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Canada leads standings; U.S. fourth

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Jill Henselwood of the Canadian Equestrian team rode *Til Tomorrow* to victory last night in a 17-entry jumpoff in the \$25,000 International-Open feature of the 40th Washington International Horse Show at Capital Centre.

Til Tomorrow went faultlessly over seven fences in 29.26 seconds to win \$7,000.

Ravennaz, ridden by Frankie Chesler, a Canadian national rider, took second place and helped his country take a commanding lead in the International team standings. Canada has 18 points, France nine, Sweden six and the United States four.

Sweden's Maria Backstrom rode *Shalom Hall* to third place in the event.

The best showing by an American was by *Good Luck*, ridden by Patricia Stovel, for the James Pitre Inc. farm.

Aurnella and *Parice Dee Laveau* of France were timed in 51.96 seconds in clear round over 12 fences, good for the \$1,500 first-place prize in the \$5,000 International-Open speed class.

Canada's *Roulette*, with veteran Ian Millar in the saddle, showed late in the 26-entry field in 52.80 seconds for \$1,500.

McLain Ward, on *Twist Du Valon* took third place (\$750) for the United States in a 53.77-second faultless round. National rider Donald Cheska of Wisconsin brought *Kinnity Clover* home fourth in 53.19 seconds for \$500.

Mrs. Robert Rogers' *True Blue*, shown by Penny Denegre, won after Denegre won the Ladies' Side Saddle Hunter Class while Mrs. Stephan Clark's *Celebrity*, shown by veteran Olin Armstrong, won the Class II Green Conformation Hunter Under/Saddle Class.

A Grand Success

Washington International Horse Show

The Canadians were more successful in some of the other classes with Jill Henselwood and *Til Tomorrow* winning the \$25,000 International Open in a field of 29 and Frankie Chesler, competing as an individual in preparation for her team debut in New York the following week, hot on Henselwood's heels for second place with her talented mare *Ravenna Z*. Sarah Watt and *Arabian* placed seventh in this class. Ian Millar and *Roulette* were second in the \$5,000 Open Jumper class.

Chesler second at Washington equestrian show

Two clear rounds for Orangeville's Frankie Chesler at the Washington International Horse Show last week weren't enough to place her atop the podium in the \$25,000 International Open Jumper Class.

Twenty-one horse and rider combinations, including Chesler and *Ravenna Z*, put in clear rounds to earn their way into a jump-off from a starting field of 29.

Their time of 30.62 seconds wasn't as good as Canada's Jill Henselwood, who rode two clear rounds atop *Til Tomorrow* in 29.26 seconds.

In the \$25,000 International Open Jumper held October 21, Canadian Jill Henselwood and *Til Tomorrow* took home the first place prize worth \$7,000. Second place, worth \$5,000, went to Frankie Chesler and *Ravenna Z*. Placing third was Maria Backstrom of Sweden, riding *Shalom Hall*. Patricia Stovel and *Good Luck* took fourth, and fifth place went to French rider Patrice de Laveau riding *Athos du Vallot*.