

Chesler chases career in sport at full gallop

She teaches, trains, writes and even finds time to ride

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It takes a lot more than riding a well-bred horse over obstacles in the fastest time to be a successful show jumper.

Just ask Frankie Chesler.

Hailing from Orangeville, Ont., the 19-year-old Chesler buys and sells horses, trains them, teaches students, writes a monthly column, maintains a web site and then fits in a few show-jumping events when she can.

And she's hardly the busiest rider on the circuit.

Many of the top riders spend as much time riding their students' horses as their own and then spend all their time in between competitions watching their students jump.

"I don't know how they do it," said Chesler Thursday. "Leslie (Burr-Howard) and Eric (Lamaze) are so busy during events.

"I have one student right now and he has three horses. That keeps me busy."

One of the young up-and-comers on the Canadian show-jumping scene, Chesler had her best showing of the summer at Spruce Meadows last Sunday when she

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“
You really have to be smart about the horses you buy. It's expensive to take care of a horse.
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FRANKIE CHESLER

placed third and fifth in the West Canadian Cup on two different mounts.

She made her first big impression when she earned two silver medals (team and individual) at the 1997 North American young rider championships in Illinois.



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Frankie Chesler has to move fast to keep up with her appointments.