



# Oh Canada!



## Frankie Chesler Rides to History at the National Horse Show

Canadian show jumper Frankie Chesler, 17, made history recently at the 115th National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden, as the youngest rider ever to represent the Canadian Equestrian Team at the National Horse Show. Chesler hopes to be remembered more for her performance than for her age.

"I want to represent Canada well and help support our team," stated Chesler, a resident of Orangeville, Ontario and Wellington, Florida. "It is an unbelievable honor to be named to the show jumping squad. I still can't believe it." She rode in New York City against teams from the United States and Sweden, and in the \$50,000 Budweiser Grand Prix of New York.

Although Chesler has dual citizenship between the United States and Canada due to her parents' nationalities, she has elected to ride for Canada, a true loss for America. The Canadian Equestrian Team's confidence in Chesler is well-placed. Recently, she finished second in the \$25,000 International Open Jumper Class at the prestigious Washington International Horse Show aboard her enormous Hanoverian mare, Ravenna Z.

The Canadian Show Jumping Team at the National Horse Show was also distinctive for another reason. For the first time ever, all the members were female, including the Chef d'Equipe, Gail Greenough, the 1986 World Show Jumping Champion. Joining Chesler were Sara Watt and Beth Underhill of Schomberg, Ontario, and Tani Tops-Zeidler of Edmonton, Alberta. Watt was mounted on Arabian, the powerhouse who recently won the \$60,000 American Gold Cup in Devon, Pennsylvania.

Chesler, a popular rookie on the Grand Prix circuit, is one of the fastest rising show jumping riders in the world. She currently stands in third place in 1998/1999 Canadian World Cup standings, just behind leader Mario Deslauriers and Eric Lamaze. In 1997, Chesler won Individual and Team Silver Medals at the North American Young Riders' Championships and captured Canada's Rising Star Show Jumping Series. ♦



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ABOVE: Canadian showjumping sensation, Frankie Chesler, 17, is the youngest rider ever to represent the Canadian Equestrian Team at the National Horse Show.

### The Business of Horses Main Focus of 1999 Canadian Equestrian Federation Convention

The Business of Horses will be the primary focus of the 1999 Canadian Equestrian Federation Convention, January 21-24, 1999 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Saturday's seminars will concentrate on the health of the horse. Dr. Andrew Clarke, President and CEO of the Equine Research Center in Guelph, Ontario, will begin the day with "Influence of Performance on the Respiratory System." "Meeting Energy Needs from Birth to Retirement" will be the next topic session, presented by Gayla Lipson, eastern Ontario's equine specialist for Agribands Purina Canada, Inc. Ottawa-

based equine physiotherapist Katherine Broughton will discuss "Physiotherapy for the Equine Athlete: Applications and Considerations." The final session on Saturday will be "Homeopathy for Horses."

On Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon, Vel Evans of Strategic Equine Marketing will present the latest statistics from the 1998 National Horse Industry Study and "Marketing to the Growth Trends."

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