

Frankie Chesler talks good horse game for ESPN

An Orangeville-area equestrian has made a splash on the biggest sports network in North America.

Frankie Chesler, 19, will provide commentary periodically for ESPN this fall at equestrian events, according to her publicist, Cindy Fisher.

Fisher said Chesler was contracted by ESPN to help with coverage and commentary at the World Cup Finals in Las Vegas.

"Chesler worked from the judges' booth with all the American and international

officials and was responsible for feeding horse/rider information to commentators Paul Kennedy and Lisa Burke before each round and for tallying standings at the end of each round," Fisher wrote in a press release.

Chesler found the experience thrilling, adding "TV work is very stressful for everybody and you have to appear poised and be accurate at all times."

Chesler will spend the upcoming months competing on the Spruce Meadows and

Ontario show circuit and is slated to appear at The 2000 Pony Club Millennium Conference in August.

Most recently in competition, Chesler was in both Wellington, Florida at the Cosequin Winter Equestrian Festival and Tampa during this past winter's show season.

Tigger, a thoroughbred bought in Mexico recently, proved himself on frequent occasions including placing seventh in the \$10,000 Broward RV Jumper Classic and second in the \$5,000

Modified Open Jumper Stake.

Atop Ravenna Z, Chesler placed fifth in the \$50,000 Bayer/USET Wellington Cup by Fleet, third in the \$25,000 WEF Challenge Cup and 6th in the Farr Legacy Grand Prix.

Lugano and Hevalientje were second and third respectively in the \$10,000 Talent Stakes.

The highlight of Chesler's season was when she and mare Hevalientje anchored a four-member team to gold at the Mayor's Young Rider's Championships.

Hanastacia (Burggraaf x Evalientje/Renville)

Owner/Rider: Frankie Chesler

Member of the Canada 2

Team at the 1999 Royal

Winter Fair, winner Nutram

Relay Race; 6th Accumulator

Class, 2nd \$10,000 Talent

Stake of the Cosequin Winter

Equestrian Festival 2000,

Wellington, FL; 5th \$20,000

Palgrave Classic Grand Prix,

4th \$25,000 Caledon Grand

Prix; Gold Medal winner in

the 2000 Young Rider Team

Championships in Florida

Chesler Tops Off Stellar Show Season with ESPN Contract

Nineteen-year old Frankie Chesler held her own among stiff North American and European competition in both Wellington and Tampa, Florida, this past winter show season. Chesler and her speedy mare, *Hevalientje*, distinguished themselves twice in the Mayor's Young Rider's Championships by anchoring the four member team to a gold medal finish and by placing fourth individually.

Chesler's show season wound up with a flourish when she was contracted by ESPN to help with the television coverage and commentary at the World Cup Finals in Las Vegas. Chesler worked from the judges' booth with all the American and international officials. She tallied standings at the end of each round and was responsible for feeding horse/rider information to commentators Paul Kennedy and Lisa Burke before each round. She also introduced Kennedy and Burke to foreign riders and explained where the trouble spots on course might occur.

Chesler will spend the upcoming months competing on the Spruce Meadows and Ontario show circuits. Besides a hectic show schedule, she is slated to appear at the 2000 Pony Club Millennium Conference in August and will make frequent visits to the young patients at the Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville where she donates a portion of her earnings. She will also speak to the riding club of The Bethany Hills Girls School in Bethany, Ontario and will give Madeleine King of Bermuda a private lesson that she won in the school's silent auction.

Frankie Chesler has a new sponsor, Axenohl. Developed by a Florida businessman and horseman, Axenohl is an anti-bacterial wound cleanser. It is marketed and distributed by Innovative Medical Services of California.

