

Horsing Around with Jamie Price



Jamie and Maximus compete in the Intermediate Division at The Fork Horse Trials in Norwood, North Carolina.

Photo by Shannon Brinkman

By Dani Moritz

Jamie Price grew up horsing around full time. As a young rider, she rode anything and everything she could get her hands on - school horses, OTTBs, backyard unbroken horses. You name it. She rode it. She joined Pony Club and began quickly climbing through the levels. Now, based out of Barrington, Illinois, she continues her education with top professionals in each discipline and events at the Intermediate level. She is the proud owner of Team Price Eventing and looks forward to a long, successful eventing career full of riding and competing, as well as training horses and riders to achieve their fullest potential. Here's what this rising star had to say about her career.

What's your favorite: dressage, cross country or stadium?

Can I pick all three? Truly, I absolutely love them all - that's what makes me an eventer. The partnership that is required on the cross-country course, the elegance of dressage and the combination of the two in show jumping makes me a real fan of all three phases. Although, lately I am a bit more partial to show jumping now that I know what a 5'3" fence feels like!

How did being a member of Pony Club influence your career?

Pony Club taught me responsibility and self discipline. In an ordinary boarding barn I never would have learned the value of real horsemanship. I wouldn't have learned how to perfect a standing wrap or all the other little things I now take for granted. Pony Club produces true horsemen, the kind of people you want looking out for your horses' welfare. And that's who I am - and who I help all my students become.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever given one of your students?

It's just a horse show and there will always be another one so don't give up and don't get down.

What's your greatest equestrian achievement?

Not that I'm a stranger to blue ribbons; but my greatest achievement isn't the result of one ride or event. It's a result of years and years spent in the saddle. This year, Peter Gray told me that Lucinda Green had only recommended two riders to him

that he should snatch up before someone else did. John Holling was the first. I was the second. As he watched me ride this year, he said he agreed and he would be lucky to have someone like me be a part of his team. These words from two of my idols push me every day to be the best rider I can be and remind me that I'm headed in the right direction.

What's your greatest goal in life?

Of course, I dream about being at the Rolex in 2014, WEG and even Rio for the next Olympics; but I think my greatest goal is to become successful in my sport and be known for producing safe, happy horses with exceptional training and confidence.

What are your hobbies outside of the barn?

Wait a minute. Is there a life outside of the barn? All kidding aside, I'm game for any outdoor activity. I have also recently taken up boxing and I have to say that it's the best full body workout ever - not to mention a great outlet for frustrations. Those poor punching bags!

Who is your idol?

JJ Tate has been a huge influence in my life. I really look up to her as a true horseman, fantastic trainer and a friend with a lot of life experience. She always helps me see the positive side of things even when life may be bleak. I met her about seven or eight years ago and she continually improves not only my riding; but also my drive to be the best and to produce the best horses I can.

We know about Team Price Eventing and Pony Club, anywhere else we can expect to see your name?

Recently, I became a rep for Nathalie Equestrian Breeches and I just joined RateMyRiding.com as a coach as well. I am especially excited to be a part of Rate My Riding, which allows riders across the country to receive critiques and helpful training based on photos and videos sent in. I am really looking forward to helping people of all ages and disciplines in such an innovative way.

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Kate Ahern snaps a photo of her sister, Ally Ahern, in the warm-up ring as Jamie plays Ally's warm up song, "I'm Too Sexy," to pump her up.

Photo by Kate Ahern