



From left: medallists Pigg Maroh, Kitty King, Nicola Wilson, Ros Canter and Sarah Bullimore

'A monumental achievement'

The Europeans eventing squad produced outstanding performances to dominate both team and individual podiums, with five riders in the top 10

BRITAIN'S incredible year of success at the highest level continued at the European Eventing Championships in Avenches, Switzerland (23-26 September), when Team GBR added team gold, and a clean sweep of the individual podium, to the Olympic team gold and individual silver won in Tokyo.

Nicola Wilson (JL Dublin) and Piggy March (Brookfield Innocent) led the British team

to glory by finishing on their dressage scores to claim individual gold and silver. They were joined on the individual podium by Sarah Bullimore (Corouet) winning bronze.

Team member Kitty King (Vendredi Biats) finished in ninth place, with Izzy Taylor (Monkeying Around) rounding out the top 10 as an individual.

Team rider and current world champion Ros Canter finished

down the leaderboard after an uncharacteristic two run-outs for Allstar B on cross-country.

The squad's incredible accomplishment, which was the first time Britain had completely dominated the podium since 1991, was made all the more special as there had been a period when it had looked unlikely that these championships would go ahead.

"It's quite hard to take in,

really - what a monumental achievement," said British Equestrian's performance manager Dickie Waygood.

"To have come home with four medals off the back of such a successful Olympics is hard to put into words.

"The performances were solid throughout and it's a staggering achievement for our entire squad."

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