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## Chesler leads Canada to victory

Young rider handles  
pressure of international  
competition and helps  
Canada in cup win

able to compete in the international  
ring and perform in pressure situa-  
tions. She was happy to be includ-  
ed in this year's team and was  
called on more than expected.

"I was glad to be included in this

year's team," said Chesler last  
week from Spruce Meadows. "It  
was a good team effort"

This was her first win in an inter-  
national event and she said it was  
more special that she made a good

contribution for the win.

"It was nice that they I was  
picked," she said. "It was an hon-  
our and I was glad to be a help."

She was chosen to ride in four  
classes in the nine events by

Canadian captain Lynda Southern.  
There were 14 riders in the competi-  
tion and usually riders will be  
called to ride two classes.

The selections were based on  
what horse and rider was best suited  
for the events and Chesler on  
Ravanna Z and Tigger were good  
combinations.

Chesler said she wasn't surprised  
with the results because she was  
riding well but it was a different  
level of pressure.

"The pressure was different than  
that from Madison Square Gardens,  
my first international event," she  
said. "I think I handled it well, but I  
could handle it differently, but it  
will come with experience."

Her experience will increase as  
she remains in Spruce Meadows for  
the next couple of weeks competing  
and practising.

"It was a fun experience and I  
was glad to be on the team," she  
said. "I hope to be on the team  
again."

Chesler would like to thank all of  
her sponsors

By STEVEN SERVISS

In just her second international  
team competition, Orangeville's  
Frankie Chesler helped lead  
Canada to victory in the National  
Post Riders Cup.

The week-long competition  
from June 12-18 at Spruce  
Meadows in Alberta featured the  
top riders and horses from Europe,  
the U.S. and Canada.

Going into the final day of com-  
petition, the Canadian team trailed  
the U.S. by four and a half points.

The 19-year-old Chesler along  
with Ian Millar hoisted the  
Canadian contingent over the U.S.  
in the final day of competition,  
with Canada edging the U.S. 77 to  
76.5.

The Chesler proved again she is



Chesler aboard Ravanna Z proved to be a great combination for Canada.

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