team on their victory. A team silver medal is fantastic, but our attention now turns to Tokyo."

In a turnaround of her heartbreak at the World Equestrian Games last year, when her four faults at the

last showjump meant she dropped from individual gold to bronze, Germany's Ingrid Klimke jumped clear on Sunday to secure not only team gold but her second consecutive individual European title after her compatriot Michael Jung lowered one fence.

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