

# Chesler off to World Equestrian Games in September

By Brigitte O'Neill

The past four weeks in July played host to the Canadian World Equestrian Games (WEG) trials. Starting in Blainville Quebec, then moving to Ottawa Ontario and finishing in Palgrave Ontario, eleven Canadian riders competed for a chance to be one of the five members of this year's WEG team.

Frankie Chesler with her trusted mare Ravenna Z was one of the eleven trial horse and rider combinations. Chesler, of Orangeville, Ontario was very consistent throughout the seven trial classes and maintained a fifth place throughout. This past Sunday at the Caledon Equestrian Park the trial held its last class and the best six scores were added up to decide the team. Karen Cudmore, Melissa Brown, Eric Lamaze, Frankie Chesler and Mark Samuel were all named to represent Canada this September in Jerez Spain.

The World Equestrian Games is the most important equestrian event held in the world today, rivalling the likes of the Olympics that are held in a similar format. The first World Championships was held in Stockholm Sweden in 1990 and has slowly

evolved into a seven-discipline competition. Show Jumping, Dressage, Driving, Three-Day Event, Vaulting, Endurance, and as of this year, Reining are all included in this event. After Stockholm, in 1994, the WEG's were held in The Hague Holland and in 1998, they were held in Rome Italy. This year, the host city is Jerez Spain, and the games run from September 10th to the 22nd 2002. Jerez is considered a well-connected modern city in the "South of Andalusia". Spain's deep roots in equestrian life have made Jerez the perfect location for this year's games.

Frankie Chesler was pleased of the outcome of the trials and is excited about her upcoming adventure. "Each week there was a Friday and Sunday trial

class, on the Friday of the last week of the trials, I was one of four clear and on Sunday I went clear in the second round. I was so proud of Ravenna Z she has been my Pegasus throughout these trials, spreading her wings and soaring into the air at every jump." Earlier in the week, Chesler was the winner of the Modified Open Jumper and placed second in the modified Grand Prix with her 6-year-old Dutch

Warmblood VDL Nuit de Pomme son of Olympic Gold medallist Jus de Pomme. Chesler will have a well-deserved week off and then start to prepare for the World Equestrian Games in September.



Palgrave, Ontario - The Jump Canada Selection Committee is pleased to announce the Canadian Equestrian Show Jumping Team that will be representing Canada at the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Jerez, Spain, 11-22 September 2002.

These three individuals were chosen based on points at the selection trials, with the best six out of seven trial scores to count:

Rider/ Hometown/ Horse/ Owner  
 Karen Cudmore, Omaha, NE, Conejo, Blair Cudmore  
 Melissa Brown, Claremont, ON, Karolus K, Melissa Brown  
 Eric Lamaze, Schomberg, ON, Millcreek Raphael, Millcreek Stables

The Following two riders chosen at the discretion of the Selection Committee:  
 Mark Samuel, Toronto, ON, Darios V, Chadburn Holdings  
 Frankie Chesler, Orangeville, ON,

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## Canadian WEG Show Jumping Team Announced

Ravenna Z, Sher-Al Farms

"We have a competitive team with very good depth,"\* said the Chair of the Selection Committee, Danny Foster. "A very bright Canadian Team is heading to WEG."

The Selection Committee, a committee of the Jump Canada Board, is comprised of four individuals chosen by the Grand Prix Riders Committee and one person named by the Jump Canada Board.

This group, comprised of Danny Foster, David Ballard, Pierre Jolicoeur, Torchy Millar, and Laura Balisky, choose the team.

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